

Burpham & Wepham News



The Monthly Newsletter of the village of Burpham & Wepham

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From the Vicarage, November 2014

Dear Friends,

It is almost impossible to believe but at some point in the late 60s' there were suggestions that the annual Remembrance Service had become outdated and redundant. There were those who held that it was, in some way, a glorification of war. Subsequent events – the Falklands and Iraq – illustrated that we should never, in any way, trespass upon the credit due, and necessary acknowledgement of, those who made and make the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of our country. Originally a Memorial Service was held in America for the 'fallen' of their Civil War. Yet the idea is deeply rooted in history. In 480bc the Persian army attacked the, then, Greek states. A delaying action was fought at the Pass of Thermopylae by the Spartan king, Leonidas. This action – of the 300 – allowed the Greek states to complete their preparations and the Persian army of Xerxes was duly defeated. Today, near to the pass, there can be found the following plaque (from a translation by William Golding):

'Stranger, tell the Spartans that we behaved as they would wish us to, and are buried here'.

You can hear echoes of this is a similar plaque placed in tribute to the soldiers who fought in Burma and the Far East :-

'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'

The 2 minutes silence on Remembrance Sunday gives an opportunity to remember all who died, not least in the spoken words that are always used:-

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them'

...and we should !

As time passes, there are fewer remaining whom we can honour but we should be thankful that we have relative peace and freedom in our time – and a good

way to show our thankfulness is to buy the poppies which are sold to help those who still suffer or are crippled as a result of war.

From the Registers :- Sunday 26th October Baptism Service for - Wilfred Atticus Stanforth

Maurice Slattery

From the Church Warden. Over the past couple of months several special Church events have taken place. On behalf of our vicar Maurice Slattery, the PCC and all the members of our church I would like to express A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those who gave their time, hard work and contributions to making each event so enjoyable and the success that they were:

Church Coffee Morning in Arundel 20th September. Over £800 was raised for the church and we hope for more to come from the surplus gifts and jewellery which we will sell at the Castle Christmas Fare on 1st November.

Bishop Martin's Visitation to Burpham and Polling 24th September. A Morning Prayer service was held at Burpham which was followed by a most enjoyable breakfast in the Village Hall provided and served by our willing helpers.

David Sunray undertook his sponsored walk in aid of the Church installing an electric hot air curtain at the entrance. He raised a total of over £800 to which will be added a further £750 donation from Barclays Bank. We have placed the order for the installation of the heater which will be done as soon as possible. Well done David and Barclays thank you both.

The Harvest Festival Service took place on the 28th September followed by supper in the Village Hall. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the delicious supper kindly prepared by Libby Field was enjoyed by all. The collection amounting to £260 was donated to the RABI, and the gifts of food were given to a charity for the homeless in Worthing and very much appreciated.

The churchyard "tidy up" that was planned for the 11th October unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather, but thanks to all who had offered to help and we hope to fix another date early next Spring when we hope that the weather may be more kindly.

Church Winter/Christmas Clean. This will take place on Saturday 22nd November at 10.00am – 12.30pm. If you can help, please come along with your dusters, brooms, rubber gloves etc so that we are spick and span for Christmas!

Once again our sincere thanks to all our helpers for making all this possible, successful and enjoyable for so many.

Mike Mills Churchwarden

Friends of Burpham Church AGM , The FBC AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th November at 10.30am. The Friends of Burpham Church is a registered charity established in 2004 to raise funds to help maintain the structure of St. Mary the Virgin, Burpham, both as a place of worship and as a resource for the use of residents and visitors. It is separate from the Parochial Parish Council, which runs the church and is responsible for its day-to-day upkeep.

Most of the parish would have worked to build the church when it was first established. During the intervening centuries just about everyone, including the vicar, paid to keep it in good repair. The cost of keeping the church open is now about £25,000 a year and repair and maintenance costs are about £6,000 per annum. Even with a generous and relatively large congregation this is a challenge, and the burden needs to be spread wider. This is what the Friends aim to do. **Bill Tustin - Chairman of the Trustees - 01903 883276**

Village Companions. Following on from a jolly evening at Bonnie's last month and admiring the new look of Thomas Cottage we have the following available for your delectation!

- **Visit to Chichester Planetarium** on Sunday November 2nd at 3.30pm The programme is 'Autumn Stars & Galaxies' Price £6
- **Chichester Festival Theatre** on Monday 1st December to see An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde at 7.30pm. We obtain a group price for this of £22 – usual price for these tickets is £38.
- And looking ahead to the new year another trip to **play skittles at The Maypole Inn at Yapton** on Monday January 12th. The price for this, which includes a light buffet supper, is £7.50.

As usual these trips are available to anyone who would like to join in and if you would like a lift then car share is usually available. Just let me know if you want to book any of the above (especially the Chichester Festival Theatre – as seats go fast for the group booking rate). **Liz White 882654.**

Arundel Gardens Association. The long running BBC Radio 4 programme **Gardeners' Question Time** is to be held in The Barons Hall at Arundel Castle on Monday, 12th January 2015 and some 300 seats are available. AGA members can buy tickets at the discounted price of £3 - the full price of £4.50 is stipulated by the BBC and will include refreshments provided by the Castle team. More details to follow but please note this date in your diaries now! If anyone would like to join the AGA, go to GQT on 12th

Jan or needs more information when available, please let me know. **Val Belton 01903 883288 or valeriebelton@gmail.com**

Plan Your Christmas in Burpham & Wepham

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, 20th December 2014 Our popular annual Children's Christmas Party is being held on Saturday the 20th December in the Village Hall from 5.30 pm (time to be confirmed). As Santa has such a lot of children to visit he has asked that you contact Heather (01903 882839), as soon as possible, if you would like to come. As well as Santa's visit, we will be having a shared tea party, games and lots of fun (*for Mums and Dads as well*). **Heather Birch 01903 882839**

Carol Service The Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 21st December** in St Mary's Church at 6.00pm. This will be followed by **Mulled Wine and Mince Pies** in the Village Hall.

Christmas Eve Communion on **Wednesday 24th December** at 10.30pm in St Mary's.

Christmas Day Family Service on **Thursday 25th December** at 10.30am in St Mary's.

Shuffleboard Evening. The popular Shuffleboard evening has been organised for Saturday, 21st February 2015 in the Village Hall. Details to follow in the January Newsletter.

Forthcoming Events

Sun 2 Nov	10.30am	Family Service, Coffee & Produce	St Mary's
	3.30pm	Autumn Stars & Galaxies	Planetarium
Sun 9 Nov	10.30am	Family Service of Remembrance	St Mary's
Sun 16 Nov	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 22 Nov	10.30am	Church Winter/Christmas Clean	St Mary's
Sun 23 Nov	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Sat 29 Nov	10.30am	Friends of Burpham Church AGM	Village Hall
Sun 30 Nov	10.30am	Family Service	St Mary's
Mon 1 Dec	7.30pm	An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde	Chichester

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