

# St Mary's Church Fête

(Saturday 16th June 3-6pm Childrey Manor)

**This year's fête is fast approaching,  
all Your Favourites will be there!  
NEW THIS YEAR – GIN STALL!**

Details re competitions, etc. next month  
(check on website <http://www.childrey.org.uk>)

***Hope to see You All there.***



## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

**CHARITY AUCTION** in the Griffin Memorial Hall in Sparsholt

Our auctioneer for the evening will be Anthony Lee  
viewing from 6pm – including a Silent Auction - Auction Start 7pm  
Cash & Cheques only please

All proceeds going to the - **Wantage October Club (Alzheimer's Day-care Centre) & Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary**

Tickets: £10 including fish & chip supper – please let me know if you need a vegetarian option when purchasing your ticket - bring your own drink, glasses & cutlery

**Auction Lots so far, can be viewed from 11th May**

on <https://www.sparsholtandwestcot.org/node> on the Noticeboard in Westcot or the bus shelter in Sparsholt.

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

For information and tickets, please contact Martina Wright on 01235 751046/07901 800247 or email me at [martina.lambourn@btinternet.com](mailto:martina.lambourn@btinternet.com)



Due to no responses so far -

# THE FINAL Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter?

**MAY 2018**

**Please submit articles via the Sparsholt & Westcot or Childrey websites. Contact details are available on the website pages.**

[www.sparsholtandwestcot.org](http://www.sparsholtandwestcot.org)  
[www.childrey.org.uk](http://www.childrey.org.uk)

## **Childrey & Sparsholt NEWSLETTER EDITOR REQUIRED**

**A volunteer is urgently sought to take over responsibility for the production of the Childrey & Sparsholt newsletter.**

**This is your opportunity to get the content into the newsletter that you have always wanted to see. It is not a particularly onerous undertaking and all equipment and materials are supplied.**

**Please note-**

**You will NOT be required to distribute the newsletters.**

Please contact  
[clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk)  
if you are interested. Thanks.

## Chat from the Clerk

The **Childrey** Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm and the Annual Meeting of Childrey Parish Council starting at approx. 8.30pm, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Childrey Village Hall. [clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk)

The **Sparsholt** Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm and the Annual Meeting of Sparsholt Parish Council starting at approx. 8.00pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt. [clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk)

Livestock worrying is becoming an increasing issue especially now that spring has arrived and the lambing season is well under way. It is important that dogs are kept under control to protect the livestock as well as you and your pet. Livestock that are killed or injured as the result of an out of control dog is a criminal offence. During such attacks dogs can be injured too. There are simple ways to keep both your pet and livestock safe. Keep your dog on a lead – Dog walkers that use open access land must keep their dog on a short lead (a maximum of two metres) between 1 March and 31 July. If near livestock this applies at all times. Stick to paths and public rights of way – Often areas of private land may have footpaths running through them. Mostly, these paths are to the edge of fields to minimise disruption to any livestock in that area, it is important to follow these paths.

Look out for and follow signs – Most land owners will display simple 'Keep your dog on a lead' signs, however, at this time of year, some livestock owners restrict access to their land to protect their animals. It is important to follow this advice. Even well-behaved dogs can cause stress and disruption to livestock. It is your responsibility to ensure that your dog is under control at all times.

For more information on this issue and ways to report rural crime, please visit the [Thames Valley Police](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) website.

Clerk to both Parish Councils Debbie Lewis-Pryde 01235 751923.

If you notice any potholes, overgrown footpaths or verges or any other Highways issues please report to the "fixmystreet" website. Highways respond quicker to the problems that have the most logs on their site. Please DO NOT wait for a parish Council meeting to report Highways issues. Both Parish Councils reserve the right to change the meeting dates, times and venues – please always check the notice board for correct information – Agendas are published three clear working days before each Parish Council meeting. Also Planning meetings will be inserted periodically to allow the Parish Council to discuss and respond before the VOWHDC deadlines and the Agenda will be published on the notice board three clear working days prior to the meeting. Planning applications can be viewed on the VOWHDC planning register.

