

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 - 8 September 2022



<https://www.royal.uk>

Local Tributes:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/tribute-the-queen>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk>

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk>

Prayers:

<http://www.downsbenefice.org>

Books of Condolence

A virtual Book of Condolence is available online, on the Buckingham Palace webpages <https://www.royal.uk> to capture thoughts and memories of the late Queen, and messages of sympathy to the Royal Family. Hampshire libraries are able to provide support, if required, to any visitors wishing to go online to sign this virtual Book of Condolence.

Hampshire Book of Condolence is also available at the Great Hall, Winchester for messages from the people of Hampshire.

A Book of Condolence is open at Winchester Cathedral.

The Winchester City Council Book of Condolence is open to members of the public at the King Charles Hall in the Guildhall to be signed before 5pm on Tuesday 20 September. **It will be available for signing on Monday to Saturday - 10am - 6pm**

Sparsholt Parish Council - meeting on 15th September CANCELLED.

We have been advised that the parish council meeting cannot take place during a period of public mourning.

“The Local Government Act 1972, s.243 excludes days appointed for public mourning as clear days when calculating the three clear days’ notice of a council meeting. You will therefore need to cancel any upcoming meetings, or delay giving notice for a meeting, until after the funeral has taken place.”

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th October.

Sparsholt School Fundraising - MUM'S HAVE GONE MOUNTAIN MAD!!!!

A group of Sparsholt School Mums are on a mission to raise some vital funds for Sparsholt C of E School.



On Saturday 24th September, they will embark on a gruelling trek through the Brecon Beacons. They aim to complete the challenging 16km route, which takes in 4 peaks and many steep ascents and descents within 6-7 hours.

For many participants, this is a daunting prospect and they have spent the summer clocking up the kilometres as part of their training, and so they would really value your support.

The good news is, you can support them without having to leave home! The sole reason for doing this is to raise money for the school – so please show your support by sponsoring the team. All money will go directly towards the school and help fund a number of key projects. One of those being the installation of a new kitchen learning space which will enable children to start having practical food tech lessons.

Please take a look at the GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/92890cf7>

All donations greatly appreciated!

Sparsholt Shop and Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 30th September

It has been a busy summer in the village shop and post office – the sun has shone and we have continued to support and provide for the village and the many visitors to our beautiful village. Whilst customer numbers have been down as people have been away on holiday as normal, we're delighted that we have kept a steady stream of regular customers in the shop and in the post office.

As we move into autumn we are looking at ensuring that our range of produce remains seasonal, particularly our fruit and vegetables – we try to play our part in keeping us all healthy and well fed! As ever, if there are any particular things you'd like the shop to stock, please do mention that to Janette or a member of the team.

There are some new team members in the shop and so welcome to them, and also on the Management Committee but, as ever, it would be great to have more volunteers and so if you have a few hours you'd like to give to this amazing village asset, please get in touch with Janette or speak to anyone in the shop.

The next MacMillan Coffee morning is on 30 September on the Village Green. This has become an annual event – we have raised about £1000 each year we have held it. Villagers really enjoy taking a few moments out to sit, have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake (or more!), chat a little (or a lot!) and catch up with friends and neighbours. It's a great cause and Janette and her team do a grand job supporting it and contributing some much needed funds – do come along.'

Ham Green Leadership

Following a stroke earlier this year Terry Dunn has decided it is time to pass on the leadership of the group to Malcolm Hewson who has agreed to take on the challenge on an interim basis.

The parish owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Terry for all his hard and thoughtful work over many years not just at Ham Green, but at the Post Office, the Shop and the Memorial Hall.

We wish him a long and happy retirement and enjoyment of the Ham Green Common that he has been so instrumental in conserving.



Photo: Howard Annesley

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Sue Annesley has resigned from the Parish Council due to personal commitments leaving a vacancy to be filled.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Sue for all her hard work over the years especially relating to the Memorial Hall.

If you would be interested in filling the vacancy, please contact our clerk Nicky Breen on clerk@sparsholtparish.org



Photo: Howard Annesley

St Stephen's with Lainston Harvest Supper & Auction of Promises Saturday 8th October 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Dozens of exciting lots to bid for with supper celebrating the best of country fare.

Tickets £10 per head for two courses available from the village shop from the 8th of September.

Tables of 8 available....please bring your friends along for an evening of banter and competitive bidding!! – something for everyone.

Any questions please call Alastair Barron or Caroline Horrill on 776844

Sparsholt Music

The summer concert was a terrific success with a very packed hall which was wonderful. Thank you all for your support! £530 in profit was raised and has been distributed to various village organisations. Thank you again to our new performers Angus Williams and Richard Morse and also to everyone who made a cake or helped in any way. We forgot to take photos of the performers this time (must have been the heat!).

