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Please submit articles by the 18th of the month.

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Feast of Local Food, Snells Hall, East Hendred.

On Sunday October 18th. 2015 at 12.30

p.m. Hendreds Twinning Group is organising a Feast of Local Food on Sunday October 18th at Snells Hall in East Hendred. This consists of a 3 course meal with as many of the ingredients as possible sourced from within a 10 mile radius of Hendred. A wide range of dishes will be on offer, all with a local theme, and vegetarians are catered for. There will be a speaker from Helen Browning Organics (from Bishopstone)

after the meal, and the bar will be open. Tickets are £12.50 adults, £5 children in advance to allow us to plan numbers. Please make us aware of any special dietary requirements when purchasing your ticket. All welcome, bring the family! Sarah Chambers (01235) 751709 Margaret Sharp, (01235) 833367

Tear Fund Lunch

The next Tear Fund lunch will be held at the home of Ruth and Clifford Dinning at 13 Lawrence Close from 12.30pm. on Friday 2nd October. All welcome. Come and support the work of Tear Fund.

Put the kettle on..... the kerbside!

From 5th October in the Vale of White Horse, residents can put out **small unusable** electrical items such as toasters, kettles, irons and hairdryers out with their **grey** bin for recycling. Any tired or damaged textiles or clothes that aren't good enough for charity with their **green** bin for recycling.

Items can be put in a tied carrier bag **next to the bin** on the normal collection day. The service is for unusable and worn out textiles – residents should give anything reusable to charity shops.

Small electrical items are taken to a specialist site in Newbury for sorting, storing and processing into new items. Textiles are taken to a sorting warehouse in East London – any cotton and polyester gets cut into industrial rags, and any wool is shredded and made into felt or new yarn.

For full details see website at Vale of White Horse District Council - Services and advice - Recycling, rubbish and waste.

Diary Dates for October

| Date & Time | Event / Venue | Notes | Contact |
|---|--|---|---|
| 2 nd October 12:30 | Tear Fund Lunch | 13 Lawrence Close | Clifford & Ruth Dinning. |
| 3 rd October 10:00 – 12:00 | Gift Aid Day St. Marys Church | Refreshments available All welcome | Linda – 751297. John: - 751809 |
| 4 th October 10:00 | Childrey Pond Tidy | Please come along with your secateurs and shears. | Hilary 751230 |
| 5 th October | Small, Unusable Electrical Items & damaged clothing kerb collection begins | Please note: VoWH DC advise that old Duvets will NOT be accepted. | Vale of White Horse District Council (01235) 520202 |
| 6 th October 2:30 | Childrey & District Tuesday Club – meeting Methodist Hall | Speaker Christine Wardingley "The Lockinge Estate" Visitors welcome | Pat Eglinton 751663 |
| 10 th October 10am | Pop Up Tea Shop Childrey Methodist Hall | Indulgent cakes in a warm, relaxed atmosphere | Suzy Alder 07774686877 |
| 15 th October 2pm | Childrey & District Tuesday Club – Whist Drive Childrey Methodist Hall | £5 to include afternoon tea. Prizes & raffle. All welcome, no experience necessary. | Jenny O'Hara 772502 |
| 17 th October 12:00 – 16:00 | Playing Field Open for Bonfire Building | Wood and garden waste only please | See article in this month's newsletter. |
| 18 th October 11:00 | Footpath Walk | Meet at Field View, Westcot Lane. | All Welcome |

Church Street Surgery – Flu Clinic

For Patients of Church Street Surgery, Wantage: Drop in Flu Clinics for adults with chronic disease and patients who are over 65 are being held at the surgery on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 17th October 2015 between 9.00 am and 12.30 pm. Letters will not be sent so please regard this message as your invitation.

Thanks, Kate

Stanford Tip - Reminder

The County Council is reviewing its waste recycling tips with plans to reduce after 2017 from seven sites to three or four, Stanford Tip is the most expendable being the least Central and a bit of an 'outlier' here in the west of the county. Our nearest waste tip would be at Drayton id Stanford closes. You have until the 5th October to make your wishes know! So residents of the west of Oxfordshire must rally and make the case to keep Stanford Tip open! Your responses and those of the Parish Council can still make a difference. Please look out for the opportunity to send your views to the County Council. Don't hope that other people will respond and do the job for you: if the tip is important to you, make that clear to the County. You can read the consultation on the website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste and you can make your responses online.

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News from St. Mary's

Building Project - As many of you may know the building work is well underway starting externally to improve the drainage and guttering. Part of the work has also involved removing flooring towards the rear of the church, which unfortunately is rotten and will have to be replaced. Whilst inevitably there is some disruption, services are carrying on as normal. However it may be necessary to close the church to visitors from time to time for health and safety reasons. If you are visiting and the church is closed please contact either of us and we will be pleased to come and unlock.

Gift Aid Day - May we remind you that our annual Gift Aid day will be held in the church on Saturday 3 October between 10.00am and 12.00. Whilst the work will not have been completed by then we hope you will come along to see the progress made. We will also be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the work. Refreshments will be served.

New Treasurer Still Needed - We are still seeking a new treasurer. You don't have to be a church goer just someone with a general knowledge of accounts who is willing to give up a little time in supporting an important village asset. If you are interested or know someone who may be and you would like to know more we will be very happy to hear from you without obligation.

Linda 751297 and John 751809
St. Mary's Church Wardens

Community Policing Update PCSO Howard Pack C9600 Thames Valley Police

It's good to be back out on patrol and meeting residents again after a short absence due to illness.

On a recent 'very wet' Sunday I was with the Police van at WANTAGE Carnival in the Market Square giving out Crime Prevention advice and literature; the children (and some adults) enjoyed getting their hand prints done = lots of messy ink and very useful 'wet wipes' involved. The rain didn't stop it being a very enjoyable and productive day.

Rural Crime

Please can I ask residents to keep a look out any suspicious persons or vehicles near to their Churches as recently there have been a number of thefts from these buildings in the nearby rural areas of Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Faringdon; I will be patrolling all the Churches on my Rural beat, however, if you see anything you are not happy with please call 101 or 999 in emergencies.

Cruel Hare coursing

Farmers have started to harvest their fields. With this, hare coursing is upon us again and we have already had sightings of suspicious vehicles across the area. Hare coursing is the pursuit of hares using hounds. Participants spread in a line across a field and disturb the hare from its home. They then release their dogs to give chase. A bet is made on which dog will catch the hare first with large sums of money changing hands. The most

obvious sign is a group of vehicles parked in a rural area perhaps by a gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path. There will usually be estate cars, four wheel drives or vans. They may contain evidence of dogs inside. If you see an event taking place we would advise you not to approach the participants but contact us immediately on 101 or 999 if it is happening at the time.

Tweet on the Beat

Operations are regularly in place with many officers patrolling the rural areas to deter rural crimes such as theft of machinery and tools, burglary to barns and hare coursing. Officers will be tweeting throughout the operation on the South and Vale twitter account. If you want to have a look and subscribe to our twitter account to be kept up to date with what we are doing then search for @tvpsouthandvale on twitter.

Crime Prevention Advice

If you would like any sort of Crime Prevention Advice or Survey for your Home, Business or 'Personally' then please call '101' and ask for me or a member of WANTAGE WEST Neighbourhood Team to contact you. If you'd like to receive FREE crime alerts and info about where you live by Email, Phone or Text then please contact me on 101 or when you see me on patrol and I will be happy to 'sign you up' alternatively please register at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and please visit our Website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Useful Numbers The 24-hour non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police is '101' or 999 in emergencies. Regards, **Howard.**

Advance warning of a VERY SPECIAL VISIT.....

We are so excited to share some fabulous news about a very special visit taking place in December. **Father Christmas** himself will be visiting the village hall on Saturday 12th December to have tea with all the boys and girls who have been very, very good. . *If we are really, really lucky he might even bring along some presents.....so mark the date in your diary and don't miss it!!* More details to follow when we receive them from the Christmas elves....

(For more information please contact **Suzy Alder** on 07774686877



CHILDREY CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR 2015 Yes, and plenty of them!

Just to let everyone know that I have taken delivery of 2000 cards this year and I hope you will like the design. It is A5 in size and very smart (thanks to the new printer found for us by Mette Bradfield).

We are able to keep the price to last year's level. My picture is of the Holloway looking towards the village, under snow of course!

Following an idea put forward by several villagers, I have included on the back a few words about the history of the Holloway, which I hope will be of general interest. I shall be taking orders from now on, for delivery or collection well before Christmas, usually end of October, and I will do my usual phoning of previous customers. They are sold in packs of 10 cards for £6; 20 cards for £12 & 50 cards for £30, & any multiples of these.

All the profits from the cards will go this year towards the refurbishment, now underway, of the Village Hall. I look forward to hearing from you.

My phone number is 751 280 and address is Paddocks End, West Street.

Pat Winsley.

Bonfire Night

This year's extravaganza will take place on Saturday November 7th – fire lighting at 6:30 pm with the firework display at 7 pm. There will be a Bar B Q, bar and mulled wine – so please come along and support the event in your usual generous way.

The gates to the playing field will be open from 12 noon until 4 pm on the three preceding Sundays starting Saturday Oct 17th. Can you please ensure wood and garden waste only for the fire.



The Playing Field Trust

Playing Field Facilities

The Playing Field Trust are considering a more long term plan regarding additional facilities for the Playing Field. Now that the football teams have officially finished we want to ensure the field remains a well-used area for the community. To this end we'd like to survey views and ideas from everyone. It does not have to be sport orientated and we'd like this to be a cross generational view. Please e-mail any thoughts to childreyandsparsholtnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk

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Childrey's Own Pop Up Tea Shop Returns.....

.....to brighten your October...

By popular demand Childrey's very own pop up Tea Shop returns to the Methodist Hall on Saturday 10 October 10am - 12.30pm.

Make a date in your diary and come along to enjoy our delicious, indulgent cakes in a warm, relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to all those have supported us so far - we look forward to welcoming you back!

And for those of you who haven't visited yet, why not come along and get together with family and friends over a cuppa and our lovely treats. We guarantee a lovely time to be had by all! All proceeds go to Little Ducks pre school. For more information or to pledge a cake please contact Suzy Alder, Little Ducks Pre-school fundraising coordinator on 07774 686 877

Chat from the Clerk

Next Meeting Dates:

Childrey Parish Council Mondays 12th October and 16th November starting at 7.30pm in the **Pavilion** in the Childrey Playing Field.

(Due to the refurbishment of the Village Hall please check the Notice Board for venue information for future meetings) clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk

Childrey Parish Council have already submitted a response in support of keeping regular **bus services** in the Village.

There is a petition in the Childrey Village shop that I would urge you to pop in and sign, it is to keep the Stanford Recycling facility open. The consultation on this closes on the 5th October so time is running out. If Stanford closes then the nearest recycling facility is Drayton which is quite a distance to travel. Please act now by signing the petition to save Stanford, time is very short and also emailing your comments to waste.management@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Sparsholt Parish Council Tuesday 27th October 7.30pm at the Griffin Memorial Hall.

clerk.sparsholtpc@aol.co.uk
Sparsholt Parish Council are looking into funding and maintaining a defibrillator for Sparsholt village, more details to follow.

Clerk to both parishes:

Debbie Lewis-Pryde 01235 751923.

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.

Blinds Help Needed

Is there anyone available who is adept at blind making and would be prepared to volunteer to make 4 sets of blinds for Childrey village hall please? The existing curtains are in desperate need of replacement. All fabrics and materials will be supplied. If you can help, Jane 751374 or Claire 751275 would be delighted to hear from you.

Sign up for the village email reminder service at

www.childrey.org.uk/email-reminders OR drop an e-mail to mette@bradfieldconsulting.co.uk so I can add you to the list of addresses that will receive notification of urgent events or last minute changes to any event. Thank you. **Mette.**