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Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

March 2024



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by 11th of March for April newsletter please

Chat from the Clerk

The next **Childrey Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Monday 25th March 2024 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall.

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Please remember that vehicles are not permitted to park on Village green, these are the areas that the Parish Council pay to cut and the grasscutter will be unable to cut the grass if there are vehicles etc parked in the way.

Also to help ease congestion if you have a driveway please use it, it has been noticed that people that have driveways are not using them and parking their vehicles on the road, especially in West Street.

The next **Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 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 more 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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We cant wait to see you on 24 March outside the village hall 2 - 4pm to enjoy some delicious homemade treats whilst raising money to care for young carers.

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Childrey and District Tuesday Club

What a lovely time of year with winter almost all behind us and spring and summer to look forward to and what better way to enjoy this than by looking at the slides of Sue and Dick Francis beautiful garden on 5th March. Then afterwards we are being treated to Rose Rea's Victoria sponges and cheese scones, Yummie!

On 2nd April The Hendred Ukelele Group are returning to play for us once again. These are a group of great entertainers who have become favourites of the Club.

7th May will see us having a splendid afternoon cream tea at Millets Garden Centre at 3 pm (£8.50). This has now become a firm fixture in our diary.

Then in June we start our summer coach trips with our usual trip to the coast, but this is still in the planning stage and will be confirmed very soon.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings (£5) with the hall open at 10.30 for (free) coffee/tea etc and the meetings start at 11 am, so do come and join us.

Jenny O'Hara 01235 772502, Secretary.

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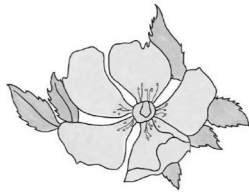
Childrey Welfare Trust may be able to help.

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.

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NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

As we go to press, Lent is just starting but we're also jumping ahead to Easter in this issue as it's so early this year!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mothering Sunday Service and Tea - 10th March at 3pm

Come and join us for a simple, informal service to celebrate Mothering Sunday, followed by afternoon tea. Gifts of flowers will be distributed at the service and around the village afterwards.

KA's Music Recital – Tuesday 12th March 6-8pm

We're looking forward to hosting the music students from King Alfred's for their exam recital on 12th March. We're hoping for a large audience to support the students as they perform their exam pieces. Please come along and cheer them on – you'll be amazed at the standard they achieve! Hot drinks and snacks will be served in the Interval.

St James Singers Charity Concert – Saturday 20th April

Save the date for Mike Jones and the Singers as they return to St Mary's for their concert in aid of The Christina Noble Children's Fund which had to be postponed last Autumn. Full details next month – and on posters around the villages.

The Village Fete in aid of St Mary's – Sat 22nd June

A big thank you already to those who have offered their help as we are starting to plan for this year's fete. There's plenty to do before June so do get in touch* if you are interested in helping or want to know more.

EASTER 2024

Saturday 30th March 'Service of Light' - 7.30pm This year St Mary's is privileged to be holding this beautiful and very special service to mark Easter Eve. We start in darkness before lighting the Easter Fire in the churchyard and process inside with candles to greet the light of Easter. This service will include Holy Communion

Easter Sunday 31st March – 10.30am Come and celebrate Easter at St Mary's with our 10.30am Family Service. The church will be specially decorated with spring flowers and the Easter Garden. The Childrey and Sparsholt Singers (formerly the Village Choir) will be there too. Afterwards we'll be having our ever-popular **Easter Egg Hunt** round the church. We look forward to welcoming everyone for this very lovely occasion.

BABY GROUP

The Baby Group stopped meeting last summer as our first babies had graduated into toddlers! The equipment to run a group in Childrey Methodist Church is still available if needed, so if there are parents and carers out there who would be interested in re-starting the group, please get in touch.

And a heads up for the return of HYMNS AND PIMMS' in May – exact date tbc.

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

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