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# Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter



## MARCH 2016

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

## Diary Dates for March

Date & Time	Event / Venue	Notes	Contact
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2:30	<b>Childrey &amp; District Tuesday Club</b> Childrey village hall	Speaker will be Sally Wallington. 'The Letcombe Brook'	Pat Eglinton 751 663
1 <sup>st</sup> March 7:30 pm	<b>Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting</b> Griffin Hall	All Welcome	<a href="mailto:clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk">clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> March 12:30	<b>Tear Fund Lunch</b> Cedarwood, West Street, Childrey	All are welcome at this charity lunch.	Linda Soames 751 297
7 <sup>th</sup> March 8:30pm	<b>Childrey Discussion Group</b> The Hatchet	Friendly open discussion group. Everyone's views welcome	Rob Soames 751 297
12 <sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 1:00	<b>POP UP TEA SHOP</b>  St. Mary's Church Childrey	Think bunting, spring flowers, lovely music, and scrummy cakes to help you while away a relaxing Saturday morning! Kids activities and a sunny atmosphere. Proceeds to Little Ducks pre-school.	For more information or to pledge a bake call Suzy Alder 07774 68687
15 <sup>th</sup> March 7:30	<b>Childrey &amp; Sparsholt WI</b> Childrey village hall	AGM & Social Time.	Pauline Higgs 751 544
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Teas and Home-made Cakes</b> Sparsholt Village Hall	Good Friday get together to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some lovely cakes.	Angie Brown 751 210

## Supper & Auction

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at the Griffin Hall commencing 7pm.

Three course supper followed by an auction.

A list of auction lots will be available nearer the time on village noticeboards and Sparsholt and Westcot website.

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## Fouled Footpaths

Some people are not picking up the mess left by their dogs when walking through Chapel Way. There have been several piles of dog mess on the verges over the last few weeks and it's simply unacceptable, especially when there is a bin at the end of the footpath. B.Ward.

**LOST PROPERTY** - 1 small black folding umbrella taken (mistakenly) from Sparsholt Church porch after the 10am Carol Service on Christmas morning. If found, please return it to the porch where it can be reclaimed. Many thanks.



## News from St Mary's

March looks like being a busy time at St Mary's! The new kitchen and WC are now in operation and the South Transept is back in commission. We celebrate **Mothering Sunday** at 10.00am on March 6<sup>th</sup> at a special service with flowers for all the children to give to their mums, grannies, relatives and friends who care for them. Refreshments afterwards from the new kitchen.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to the **Pop-Up Tea Shop** from 10am - 1pm on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - please see Diary Dates for details. Then on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March** we have the pleasure of Mike Jones bringing The St James Singers to join us at 3.00pm for **Choral Evensong**. This will be a chance to hear some wonderful music in a beautiful setting.

Next comes our Palm Sunday Service at 3.00pm on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** when Bishop Colin will be with us to bless the new facilities and the beautiful new porch doors which the Marks family have given in memory of Tom Marks. The Childrey Village Choir will be singing extracts from Vivaldi's Gloria and refreshments will then be served from the new kitchen.

Easter follows swiftly on with another Childrey special - our **Easter Morning Family Service** and **Easter Egg Hunt** in the church on **27<sup>th</sup> March**. This year it will be at 11.30 am. The Village Choir will be singing and Rector Leonora will be with us too. We loved having Lenny Cornforth's **Art Exhibition** in the church during February and we look forward to another

arts event with a Music Recital by the King Alfred's students at 7.00pm on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April** (including a rock band!) And look out for our **St George's Day Supper** on **23<sup>rd</sup> April**. More details next month. Linda 751297 email: lindasoames@home.3b.co.uk John tel: 751809 martin@perrenwellstation.freemove.co.uk



Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

We are calling on individuals, volunteer groups, local councils, businesses and schools to do their bit.

If anyone is interested in setting up a working party or joining in on one please contact me on the relevant parish council email address. Thanks, Debbie Lewis-Pryde Clerk to Childrey Parish Council and Sparsholt Parish Council [clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk) [clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk)

## \*Childrey Spring Classic\*

The playing field will once again play host to the 2016 Spring Classic Cycle Sportive to be held on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. This year's event sold out very quickly - it must be the free cake and bacon sandwiches at the end! Please be aware that there will be additional cars in the village and watch out for those cyclists on the day! **Childrey Playing Field Trust**

## Childrey Discussion Group

So far, we have met twice: to discuss 'Value' and then 'Culture'.

In March we will be meeting again, to discuss 'Taste'. If you would like to join us for a friendly open discussion on this (everyone's views welcome) we look forward to seeing you at 8.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Hatchet. Further dates will be announced in due course. **Rob Soames.** 751 297



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## ---- Licensing Act 2003 ----

### Application for a new Premises Licence.

To Whom It May Concern, take note that we, Childrey Playing Field Trust, give notice that we have applied to Vale of White Horse District Council for a Premises Licence in respect of Childrey Playing Field, and that we have applied for the conditions of the licence in respect of Childrey Music Festival to be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.

