

# Burpham & Wepham News



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

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*From the Vicarage, May 2014*

*Dear Friends -*

Here we come gathering nuts in May... but how can we? There are no nuts in May or are there?

The children's rhyme actually refers to going 'a-Maying' and gathering 'knots' of hawthorn blossom. This formed part of the ceremony of 'a-Maying'. The festival began early when young women would wash their faces in the dew. Thus, it was believed, ensuring a beautiful complexion and avoiding certain illnesses.

Children made a garland from two hoops - a kind of cage - covered with flowers, and with a doll in the middle. The 'Lady Summer' was then carried around the village, collecting money for themselves. A variation on 'Money for the Guy'.

May Day customs came from the Roman Festival of Floralia - in honour of Flora, goddess of flowers and bride of the West Wind (which we all know is a 'warm wind, the west wind, and full of birds' cries'). With many festivals the roots are based in pagan festivals. The greatest honour for a young woman was to be chosen as 'Queen of the May' and to then rule over the festivities from a throne in a leafy bower.

A man could be chosen to be the Green Man, or Jack in the Green. He symbolically died to show the death of winter and the birth of spring. There was often a swordsman, who cleared the way for dancers by driving evil spirits away with his sword.

May Day passed with revels, dancing, archery contests and even the odd roasted ox or two!!

Thus May Day was a celebration of the passing from darkness to the light. The display in Church of Easter Lilies represented very a similar theme. A magnificent display - the product of much hard work by the flower team - to those loved ones whom we simply see no longer, but rest confident that they now stand in a far brighter light.

Thanks to all who supported this venture so generously.

*Lord, touch our careless eyes:  
New life, new ardour bring,  
That we may read thy mysteries,  
The wonder of thy spring.*

*Maurice Slattery*

**Village Fete - Saturday 24th May 2014 - 2 – 4.30 p.m.**

**YOUR VILLAGE  
NEEDS**



Our Village Fete is nearly upon us, and we would still be grateful for all the help that we can get on this very busy day, so if you have any spare time and can help in some way, please contact **Heather Birch on 01903 882839**.

**Wanted for the Village Fete.**

- **Fete Teas.** We should be most grateful for donations of cakes and scones for the teas at the Burpham Fete. We shall be in the village hall from 11.00am on that day. With many thanks. **Julie Tester and Barbara Williams**
- **Accessories** – handbags, belts, scarves, gloves etc in as good a condition as you can spare! Please 'phone 01903 726401 if you want them collected. Many thanks, **Jean Casale**
- **Bottle Tombola** – if you have any unwanted bottles of wine, spirits etc, please contact **Mike Mills on 01903 883174**

We also will be very grateful for any items for the following stalls:

- Bric-a-brac
- Books
- Toys and children's clothes
- Clothes
- Plants and preserves - also any cakes etc.

- Bottles (for the bottle tombola)
- Donation of a prize for the raffle

All items will be gratefully received.

If you have any items that you would like to donate, the hall will be open on the following dates to accept these - this is to enable us to sort and organise items prior to the very busy Saturday:

- Saturday, 17th May 2 - 4pm
- Friday, 23rd May 3 - 5pm

Otherwise, please contact **Heather Birch on 01903 882839**. Thank you.

### **Village Companions - Trip to Arundel Brewery, Thursday 29th May.**

There will be a trip to Arundel Brewery at Ford Industrial Estate. The tour will start at 7.00pm, tickets are £10 which will include 3 pints of beer each to taste and enjoy the delights of our local brewery! For those who do not care for a beer there will be wine. Places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis and as always car share will be available. As a follow-on for those in need of more substantial nourishment we shall adjourn to The Swan Hotel Arundel (where they also sell the local brew!) for some supper. Look forward to hearing from you!! **Liz White 882654**.

**Granary Open Garden.** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. The Granary, "Municipal Gardens", will be open again to the public on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, followed by teas. Tickets on the gate. All are welcome, and the proceeds will go to Chestnut Tree and St Barnabas Hospice. Kind regards, **Bill & Rosemary**.

### **Barn Dance with the Bursledon Village Band Saturday, 12th July from 7.30-11.00 pm in the Village Hall**

A Barn Dance with the popular Bursledon Village Band will be held in the village hall on Saturday, 12th July from 7.30 to 11 p.m.

Tickets are £12.50 and include a sausage or cheese ploughman supper (please state preference when booking) - bring your own tittle.

Tickets from: **Heather Birch - 01903 882839 & Julie Tester - 01903 883053**

**BWCC Colt's Cricket.** Unfortunately, the team had to cancel their first practice session of the season on the 26<sup>th</sup> April at Burpham because of rain. However, we plan to meet every Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon either to practice or to play a match in the West Sussex Area Junior Cricket

League. All children between the ages of 5 and 11 are welcome, girls and boys. If you have any queries or require more information, please contact **Roger Anscombe on 884445**

**NSPCC Sponsorship.** I walked the London Marathon on Sunday 13th April in just over 7 hours; Zac the dog walked the last 3/4 of a mile with me! A big thank you to all who sponsored me. Along with my fellow committee members we have raised over £2500.00 for the NSPCC and still collecting! I now have my medal along with blisters and a bruised ankle to remind me of the day! Once again thank you for supporting this worthy cause. **Bonnie Hamilton, Chairperson NSPCC Arundel Branch**

**Stool Ball Club** would like to thank everyone who donated jumble, cakes, and raffle prizes for their recent sale. A grand total of £535 was raised and our thanks also go to those who helped us on the day; it was much appreciated. **Julie Tester B.S.C.**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 4 May	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	1.30pm	<b>Cricket v Slindon</b>	Rec Ground
Wed 7 May	7.30pm	<b>Fete Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Sun 11 May	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	1.30pm	<b>Cricket v Hove Unicorns</b>	Rec Ground
Sat 17 May	2-4.00pm	<b>Hall open for donations of items for the stalls</b>	Village Hall
Sun 18 May	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Pathfinders</b>	Rec Ground
Mon 19 May	7.45pm	<b>Village Companions 'Gaslight'</b>	Priory Playhouse
Tue 20 May	7.30pm	<b>Fete Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Fri 23 May	3-5.00pm	<b>Hall open for donations of items for the stalls</b>	Village Hall
Sat 24 May	2-4.30pm	<b>VILLAGE FETE</b>	Rec Ground
Sun 25 May	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	10.00am	<b>Cricket 6-a-Side</b>	Rec Ground
Thu 29 May	7.00pm	<b>Visit to Arundel Brewery</b>	Arundel
Sun 1 Jun	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
	2.00pm	<b>Cricket v Singleton</b>	Rec Ground

Please send your articles for the June Newsletter to

**Bob Baynes at Court Leet Cottage, or preferably by e mail to [baynes755@btinternet.com](mailto:baynes755@btinternet.com) by the last week of May 2014. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes**