

Childrey and Sparsholt Newsletter



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5th February 7:30pm	White Horse Garden Club The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington	'The winter garden'. Val Bourne, well known garden writer and author	Pamela Preene 01367 820251 parrottspreene@aol.com
4th and 18th February 12:30-12:50pm	South West Mobile Library By the pond	Books, talking books. Book ordering service available	Libraries Customer Services 01865 810240
13th February 7:00pm	Cheese and Wine quiz Childrey Village Hall	Tickets £15.00	Sue Worth 751563
16th February 7:30pm	Childrey Parish Council Childrey Village Hall	All welcome.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
19th February 2:00pm	Whist Drive Childrey Methodist Hall	£5.00 including refreshments. Prizes and raffle - no experience needed to enjoy a friendly afternoon. Proceeds to charity.	Jenny O'Hara 772502
3rd March 2:30pm	Childrey & District Tuesday Club Childrey Village Hall	Iain McCubrey - slide show on Antarctica in the wake of Shackleton	Pat Eglington 751663
3rd March 7:30pm	Sparsholt Parish Council Griffin Memorial Hall	All welcome.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
5th March 7:30pm	White Horse Garden Club The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington	'Fruit Trees'. John Mason, Director of Highfield Garden World, Gloucester. Plants for sale	Pamela Preene 01367 820251 parrottspreene@aol.com
22nd March 9:00am	Childrey Spring Classic 2015 cycling event Childrey Playing Field	£15.00	Mr Paul Solerti 07855 946645 psolerti@gmail.com
<i>Forthcoming dates:</i>			
9th May	Coach trip to Malvern Spring Show	~£30:00	Alison Corley 01367 240389 alison.corley@btinternet.com
20th June 3:00-6:00pm	Childrey Fete The Manor, Childrey	Put the date in your diary now!	Caroline Humphrys carolineinchidrey@googlemail.com

Welcome from the editors

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. As announced in the last edition we have taken over as editors from Mette Bradfield, who was editor for 4 years; she will be a hard act to follow. As you know the newsletter is produced to inform the residents of Childrey and Sparsholt about any local issues or any topics of interest. We really want to hear from you with any articles you would like included in future editions. We also want to keep a list of dates for the diary – so any events you are running or any regular events you are aware of, please let us know. Also, if there are any photographs you would like us to consider for the front cover, of either Childrey or Sparsholt, then please send them to us. You can contact us by e-mailing childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk or feel free to drop any news items through our letterbox at Roselea Cottage, High Street, Childrey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please remember the deadline for content is the 18th of every month.

Robin and Kate

Childrey Spring Classic Cycling Event

The time has come for the 2nd Childrey Spring Classic cycling event. It is scheduled to take place on 22nd March and will have the same 2 routes of 30 and 60 miles. Lets hope that the weather is as good as it was last year. We had an excellent turn out and there were lots of people from the village taking part. So why don't you sign up and help support the Childrey Playing Field.

To sign up go to <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/124710/Childrey-Spring-Classic-2015>

There are only a few places left so be quick as they are going very quickly.

For villagers not taking part please be mindful that there will be cyclists around the village on this date.

The Playing Field Committee

News from St Marys'

At the start of a new year, we've been reflecting on the highlights of 2014 as we begin to plan another busy and varied range of activities for 2015. Last year there were three couples married in St Mary's, twelve children baptised (including five from one family!) and six memorial services. The main family services for Christmas and Easter mornings saw the church packed. Our thanks go especially to the Village and School Choirs which are making these occasions so special. Music generally played a big part in social occasions last year: the visit of the German choir, Die Alten Knaben, was a memorable weekend and so was the occasion when the St James Singers sang Evensong in September. We also hosted the first performance of the newly-formed Benefice Choir at Evensong in June. The church fete was blessed with beautiful summer weather and raised a fantastic £5,000. The Dylan Thomas evening and the Harvest Festival Service and Tea were other big hits.

In September we launched an appeal to raise £35,000 to install a kitchen and WC in the South Transept so that all our church occasions can be enjoyed and extended more comfortably for everyone. Through your generosity, together with two successful grant applications, we have now raised nearly £26,000. We still need to raise nearly another £10,000 to enable us to start the work in the Spring and would appreciate any further help you can offer. During the coming year, we're planning many more special occasions which we hope you'll support and enjoy. We would also welcome any new ideas and suggestions. Do please get in touch.

