



FREE
ENTRY

SHEEPDROVE ORGANIC FARM OPEN DAY

Saturday 30th April 11am - 4pm

Spring lambs, calves and piglets - Farm tours by tractor and trailer - Hog roast with veggie alternative - Artisan and organic food stalls - Cookery and crafts demonstrations - Wildlife information stands

Sheepdrove Organic Farm, Lambourn,
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www.sheepdrove.com

Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

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

Contact for newsletter articles: Claire Turner - 751275 or
childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk

Please submit articles by the 18th of the month.

APRIL 2016

The annual **Childrey and Sparsholt Fashion Show**

will take place on Wednesday 25th May 2016. This is always a fabulous evening of fun, frocks and fashion, so save the date! All donations of good quality clothes, shoes and accessories will be gratefully received by Caroline (751142) or Barbara (751617)"

Childrey Discussion Group

Next meeting Monday 18th April at The Hatchet at 8.30pm. to discuss 'Power'. If you would like to join us for a friendly open discussion on this topic (everyone's views welcome) we look forward to seeing you.

Rob Soames. 751 297

3 Course Supper & Auction

Saturday 9th April, 7pm **Tickets £15** each available from Angie (tel 751210). In aid of Griffin Hall funds. From early April details of auction lots will be displayed on village noticeboards and website. If you are unable to attend but are interested in bidding for a particular lot, bids can be left with Angie prior to the evening.

Footpath Walks

After a very soggy winter, the Footpath Walks are getting underway again. First date is Sunday April 17th 11am. Phone Barbara (751617) for further details.

SHEEPDROVE NATURAL BURIAL GROUND OPEN DAY AND EXHIBITION SAT 16 APRIL 2:30PM

Join us at Sheepdrove Eco-Conference Centre for an exhibition of natural burial products, then take a tractor & trailer ride to view our new Woodland Burial Ground. Alli and Dan will be on hand to answer your questions.

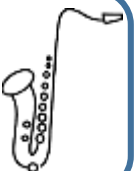
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If there are any **Saxophone players** of grade 7 to 8 standard in the villages, the Wantage Big Band would love you to come along to one of their rehearsals. They rehearse on Monday evenings in Childrey village hall at 8pm. Please contact Steve Chapman on 07968 154 593



Diary Dates for April

Date & Time	Event / Venue	Notes	Contact
5th April 2:30	Childrey & District Tuesday Club Childrey village hall	Speaker will be Dan Evans, 'The Pig Wars'	Pat Eglinton 751 663
11 th April 7:30pm	Childrey Parish Council Childrey village hall	All Welcome	clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk
18 th April 8:30pm	Childrey Discussion Group The Hatchet	Friendly open discussion group. Everyone's views welcome	Rob Soames 751 297
19 th April 12:30	Childrey & Sparsholt WI Sparsholt village hall	Members Only – A shared lunch & Oxfordshire picture quiz.	Pauline Higgs 751 544
19 th April 7:30 pm	Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting Griffin Hall	All Welcome	clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk
25 th April 8:00pm	Childrey Village Hall AGM Childrey village hall	All Welcome	Claire Turner 751 275

CHILDREYFEST SATURDAY 2nd JULY 2016

Save the date, Monday 11th April, tickets go on sale through the website www.childreyfest.co.uk

Please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment as this event sold out last year.



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 (751 563).

Abingdon Air & Country Show Sunday 1st May

The Abingdon Air & Country Show has a varied ground show to go along with a fly-in of both modern and vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display.

This year it is in support of the Air Ambulance for Berks, Oxon & Bucks.

Flying displays; Ground shows; Stalls; Craft stalls; Steam engines; Vintage & classic vehicles. All of this is within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Gates open: 10:00 – Event finishes: 5:30 PM
For tickets & further info see www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

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News from St Mary's It's our AGM on 14th April at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church – this is an open meeting when we look back over 2015, present our accounts and elect our new church council and officers. All are welcome to attend. **Audience Required Again !!** We are hosting for the second year running the very special musical event with King Alfred's Academy. On **Thursday 21st April from 7.00 – 9.00pm at St Mary's**, A Level music students will perform and record their examination pieces to be sent off for independent marking to obtain their final A Level grade. Each performance has to be continuous for at least 15 minutes and must be performed and recorded before a live audience. With your help last year we were able to provide a wonderful audience to support the young performers through this very important part of their studies. Please come again and swell the audience numbers

and enjoy a wide variety of music. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served during the interval.

Date for your Diary: on the evening of **Friday 27th May**, our friends from Hamburg, **Die Alten Knaben**, will be giving a concert in St Mary's at 7.00pm. Further details next month.

The new facilities in St Mary's have already been proving their worth with the brilliant **Pop Up Tea Shop** last month which was a fund-raiser for the Little Ducks Pre-School and the beautiful **Choral Evensong** with the St James' Singers. Lots more plans in the pipeline.... and we welcome more ideas, so do keep getting in touch with the Churchwardens* with your thoughts.

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*John Martin:

martin@perrenwellstation. tel 751809

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Policing news will be back here next
month.

The Parish Councils

Next Meeting Dates:

Childrey Parish Council, Monday 11th
April and the Annual Parish Meeting and
Annual Meeting of Childrey Parish
Council, Monday 16th May 2016 both
starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village
Hall. clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk
Sparsholt Parish Council, Tuesday 19th
April and the Annual Parish Meeting and
Annual Meeting of Sparsholt Parish
Council, Tuesday 17th May 2016 both
starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial
Hall. clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk

Clerk to both parishes: Debbie Lewis-
Pryde 01235 751923.