## Playing Field News

With the warmer weather upon us we are starting to plan some of the developments and we are hoping to begin work on a half court play area in late July / August.

The Fest is all set for July 7<sup>th</sup> and the snowbound bike race has been postponed to Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteering / Social** – with the grass beginning to grow there is always lots of work to do on the playing field – strimming, grass cutting, pavilion / playground maintenance etc, etc. The plan would be to build up a healthy thirst for an hour or two every other Thursday and then retire to the Star for re-hydration and chat! Come and join in, have some fun and help to keep the Playing Field in good shape. The first evening at this point would be May 3<sup>rd</sup> but please e-mail if interested so we can get a take on the numbers and confirm. [jeremysnell77@gmail.com](mailto:jeremysnell77@gmail.com)

**Playing Field Trust.**

### Primary School Tutoring

As an Oxfordshire teacher with over 20 years' experience, I know confidence is key for children moving through their primary school years.

Please contact me if your child would benefit from tutoring to help support and boost their subject knowledge and understanding.

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## CHILDREY POP-UP PUB

The next pop-up will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, and we look forward to seeing you there. If you'd like to see the accounts for previous events or would like to do a stint behind the bar, please drop us a line.

Cheers,  
The DHTH Group  
[DontHatchetTheHatchet@gmail.com](mailto:DontHatchetTheHatchet@gmail.com)

## Sparsholt & Westcot Footpath Walk

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Come for a coffee,  
followed by a walk at  
11.30 - everyone  
welcome!

Contact Ian on  
07880 331331

[barnesjian@gmail.com](mailto:barnesjian@gmail.com)  
for further details.

## Only a few tickets remaining- **The Story Beast and Richard Soames**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open at 7pm. Childrey Village Hall.

The multi award-nominated "bearded force of nature" (The Guardian) **Story Beast** and critically-acclaimed "charming storyteller" (Chortle), **Richard Soames** return to Childrey Village Hall with brand new material from their upcoming Edinburgh shows.



**The Story Beast: This Is Bardcore**  
Comedy. Ritual. Absolute Bangers. Evil is abroad on the fields of England and the End is nigher than it's ever been. Back in this Dimension by popular demand, The Story Beast finds himself the only one powerful (and drunk) enough to face the forces that threaten our Universe...

### **Richard Soames: Let's Make a Movie**

One man. One audience. One second-hand camcorder. Join Richard as he gets the band back together, gives that half-time speech to the peewee hockey team, casts the ring into the fires of The Death Star without crossing the streams and makes an entire movie in sixty minutes. As seen on BBC1's Michael McIntyre's Big Show.



### **Praise for 'The Story Beast':**

"One of the wonders of the Fringe" (The Mirror)  
"A thing of wonder" (Fest)  
"White hot brilliance" (Time Out)  
"Bit loud for me" (Richard Soames)

### **Praise for Richard Soames:**

"Excellent" (The Sunday Times)  
"Oozing likability" (The Skinny)  
"A funny, honest and heartfelt performance" (Mumble)  
"Does a lot of the admin" (The Story Beast)

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**Small friendly Matwork class at Sparsholt Memorial Hall**

**Mondays 20:00 – 21:00**

*Classes also held in Grove, Charney Bassett and Shrivenham*

**Please contact Sally using the details above to enquire or book a place**

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**Childrey & District Tuesday Club:**

**1st May** – Social Afternoon. Childrey village hall 2:30 Contact Pat Eglinton 751663

**5th June** - Bournemouth, depart Childrey village hall 8.50 am, fare members £15, non-members £17

**3rd July** - Exeter. depart Childrey village hall **8.30 am** fare members £19,

non-members £21 Contact Maureen Thomas 01235 751631

**Eau One – Running Squad**

Catering for all levels to achieve improved fitness, endurance & regular exercise goals. I have been running for 25 years; including marathons – Alan, Dog Lane, Childrey.

