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Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

February 2024



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by 5th of February for March newsletter please

Chat from the Clerk

The next **Childrey Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Monday 19th February 2024 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall.

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The next **Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 (TBC) starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall.

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Please check the Childrey, Sparsholt and Westcot website or village notice boards for information.

[Childrey, Sparsholt & Westcot, Oxfordshire | A noticeboard for our villages \(childreyandsparsholt.org\)](http://Childrey, Sparsholt & Westcot, Oxfordshire | A noticeboard for our villages (childreyandsparsholt.org))

Clerk to both Parish Councils Debbie Lewis-Pryde 01235 751923.

Please use our new bus service, see the timetable on the website and on the Village notice boards. We need to prove that we need it so that the service will be extended beyond March 2025 – USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

Agendas will be posted on both the website and the Village notice boards. 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.

If you notice any potholes, overgrown footpaths or verges or any other Highways issues please report to the “fixmystreet” website. Highways respond quicker to the problems that have the most logs on their site and include photographs.

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Childrey and District Tuesday Club

This month, as you will know, it is our AGM when subscriptions are due and whatever changes to the club, the committee or our finances will be discussed. We also have our 'Not the New Year Quiz' which is always good fun.

On 5th March we have a real treat for all you garden lovers when Dick Francis will show us slides of his and Sue's lovely garden 'A Childrey garden through the seasons'.

On 2nd April (not April Fools' Day) we have a return visit of the Hendred Ukelele Group, these are a great favourite with our members.

Then on 7th May we shall be going to Millets Garden Centre for an afternoon cream tea.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings (£2) with the hall open at 10.30 for coffee/tea etc and the meetings start at 11 am, so do come and join us.

Jenny O'Hara
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YES, CHILDREYFEST IS BACK AGAIN!

We are already organising another fantastic fest for 2024 and hope that you can all join us again on...

SATURDAY 6th JULY 2024 - SAVE THE DATE!

Honouring our great village and the community we have built up, we aren't shouting about the release of our tickets just yet, we are letting anyone receiving this newsletter get the exclusive nab on our Early Bird Tickets which will be released on 1st February 2024. Early bird prices: Adults £15, Child £5. Adult tickets will go up to £20 after the early birds have run out!

We have a super small amount that we can offer this year as demand has been so high – so make sure you **GET THEM QUICK** when they come out!

To grab your early bird tickets please go to our website www.childreyfest.co.uk TODAY!

THEY WILL SELL OUT!

Standard General Admission Tickets will be on sale once early birdies have flown their nests!

Childrey Chillbuster!

A warm welcome awaits you in
Childrey Village Hall
every Thursday
12 noon - 2pm
when a simple bread and soup
lunch and cakes will be served
Everyone welcome
No charge



CHILDREY WELFARE TRUST

Are you struggling to pay your bills with the cost of living increase?
Childrey Welfare Trust may be able to help.

The Trust is a charity which aims to help inhabitants of the village in financial hardship.

To apply for help please contact Sarah Noviss on 751435 or email sarahnoviss@hotmail.co.uk.

All applications will be treated in complete confidentiality by the trustees.

More information about the Childrey Welfare Trust can be found on the village website.

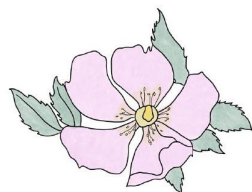
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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

*For more details about any of the items in this news article, please talk to Linda or Paul – contact details below.**

Fund-raising updates

In a final look back to 2023, thank you to those who supported the **Big Tearfund Quiz** in November which raised £375 for Tearfund, the Christian charity that partners with churches in 50 of the world's poorest countries to tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disaster and challenging injustice. Again, thanks to the generosity of everyone who came to the **Christmas services at St Mary's**, a donation of over £500 was able to be sent to **Crisis** and finally, with the biggest crowd ever surely for **The Mummers and Pop-up Pub** on Boxing Day, a profit of £1250 was made to be shared between St Mary's and other village good causes. St Mary's could not run without your support so we are forever grateful to the volunteers who run our events and everyone from the villages who supports us.

Looking Forward

King Alfred's Academy Music Recital

We are delighted that the KA's Music Students will be back to record their A Level exam performances with us this Spring. The provisional date is **Tuesday 12th March from 6-8pm**.

Refreshments will be served in the interval.

And another provisional date is **Saturday 20th April** when we hope the **St James Singers** will be joining us for an evening of words and music.

More details of both these events and more next month.

As **Easter** is early this year, **Sunday 31st March**, Lent too starts early. **Ash Wednesday** is on 14th February (think there may be another event happening that day!) and on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, the *Come and See* Lent course will be running round the six Benefice churches. More information about the course content can be found at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see> and the dates and venues are in *Signpost*, the church newsletter.



As February arrives, so will the **snowdrops in the churchyard** so do make sure to take a stroll along Church Row and look over the churchyard wall for a spectacular sight marking the end of winter. Hurray!

Church Services in Childrey

- 1st Sunday 8.30am Said Communion in St Mary's
- 2nd Sunday 11am Service in the Methodist Church
- 3rd Sunday 10.15am Communion with Hymns in St Mary's
- 4th Sunday 11am Service in the Methodist Church

Keep up to date with us on social media and look out for our posters.

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