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.
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. **The
Childrey village hall AGM will be on
Monday 25th April at 8pm in the hall. All
are welcome to attend the meeting.**

CHILDREY PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the
resignation of Iain Turner a casual
vacancy has occurred in the office of
Councillor for the above named parish
and ward. Please see the Notice Board
for the official notification. If you would
like further details please contact Debbie
Lewis-Pryde, Clerk to Childrey Parish
Council on clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk or
01235 751923. Childrey Parish Council
would like to take this opportunity to
thank Iain Turner for his years of
commitment not only to the Parish
Council but the whole Village. Iain has
always been a pro-active member of the
Parish Council and his input will be
missed.

PART - TIME VACANCIES

Childrey Parish Council & Sparsholt Parish Council Responsible Financial Officer(s)

both Councils are looking for a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), the role is currently filled by the same person for both villages, details of the two posts are below.

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Reporting to the Chairman, the RFO will work closely alongside the Clerk to the council.

The main duties comprise maintaining the cash book and accounting records, providing reports and financial support to the Council, managing the annual budget process, managing the annual return and audit, and monitoring adherence to the Council's financial regulations. The RFO should be able to deal with the payment of salaries and compliance with pensions regulator.

Experience of bookkeeping is desirable and a good working knowledge of Excel spreadsheets is essential. Good interpersonal and communication skills are necessary, since regular communication with the Clerk, the Chair and Council members are required. Accuracy and attention to detail are also essential attributes.

Childrey RFO Paid hours are four per month. Salary will be dependent on experience, but will be in the region of £9.50 - £10.00 per hour.

For further information and a job description please contact Mrs

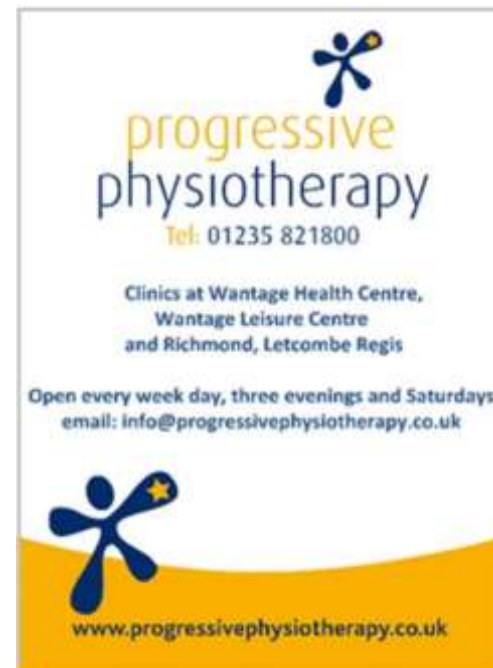
Deborah Lewis-Pryde, Clerk to Childrey Parish Council, on 01235 751923, or by email to clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk.

Deadline for applications 10th April 2016.

Sparsholt RFO Paid hours are 3 hours 20 minutes per month. Salary will be dependent on experience, but will be in the region of £9.50 - £10.00 per hour.

For further information and a job description please contact Mrs Deborah Lewis-Pryde, Clerk to Sparsholt Parish Council, on 01235 751923, or by email to clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk.

Applicants may apply for either or both posts. Deadline for applications 10th April 2016.



Childrey Little Ducks Pre-School

**Part Time Pre-School Manager
Role (26 hours per week)**

Part Time Deputy Supervisor (21 hours per week)

We have two unique and exciting opportunities to join our well established and friendly village pre-school. Situated in the heart of the South Oxfordshire countryside and central to the village of Childrey and its community, Childrey Little Ducks is a friendly non-profit making charity pre-School run by a small dedicated team of well qualified staff and a voluntary committee of parents.

We are currently looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic pre-school Manager and Deputy Supervisor to join our team. The successful applicants will need to have excellent communication skills with children, parents and committee members and have a passion for working with children. Both roles will need to be qualified to at least NVQ Level 3 in childcare or equivalent with previous experience of working with young children.

The pre-school opens during term time only, 5 mornings a week from 9.15am–12.15pm and until 12.45pm on Tuesdays and Fridays to include a lunch club. This is a great opportunity to bring your creativity, ideas and knowledge of EYFS to a friendly and supportive setting. For a full job description of both vacancies and an application form please email the committee on childreylittleducks@gmail.com or call Mark Bailey on 07726 459721. Details are on our website www.childreylittleduckspreschool.co.uk

Wantage Counselling & Training Centre Office Administrator (Part Time – Salaried)

Where: Wantage, OX12 (our office near The Beacon)

When: Mon – Fri 3 hours per day (times to suit applicant – but at least every day)

Aim: Provide administrative support for our counsellors, clinical lead, trustees; help everything run smoothly in the office.

Main Role: General administrative support, including; Data entry, Dealing with email queries, answering of the telephone, making appointments, general admin duties.

What we're looking for:

Reliable and organised person who can get things done efficiently.

Good writing skills and an eye for detail. Knowledge of MS Office - Word & Excel. Will have excellent communication skills. Will be able to work well under pressure. Ability to prioritise workload. Previous customer service background desirable.

What's in it for you:

Flexible work experience at the heart of an established and fast-growing charity. The satisfaction of seeing your work have an impact on the local community. Opportunities to develop your skills in other areas.

Interested? Please email recruit@wantagecounselling.org.uk for an application form or send your CV, & brief covering letter explaining why you're interested and what you'd bring to the role **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY 3rd APRIL**