Linda and John (St.Mary's churchwardens)

VWHDC and SODC building fire - update

Following on from the fire at the Crowmarsh offices of the VWHDC and SODC, a number of services are slowly coming back into an operational state. However some online application forms and reporting facilities are still not yet available and VWHDC has asked for non-urgent planning applications to wait until their systems are fully up and running. I you emailed or posted anything to the VWHDC on either the 15th or 16th January you are advised to send it again. The latest news can be found on the VWHDC web site: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/>

Christmas Cards 2014 (apologies and thank you)

I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity until now to thank everyone who patronised my card selling in 2014, which happily raised £500 including Gift Aid towards the new windows, so much needed, in the Village Hall. I also need to apologise to all those stalwart supporters who have bought cards in previous years whom I had to disappoint this year. I admit this was entirely a miscalculation on my part, since I decided that I would cut down the number from 2000 to 1500. This proved to be a false economy since it reduced the profit margin on each card by about a third, so I won't try that tactic again.

My belated Happy New Year to everyone, and I am pleased to announce that I have decided to create another Childrey Christmas card for 2015 and will order 2000 cards again this year. I would also like to say that I intend to continue producing an annual Christmas card all the time there is a need and I remain able to do so. Thank you all so much for your continued support and enthusiasm. Very much appreciated.

Pat Winsley

Wantage Gardeners Association Shop reopens

The Wantage Gardeners Association (WGA) shop will reopen on Saturday 7th February between 9:00am and 12:00 noon. We can be found behind the Scout hut in Springfield Road, Wantage.

WGA is a co-op group aiming to support local gardeners and allotment owners with discounted products and a range of seeds and potatoes suited to local conditions.

We also raise money for local charities through the sale of gardening equipment and plants – any donations welcome.

Please see our web page at www.wantagegardeners.org.uk for more information and a full list of products.

Mark Davies, WDA

Community Policing Update

It has been a busy start to the New Year in my rural beat of GREENDOWN that includes EAST and WEST CHALLOW, CHILDREY, LETCOMBE REGIS and BASSETT and the RIDGEWAY for those Parishes

A recent incident took me onto the Ridgeway, near to the A338, Manor Road, to look at a trailer that had been abandoned; the trailer, with two flat tyres, and full of horse feed was quickly established as stolen. With the excellent help of a local farmer and my colleagues in Lambourn we were able to reunite the owners with their stolen property.

Fly tipping was recently found on a track between Sarajac Avenue and Silver Lane. If you find fly tipping whilst out and about you should contact 03000 610610, the Council's contractor, who will record all details and liaise with the Council. If the fly tipping is on private land then it will be the private owner's responsibility to arrange clearance.

In the past few weeks there have been house burglaries in East Challow and Letcombe Bassett plus a number of incidents involving 'Vehicle interference' in Sparsholt, We are keen to speak to anyone that has information or sightings of any suspicious activity in these areas. Please call 101 or you can call 999 if you believe a crime is being committed at that time. You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 – any information provided remains anonymous.

We have a limited supply of Smartwater marking kits which can be used to mark anything from jewellery to antiques and electrical goods. The kits will mark up to 50 items and are available at a cost of £15. Contact me to arrange an order. For more details on Smartwater visit www.smartwater.com.

Please contact me via 101 or when you see me to arrange a crime prevention survey to look at your house, garden, or premises security or to sign up for free crime alerts either by e-mail, phone or text. Alternatively you can register for the alerts at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk.

Remember to dial 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' crime related matters and in an emergency please call 999.

PCSO Howard Pack C9600 - Thames Valley Police

The 100 Club: Help Support The Ridgeway Primary School, Childrey

The 100 Club is a school lottery, the profits from which are used to enrich the educational experience of all children at the school. This includes amongst other things support for school trips, music lessons, visiting educational performance workshops and new equipment.

Members buy a number from 1-100, which costs £1 a week for each week of the year. Your number is entered with a chance to win £25 each week. There are two Grand Draws each year, one at Easter and one in the autumn where you may win £50, £100 or £200.

The more numbers you have the greater your chances of winning. You do not need to have a child at the school or be affiliated to it to join. We welcome new members from the local community. Winning numbers will be displayed on the school notice board, village shop window, and school and village websites.

To join the 100 Club or with any queries please contact Sarah Chambers or Anne Wilkinson by email at anne@wilkinsonweb.co.uk, or via the school office. Standing order forms also available from the village shop.

.....you've got to be in it to win it!!

Anne Wilkinson

Cheese and Wine Quiz—13th February

The popular Childrey Cheese and Wine quiz is back. Come join the fun, guess the source of 6 cheeses and 6 wines, plus a mystery fire water, and a series of light hearted quiz questions. It will take place in the Childrey Village Hall on Friday 13th February. Doors open at 7:00pm for 7:15pm start. Tickets are £15.

Sue Worth

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Rebecca