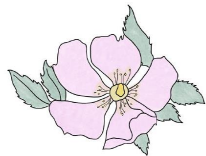




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Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter

May 2024



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clerk.childreypc@aol.co.uk

by 6th of May for June newsletter please

Chat from the Clerk

Childrey - The next meeting will be the **Childrey Annual Parish Meeting** starting at 7.30pm and then the **Annual Childrey Parish Council Meeting** starting straight afterwards, both to be held on Monday 13th May 2024 in Childrey Village Hall.

clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk

Childrey Village books will be sold in both the Childrey Village Shop and Cantorist Farm with the proceeds being donated to the Ridgway School PTA.

Sparsholt - The next meeting will be the **Sparsholt Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Sparsholt Parish Council** both held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 starting at 7.30pm in Griffin Memorial Hall. clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk

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

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

Clerk to both Parish Councils Deborah 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 LOSE 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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ruthcorfieldoffice@gmail.com

Proceeds in aid of Holy Rood Church and Griffin Hall

LAUNCH OF THE NEW UBW COMMUNITY MINIBUS

The UBW Minibus Association is delighted to announce that our replacement minibus was delivered on 12 April. We are grateful to the White Horse Show Trust, Oxfordshire County Council and the Connected Communities Fund for their support in making this possible.

The new minibus has many features that will enhance the riding experience for both drivers and passengers and, to give people the opportunity to see for themselves.

The UBW Minibus is a community facility run on a non-profit basis. The minibus runs every Wednesday and Friday morning to Wantage from Uffington via Kingston Lisle, Sparsholt and Childrey, with calls at Woolstone, Baulking and Westcot whenever requested. Additionally, it is available for private use by local individuals and groups at a cost of just £20 per day plus 90p per mile.

If you would like to be a volunteer driver for our Wednesday and Friday trips to Wantage, want to use the service to Wantage or want to hire the bus please contact us at: UBWMINIBUS@OUTLOOK.COM

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the church porch or
you can talk to the Churchwardens Ian and Ruth

Childrey and District Tuesday Club

This month on 7th we were having an afternoon cream tea at Millets Garden Centre which had become a firm favourite in our calendar.

June sees the beginning of our summer coach trips starting with a visit to Portsmouth on 4th June. The coach will depart from the village hall at 8.45, return coach at 4pm. Members' fare £22, non members' £27.

On 2nd July we are off to Compton Acres Gardens in the morning, followed by an afternoon visit to Christchurch. Once again the coach will depart from the village hall at 8.45, return coach at 4.30pm. Members' fare £25, non members' £30. Entrance to the gardens is £7.95 and unfortunately RHS cards are not accepted.

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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 – contact details below.**

Easter in St Mary's

We had a wonderful time celebrating Easter this year and would especially like to thank the Choir for performing and the flower arrangers for decorating the church so beautifully with spring flowers.

What's happening next at St Mary's?

Hymns and Pimm's Sunday 12th May at 6pm

Come along and join in singing favourite hymns chosen by various village organisations and groups. Afterwards enjoy a glass or two of Pimm's (soft drinks also available!) Everyone very welcome.

Childrey Village Fete in aid of St Mary's - Saturday 22nd June 2-6pm on Childrey Playing Field

Preparations are gearing up for our main fundraising event of the year. All the usual attractions – **BBQ, teas, bar, games, raffle and stalls. The Morris Men, Silver Band and Choir** are booked. **The 'County Tent'** will again host flower, cookery, photo and craft competitions for all ages – **full details of the classes and how to enter in the next newsletter.**

Please start looking out your contributions for these stalls:-

- **Plants**
- **Jams and chutneys**
- **Vintage pre-loved items for Pat's Attic**
- **Bottles**

Can you help beforehand or on the day?

- Lend us a gazebo or a tent
- Help set up the field on the day?
- Help run a stall?

Get in touch with Linda* if you can - thank you!

Please note that **No Dogs** can be admitted onto the Playing Field.

Baby Group

Great news - the Baby Group is starting up again on **Monday mornings** from 10-11.30 in the Methodist Church in Childrey. For more details, please email mirandamarsh@btinternet.com

New PCC

By the time the May newsletter is delivered, our new PCC will have been elected. We would like to record our thanks to Paul Beacon who is stepping down as Churchwarden and Peter Cook who has been a longstanding member of the PCC.

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

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