



# Burpham & Wepham News



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

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*From the Vicarage, October 2017*

*Dear Friends,*

At a recent study day spent with clergy colleagues, we were asked to reflect on a very simple question: *Who am I not?* An odd thing to ask perhaps – but on reflection a profound one and a liberating one if you choose to think about it in greater depth. Frequently our identities are defined by what we do for a living, where we live, who we socialise or relax with or what sort of entertainment we choose for ourselves. But that also leads us and others to develop expectations which place unwelcome pressures on us and can cause a great deal of stress. So we were prompted to imagine writing a job profile or CV which began with the words *I am not.....* So in this in-between time of the year, when summer has gone and winter is not quite upon us, why not stop and reflect on *who you are not?* The seminar group came up with some surprising responses. Perhaps you might too!

In both Burpham and Poling I have been discovering who some of you are and some of the wonderful things you get up to. Celebrating harvest has been a joy – we have given thanks for the harvest of food for our tables and fuel for our winter fires. But I have marvelled too at a different sort of harvest – the harvest of skills and gifts expressed in music and the arts which have been in evidence in our villages this autumn. St Mary's was filled to bursting in mid-September for a concert which gave a taste of the wonderful gift of music, when the Shipley Arts Festival held its final 2017 performance to help raise the final tranche of funds for our church tower repairs. Many people used their gifts to make this happen – and whether that was putting up a marquee, cleaning the church and churchyard,

organising the sale of tickets and the provision of food and wine or the skills of the musicians themselves – all these are gifts from God put to good use for the benefit of all.



May I thank everyone for their outstanding generosity supporting this event, from all at The George for ‘feeding the 5,000’ – (well, 51 really), the Sponsors who enabled the event to go ahead and all who

supported by attending and helping. Between you, you raised about £3,500 – so we have crossed the line to pay for the Tower works while having some fun as well. Within a couple of weeks, the same efforts went into putting on a wonderful harvest supper in the village hall.

At St Nicholas, Poling a harvest of gifts called ‘Art in the Aisles’, an exhibition running from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October showcasing the arts and crafts of many local artists also gives a flavour of a variety of gifts we have been blessed with. Truly a harvest of the gifts we have been given ‘*that we might have life in abundance*’ (John 10.v10).

I shall look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks and months and discovering more of those gifts which I am sure we have in abundance in our communities. And reflecting on ‘*who we are not*’ might help us discover our own gifts and skills as so many in our community have demonstrated in the harvest we have enjoyed in our churches this year.

Finally, a diary note for November; our annual Service of Remembrance will take place in the church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

With love and blessings.

*Celia*

Priest in charge; St Mary the Virgin, Burpham & St Nicholas, Poling.  
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**The WI - Something for the Ladies in our Village?** At this year's Village AGM it was suggested that maybe we have a branch of the WI here in Burpham.

Well, I have contacted the WI and they would be pleased to help us form a branch in the village. But, firstly, I must see how many of you would be interested in this, and as there might not be



enough here in Burpham, we could invite Warningcamp and also Crossbush.

Meetings are held usually monthly and the WI have speakers, craft workshops, sport and leisure activities, cookery, gardening, walks. We can also arrange our own events.

Obviously, I would like to know how many of you would be interested, and whether you have a friend who would like to join. If you want to find out a little bit more about the WI, please go to [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk) where there are also answers to some FAQs. If there is enough interest the WI will arrange to have an exploratory meeting with us, possibly in November or December, so that we can start at the beginning of 2018. I also have to check with Julie re the hall - lots of details to go through, but firstly I would like to know how many of you would be interested.

So, please either email - [heatherwbirch@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherwbirch@btinternet.com) or phone 882839.

**Thank you - Heather**

**Village Companions.** The annual Pitch & Putt competition was held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by 14 of us. Debbie produced a lovely prize which was won by Ron Chapple - as usual (it's very un-British to practice, Ron!), and we all retired to the Red Lion for a good pub supper. Up-coming activities for your diaries, with contact details of the appropriate organisers are:

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Village Companions meeting at Marion's house, all welcome, please let her know if you're going to attend on 884499
- **Wednesday 6 December** – Visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey). 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 between. **Contact Gayle [gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gaylerooke@hotmail.co.uk)**
- **Monday 11 December** – Annual Christmas Skittles & Supper, the Maypole, Yapton, Car share, about £8pp, tbc. **Contact Bob 883667**
- **Saturday 16 December** – The already postponed Murder, Mystery & Dinner at the Jailhouse is postponed again until the New Year because of so much else going on this month.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings and events, further queries, please **contact Bob Baynes 883667**

**Indoor Short Mat Bowling.** The new season will start on Tuesday 17 October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. If you have not bowled before and would like to give it a try then join us for an enjoyable evening. Burpham & Wepham Short Mat Bowling Club has two mats and several sets of bowls for your use.

Please call either Peter Werner 889995 or Ron Chapple 884178, for more details. We welcome newcomers and we will give you as much help and encouragement as we can. It is good fun, and a great way of relaxing on a Tuesday evening. **Ron Chapple**

**Cricket Club Dinner - Friday 3rd November at The George.** Please note in your diary that we have booked The George for this prestigious annual event. Further details will be circulated in due course.

**Kevin Foster 882823**

**Christmas Activities.** We hope to have a fuller list of Christmas activities in the November Newsletter so that you can plan your holidays etc. The first notification for your diary The Village Christmas Quiz is on Saturday, 9th December - details to follow. **Kind Regards, Heather.**

## Forthcoming Events

Sun 1 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Tue 3 Oct	7.30pm	<b>Village Committee Meeting</b>	Village Hall
Wed 4 Oct	7.00pm	<b>Burpham Church PCC Meeting</b>	Vicarage
Sun 8 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Sun 15 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Tue 17 Oct	7.00pm	<b>Indoor Bowling Starts</b>	Village Hall
Sun 22 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Mon 23 Oct	7.30pm	<b>Village Companions Mtg, Marion's</b>	Chestnut Cottage
Sun 29 Oct	10.30am	<b>Family Service</b>	St Mary's
Fr1 3 Nov	tbc	<b>Cricket Club Dinner &amp; Awards</b>	The George
Sun 5 Nov	10.30am	<b>Family Service, Coffee &amp; Produce</b>	St Mary's
Sun 12 Nov	10.30am	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	St Mary's

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