

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, September 2014

Dear Friends,

We come to the last quarter of the year with a sequence of months that might appear confusing – September from the Latin ‘septem’ or 7, October from the Latin ‘octo’ or 8, November from the Latin ‘novem’ or 9, and December from the Latin ‘decem’ or 10. This is because the Roman calendar began in March. They changed July – which they called ‘quintillis’, and changed the name of another, ‘sextus’ or 6 to August; both after emperors. September is the traditional time for Harvest Festivals – Burpham’s will take place on September 28th, followed by a supper in the Village Hall. (information & details elsewhere). Please do join us for this centuries-old act of Thanksgiving. We seem to be entering a cooler temperature period of late that in no way evokes the words from Keats:

‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun,
Conspiring with him how to load and bless,
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run.’

..... Yet we live in hopes of an ‘Indian Summer’ (usually after the children have returned to school!!). For me, as a child, this was when my family returned from our ‘holiday’ in the beautiful countryside of the hop-fields of Kent to the rather darker confines of South London. Even to this day the words of Keats take me back to my childhood and that time.

After enquiry I have been informed that there is to be a Confirmation Service in November and several candidates from the village are interested. I propose running some pre-Confirmation sessions – probably on a Sunday afternoon at the Vicarage beginning in September. Anyone wanting to ‘sit-in’, as a

refresher, would also be welcome. September also sees the Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels – the Church School which I attended, as well as being the anniversary of my Ordination. (And I am as surprised as any of you that they haven't yet asked me to hand back my 'badge'!!!).

Maurice Slattery

From the Registers

Aug 3 rd	Baptism	Jamieson Miles
Aug 9 th	Wedding	Olivia Halls and Ben Miller
Aug 23 rd	Wedding	Samantha Blake and Mark Byerley
Aug 31 st	Baptism	Lily Victoria Clayton

On the 2nd August, the wedding of Amy and Beau took place in Arundel Cathedral.

The congregation of St Mary's and the villagers of Wepham and Burpham send their Congratulations and Best Wishes to all concerned.

From the Church Warden.

Church Coffee Morning. A reminder that we have the Church Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th September at the Norfolk Centre, Arundel. We will be very grateful for contributions for any of the following, and hope that you might be able to help. We will be pleased to collect if required. Please contact any of the following:

- Cakes, Produce and Plants - Gill Baynes 883667 or Barbara Williams 882169
- Jewellery etc. - Jean Casale 726401
- Bottles and other items for Tombola - Roger Anscombe 884445
- Raffle prizes - Mike Mills 883174

Sponsored Walk. David Sunray has very kindly offered to undertake a sponsored walk in conjunction with Barclays Bank who will contribute £ for £ (up to a maximum of £750) of what David is able to raise. The scheme has to be for a specific project and we have proposed the installation of a new powerful electric "hot air" curtain at the church entrance door. This should help considerably to keep the church warmer during the winter months. David will be undertaking the walk early in October and will be sending out

sponsorship details shortly. We hope that you will be able to support David in his effort for which we are so very grateful. **Mike Mills, Church Warden**

Harvest Festival Flowers. We will be decorating the Church for this event at 2.00pm on Friday 26th September. If you can help, please come along, we'd be delighted to see you. **Jocelyne Newman 01903 882628**

Village Committee Report. Burpham Village Committee - 2 bits of good news from your Treasurer:

- We've just received a further payment of £74.65 from Easyfundraising; this means that since we started doing our online shopping via this website back in summer 2013, we've received a total of £216.17 from them, all without spending any more than we would have done anyway. So thank you to everyone who participates; the committee has just ordered some smart new cutlery for us to use at our Harvest Supper and the Drip Action Theatre evening this autumn, and the cost of that is almost covered by the money received from Easyfundraising. It's very nice to be able to make such improvements almost without having to dip into Village funds.
- BVC is a registered charity and I learned recently from an organisation called Makeitcheaper that such a charity should only pay VAT @ 5% on its electricity bills, rather than the 20% which we have been charged by the 2 power companies we've been dealing with over many years. We've been able to reclaim the VAT we've been overcharged, going back 4 years (sadly HMRC don't allow us to reclaim before that) and I'm pleased to say that we've now received payments amounting to £1,445.40. I'm told that a lot of treasurers don't know about this concession, so if anyone is connected with a charitable cause I'd recommend they suggest the treasurer look closely at their fuel bills in case they too are being overcharged. Makeitcheaper can help business and domestic customers as well as charities reduce the costs of electricity, gas, phone and insurance by doing comparisons and making recommendations on how savings can be achieved. You might find it pays to give them a call - their number is 0800 970 0077. **Val Belton**

Village Companions. We lately enjoyed a visit to Mill Road Leisure Centre for our annual round of putting. The weather was good (just a little rain at the end) the putting marvellous, with a hole in one for William Tyler and top score for Phil White (who has been having lessons from his friend Rory!) A great time was had by all especially in the pub afterwards.

Next up is the visit to Worthing Connaught Theatre for the talk and audio visual presentation by Chris Bonnington, Britain's leading mountaineer and explorer. Tickets are £17.50 or £13.50 for concessions and it takes place on Thursday October 9th at 7.30pm. Tickets may still be available if you are quick to call.

Next meeting will be at Bonnie's new/old house Thomas Cottage, Wepham on Monday October 6th at 7.30pm. **Liz White 882654.**

Forthcoming Events

Sun 31 Aug	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket v Littlehampton	Away
Tue 2 Sep	7.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	The Vicarage
Sun 7 Sep	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	1.00pm	Cricket Unders & Overs	Rec Ground
Fri 12 Sep	7.30pm	Cricket Club AGM	
Sun 14 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 20 Sep	10.00am	Church Coffee Morning, Norfolk	Arundel
	to Noon	Centre	
	All Day	Painting of Village Hall - see Flyer	Village Hall
Sun 21 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
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Fri 26 Sep	2.00pm	Harvest Festival Flowers	St Mary's
Sun 28 Sep	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Service	St Mary's
		followed by Harvest Supper	Village Hall

It's Time to say Goodbye! After 21 happy years in this lovely village Anno Domini has caught up with us and we are downsizing to Arundel City. It has been a privilege to have known so many fine people in Burpham and Wepham and we send our very best wishes to everyone. **David and Brenda Sunray**

David & Brenda have done a lot for the Village in those 21 years, and we send them our thanks and very best wishes for their future

Please send your articles for the October Newsletter to
Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to baynes755@btinternet.com
 by the last week of September 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are
 welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes