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# Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter



Burns Night, Childrey Village Hall. Photo by H. Boardman

## ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The fête may be several months away, but  
the Seville oranges are in the shops now!

If you are making marmalade, please put a  
few jars aside for the Produce Stall

Further information about this year's fête in  
future newsletters

*If you would like to help at the fête,  
contact Caroline 751814 or Nicky 751470*

## FEBRUARY 2016

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

Diary Dates for February

Date & Time	Event / Venue	Notes	Contact
2nd February 2:30	<b>Childrey &amp; District Tuesday Club</b> Childrey village hall	Speaker Alastair Borland MBE 'Blood Bikers'	Pat Eglinton 751663
5 <sup>th</sup> February 12:30	<b>Tear Fund Lunch</b>	By kind invitation of Pat & Bryan Winsley, at Paddock's End, West Street, Childrey. All Welcome	Dr & Mrs Winsley
16 <sup>th</sup> February 7:30	<b>Childrey &amp; Sparsholt WI</b> Childrey village hall	Oxford In Film / Morse's Oxford. Presented by Alastair Lack.	Pauline Higgs 751544
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 7:30	<b>Childrey Parish Council Meeting</b> Village Hall	All Welcome	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
28 <sup>th</sup> February from 8:30	<b>Wantage Farmers Market</b> The Market Square	Wantage Farmers' Market is in the Market Square, usually on the last Saturday of every month from 8.30am until 1pm	Info 763459

Burns Night

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Burns night celebration at Childrey village hall. Due to your support & generosity £747 was raised towards the planned cinema facilities we are hoping to install in the near future. Thanks also to Sue & Julian Worth and Mike Hadley for the very entertaining addresses to the laddies, the lassies & of course, the haggis.

CVHMC.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please see Suzy Alder's article for full details. We know what a great favourite the pop up tea shop is with everyone and hope St. Mary's will prove to be an excellent venue for the event and raise a record sum for Little Ducks. Please come & support!

Mothering Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

There will be a special family service on Mothering Sunday at 10.00am. There will be gifts of flowers to be presented by the children to mothers, grandmothers and carers. The service lasts approximately 45 minutes. Everyone welcome!

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## NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S

We are delighted to report that thanks to everyone's generous giving at Christmas £222.70 was raised for the Children's Society at the Christingle and our three Christmas services raised £541 for the Toilet Twinning charity, so we have been able to sponsor two school toilet blocks and one household latrine. It was a great pleasure to have the church so full for the services but especially on Christmas Day for the traditional Crib Service. The village and school choirs along with everyone who turned up made it a truly memorable occasion.

The building works in St. Mary's are nearly complete. The finishing touch is the pair of beautiful oak doors, generously given in memory of Tom Marks by his family. We look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Dorchester to St Mary's on 20<sup>th</sup> March to bless all the work that has been done on the church recently. Full details next month.

Now that we have brought St. Mary's a bit more into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we very much want to encourage the use of the facilities to support a wider range of village activities. We are hosting two events for the very first time.

## Art Exhibition

Half Term Week: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We are delighted that St Mary's will be hosting an exhibition by Childrey artist, Lenny Cornforth entitled 'A Thousand Lines'. Everyone is welcome to come and view the exhibition during daylight hours when the church is open. It may also interest students who are studying art or considering taking it as a subject. Lenny will also be pleased to hear from anyone who wants to talk about her work or any students considering studying in the future. Lenny graduated with a BA in fine art from Newcastle University in 2015 and works mainly with complex colours to create abstract oil paintings based on lyrical half sentences. Recent exhibitions include 'Writing for 5' at The 03 Gallery in Oxford, The Newcastle BA Degree Show at the Scin Gallery London and 'Pale Rain', an exhibition reflecting the lyrical phrasing of Dylan Thomas at The Vale and Downland Museum. Website: [lenny.slidingboxes.com](http://lenny.slidingboxes.com). Twitter: @MsCornforth.

## Pop Up Tea Shop On Behalf Of Little Ducks

It gives us great pleasure to be able to host this very special event on

## Childrey's Pop-Up Returns By Popular Demand!!



...new year, new venue.

For those missing the great British

Bake Off and all things cake shaped and delicious we have great news!! Childrey's very own Pop-Up Tea Shop opens its doors on **Saturday 12 March**, 10am-1pm, in St Mary's church. We are delighted that the tea shop has become a regular event in the village calendar - thank you, we are so grateful for all your support! Think bunting, spring flowers, lovely music, and scrummy cakes to help you while away a relaxing Saturday morning! The usual kids activities and sunny atmosphere make this a must for all the family. So forget the New Years resolutions, have a morning off the diet, grab your friends and family and come and catch up over a treat or two. Last time out the tea shop was standing room only (!) and we hope to be as busy as ever, with lots of additional tables to ensure we can look after everybody in comfort. So please put the date in your diary.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all.

For more information or to pledge a bake call Suzy Alder 07774 686877 All proceeds go to Childreys pre school Little Ducks.

Thank you, Best wishes, **Suzy Alder**

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6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

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We are open on Saturday mornings from 9-12 and on Wednesday evenings during the Summer. We can be found in the hut behind the Scout hall in Springfield road.

We also raise money for local charities through the sale of plants and second hand garden tools.

Please come along and say hello and maybe pick up a bargain. Full details can be found on our web site at [www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk)



**Community Policing**  
**PCSO Howard Pack C9600**  
**Thames Valley Police**

With the advent of colder temperatures could I ask the Residents in CHILDREY & SPARSHOLT to help me and the Neighbourhood Policing team by keeping an 'eye' on Vulnerable members of the Community, especially the elderly, and if you have any concerns please let us know via **101** or contact one of our Partnership Agencies eg. Local Councils, Social Services. Where we are notified of a possible vulnerable person we will contact them via a visit or telephone call and ensure they have the help they require.

**New Policing Team Member**  
Wantage Neighbourhood Policing team has a new 'Leader', Sergeant GAVIN WARD takes over on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

**Neighbourhood Watch**  
If you haven't already please consider joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, the benefits include the following;

- Bringing communities together with everyone sharing a common goal.
- Helping you feel secure knowing that your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.
- Helping you become more familiar with crime prevention ideas that help keep your home and belongings safe.

- Possible premium discounts from your insurance company.
- Receive regular updated local crime information and trends.

**By Acting Together**  
neighbour have respect and consideration for each other thus reducing the possibility of conflict, are able to resolve problems and issues within the community such as supporting the most vulnerable (the young and old) to prevent them becoming victims of crime plus (families under stress) to help them avoid getting into trouble. Discourage vandalism, preventing 'outsiders' from spoiling YOUR area. If you are interested in starting/joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please contact me via '101'.

**Suspicious Persons & Vehicles**  
Please can I ask residents to report, using 101, any suspicious persons or vehicles you might see in your Village. Any legitimate caller to your address will happily supply you with Identification when you ask for it, if they don't, for whatever reason please do not open your door, call the police using 101 or 999. Any description you can give Police of any suspicious persons will help us to locate them and discover their intentions, please try and include as much of the following;  
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**AGE.**  
Any **NAMES** used.  
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**HEIGHT.**  
**EYES** – Colour, Type, Eyebrows, Glasses.

**COMPLEXION** – Race, Skin Colour.  
**CLOTHING** – Upper Body, Lower Body, Headgear, Footwear, Gloves  
**IDENTIFYING MARKS** – Scars, Marks or Tattoos.  
For Vehicles include **REGISTRATION MARK, MAKE, MODEL and COLOUR.**  
**Please use 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' Crime related matters...Report it so that we know about it.** If you'd like to receive **FREE** crime alerts and info about where you live by Email, Phone or Text then please contact me on 101 or when you see me on patrol and I will be happy to 'sign you up' or please register at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) and please use [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) to visit our Website. The 24-hour non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police is '**101**' or 999 in emergencies. Regards, Howard



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**Parish Council**

**Next Meeting Dates:**

**Childrey Parish Council**, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall.  
[clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk)

**Sparsholt Parish Council**, please check their website and notice boards for details or email the Clerk.  
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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.