

Advertisements

Yoga Class



I am running a yoga class in Childrey Methodist Church Hall on a Monday (term time), 9.45 until 11.00. I teach a dynamic form of yoga that uses the breath as a focus to flow through postures. The class is warm and welcoming, open to beginners as well as more experienced students, modifications are given as needed. We practise to achieve a calm expansive mind and a strong flexible body. Please feel free to drop in and try a class. Contact me, Rebecca Walden, on 07775 811451 or visit www.rebeccawaldenyoga.co.uk

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If you have any comments, news items, would like to advertise or any events to add to the diary, please contact Mette Bradfield, Veor Farm House, West Street, Childrey, Tel: 751727, mette@veorfarmhouse.co.uk.

Remember the deadline is the 18th of every month. Please note that the newsletter is limited to 2 A4 pages and sponsored by Childrey and Sparsholt Parish Councils.

Childrey and Sparsholt Newsletter



In this month's issue:

- Crime reduction advice: shed breaks & theft from cars
- Scams & hoax emails
- Vacancy at almshouses
- Dog fouling
- Nominate a community champion
- Farewell from Keith & Barbara
- New clerk at Parish Council
- News from St Mary's

Diary Dates: February 2012

Date/time	Event/venue	Notes	Contact
1 st Feb. 11am	Toddler Service St. Mary's Church, Childrey	Little Ducks and St. Mary's Church invite all those of pre-school age and their carers to a toddler service	Please confirm attendance to Sue Worth: 751563 or Linda Jones at Little Ducks.
3 rd Feb. 12.30pm	Tearfund Lunch Pat & Brian Winsley, Paddock's End, West Street	All are welcome.	Sue Worth: 751563
7 th Feb. 7pm	Childrey & District Tuesday Club Village Hall	AGM & Martin Woodgett 'The Cutty Sark'.	Jenny O'Hara: 751284
8 th Feb. 7.30pm	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Meeting Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt	Meeting open to all residents to progress plans for proposed street party and other events on Saturday 2 nd June. Offers of help needed and gratefully received.	Angie Brown: 751210
14 th Feb. 7.30pm for 8pm	Village Bible Study 10 Crofts End, Letcombe Regis	Every 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of the month. Venues: 10 Croft End, Letcombe Regis & The Shepherd's Cottage, Watery Lane, Sparsholt.	Margaret Morton: 751586
15 th Feb. 7.15pm	Prize Bingo Griffin Memorial Hall	Prize bingo for all ages. Proceeds in aid of Sparsholt & Westcot Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.	Angie Brown: 751210
17 th Feb. 2-5pm	Afternoon Tea Griffin Hall, Sparsholt	Join friends and neighbours for a chat over a cuppa and a piece of home-made cake.	Chris O'Gorman: 751687
27 th Feb 8pm	Village Fete Meeting The Manor, Childrey	Fancy getting involved in this year's Village Fete? Please come along to the first meeting.	Caroline: 751814 or Nicky: 751470
28 th Feb. 7.30pm	Childrey & Sparsholt WI Village Hall	Frank Parkinson: Understanding and coping with post-traumatic stress	Jenny O'Hara: 751284

Email Scams

We have received an increase in concerns from residents in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse area about scams and hoax email messages. There are hundreds of types of scams and hoax emails, fake lotteries and prize draws, incredible schemes to make money quickly, fake investment plans; the list goes on and on. Before forwarding any emails about scams, please check on the following sites to find out if the scam is true or false.

www.snopes.com **www.hoax-slayer.com**

If anyone thinks they have been the victim of a scam, or suspects a scam is being attempted, please contact Consumer Direct for clear, practical advice on tel: 08454 04 05 06 or visit: www.consumerdirect.gov.uk. Publications on scams are available free of charge from the Office of Fair Trading. Tel: 0800 389 3158 or email: oft@ecgroup.co.uk. You can also contact Oxfordshire Trading Standards if you have concerns about scams or hoax emails. Tel: 0845 051 0845 or visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Childrey Stores

Dear all, we're sorry we were unable to say "goodbye" to everyone before we left but the final stages of the sale of the shop happened very quickly. Consequently, we'd like to thank all our customers for their support whilst we ran Childrey Village Stores. As many of you know, we plan to go to Spain in the New Year to prepare one of our houses for holiday rentals. It's in inland Andalucia, fantastically positioned for visiting the "golden triangle" of Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla, whilst offering the peace and tradition of a small Andalusian village. We hope you'll soon be able to see an advert in the shop window but, if you'd like further information in the meantime, please do contact us by email at keithlumb@hotmail.com. We'd also like to wish Nipun every success in running Childrey Village Stores.

Best wishes, Keith & Barbara

Parish Council News

Childrey:

The Parish Council has been asked to remind dog owners about clearing up after their dogs in and around the village, particularly the areas around the village greens. Dog bins are provided at the end of Chapel Way and at the bottom of Stowhill bridleway. The Parish Council, on behalf of the residents of Childrey, would be grateful if **all owners can watch where their dogs go and please clear up!** Your co-operation is appreciated.

