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Please submit articles by the 18th of the month.

JULY 2016



Diary Dates for July

| Date & Time | Event / Venue | Notes | Contact |
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| 1 st July 12:30pm | Tear Fund Lunch 13 Lawrence Close, Childrey | This month's lunch is by kind invitation of Ruth and Clifford Dinning. | All most welcome |
| 2 nd July 2:00pm | Childrey Fest. Childrey Playing Field www.childreyfest.co.uk | | |
| 5 th July 9:00am | Childrey & District Tuesday Club | Coach trip to Hereford depart Childrey village hall at 9.00 am, return 6.30, fare: members £14, non-members £16 | Pat Eglinton 751 663 |
| 13 th July 8:00pm | Summer Evening of Song and Dance. Childrey Village Hall | Childrey Choir, The Icknield Morris Men, Beer (see item in newsletter). | Julian 751563 |
| 16 th July 10:00am | Family Film Day Childrey Village Hall | Three Free Family Films. Come and try the new village cinema (see item). | Claire 751275 |
| 19 th July 7:30pm | Childrey & Sparsholt WI Childrey village hall | Peter Bellingham will talk about his life as a cartoonist demonstrate his technique & show anyone brave enough to have a try. | Pauline Higgs 751 544 |
| 19th July 7:30pm | Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting Griffin Memorial Hall. | | |

Staff and children at **The Ridgeway Primary School** are holding a surprise assembly at 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th July at School to show appreciation to Mrs Nye, Head teacher, who will be retiring at the end of the summer term. This will be followed by cream teas kindly organised by the school PTA. If you are a past parent or pupil of the school and would like to attend, please contact Julie Blogg on 07840780345 by 2nd July so that we have an idea of how many people will be attending. Please do not mention this to Mrs Nye or ring the school office as we would like to keep it a surprise! Thanks, Debbie Davies, School administrator.



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Pop Up Tea Shop Draws in the

crowds... A huge thank you to everyone who helped with, baked for or supported the recent Pop Up Tea Shop held at the village Hall. The sun shone and we had a lovely day sampling gorgeous cakes al fresco and in the village hall and looking after hundreds of weary cyclists in need of something to eat and drink to help them refuel on the Oxfordshire Classic Cycle route. The total raised for Little Ducks Pre School was just over £320 which is wonderful and so much appreciated by all staff, children and committee members involved in providing care and education to the youngest members of our village and the surrounding areas. Special thanks must go to Gill at Coffee Corner for donating gorgeous coffee and a huge amount of expertise to help the day run smoothly and to all the helpers who staffed the tea shop and helped clear up. Other particular thanks go to Ian Trotter, Chris Alder and Jim Gilroy for adorning Childrey with 300m of bunting (!) and to Lucy Gilroy, Suzi Pegg and Caroline for folding it all up again! The next outing of the Pop Up Tea Shop will be at Childreyfest....see you there! Thank you! Suzy Alder.

Childrey Fete Update

Childrey Fete: We are still counting the proceeds from the Fete on Saturday but a quick note to advise we took just over £5,000 during the afternoon. A huge thank you to all who came along and to all the volunteers and stall holders for giving up their time. Finally, another huge thank you to Satu and the Marks Family for letting us hold the Fete at their lovely home. More next month.... Caroline

Childrey Village Hall

After many years of maintaining a very low tariff it has become necessary to make a modest increase in the hire charges. The new rates will be effective from 1st Sept. 2016 & will be applied as follows-

| | Village Clubs | Non-village & Private Hire |
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| 08:00-12:00 | £15 | £20 |
| 12:00-16:00 | £15 | £20 |
| 16:00-23:00 | £15 | £20 |
| Discounts on above for groups of 10 or fewer | | |
| Hire of Cinema & Surround Sound | | £20 |
| Hire of Projector Only | | £10 |
| A £100 returnable deposit is required for cinema hire | | |

News from St Mary's

An audience of over 50 enjoyed an excellent evening with **Die Alten Knaben Choir** from Hamburg on 27 May. The programme varied from classical music to modern, including two Beatles tunes which were especially well received! A retiring collection raised nearly **£400** including Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who came along and also to the many helpers who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

The **Teddy Bears' Picnic** service held on 8 June at the playing fields with children from Toddlers, Little Ducks and Ridgeway School was a lovely occasion. All the children brought along their teddy bears as did some of the parents and grownups! Next time you are in church the children can look out for our three teddies that live there. Our thanks to Rector Leonora and Open the Book team for leading the service. Very special thanks to Suzy Alder for organising everything and to Hannah Hodges for baking some lovely cakes. Later this year we hope to arrange a **pets' service** – watch this space!



Strengthening Links with King Alfred's Academy: 'Reading Partners' Many of you already know about the support we offer to King Alfred's 'A' level and 'GCSE' music students. We are now exploring other ways to strengthen the link with the school and over the coming months we will keep you updated on some of these. Starting next term, KA's would welcome 'Reading Partners' to listen to some of the students read. You may have supported your local primary school in a similar way but there is

a very important gap to be filled at secondary level. If you are willing to help or would like to find out more, please get in touch with us or Rector Leonora.

Date for your diary. Last year's Barn Dance appears to have been so successful that by popular request we hope to arrange another. A provisional date of Friday 16 September has been agreed. More information next month.

The **Church fete** has not been finalised so we'll provide more detail next time. Organising such a large event takes the whole year to put together so we take this opportunity to say thank you very much to Satu for her hospitality and to Caroline and all the helpers for making our church fete such an important occasion for the village and so enjoyable for everyone who comes along to support it.

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Song and Dance

A Summer Evening of Song and Dance Wednesday 13th July, from 8.00pm

Continuing the tradition of a summer evening event in Childrey, but this year at the Village Hall, the Icknield Morris Men will be joined by Childrey Choir for an evening of song and dance. Other musicians and singers are also welcome – please contact Julian on 751563. Real ale, wine and Pimms will be available, together with soft drinks. It's **FREE ENTRY** so come and support this entertaining village event.




Free Family Film Day

To demonstrate the **new cinema**, Childrey village hall will be showing 3 animated films suitable for all the family on Saturday 16th July starting at 10 a.m. Film starting times are-

| | |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 | How to Train Your Dragon 1 |
| 12:00 | How to Train Your Dragon 2 |
| 14:00 | Up |

There's **NO CHARGE** for the event but space is limited. You may watch as many of the films as you wish. Please bring your own popcorn, drinks, cushions etc. The cinema is available for private hire.

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Wildlife Discovery Day

Saturday 16th July 2- 4.30pm
Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve,
Letcombe Regis, Wantage OX12 9JY

Discover the wildlife on your doorstep. Experts and enthusiasts on hand to show you birds, bugs, reptiles, bees, butterflies, moths and small mammals; den building and mud kitchens; nature craft, build a bird box, discover more about this reserve, its landscape and the treasures it holds.

Free Entry

For further details, contact
letcombevalley@gmail.com

Or visit the website

<http://www.bbwt.org.uk/reserves/letcombe-valley>



The Letcombe brook is a rare habitat - there are only two chalk streams in the whole of Oxfordshire.

Do You Know Anyone Left Stranded by The Removal of Our Bus Service?

We need to find out how many people need to use a bus service, please could you either phone me on 01235 751923 or email clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk or clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk and tell me your/their preferred days, times, usage etc.

Parish Clerk

Community Policing

PCSO Howard Pack C9600

Thames Valley Police.

The warm weather in June had me thinking about the wonderful summer of 1976 (for those who are old enough to remember), however just when you think we might get a repeat performance we return to rain, wind and cool temperatures.

Following on from my June article about 'Nottingham Knockers' selling 'door to door' I have been listening to resident's concerns about the large variety of 'Scams' involving postal and telephone fraud. I have contacted Trading Standards and in partnership with them I can offer the following advice about how to stay 'Scam safe'.

If you receive a '**dazzling' letter**', DO NOT respond. Never send cash, disclose personal details or buy goods to claim a prize. Watch out for secret deals, get rich quick' schemes and inheritance notifications.

Always seek professional advice before signing up to ANY type of investment scheme including precious gems, carbon credits, solar panels, land, wine and property.

One of the most common examples of 'dazzling letters' are **Lottery and Prize Draw Scams**. Victims are told they have won a large cash prize, but are asked to send some sort of fee to release it. No genuine lottery or competition would ask you to send money to claim a prize.

If you receive a **suspicious phone call.....**Remember, you don't have to get into discussion over the phone with

anyone. Never give out personal information, such as bank or credit card details. This could be used fraudulently. Keep your business your business. Just say "No thank you, I am not interested" then hang up straight away. **Don't be tempted!** Your hard earned cash could end up being used to keep a scammer in a luxurious lifestyle.

For more information & advice contact;
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **03454 04 05 06**

The **Silver Line**, the UK's first free and confidential helpline for older people on **0800 4 70 80 90**

Report fraud to **Action Fraud 0300 123 2040**

Report a **loan shark 0300 555 2222**

Website: **www.thinkjessica.com**

Please use 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' Crime related matters...Report it so that we know about it. Use 999 in emergencies.

Regards, Howard.

Chat from the Clerk

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

meeting Tuesday 19th July 2016 starting at 7.30pm in the Griffin Hall.
clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk

CHILDREY PARISH COUNCIL

meeting Monday 22nd August 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall.
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GRASS CUTTING Oxfordshire County Council has had to reduce its overall verge mowing in recent years in response to financial pressures. OCC will now carry out one general cut a year across the whole of the road network. This includes all visibility splays

at junctions and all grass verges 1m back from the kerb.

They started the general cut on Monday 20 June and are already dealing with visibility splay sites as they are reported to us (or observed by highway inspectors). The timing of this year's cut allows us to only do a single cut avoiding overlong grass in the autumn.

Safety OCC take safety very seriously and prioritise their grass cutting at junctions to maintain visibility, speed limit and hazard signs and crossings. Safety cuts will be done regardless – they are not affected by the reduction in frequency.

If you are worried that grass poses an immediate risk to road safety, please report it via OCC Customer Service Centre on 0845 310 1111.

Overgrown footpaths and cycle routes, can be reported on the fix my street website. Please provide photographs if possible.

BUS UPDATE Childrey Parish Council have been supporting other local villages to secure a regular bus service after the announcement that all subsidised bus services will terminate on the 20th July. The 38 service will cease completely and the 67 will only run between Faringdon and Wantage, not via Childrey or Sparsholt. There will be a subsidised dial a ride service which will cost users £3.50 each way to Wantage. There is also the possibility of using the School transport during the day while the children are at school. For commuters, there is a county-wide lift share scheme which offers a matching service for people (over the age of 18) who live, work and travel in and around Oxfordshire. The site matches people up with potential partners as either a driver or a passenger. Once matched, people can choose to lift share as little or as often as they like and this may be of

help to people who need to commute from villages along the B4507. More information is available about this scheme at oxfordshire.liftshare.com

The Community Transport Association is also a very helpful source of information and support for individuals or communities hoping to set up a community transport scheme visit cta.uk.org

New phone numbers for Vale of White Horse District Council

Main switchboard number is now: 01235 422422

Emergency helpline has changed to: 01235 422420 The emergency helpline is available after office hours for anyone at immediate risk of being made homeless, or to report a noise nuisance, stray dog, dangerous structure, flooding or a dead animal on the highway. Other main departmental numbers are now as follows:

Democratic Services – 01235 422520

Planning - 01235 422600

Building control - 01235 422700

Environmental health - 01235 422403

Food and safety - 01235 422403

Licensing - 01235 422556

Waste and recycling - 03000 610610

Electoral services - 01235 422407

Car parks - 01235 422417

Community safety - 01235 422590

The numbers for benefits, council tax and business rates will remain the same.

For more information on the new numbers please visit

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/newnumbers.

The Vale of White Horse have only changed their phone numbers, all emails will remain the same and the address will continue to be 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park.

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