

# Burpham & Wepham News



*The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham*

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*From the Vicarage, August 2014*

*Dear Friends,*

Nowadays we tend to think of Harvest as marking the time when all crops have been safely gathered and stored. Often in the past celebrations were actually held at the beginning of the harvest period. It was once the custom to take a loaf of bread to church on August 1<sup>st</sup> from the first grain that was harvested – this was used in the Eucharist. This ceremony was known as The Loaf Mass – or as it was written in Old Saxon ‘Hlaf-masse’.

Gradually this became Lammas. Certain land was known as Lammas land; and here anyone could put animals to graze – but only after the yield had been reaped. It was also an occasion for fairs. The Harvest ‘tradition’ that we know, of a fine display of fruits, vegetables and flowers, developed from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when many people had moved off the land and migrated to towns.



Traditions that have become lost include the last harvest wagons being decorated with ribbons and garlands and this followed a grand supper or meal. This may well have consisted of roast beef and plum pudding accompanied by drinking and dancing. Realistically we must acknowledge that, perhaps, the celebrations may well have included an element of ‘Thank Goodness that’s over!!’ as the physical task must have been quite daunting and very physical.

As the last of the corn was gathered it was often the time for some corn to be twisted/formed into the shape of a person or a cross. This was known as the 'Corn Maiden' or 'Corn Dolly'. (Other rather odd names 'The Neck', 'The Old Wife' or 'Granny' were also used). It was the belief that this 'last' corn contained the corn spirit, which had to be kept alive during the winter to be sown with the new corn to ensure another good harvest. This 'Dolly' was often brought into church for the special harvest service before being hung in the barn. Harvest Home may not always be celebrated as it once was, but there are many churches where Harvest Supper is a time for enjoyment – as well as for Thanksgiving.

Burpham's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall after the service. Please look out for announcements and do join us to give thanks and celebrate!

*Maurice Slattery*

**From the Church Warden.**

**Church Coffee Morning, 20th September 10.00am to 12 noon at the Norfolk Centre Arundel.**

We are once again asking for your kindness in contributing items for the stalls we have arranged at this event. Contributions will be gratefully received for the following:

- Plants, Cakes and Produce to Gill Baynes 883667 and Barbara Williams 882169
- Jewellery, Handbags and small Gift items to Jean Casale 726401
- Bottles and other attractive items for the Tombola to Roger Anscombe 884445
- Items for the Raffle Mike Mills 883174

We hope to make this an enjoyable and successful event and ask not only for your donations but for your presence with us on the day to achieve this.

THANK YOU ALL

**Mike Mills, Church Warden**

**Village Companions.** Our last trip to the Chichester Festival Theatre was much enjoyed by 16 of us – it is always a good venue and the production was of the highest standard as usual.

- **Putting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, tee off at 5.00pm.** The next activity will be the annual putting evening at Mill Road Leisure Centre. We are hoping that the ladies will thrash the men this year. Afterwards those who want can repair to the Swan Hotel in Arundel for some supper. The cost of the putting is £2.50 per person – just come for the putting if that's all you want to do.
- **Chris Bonnington, Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** As stated in last month's newsletter we are going to a talk by Chris Bonnington, Britain's best known mountaineer and expedition leader, at Worthing Connaught Theatre. Tickets are £17.50 or £13.50 for concessions. Tickets are still available although they will probably sell fast. Chris is presenting a 'life and times' audio visual account of his 60 years spent in the mountains. Car share will be available on the night. **Liz White 882654.**

**The Clump BBQ.** Come and join everyone at the Clump BBQ on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Watch the sun go down over the rolling Sussex Hills. BBQ's provided just bring your own food to cook, picnic and drinks. Start at 5.00pm. Subject to weather permitting. **Chris Hales**

**An Evening with Rod Stewart.** Annual BBQ at the village hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Entertainment and singalong with Rod Stewart. BBQ's provided. Bring your own food and drinks. Start at 6.00pm. No tickets. Just turn up. **Chris Hales**

**Colts Cricket - August Programme** There are no matches planned for August, but there will be Colts practice sessions on the Village Recreation Ground every Saturday from 10.00am to 12.00noon. We haven't set an end date for the season yet but it will probably be the end of August when we will finish with a Dads vs Lads match. **Roger Anscombe**

**The Conyers is Passable!** Ant and Julie have cleared a path through the Conyers which makes it flat, safe and passable. They said that they didn't want acknowledgement for doing this, but so many villagers asked me to put in a 'thank you', that I'm afraid Ant and Julie are outvoted – so thank you

both. There are lots of butterflies to see up there, and you might see some deer – it's worth a walk. **Bob Baynes**

**Award for Ilex Cottage.** We are sure that the village would like to join us in congratulating Bill and Rosemary Tustin for winning the Sussex Heritage Trust Residential Award for Ilex Cottage. This award is well deserved for such an excellent addition to the village. Congratulations too to Simon Lay whose cottage conversion at 82 Burpham was Highly Commended by the Trust. **John & Stevie Burford-Pugh**

**Granary Open Gardens.** The Granary Open Gardens event held on 6<sup>th</sup> July in aid of both Chestnut Tree and St Barnabas raised a total of £1185.00 which we have split equally between the two. Rosemary would very much like to thank all who helped so magnificently. **Kind Regards, Bill & Rosemary**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 3 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Walberton</b>	Away
Tue 5 Aug	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee &amp; Parish Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 10 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Harry Baldwin's XI</b>	Rec Ground
	5.00pm	<b>The Clump BBQ</b>	Norfolk Clump
Sun 17 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	1.30pm	<b>Cricket v Bognor Regis</b>	Rec Ground
Sun 24 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sat 30 Aug	6.00pm	<b>Rod Stewart Evening &amp; BBQ</b>	Village Hall
Sun 31 Aug	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Littlehampton</b>	Away

**Quotable Quotes:** *If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.* **Mark Twain**

*A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.* **George Bernard Shaw**

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by the last week of August 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes