

Childrey and Sparsholt Newsletter



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Diary dates: July 2015

Date/time	Event/venue	Notes	Contact
1st July 9:30 - 11:30am	Education Open Day in Childrey	The Ridgeway Primary School, West Street, Little Ducks Pre-School in Childrey Village Hall and the Parent /Toddler Group in the Methodist Hall.	Debbie Davies School Administrator
2nd July 6:30pm	White Horse Garden Club - Lamborn gardens	Visit to Rooksnest and Inholmes, Lambourn. £2.50 refreshments	Pamela Preene 01367 820251 parrottspreene@aol.com
4th July 14:00pm	Childrey Fest Childrey Playing Fields	Music, kids entertainment, stalls, food stalls and bar. Adult Admission: £6.00 Child Admission (u12): £2.00	info@childreyfest.co.uk
4th July 19:30pm	Summer Concert - Carducci Quartet Sparsholt Church	Playing pieces by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn.	
7th July 9:00am	Childrey & District Tuesday Club	Coach trip to RHS Wisley. Pickup at Childrey Village Hall and Challow Cricket Club.	Pat Eglinton 751663
7th & 21st July 12:30-12:50pm	South West Mobile Library By the pond	Books, talking books. Book ordering service available	Libraries Customer Services 01865 810240
7th July 7:30pm	Childrey Parish Council (Planning) meeting Childrey Village Hall	All welcome. Please see the village Notice Board and website for the Agenda.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923
12th July 14:00-16:30pm	Wildlife Discovery Day Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve	Wildlife discovery day for all the family at your local nature reserve : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and learn about bats, reptiles, moths & bees • Make a bird box • Explore the reserve for mini-beasts & wildflowers • Uncover the secrets of owl pellets • Wildlife craft activities & environmental stalls • Bird walk & see bird ringing in action 	letcombevalley@gmail.com http://www.bbwt.org.uk/reserves/letcombe-valley
12th July 7:00pm	W.I - Pimms and Puds Evening Childrey Manor	Ticket £8. Pimms and pud. Available from Childrey Store.	Pauline Higgs 751544
21st July 7:30pm	Sparsholt Parish Council Griffin Memorial Hall	All welcome. Please see the village Notice Board and website for the Agenda.	Debbie Lewis-Pryde 751923

How reliable is your internet connection?

It seems that a number of Sparsholt, Westcot & Childrey residents, who are connected to the Childrey BT telephone exchange, have been having internet connectivity problems in recent months - have you?

Please help us to gather details about the quality of our broadband service by completing a very short & anonymous survey - it'll take you just a minute or two to complete. Some of the questions are 'required' but don't worry, it's only to ensure that we get accurate, relevant data.

Your responses will remain private but should help to identify and address any wider issues with those concerned.

Please take the survey here:-

<http://tinyurl.com/sparwest-broadbandJune15>

If you would prefer not to complete the online survey, hard copies available from the Childrey Stores.

Your contact details will not be shared.

*Nick Price
Sparsholt & Westcot Webmaster*

Little Ducks Pre-school Relocation

The relocation of the Little Ducks Pre-School to a new site in the grounds of the Ridgeway Primary School is in full swing, with planning permission granted earlier this year. This is a really exciting time for us and has been many years in the making. The move is reliant on raising about £195,000 in total. Our own self-help fundraising has already raised more than £20,000, but we now need to approach a number of charitable trusts and grant bodies to bridge the gap. John Bales is leading a relocation fundraising sub-committee specifically for this task, but he can't do this alone. If anyone has time to help with this part of the project, or knows of family, friends or villagers who would be able to help with phone calls, form-filling and writing letters, please contact John on 07802 867083 or email him balesjr@gmail.com. Little Ducks Pre-school is a vital part of the local community and your support is greatly appreciated.

*Hannah Hodgson
Secretary, Little Ducks Preschool*

News from St Mary's

We are sorry to report that during the school holidays we unfortunately experienced some vandalism which necessitated us to close the church for a while. We are pleased to say that the church is now open again during daylight hours to those who want to visit for whatever reason. If however you are passing and notice anything unusual please let us know.

*Linda and John
St.Mary's Churchwardens*

Wantage Counselling Service

Fiona Roper presented a cheque to Trustees Helen Carter and Adrian Rance on Thursday 11th June 2015 for £1500. This was half the monies raised from April's Mayor's Charity Flamenco Evening at The Beacon, Wantage.

It has been an extremely good few weeks recently, along with the Flamenco Evening donation, Wantage Counselling Service have also received donations of £195 from Wantage Bodybuilding and £82 from the Rose Hips Belly Dancers who performed outside The Bear Hotel recently as part of Wantage Presents.

This money will be used by Wantage Counselling Service to continue to provide affordable counselling for the benefit of the community's mental health, something which is often left out of the public eye.

Wantage Counselling Service was founded in 1984 to provide counselling for individuals, couples and young people in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire and beyond. WCS is particularly valuable as a voluntary addition for patients in need of long-term care beyond whatever the NHS can provide.

We see up to 50 people a week for short- or long-term counselling. As a BACP-accredited service we follow the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy's (BACP) Ethical Framework for Good Practice. WCS is a registered charity and aims to provide counselling irrespective of clients' ability to pay the full fee. We rely on events and donations such as this both to help raise awareness of our service and to fund it.

Further information: 01235 764810 or helen-carter@ntlworld.com.

*Helen Carter
Wantage Counselling Service*

Education Open Day in Childrey

All are welcome to the Open Morning taking place at The Ridgeway Primary School, West Street, Childrey, Little Ducks Pre-School in Childrey Village Hall and the Parent /Toddler Group in the Methodist Hall on the 1st July from 9.30 - 11.30.

*Debbie Davies
Little Ducks Fundraising Committee*

News from the W.I

Nationally, the W.I is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Despite our recent absence from this Newsletter your local Childrey and Sparsholt W.I is alive and well and enjoying a variety of activities. We usually meet in the village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Visitors are always welcome and although we would be thrilled to sign up new members, there is no pressure to join.

Pimms and Puds Evening - July 21st 7:00p.m at Childrey Manor

Tickets for this event are £8 including a glass of Pimms and as many puddings as you can manage. Tickets are available from Childrey Stores. Please come and relax with a drink, some music, conversation and yummy homemade puds. What better way of spending a summer evening?

*Pauline Higgs
W.I President*

St Mary's Church Fete

Thanks to everyone who made or donated goods, helped set up or who just came and supported us.

The weather was kind (apart from the hailstorm 10 minutes before the end!) and we've had another successful year.

We will circulate the final total once we've settled all the outgoings, but we will be close to equalling our best year.

Remember, all the proceeds go towards the Church Fabric Fund – maintaining and improving the Church as an Historic Building.

Caroline Humphreys and Nicky Middleton on Behalf of the Fete Committee

Chat from the Clerk

Please could we ask that you check your boundaries for overhanging branches and overgrown weeds and brambles. There have been complaints and it would be really helpful if each person could look around their own properties. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has also cut back on grass cutting so if possible please help to keep our villages tidy and attractive.

There is going to be a public consultation over the next 12 weeks about a possible change to the subsidised bus and Dial-a-Ride services in Oxfordshire. OCC would like to get your views so that they can fully understand all opinions and potential impacts. For further details and responses please go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation or contact Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) on 01865 883488. ORCC has been appointed the independent facilitator for the Consultation by OCC. A copy of the proposals can be picked up from your local Library. There will be a list of public meeting dates on the Notice Boards in each village but the nearest ones to us are Monday 6th July Didcot Civic Hall 4.00pm-5.30pm or Wednesday 8th July Abingdon Guild Hall 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Following the aggravated burglary in Letcombe Bassett on the 11th June Childrey residents are asked to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police. Please be assured that the Police advise incidents such as these are rare.

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

Childrey Fest Update



Childrey Fest tickets are selling out fast but are still available via the web site (<http://www.childreyfest.co.uk>). We also hope to have a limited number available to purchase on the day, Saturday 4th July. We are pleased to advise that:

- 13 local bands including Boogie Me, The Empty Vessels and Anno Domini have been confirmed
- Food stalls, bar, kids entertainment and a pop up Tea Shop will be available

The price is just £6 for Adults and £2 for Children (u12)

For any questions about this event please contact Debbie on 01235 751923.

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