We did take one of the very hard-working tea ladies!



Erica, Caroline, Buddy and Liz

Our next concert will be at 3pm on **Saturday 17th December** with limited tickets available from 26th November.

Lainston House

It seems so strange to think that the summer is coming to an end, however when we look around the grounds of Lainston House all the signs of Autumn are showing.... which is a great relief after such a hot summer! The leaves are changing colour and the conkers are starting to fall to the ground. It is wonderful to be surrounded by so many beautiful trees when the seasons change - it brings our property to life in a different way and is a constant reminder of what is coming.

With that in mind we are now looking forward to autumn and the activities and events of the next couple of months. Our monthly Kitchen Garden tours are still continuing with the next tour scheduled for **Wednesday 21st September**. As always, our experienced Kitchen Gardener will be passing on lots of hints and tips that you can then action in your own garden. Tours include tea or coffee and cost £5 with the full £5 going to Trinity Winchester, our nominated charity for 2022.

As the Seasons change so do the menus in our two restaurants. The Kitchen Gardener works with the Chefs from The Avenue and The Wellhouse to ensure as much produce as possible can be grown to be used on the menus and it is always very exciting to see new dishes being added. I would definitely recommend a visit to either the Wellhouse or the Avenue this Autumn to see what the Chefs are creating.

Finally I hope it is not too early to mention the "C" word but Christmas is only a few months away. Back by popular demand we will be hosting our Christmas Wreath making workshops once again - this time on a Saturday 10th and also on Thursday 15th December. Each session will include expert wreath making tuition from Jude and Emily, followed by afternoon tea.

The creations made last year were incredible and made those houses the "talk of the town". There are limited places, so if you would like to join us please do get in touch.



Sparsholt 100 Club

Your local lottery – supporting a good cause



We have two prize draws to report:

The special Jubilee Draw which replaced the Spring Draw was held at the Village Fete on Sunday 5th June in celebration of our Queen's 70 years on the throne.

The bumper first prize of £200 was won by Ceri Baber

The three Second prizes of £50 went to Ian Fogg, Ted Bell and Stewart Wooles

The Summer Draw took place at the Plough on Monday 1st August.

First prize of £150 was won by Mike Adams

The three Second prizes were awarded to Steve and Ali Walters, Rod Machin and Richard Summerfield

The 100 Club currently has 60 members. It would be great to advance to our target of 100 so if you have yet to do so please join now. More members will allow us to increase the prize money!

By joining you will help to raise much needed funds to keep our beautiful 12th century church open and well maintained. The subscription is £10 per month and enters you into our quarterly prize draw. You must be 18 or over to join.

Please contact our Membership Secretary, Ian Hay at hay588@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01962 776468.

Every member counts

The Sparsholt 100 Club is a lottery registered with Winchester City Council and organised through Sparsholt Parochial Church Council and The Friends of St. Stephen's Church for residents in and local to Sparsholt.

Hampshire Highways

Hampshire County Council is once again taking part in the annual public satisfaction survey carried out by the National Highways and Transport Network (NHT). It has taken part in this national survey since it began in 2008 - last year 111 UK highway authorities took part.

The primary focus of the survey is to ask Hampshire residents for their views on the County Council's range of highways and transport services, and in particular the condition of our roads and the quality of the service that we provide to maintain them. It also covers other related activities such as facilities for cyclists, the quality of public transport and how third-party utility works are managed on the public highway network.

This year's survey is now open and runs until 30 September.

The results, when published, will provide us with key intelligence and benchmarks on how we are performing against our peer authorities, what the priorities are for our residents, and areas we may need to focus on for improvement.

Hampshire residents are being asked to complete the survey via <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/nht-surveys>, and we are asking parish councils to encourage residents to take part.

Hampshire Highways looks after 5,500 miles of road and 4,285 miles of footway. On top of annual grant settlements from Government for structural highway maintenance the County Council invests an additional £10 millions of its own money every year towards planned structural maintenance - known as Operation Resilience. This established programme compliments our day-to-day routine maintenance activity and helps us to make our roads more resilient against the impacts of extreme weather, climate change and increasing traffic volumes.

Recognising the longstanding under-investment in local roads by successive governments, from 2022/23 the County Council is investing an additional £7 million in highway maintenance annually and a long-term Network Recovery Strategy has been developed to set clear objectives for using this County Council funding in the most effective way.

