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# Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

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

## SEPTEMBER 2016

**News from St Mary's** Since our last newsletter we have made further investigations to find out exactly what is needed to repair the church roof following the theft of lead from the south transept in June. These have shown that the main beams are badly decayed so the repair will not be straightforward. We are now arranging a full structural examination. Initially the costs of repair were



estimated at £50,000. The insurance claim will give us only £6,500 because insurance for theft of lead from churches is very limited and because of a similar theft two years ago. We can find approximately £10,000 from our reserves.

Fortunately the current temporary coverings should last the winter but any repair will need to be protected from the weather while it is done, so with scaffolding and a temporary roof our final bill may well be in excess of the initial £50,000 estimate.

We shall try and obtain as much as we can from grants but

additional fund raising will be needed. A special meeting of the Parochial Church Council has been called for Tuesday 13 September at 6.00 pm at church. In view of the seriousness of the situation to keep the church going, it will be an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Churchwardens

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## Diary Dates

	Event / Venue	Notes	Contact
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 09:00	<b>Childrey &amp; District Tuesday Club</b> Depart Childrey village hall at 9.00 am. Return 6.30pm	Coach trip to Kintbury & Marlborough. Morning - Kintbury horse drawn barge. Afternoon - Marlborough. Fare: members £9.50, non-members £11.50 <b>+ barge fare £9.50</b>	Pat Eglinton 751 663
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 12:30pm	<b>Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting</b> Griffin Hall	All Welcome	clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30pm	<b>Childrey &amp; Sparsholt WI</b> Childrey Village Hall	Dave Maycock will show us some hidden history with his interactive talk on brass rubbing.	Pauline Higgs 751 544
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10:00-12:00	<b>Cake &amp; Shopping</b> Parsonage Farm Childrey	Pop Up Tea Shop & Garage Sale.	Marie-France or Suzy Alder on 07774686877
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30pm	<b>Childrey Parish Council</b> Childrey village hall	All Welcome	clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk
<b>October</b>			
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 7:30 pm	<b>Autumn Quiz</b> Griffin Hall Sparsholt	Tickets £5. See article in newsletter.	Angie 751210 Barbara 751617 07901 339586
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30 pm	<b>Film Night &amp; Bar</b> Childrey village hall	Tickets available 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept from Childrey Stores. In support of the hall.	

## The Parish Councils

### Next Meeting Dates:

**Childrey** Parish Council meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall. [clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk)

**Sparsholt** Parish Council meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt. [clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk](mailto:clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk)

The Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone (UBW) Community Bus Service have been overwhelmed by the number of passengers that need a lift to and from Wantage following the supported bus stoppages. Unfortunately, they have decided to limit their Friday service to the original members and not call into Westcot, Sparsholt and Childrey. The UBW will continue to serve Westcot, Sparsholt and Childrey on the Wednesday service. **DRIVERS NEEDED** If more volunteer drivers come forward they will review the service again. If you have any spare time and would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer driver please contact **John Hatcher on 01367 820417**, 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. 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.

### Cake and shopping .....

The summer holidays are over and the kids are off back to school what better way to commiserate than with some serious foody deliciousness and retail therapy right on your doorstep! Come and indulge at the Pop Up Tea shop and Garage Sale at Parsonage Farm Childrey on Saturday 24 September 10am -12 noon. There will be quality clothes, furniture, kitchen ware etc for sale and the ever popular tea shop treats to help you on your way. Just follow the signs and look out for the bunting!

Do join us for a morning of fun and indulgence and raise funds for Calais refugee camp and Little Ducks Pre-school too. Cake, shopping and raising money to help others...that's got to be a great way of spending a Saturday morning. Looking forward to welcoming you all!

For more information, please contact Marie-France or Suzy Alder on 07774686877 / [aldersuzy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aldersuzy@yahoo.co.uk)

## Ridgeway Primary School Trek

On September 14th four Governors and their Clerk from The Ridgeway CofE Primary School will set off on a four-day trek to walk The Ridgeway National Trail.

The Ridgeway Challengers (Julie Jones, Anthea Giltneane, Pam Langrish, Sue Worth and Alison Whitfield) will start in Avebury and walk the 87 miles to Ivanhoe Beacon raising money for the new Breakfast Club and After-School Club at the



School. Up until now they have **never walked further than to the cafe** but they are determined to raise £2,000 and GJ Pharmacy Ltd have agreed to match the money they raise as part of their "Growing Healthy" campaign (working with primary schools to increase the fitness of pupils and adults alike). If you would like to make a donation to the team, please visit the School website (ridgeway-ce-primary.moonfruit.com) to fill out the sponsorship form or call the school office (01235 751254). Your donation, no matter how small, will be really appreciated and will make the result worth all the aches and pains the team are going to endure."

Many thanks, Julie Jones,  
Chairman of Governors,  
The Ridgeway CofE Primary School

## CHILDREY HARVEST BARN DANCE



Time to get your tickets from Childrey Village Shop for St Mary's Barn Dance on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

at Pond Farm Childrey (many thanks to Andrew & Lynda!). We look forward to being entertained by the fantastic local folk & ceilidh band "Pandemonium" – do come and join us!

PS there will be a bar and a prize for the Lucky Ticket Number!! Proceeds to St Mary's Church.



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## THE TEMPEST

Untold Theatre + Yellowbelly Theatre, as part of their Autumn Tour 2016, will present The Tempest in West Challow Village Hall on **Friday, 7th October**, starting at 7.30. Suitable for ages 12+.

This production of The Tempest is set during the year 2020 against a backdrop of mass migration and political corruption, fragments of verbatim journalism and striking digital projections punctuate Shakespeare's scenes.

The Hall committee will be going around the village shortly to give further details and sell tickets.

## Autumn Quiz at the Griffin Hall Sparsholt, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5 a head to include supper. Teams not to exceed 6 people, and all funds raised will go towards the Griffin Hall roof repairs.

Come along for a fun evening of quizzing but please get tickets in advance so we can cater accordingly.

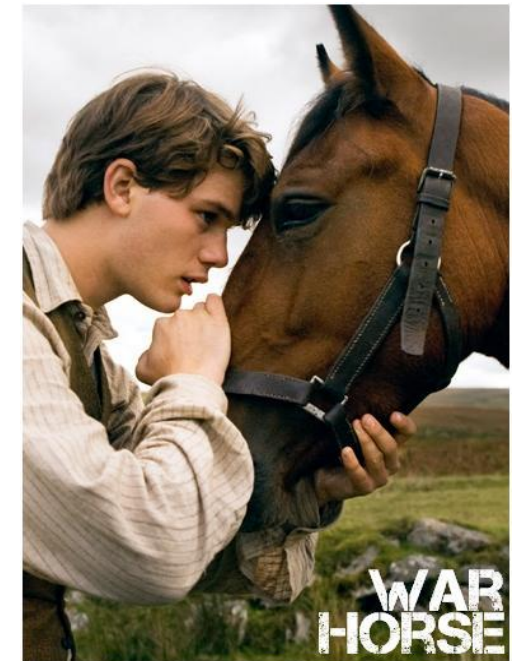
Contact Angie on 751210 or Barbara on 751617 or 07901 339586.

## Film Night & Bar in Childrey

The critically acclaimed film  
directed by Steven Spielberg

## WAR HORSE

Set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War, the film follows the extraordinary journey of Joey the horse as he moves through the war.



Bar, Hot food & popcorn will be available. Childrey village hall. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Bar opens at 7pm Film starts at 8pm. Tickets £5 available from 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at Childrey shop.



# Harvest Festival



Celebrate Harvest Festival 2016 at St Mary's family friendly service at 3pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, followed by a Bring and Share Tea in the church. Everyone Welcome!



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## Community Policing

PCSO Howard Pack C9600  
Thames Valley Police

Due to illness, Howard has not been able to produce the community policing update for September. We hope he's back on his feet (beat) soon.

## Footpath walks resume

in the autumn, the first one being Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Please contact Barbara on 751617 or 07901 339586.

## The September Fair will be visiting Wantage

Market Place on 10 September 2016. The October Fair will be visiting on 15 October. The whole of the Market Place will be closed from 4 am on these days.

## The Rotary Dragon Boat Festival

is a well-established annual charity fund raising event based on Dragon Boat Racing and is held on the River Thames at Rye Farm Meadow in Abingdon-on-Thames. Although Dragon Boat racing is the main focus of the day for both competitors and spectators, there are lots of other things to keep people entertained. There are craft stalls, a funfair, a raffle, children's entertainment, BBQ, tea tent, real ale beer tent... Races start around 10am and continue throughout the day, with the race finals and medal presentation ceremony happening around 4pm. Admission is free and car parking costs just £5 for the whole day. Please come along and support this fabulous fund-raising event.

## Summer stories....

I am helping to support my daughter's local school which has recently had its funding for the library van to visit during term time cut by the government. I am looking for donations of books suitable for primary school age children (4-11yrs, fact or fiction, any genre, any condition) to help the school extend their own library collection to fill this resource gap. So if you are having a summer clear out or have any books that you would like to donate please contact me, I am happy to collect! Thank you, Suzy Alder. 07774686877 or 01235 751892 [aldersuzy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aldersuzy@yahoo.co.uk)



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