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- Cards, Gifts and Homeware from local talented artists
- Flowers by Simone



## **EASTER OPENING**

Good Friday	09:00 – 14:00
Easter Saturday	09:00 – 14:00
Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Easter Monday	09:00 – 14:00

Please note lunch is not served over these Easter days and will start again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Keep up to date with the latest news*

*Website: [www.childreystores.co.uk](http://www.childreystores.co.uk)*

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# Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

## APRIL 2018

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

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[childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please submit articles by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## Charity Auction in Sparsholt.

Save the date of **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018** for the charity auction that will be taking place in the Griffin Memorial Hall in Sparsholt. Viewing will begin at 6pm with the auction itself commencing at 7pm.

**Tickets** are available at £10, which will include a fish and chip supper; please bring your own drink, glasses and cutlery.

All proceeds from the event will be

going to the Wantage October Club and the Oxford Animal Sanctuary.

**Donations** are most welcome to add to the auction list, which will be available for viewing nearer the Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> date at <https://www.sparsholtandwestcot.org/node>

Information about the auction is available from Martina Wright who can be contacted on 01235 751046 or 07901 800247

Alternatively, you can email [martina.lambourn@btinternet.com](mailto:martina.lambourn@btinternet.com)

## **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 contact

[childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk)

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – CHILDREY COMEDY NIGHT**

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## Chat from the Clerk

**Childrey Parish Council** meetings Mondays 16<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May (AGM) 2018 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall. [clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk)

**Sparsholt Parish Council** meetings Wednesdays 18<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> May (AGM) 2018 starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt. [clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk)

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.

## 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.

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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.

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## Sparsholt & Westcot Footpath Walk

1<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Day) 11am

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.

## CHILDREY POP-UP PUB

We're really pleased with how popular the pop-ups are – it's nice to see so many people coming out to socialise, even in the snow. I'm sure we'd all like to have the choice be able to drop in and do that at a village pub, but these events aren't about looking back. As a group, we'd like to echo the sentiment of many here in the village: namely, there is sufficient goodwill to support a pub, and whilst we can't claim to understand the reasons why Ian and Jane made their decision to call last orders, we wish them well and look forward to Childrey having its pub back again.

**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

## NEWS FROM ST MARY'S ~ MUSIC RECITAL

**Tuesday 17 April 6.30 pm.** We are delighted to be hosting King Alfred's 'A' level music students again. Their individual pieces of music must be recorded to an audience and sent off for marking to obtain their final 'A' level grade. Please come and support them and listen to some very talented young people. Light refreshments will be served.

**Future events.** These will include a charity concert, Teddy Bears Picnic service in June and a Pet Service in September. Further details next month!

Linda and John Churchwardens

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*Come and Celebrate Easter Day*

*At 10am in St Mary's*

*With THE VILLAGE CHOIR*

*And our famous*

**EASTER EGG HUNT!**



## 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)

**Bar Available**

**Tickets £10**

**email: [ticketscvh@gmail.com](mailto:ticketscvh@gmail.com)**

# MINDFULNESS COURSE

## Starting this April, 2018

### Childrey Village Hall

This is an evidence based 8 week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) course, which offers many benefits: it enhances mental and physical well-being and has been shown to alleviate anxiety, depression, stress and chronic pain.

#### TASTER SESSION:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 4 to 5.30 pm, cost £5

#### 8 WEEK COURSE

Sundays, 4 to 6pm, from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> June

(If needed we will provide alternative dates over the bank holidays)

+ Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am to 4pm

**COST: £250**

(reductions available for anyone struggling financially)



#### THE TEACHERS

**Conroy Harris** is an experienced accredited freelance Mindfulness Teacher and an associate of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre (OMC), where he teaches on a regular basis. See: <http://oxfordmindfulness.org/people/conroy-harris/>

**Susie Stead** trained to teach at the OMC and is part of a team running a weekly drop-in centre, and mindfulness courses in Headington.

To sign up or for further information, please contact Jan Osborne on: 01235 751270/ 07899830760 or Susie Stead at: [soozstead@gmail.com/](mailto:soozstead@gmail.com) 07962531704

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### Childrey & District Tuesday Club:

**3rd April** - John Tabor - Caring for Young Carers. Childrey village hall 2:30  
Contact Pat Eglington 751663

**5th June** - Bournemouth, depart Childrey village hall 8.50 am, fare members £15, non-members £17 Contact Maureen Thomas 01235 751631

### Hire Childrey Village Hall

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)

### Eau One – Running Squad

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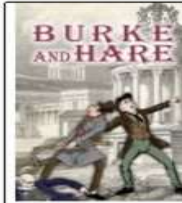
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**Childrey Village Website update:** You may know that a team from the village is now working to update the Childrey website. As this is YOUR website, we are keen to make sure what you want to see can be found there. Drop us a line.

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))

## UPDATE ON KEEPING MOTOR VEHICLES OFF THE RIDGEWAY

Further to the plea from Cllr Constance to keep motor vehicles off the Ridgeway (see Sparsholt & Westcot web site)-

"the applications by trail riders (4x4s) to be exempted from the restrictions on all motor vehicles on the Ridgeway has been resolved.

The trail riders have now conceded they do not have evidence to support their case so we need no more reports from users of the Ridgeway, and I believe the Ridgeway is certain to prohibit the trail riders. Please thank all who wrote in response to the OCC consultation."

Yvonne Constance"



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Tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt in aid of Childrey Little Ducks Pre School are selling fast! Get yours now and come along for some family fun on Easter Monday (2nd April). The clues will be hidden around Childrey Village leading back to the Easter Egg Hunt HQ (Childrey Village Hall) where you can collect your yummy chocolate surprise. You can start hunting anytime from 9.30am, refreshments will be on sale at the Village Hall until 2pm. The event is being very kindly sponsored by Stowhill Estates and all money raised will go directly to the Pre-School. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Bank Holiday Bin Collection – Easter 2018

The usual Monday collection of Food Waste, Green Bins & Brown Bins will be collected on **Tuesday 3rd April**.

## Road Closure Information

B4507 Ickleton Road 03 Apr to 05 Apr. underground investigation. West end of Westcot and the Northerly end of Days Lane 03 Apr to 16 Apr. <https://oxfordshire.roadworks.org> provides useful info on road works, current and forthcoming (up to one year ahead).

## Farmers Markets

Uffington – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 12:30 Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall.  
Wantage – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 8:30 – 13:00 Market Square

## COMPUTER HELP

Mondays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30am – 11:00am  
Wantage Library, Stirlings Rd, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 7BB, United Kingdom  
Need help surfing the net? Not sure how to create an email account? Online shopping or job application support? Our volunteer can help! For all your computer needs call 01235 762291 to book your FREE session. Not available on Bank Holidays.

## DOGS TRUST STORYTIME AT WANTAGE LIBRARY!

April 3, 2018 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Wantage Library

Children can come and learn about responsible dog ownership and how to care for dogs! Come and listen to a variety of 'doggy' stories, including a true-life story of one of our rescue dogs and their journey through the Dogs Trust rehoming centre. Suitable for children aged 3 - 10 yrs old. Book your free ticket now by phoning Wantage Library on 01235 762291.