The Parish Council has appointed a new clerk:

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Ridgeway House
West Street
Childrey
Wantage
Oxon
OX12 9UL

Telephone: 01235 751923
E-mail: clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk

Please contact Debbie for issues regarding Childrey Parish Council.

Up until last month bus no. 67 running from Faringdon to Wantage had three buses a day. This has now been cut back to one bus a day. This bus also goes via Uffington and the villagers there are concerned by this. If any parishioners of Childrey have been affected by this cutback, the Parish Council would like to hear from you. However, Childrey is lucky that we still get the Childrey - Wantage bus come regularly to the village.

Coventry Almshouses

The trustees of the Coventry Almshouses have a vacancy for a new resident. Contact the Correspondent John Matthews for more information and qualifications on telephone 07799 445533. Details of qualifications can be found on www.guidestar.org.uk (search "childrey").

Website warning

Information has been received from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN) concerning a website purporting to be Neighbourhood Watch.

The website is called www.nhwo.co.uk and was launched on 14th December 2011. This website is not supported by the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network and has no links with them. The marketing of the site is pitched to NHW members to register their scheme and obtain membership resources. They are marketing a 'co-ordinators' pack at £39.99 which includes two street signs, stickers and a high visibility vest with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator on the back. There is no mention of good practice; partnership working with the local police service or insurances.

Concern has been expressed over the lack of co-ordination of the scheme; the possible mis-use of the high visibility vest; and the gathering of personal details including banking details from those who have signed up to the site and purchased materials. (NHW Members are reminded not to divulge their personal or banking details to anyone). Anyone wishing to join a NHW scheme should contact a member of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team or the Neighbourhood Watch Administrator who can be contacted on the police non-emergency telephone number 101.

News from St Mary's

It was wonderful to see St Mary's full for the Carol Service, Christmas Eve Communion and the morning Crib Service. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have been able to send £268.58 to Crisis and £289 to the work of the Diocese of Kimberley and Kurinam (South Africa).

The Ridgeway Benefice churches have been working closely together to prepare profiles of our villages as we continue the process of recruiting our new Rector. The post will be advertised shortly and then the interviews will follow. Each of the six parishes has elected a representative to help on the selection panel. Our Rep, Sue Worth, will be keeping us informed of the next developments.

Afternoon Tea in Sparsholt

Join friends and neighbours for chat over a cuppa and a piece of home-made cake on the 17th February between 2 and 5pm in the Griffin Memorial Hall. As this is half-term week, we hope to see lots of Mums and nippers. There's plenty of room for them to run about, and toys too (for the nippers that is, not the Mums).

Sparsholt Fashion Show

Sparsholt Fashion Show will be held in April, so now is the time to sort through the wardrobe and make room for the bargains you'll find at the show! Please let us have your unwanted clothes and accessories, and we'll do the rest! The Show is lots of fun, for the models as well as the audience, so if you would like to model, or help in any way, please get in touch. Contact Chris on 751687.

Crime Reduction Advice: Sheds and Cars

On January 8th in Childrey, the rear window of a car was smashed and a handbag and contents were stolen. The car was parked on a house drive. Our police report that similar thefts have happened recently in our area. If you have any information for the police, please just telephone 101 to report it in total confidence.

Leave **nothing** in view inside your car, not even an empty bag.

More incidents have been reported of shed breaks, where valuable tools and gardening items have been stolen from insecure sheds and outbuildings. It is not only the cost of the property you lose but the possibility that the tools may be used by a burglar to gain access to your property. Residents are being advised to secure their sheds with a shed alarm and to consider boarding up or barring windows. Property mark all tools and register power tools on www.immobilise.com. Tool marking kits and some shed alarms (including alarmed padlocks) are available from some police stations. Please contact your Thames Valley Police Crime Prevention and Reduction Advisor on 08458 505 505 for availability and further information.

www.childrey.org.uk & www.sparsholtandwestcot.org

Do You Know a Community Champion?

Do you know someone who deserves a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to carry the Paralympic Flame in 2012?

Sainsbury's is looking for individuals or teams of people who you feel have made a real difference by inspiring others around them. This is your chance to put them forward and give them a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of history and carry the Paralympic Flame on its journey to the Olympic Stadium.

Nominees should have done at least one of the following:

- inspired someone to do something they never thought possible
- encouraged others to work together to succeed
- used courage, determination, inspiration and equality to make a difference
- pushed the boundaries of what is achievable and helped others to accomplish whatever they put their mind to

Any person nominated or making a nomination must be 12 years of age or over at the time of nomination and should be available to carry the torch on either Tuesday 28 or Wednesday 29 August.

Nominations close on Tuesday 14th February 2012

For further information please go to www.sainsburys-torch-relay.co.uk/

Carers Oxfordshire

This month we are highlighting the opportunity for carers to receive a **£350 grant** in order to help them pay for transport costs, IT equipment, extra help at home, counselling, massage, holidays and so much more in order to support them in their caring role. In order to receive this grant, carers need to be 18 years old or over, providing unpaid care for 10 hours per week or more, and not have received a GP break or similar grant since April 2011. Further information, advice and support for carers is available by telephoning **0845 050 7666** or visiting **www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk**.

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