Please register interest and to understand availability schedules to [algisby@hotmail.com](mailto:algisby@hotmail.com)

**Childrey Village Website update:** You may know that a team from the village is now working to update the Childrey website. As this is YOUR website, we are keen to make sure what you want to see can be found there. Drop us a line.

We are keen to increase the list of Childrey based business on our Business page. If you are living in or working from Childrey and want to include your company details, please send a short paragraph about the business and contact details and we can upload it. Thanks - The Website Team ([childreyvillagewebsite@gmail.com](mailto:childreyvillagewebsite@gmail.com))

**NEWS FROM ST MARY'S ~** Sadly the return of short clear nights and long days can mean the return of lead thieving. We are still waiting for all the necessary approvals to replace the lead stolen from the South transept roof two years ago.

The church is now protected by a sophisticated alarm system but please everyone keep your eyes open and don't hesitate to let us or the police know of any suspicious cars, vans or people around the area.

Thank you.

Linda and John Churchwardens

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## NGS Sparsholt Manor

**Open Garden**, taking place on Monday 7th May between 2 and 6pm.

Lakes and wildfowl; ancient boxwood, wilderness and summer borders.

Wheelchair access to most of garden.

Home-made tea & cakes in Sparsholt village hall.

Entry for adults is £4, children are free, and dogs on leads are welcome.

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### Hire Childrey Village Hall

The village hall, once known as "The Reading Room", is a lively hub of the village. It is located in the centre of the village, close to the duck pond.

It was originally gifted to the village by a Major Dunn in 1896. Over the years, the hall has been extended to provide more up to date facilities for the village, including recently installed cinema screen, hearing loop (for the hard of hearing) projector and Wi-Fi.

The hall is available to hire for private functions, there is a well-equipped kitchen with fridge and cooking facilities. Plenty of plates, cups, saucers, crockery and glasses are available plus tea urns. Toilet Facilities are available. It will accommodate about 100 people standing or 40-50 seated. Tables and chairs provided.

Pre 17:00 £4 per hour.

17:00 onwards £5 per hour.

(Please note: minimum charge is £15)

Contact [childreyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:childreyvillagehall@gmail.com)

# Bank Holiday



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** –

the refuse will be collected on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Black Bins & Food Waste.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – the collection will be made on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Green & Brown & Food Waste.

## Computer Support

ICT teacher offering support to meet your individual computing needs:

Initial computer setup, getting online, email, word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing.

Please contact Tim on

**Tel:** 07974 236730    **Email:** [turningtimber@gmail.com](mailto:turningtimber@gmail.com)



### Young Voices of the Vale

Date and venue now decided for this amazing competition.

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Challow Park Concert Hall in Wantage. From 10am to 4pm.

Further details from [jim@operaunmasked.com](mailto:jim@operaunmasked.com)



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## Maymessy Festival

Maymessy is a social enterprise based just outside West Challow. I have built and founded an empowering cookery school for young people in the local area. Maymessy festival will be supporting young carers in Oxfordshire. Maymessy will be celebrating its first birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. A drinks party the night before followed by a festival to celebrate its first birthday, to bring the local community together and to raise money for young carers. Tickets for both events can be bought through [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk) under Maymessy festival.

Maymessy Festival – An empowering cookery school where good grub grows.



**In support of young carers**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2-6pm**  
**Garlands Farm**  
**Off A417, Nr Wantage**  
**OX12 9PB**



Come and enjoy inflatables, a helter skelter, ice cream, wood-fired pizza, candy floss, cake stalls & much more.

Proceeds go towards cookery classes for young carers. 10% of proceeds go directly to Be Free Young Carers. Numbers are limited so please buy tickets before they run out.