

# Childrey and Sparsholt Newsletter



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## Diary dates: May 2015

Date/time	Event/venue	Notes	Contact
3rd May 3:00pm	<b>Sparsholt &amp; Westcot annual litter pick</b> The bench on the road between Sparsholt & Westcot	Can you spare an hour to help keep your village tidy?	Nick Price nick@ingenium-it.com
5th May 2:30pm	<b>Childrey &amp; District Tuesday Club</b> Childrey Village Hall	Summer social 'wild west' theme	Pat Eglinton 751663
12th & 26th May 12:30-12:50pm	<b>South West Mobile Library</b> By the pond	Books, talking books. Book ordering service available	Libraries Customer Services 01865 810240
16th May 2:30-4:00pm	<b>White Horse Garden Club</b> The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington	Plant Sale. Bring plants for sale (50:50). Plants must be priced, labelled and rounded prices.	Pamela Preene 01367 820251 parrottspreene@aol.com
17th May 11:00am	<b>Sparsholt Sunday Footpath Walks</b> Meet at Claerwen Westcot Lane	Led by John Caudle. All welcome.	Barbara Williams 751617
18th May 7:30pm	<b>Childrey Parish Council including AGM</b> Childrey Village Hall	All welcome. Please see the village Notice Board and website for the Agenda.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
19th May 7:30pm	<b>Sparsholt Parish Council including AGM</b> Griffin Memorial Hall	All welcome. Please see the village Notice Board and website for the Agenda.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
20th May 7:30pm	<b>Quiz and Fish and Chips</b> Childrey Village Hall	£10 per ticket from village shop or organisers.	Linda Jones 07769117760
22nd May 7:00pm (7:30pm start)	<b>Sparsholt Fashion Show</b> Griffin Memorial Hall	Entry £3 which includes a complimentary glass of Bucks Fizz!	Barbara Williams 751617 barham@btinternet.com
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2:00-5:00pm	<b>Teas and home-made cakes.</b> Sparsholt Village Hall	Bank Holiday get together	Angie Brown 751210
29th May 7:30pm	<b>Comedy Night with The Beta Males</b> Childrey Village Hall	Tickets £10 from Childrey Shop. Bar available.	Claire Turner 751275

## Sparsholt Fashion Show

The annual Sparsholt Fashion Show will take place in the Griffin Hall on Friday May 22nd at 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm and entry is £3 which includes a complimentary glass of Bucks Fizz. Come along for a fun evening of frocks and fashion and grab yourself a bargain. All proceeds go to support the Griffin Hall.

*Barbara Williams*

## Sparsholt & Westcot annual litter pick - please help!

Can you spare an hour on Sunday, 3rd May, to help pick litter from the verges of Sparsholt & Westcot?

Meet at 3pm at the bench on 'Blacklands' (the road between Sparsholt & Westcot) in the fresh air/sun/rain/wind and help to keep your village tidy.

Litter pickers, hi-vis vests, refuse sacks & gloves etc will be provided (by Vale of the White Horse DC), but please do bring your own gloves if you've a sturdy pair.

*Nick Price*

## Family and Friends Fun Day

Come and join us at the Family and Friends Fun Day on the 28th June 2015 at 10:30am at the Childrey Playing Fields. There will be a rounders tournament, BBQ, cake sale and candy floss.

Rounders teams can consist of up to twelve players but only nine are allowed on the field at any one time. Entry costs £1 per player and entries can be made for an entire team or individuals.

Please sign up in the Childrey Village Shop or phone Debbie on 01235 751923.

Please still come along and support the day even if you don't fancy playing!

All proceeds go to Helen and Douglas House

*Debbie Lewis-Pryde*

## Chat from the Clerk

The Parish Councils would like to thank Mette Bradfield for carrying out the role of Childrey and Sparsholt Newsletter Editor for the last 4 years. Welcome and thanks to the new editors, Robin and Kate Blowfield, for taking over the responsibility.

There have been reports of oil thefts in the village so please be vigilant, especially if you see an unidentified oil tanker in the village. Any suspicions should be reported by contacting the Police on 101.

The next Parish Council meetings will be as follows:

Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Childrey Village Hall, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Childrey Parish Council at approximately 8.30pm.

Tuesday 19th May at 7:30pm in the Griffin Memorial Hall, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Sparsholt Parish Council at approximately 8:30pm

All are welcome.

*Debbie Lewis-Pryde  
Childrey and Sparsholt Parish Councils Clerk*

## Childrey Fete Reminder

As mentioned last month, Childrey Manor will again be playing host this year to St Mary's Church Fete on Saturday 20th June from 3.00 to 6.00 pm. Please come and join in with all that is going on. We have all the favourites - Cream Teas, Barbeque, Bar, and games for young and old. Look out for more details including the baking competitions in the June newsletter.

*Nicola Middleton  
On behalf of the Church Fete Committee*

## Bin collections and the lighter nights

With Spring upon us, promising longer, warmer day light hours, more people will be visiting Childrey and Sparsholt and villagers will be tempted out and about. Therefore it is a good time to remind all Childrey and Sparsholt residents of the VWHDC bin collection policy which advises that bins should not be put out earlier than 6pm on the day before collection.

*Newsletter Editor*

## Want to be the next Monty Don?

Fancy growing fresh fruit and veg and wondered how to do that in Childrey? How about an allotment? The allotments in Childrey come under the auspices of the Childrey Welfare Trust and comprise of 0.56 acres slotted into the Sunwillow estate.

There are 7 full allotments (roughly 40m x 10m each), some of which are sub-divided and there are currently 12 sets of allotment holders. Allotments are renewed in December each year; a full plot this year is £15 and a half plot £7.50. The water supply comes courtesy of Sunwillow. The allotment holders abide by a set of rules and actively encourage "green" gardening although pesticides, weed killers etc are certainly not banned.

Anyone interested in being added to the allotment waiting list is more than welcome to contact Lucy Byrom on 07831 512127 or [lucybyrom@btinternet.com](mailto:lucybyrom@btinternet.com). Priority will always be given to Childrey residents when a plot becomes vacant and, in the past, an advert has been placed in the Childrey village shop window when a plot has been available.

*Lucy Byrom*

## Childrey Playing Field News

The playing field once again played host to the Childrey Spring Classic Sportive bike race and a big thanks from the trustees to all the entrants and helpers. The event sold out in record time and with the sun shining a great day was had by all. It was a successful fund raising event and the proceeds have been used to install new flooring in the pavilion to replace the carpet tiles which were looking decidedly grubby after years of muddy bonfire nights!

With the nice new floor in situ we'd like to remind everyone that the pavilion is available for hire and provides a great indoor / outdoor venue for parties for all ages. We are also going to use some of the funding to better equip the pavilion. If you would like to make a booking please contact Liz Rutter at [primrosecottage4@btinternet.com](mailto:primrosecottage4@btinternet.com)

Finally a polite reminder that the whole playing field is a designated dog free zone and we kindly ask owners not to take their canine friends onto the field.

*Jeremy Snell  
Chair of Playing Field Trust*

## Need advice about your Listed Building?

The Listed Property Owners' Club is Britain's only free advice service dedicated to helping members get the most from their listed homes by providing detailed advice, information and support for just about every conceivable issue associated with listed building ownership. More information can be found at <http://lpoc.co.uk/>.

*Robin Blowfield*

## News from St Mary's

### ***Bringing St Mary's into the 21st Century Appeal – Target achieved!***

We are pleased to report that we have reached the target of £35,000 to add kitchen and toilet facilities. This is a fantastic achievement, especially as the appeal was only launched last September. Our sincere thanks to those who have supported us with individual donations, to several local trusts for grants and to everyone who organised and supported our fund-raising events. It has been a great community effort!

### ***Further Funds Raised for External repairs***

We are also delighted to report that we have received a full grant of £26,600 from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's one-off special fund to carry out separate repairs to the church's guttering and drainage systems. The success in obtaining the grant was in part down to being able to demonstrate how much support we have from you all for St.Mary's. Well done to everyone and a special thank you to Julian Worth and Rob Soames for masterminding both projects so well!

### ***Easter Sunday Service***

Thank you to everyone for making Easter Sunday very special, with the church full. As always the village choir were in great form and helped to make it a particularly enjoyable occasion. Our thanks to Suzy for her beautiful solo, and to Lucy and Liz for accompanying the choir. The flowers and Easter garden looked lovely and again our thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church.

*Linda and John  
St.Mary's Churchwardens*

In Support of Childrey Village Hall Improvement Project

# A Night Of Comedy With THE BETA MALES



The Guardian.com

Award nominated sketch comedy group, stars of BBC Radio4 & fresh from six sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, The Beta Males come to the comedy hotbed of Childrey for a night of stand up, sketches and storytelling.

“A slick, hilarious sketch show...Genius” – The Sunday Times

## Childrey Village Hall – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets £10 available from Childrey Shop

Doors & Bar Open at 7:30 pm

Get your tickets soon – Demand is expected to be high.



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