Anyone wishing to object should give notice in writing to The Licensing Officer, White Horse District Council, Licensing Unit, Abbey House, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3JE before March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. A copy of the application can be viewed at Childrey Shop.

## The Sparsholt Fashion Show

With spring in the air, it's the perfect time to have a clear out of your

wardrobes! The organisers of the Sparsholt Fashion Show would be glad to receive any good quality second hand clothes shoes & accessories. It is hoped the Fashion Show

will take place in late May, and

all funds raised will go to the upkeep of the Griffin Memorial Hall. This is especially vital now as the roof needs urgent attention. Also, if you have an eye for fashion and a few hours to spare, we would be grateful for help with preparations for the show. Please contact either Caroline on 01235 751142 or Barbara on 01235 751617.



## Community Policing

### PCSO Howard Pack C9600 Thames Valley Police

The very mild weather has led to the early bloom of many spring flowers in my rural beat of GREENDOWN; the Snowdrops in SPARSHOLT provided an excellent display, but who would have thought you would see them in tandem with Daffodils!

#### Flood Warnings

Over recent weeks the weather has 'misbehaved' with several periods of very heavy rain leading to flooding on our roads. Where Floods are reported to the Police we will investigate and ensure signage is put up to warn motorists, however the problem arises when drivers ignore these signs and get stranded when their engines are 'waterlogged'; If you see Flood Warning signs please find an alternative route.

#### Theft from Motor Vehicles

Recently I was involved in a Police Operation organised by FARINGDON Neighbourhood Policing Team to patrol and observe beauty spots near the RIDGEWAY after a number of Thefts from vehicles. As a consequence 3 persons were arrested and subsequently charged in relation to Theft from vehicle offences.

#### 'Have Your Say' locations

WANTAGE Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking for locations in the GREENDOWN area (Childrey, East/West Challow, Letcombe Bassett/Regis) to park the Mobile Police Station and hold 'Have Your Say' meetings and discuss any issues that are of concern to residents or just get a bit of Crime Prevention advice; please let me know via 101 or when you see me on patrol if you know of a suitable place.

#### Dog Fouling

is continuing to cause concern for residents. Vale of White Horse District Council Environment Wardens advise the following; *Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. It is a crime to allow a dog to foul any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.*

If you see a dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Wardens on 01235 540555 or [env.health@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:env.health@southandvale.gov.uk)

#### Wantage Police Office Closing

Can I remind residents that the Wantage Police Office situated next to Wantage Library closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and the nearest Police Station will be at Abingdon, Colwell Drive, OX14 1AU.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

If you are interested in starting/joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please contact me via '101'. 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' alternatively 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. Regards, Howard.

## RENAISSANCE OF THE CHILDREY

**PAINTING GROUP** A few of our villagers who used to paint together have decided to try & revive the Childrey Painting Group, especially now that we have such a beautifully restored village hall, with good light & space. We are simply a group who enjoy painting but find it difficult to find time to do any without the incentive of working with other like-minded people. We have no lectures or demonstrations, just the chance to maybe try something new, or practice drawing and painting something you loved doing when you were at school.

All you need to bring is your own equipment, be it pens, paints, paper as we do not provide any. And here we add, if you are a potential Jackson Pollock, plenty of paper to protect the floor!

At present we are meeting from 10 – 12 in the village hall twice a month, on the mornings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, until the end of July. We have to pay for the accommodation of course & have worked it out that if you are willing to pay up front a non-returnable fee of £25 this will cover your total cost of the trial run until we begin again in September. As an alternative, if you are unable to be there regularly, the charge is £3 per session attended. In September we can get together & see what, & if, we can improve this experiment.

We do hope you will give this some thought & if you are thinking of trying it out, please contact - Marie-France Burton 751700 or Pat Winsley 751280 so that we have enough coffee & biscuits ready!

## The Parish Councils

Next Meeting Dates:

**Childrey** Parish Council, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall [clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk)

**Sparsholt** Parish Council, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016-7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall. [clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk)

If you notice any potholes or other Highways issues please report to the "fixmystreet" website. Highways respond quicker to the problems that have the most logs on their site. Clerk to both parishes: Debbie Lewis-Pryde 01235 751923. 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. Planning applications can be viewed on the VOWHDC planning register.

## Shakespeare & St. George's



### Night Supper



23rd April sees the return of the St. George's pop up restaurant and not only Shakespeare's birthday, but also the 500th Anniversary of his demise.

Apparently, never one to miss a party, he would surely approve of a celebration with mirth and merriment, to take place in Childrey Village Hall where, along with music from traditional acoustic folk accompaniment, Three Pressed Men, there will be a three course meal and a licensed bar. Please confirm any dietary requirements.

Tickets costing £20.00 per person will be available on 1st March from Childrey Village Shop or Sue Worth (751563).