

# Burpham & Wepham News



On 6th November 1917, after three months of fierce fighting, British and Canadian forces finally took control of the tiny village of Passchendaele in the West Flanders region of Belgium, so ending one of the bloodiest battles of World War I. With approximately a third of a million British and Allied soldiers either killed or wounded, the Battle of Passchendaele (officially the third battle of Ypres), symbolises the true horror of industrialised trench warfare.

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

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*From the Vicarage, November 2017*

*Dear Friends,*

November is the month of Remembrance. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints Day, the Christian church remembers and celebrates those from earlier times who have left a shining example of a Christian living. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day we commemorate those we have known and loved and who are no longer with us.

At St Mary's Church Burpham, there will be a short service of commemoration at 6.00pm where we will read out the names of family and friends who have died and light candles in their memory. All are welcome to this service and if you wish to add a name to the list in church please let me know or write the name on the list provided at the back of church.

And of course, as a Nation, Remembrance Sunday calls to mind the two world wars and many bitter conflicts since, which have been etched in our hearts as times of extreme valour and huge sacrifice.

Sadly, conflict in war continues to cause suffering, bereavement and lifelong hardship for those caught up in the fighting. As a nation we have endeavoured to fight for the cause of justice and peace in many 'theatres of

war' around the world. Even so, the concept of 'just war', a theory expounded by St Thomas Aquinas in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, is a difficult one to rationalise when so many innocents are caught up in such violence. Tragically, military might is often used for sinister purposes rather than saintly reasons. One hundred years on from the slaughter and horror of the Battle of Passchendaele in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and over 70 years on from the persecutions of the Nazi death camps of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we continue to seek and search for peace for the nations. Remembering those who gave their lives for such high ideals helps us to acknowledge the sacrifice others have made for us.

In Burpham and Poling our Remembrance Day services will honour those from our own communities who have fought for freedom. The national Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London and the two minute silence at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month are also intended to ensure we do not forget those who fought so valiantly and sacrificed so much. The legacy we have is the privilege to live in a democracy with the freedom to express ourselves without fear of persecution or violence, whatever our opinions and views are. I hope that this year's services will serve to offer you an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of freedom we have in this country and, for Christians everywhere, an opportunity to remind ourselves of our calling to Christ's service – to love our neighbours as ourselves.

**With love and blessings.**

*Celia*

**Priest in charge; St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling.**  
**Rev. Celia Woodruff: [celia.woodruff1@gmail.com](mailto:celia.woodruff1@gmail.com) Tel. 07807 899119**

**Village Events & Village Companions.** Thank you, Marion & Doug for hosting the last Village Companions meeting at your house. The Village Events and Village Companions programme of events have been combined this month so that 'what's on' is clearer:

- **Visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Christmas Fayre tickets £20 each, free parking, food available. Have to arrive before 12.30, suggest leaving around 9.30am. Car share can be arranged. **Contact Gayle Rooke [gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk)**
- **Village Christmas Quiz - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** A Christmas themed quiz evening with Nick John plus Christmas Raffle - bring your own tipples. **Tickets £5 from Heather Birch 882839**

- **Annual Christmas Skittles & Supper, the Maypole, Yapton - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.** Car share will be arranged, cost £8.50pp, all are welcome to come to this annual event. **Contact Bob 883667**
- **Village Companions' Meeting - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm**  
The next meeting will be held at Court Leet Cottage, all welcome, if you'd like to come, **please let Gill know on 883667**
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018** – Murder Mystery dinner at the Jailhouse, Arundel. If you want to go - tickets are selling out quickly - **please contact Sandra as soon as possible on 916581.**

Everyone is welcome to come along to all our meetings and events, any further queries, please **contact Bob 883667 or Heather 882839**

**Cricket Club Awards Night - Friday 3rd November at The George.**  
Your Last Chance to secure your place at the cricket dinner. Anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible. **Kevin Foster 882823**

**Village Walk - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** We will again be meeting at the Village Hall for the next walk. All are welcome, and we will meet at the Village Hall at 10.00am. Not sure how far it will be (haven't decided a route yet), but back by about 12.00 noon, coffee and cake on return.

**Contact Steff 884909 /07880 738705/ [steffmichel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steffmichel@yahoo.co.uk)**

**At The George .....**

- **Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be a three course meal, including a glass of Beaujolais, at £32 per head.
- **Christmas Tree Light Up - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** plus complimentary mulled wine and mince pies – see enclosed Flyer
- **Christmas Day.** Please note that The George will once again open its doors on Christmas day from 12noon until 2.00pm. **Sue 883131**

**Candlelight Carol Service - St. Mary's. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

I am putting together a small choir for this occasion and we'll be providing support for congregational carols, plus a couple of choir items.

There will be two one hour rehearsals in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> December. More details in next month's newsletter.

If you would like to take part please could you let me know. I'd also love to hear from anyone who'd like to play an instrument in the service to make it even more wonderful and Christmassy! Monica Cooper: 885349 / [moncooper@yahoo.com](mailto:moncooper@yahoo.com) / M: 07951 718262

# Forthcoming Events

A lot of village activity is planned for Christmas, so this month, your Editor, editorial staff, investigative reporters and proof readers have produced a two month programme so that you can plan your Christmas with a degree of precision (if you want to, that is!)

Thu 2 Nov	6.00pm	<b>All Souls Commemoration Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 3 Nov	7.00pm	<b>Cricket Awards Dinner</b>	The George
Sun 5 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Mon 6 Nov	7.00pm	<b>Burpham Church PCC Meeting</b>	Vicarage
Sun 12 Nov	10.30am	<b>Remembrance Day Service</b>	St Mary's
Thu 16 Nov	6.30pm	<b>Beaujolais Nouveau Evening</b>	The George
Sun 19 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 26 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Fri 1 Dec	5.00pm	<b>Christmas Tree Lighting at the Pub</b>	The George
Sat 2 Dec	10.00am	<b>Village Walk</b>	Village Hall
Sun 3 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Sat 9 Dec	7.30pm	<b>Christmas Quiz &amp; Raffle</b>	Village Hall
Wed 6 Dec	All Day	<b>'Downton Abbey' Christmas Fayre</b>	Highclere
Sun 10 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 11 Dec	6.30pm	<b>Xmas Skittles &amp; Supper, Maypole</b>	Yapton
Thu 14 Dec	6.00pm	<b>Carols Around the Village</b>	Village
Sat 16 Dec	10.30am	<b>Decorate Church &amp; Christmas Tree</b>	St Mary's
Sun 17 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	6.00pm	<b>Village Candlelight Carol Service</b>	St Mary's
	7.00pm	<b>Mince pies &amp; Mulled Wine</b>	Village Hall
Sun 24 Dec	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
	3.00pm	<b>Children's Crib Service &amp; Tea</b>	St Mary's
	TBC	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 25 Dec	TBC	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	St Mary's
Thu 28 Dec	3.00pm	<b>Children's Christmas Film Show</b>	Village Hall

Please send your articles for the December 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 November 2017. All your articles of interest to the Village are welcome. With very many thanks, Bob Baynes