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Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Date & Time	Event / Venue	Notes	Contact
July			
30 th July 9:30am	Childrey Pond Tidy	See article in newsletter	Peter Cook or Hilary Boardman 751230
August			
2 nd August 12:30pm	Childrey & District Tuesday Club Childrey village hall	Afternoon coach trip to Waterperry Gardens, depart Childrey village hall at 12.30 pm. Return 6.30 pm, fare: members £8.50, non-members £10.50 + entrance fee £5.80	Pat Eglinton 751 663
22 nd August	Childrey & Sparsholt WI Fettyplace Cottage, Childrey	Summer Tea Party	Pauline Higgs 751 544
22 nd August 7:30pm	Childrey Parish Council Childrey village hall	All Welcome	clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk
September			
Mon 13 th Sept 7:30 pm	Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting Griffin Hall	All Welcome	clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk

Childrey Fête News

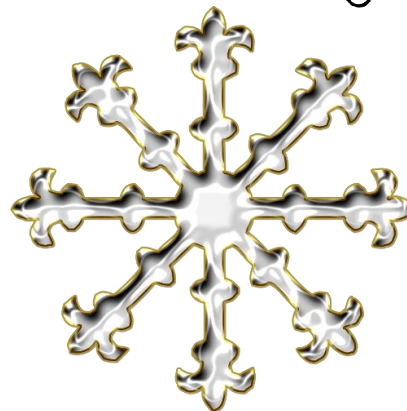
Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's fête a success.

Next year's fête will be on

Saturday 10th June 2017

Put it in your diaries now!

2016 Childrey



Christmas

Cards are here

I am delighted to tell you that the Childrey cards have arrived chez moi. Thanks once again to Mette Bradfield, we have been able to get them printed the right colour first time around, so I shall be very glad to take anyone's order as soon as possible. I can take early orders from now until mid- September, and then again in October, after which they are usually delivered, as previous customers will remember.

The picture this year is based on the fact that all the profits will go to the Little Ducks, and therefore it is of the village pond, ducks, geese & Pond Farm House. There is also a small person included with his/her dog, for you to have your usual guess who it is! And, of course, loads of imaginary snow to establish it is a Christmas card, with a bit of history about the pond on the back.

The cost of the cards will be as last year, and they are the same size. However, we have not laminated the to reduce their weight for posting and also to make sure that your pens will not slip on the surface. I shall sell them as usual in packs of 10 for £6; 20 for £12 or 50 for £30. I already have some orders but have printed 2100 this year as a few people missed out in 2015.

Please make sure that I received your order by mid-October so that I can deliver them before the beginning of November to be certain that overseas postings can make the cheaper postage rates. We have even had a request for cards from the German Choir!

Please phone your order to 751280 or slip a note into our post box at Paddocks End, West St. No cash, only on delivery.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, If you want to see the card, please come and ask. Last year we made a healthy £812 for the village hall, so many thanks to everyone for their contribution.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Pat Winsley.

Oxfordshire Roadworks Website

Oxfordshire County Council have a link on their travel disruption pages which displays a map of all current roadworks. There is also a 'Calendar' where you can input your own dates and see the forecasted times of any planned future roadworks.

It can be found at
voyager.oxfordshire.gov.uk/map.aspx

News from St Mary's

Theft of lead from church roof. It is with much regret that we have to report that last month lead was taken from the roof of the South Transept despite additional security having been installed. This covers the section under which the new kitchenette and toilet were installed. At least it is good to say that the culprits have been apprehended. Unfortunately, it will not help in the cost of replacement. We await the result of our insurance claim but expect a considerable shortfall. This is the second left in the last 2 years so the insurance excess will be substantial. Until we have more detail we are uncertain to the exact cost of replacement. We will update you in the next newsletter.

Reading Partners for King Alfred's Academy. Very many thanks to all those who have already volunteered to be reading partners to help those students who require support with their reading. However, more are needed so if you would like to help please get in touch with either of us or directly with Reverend Leonora Hill. It will be much appreciated.

Church Fete. Once again an enormous thank you to everyone


who helped and supported the fete. As always it was a lovely occasion. We understand that after expenses just under £4k was raised which is a fantastic achievement.

September Barn Dance. Please look out for a separate article in the newsletter covering the event.

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Policing news will be back here next month.

The Parish Councils

Next Meeting Dates:

Childrey Parish Council, Monday 22nd August 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall.

clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk

Sparsholt Parish Council meeting Tuesday 13th September 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt.

clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk

BUS UPDATE

As previously published the 67 and 38 bus services will stop on 24th July. The UBW (Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone) Minibus Management Committee has been looking into ways in which it can help fill the gap. They are offering a Wantage Community service each Friday, starting in Uffington at 9.30am then calling at Kingston Lisle, Westcot, Sparsholt and Childrey on the way to Wantage town centre. This service will return from Wantage at around 11.30am. The UBW Friday service will start on 29th July and Bus Passes may be used. **Any residents wishing to use this service must register by telephoning John Hatcher on 01367 820417.** Then on the Fridays that they wish to travel the **registered users** must telephone John to

ensure the driver of the minibus knows to pick them up in the Village. There is a possibility of another service to Wantage on a second day each week but this will be decided if there is a requirement. Can we please help to support this service. **There is always a need for drivers and the commitment to drive is only around half a day every 4 weeks. Training will be given and age range is 18 to mid 70's. If you would like to help as a driver, please contact John Hatcher.**

We have also investigated the proposed OCC service which intends deploy underutilized minibuses via a dial-a-ride type scheme. Unfortunately, this service will not be competitive as bus passes can't be used and the service is based in Abingdon.

Please get in touch if you are able to offer an early morning or evening lift to/from Wantage for residents who need to get to work.

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.

CHILDREY HARVEST BARN DANCE

By popular request St Mary's is holding another Barn Dance on Friday 16th September at Pond Farm (many thanks to Andrew & Lynda!). We look forward to being entertained by the fantastic local folk & ceilidh band "Pandemonium" – do come and join us! Tickets will be available from the Childrey Village Shop soon! PS there will be a bar!!

Childrey Village Pond

So far this year we have enjoyed the displays of yellow Marsh Marigold, the Cow Parsley and the yellow Flag Iris around the pond edges. Now is the time of the feathery sedges, one of which is the true bulrush. This should not to be confused with Reedmace (Typha), a plant often referred to as 'bulrush', which has tall sausage like brown seed heads. Even though it is good at absorbing nutrient from the


water, it was deliberately excluded from the planting plan because, if left alone, it is very invasive and would soon fill the pond. Reedmace has found its way into the pond on its own and needs to be controlled. It may seem a shame to cut these heads down as they are attractive, but it is essential to prevent seed scatter.

Trimming Needed

There are other plants which also need seasonally to be trimmed, especially on the path by Pond Farm.

For pedestrian safety, we need to carry out this path trim soon, so if we can get a few people together, it shouldn't take us long. We are planning the path trim on **Saturday 30th July**, at 09.30am We already have a small group of people who turn up every time and give of their time we but would like to involve a larger group of village people, to spread the workload. If you have an interest in the appearance of the pond, and the pond habitat, could you spare a little time about twice a year? If so, you please do join us on 30th and going forward, to manage the plants around the pond. Just bring some gardening tools to cut back foliage – nothing special required. I am sure you will agree that it has been looking good this year and we want this to continue with your help.


For more information, do contact either Peter Cook or Hilary Boardman (751230)



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W.I. NEWS


The Childrey and Sparsholt W.I. have been out and about again. We enjoyed a lovely evening at The Fox in Denchworth limbering up with Pimms before tackling our delicious main course. Then it was straight in to the garden to work off the calories playing "Aunt Sally". This is a traditional Oxfordshire game similar to skittles and we seem to have several skilful players in our group.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Childrey Fest organisers for another brilliant event and for allowing us to run our special Hamper Raffle. We hope all the winners enjoyed their prizes.

CHILDREYFEST 2016

The Childreyfest 2016 committee would like to thank everyone that gave up their time to help either before the event, on the day or afterwards. We could not put on Childreyfest without you and your help is much appreciated. Also thank you to all who sponsored us this year. We would also like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting the day, making it a sold out event yet again. We hope you all enjoyed Childreyfest 2016 as much as we did and hope to see you all again next year!

From the Childreyfest committee.



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