To give some examples of the scale of the work undertaken in Hampshire, since the beginning of 2022 Hampshire Highways has repaired around 40,000 carriageway defects (which includes potholes) and cleared over 39,000 gullies and other drainage infrastructure to reduce the risk of flooding on the highway. Additionally, during Storm Eunice back in February, we took over 2,500 individual calls and emails, dealt with 1,485 enquiries of which 1,081 were tree/vegetation related and completed 463 emergency jobs.

Solar Together

The Solar Together campaign, run by HCC, has recently re-opened.

This is a 'bulk buying' initiative whereby WCC residents can register an interest in solar panels, a battery or an EV charging point. A reverse auction is then held to produce most competitive price by installers vetted by HCC. The resident is then offered a price which they can choose to accept or not.

Deadline for Registering interest is 27th September.

<https://solartogether.co.uk/winchester/home>

Solent Plastics Pollution Hub

The Solent Forum and Environment Agency have launched the Solent Plastics Pollution Hub (SPP hub) http://www.solentforum.org/services/Current_Projects/Solent_Plastics_Hub/ as part of the Preventing Plastic Pollution Project. The SPP hub supports and champions all the great work being undertaken by local community groups and volunteers on reducing litter and plastics across the Solent and its associated river catchments. The hub is free to use, it collates resources and shares the latest information, events and news. These resources help to support existing litter picking or community groups as well as encouraging new groups to be formed.

Church Services

18th September	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's Church
25th September	10.00am	Pet Service	The Green in Woodman Close
9th October	10.00am	Harvest Festival	St. Stephen's Church
16th October	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's Church
23rd October	10.00am	Morning Worship	St. Stephen's Church
30th October	6.00pm	All Souls Service	St. Stephen's Church

The Winchester Beacon Harvest 2022 – Wish list

When making donations for Harvest Festival please consider the following wish list:

- Dried Pasta
- Basmati Rice or Pouches of microwave rice
- Tinned Meats- Curries, Minced Beef, Beef Stews, Chicken in sauce, Hotdogs, Corned Beef
- Tinned Tomatoes, Baked Beans Kidney beans, Sweetcorn
- Pot Noodles, Cup a soups/Pasta in a mug
- Cereals (chocolate real treat) - Please NO Porridge or Instant Oats
- Semi-Skimmed UHT milk
- Marmite, Honey, Jam, Peanut butter, Chocolate spread
- Tinned Ravioli, Bolognese, Mac cheese or Fray Bentos Pies

- Bottled Squash
- Tea bags
- Instant Coffee
- Granulated Sugar
- Instant Hot Chocolate
- Gravy Granules
- Table sauces- Tomato ketchup, Brown, BBQ, Salad cream, Mayo
- Stuffing Mix
- Biscuits always a welcome treat

HOUSEHOLD Items that we always need:

- Toilet rolls and Kitchen roll
- Washing Powder
- Anti-Bacterial spray/wipes and J Cloths
- Bleach and Floor cleaner
- Box Tissues

Thank you for thinking of us, we very much appreciate your support

DO YOU HAVE A PET?

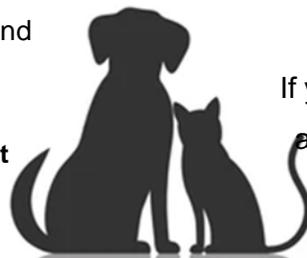
The annual **Pet Service**, led by Reverend Jax and Sparsholt School

will be held

on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt**

on **Sunday 25th September**

at **10.00 a.m.**



Bring your Pets (and a chair to sit on)!

If you don't have a pet, still come to see the animals, bring a cuddly animal toy, join in the Service & enjoy the refreshments afterwards.

Rural Policing

Message from **Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Paul Bartolomeo**:

I have been in post as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing for 10 months now and during that time I have received many letters, emails and phone calls from members of the rural community. This has caused me to reflect on Hampshire Constabulary's rural strategy and our policing commitment to our rural communities. I would like to take the time to detail some of the progress we have made, but also to highlight the areas where I believe we can still improve and those where I need your support and assistance.

Crime reporting and the appointment of a rural analyst and researcher: Our Police & Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, has funded a rural analyst and researcher. This is a vital step in helping us to better address rural crime.

We are the first police force in our region to have appointed a dedicated rural analyst and researcher, demonstrating our knowledge of the importance of crime in our countryside. I feel certain that this appointment will improve our response. Changes will not happen overnight, please bear with us.

Contacting and reporting crime and incidents: for our analyst and researcher to be effective we need current data, information and intelligence. The Hampshire Rural Crime Partnership reporting system (DISC) will help us with this, but I really need your support by sending us all the information you can including incidents/sightings of vehicles and individuals of concern.

The system was implemented in Hampshire following feedback that you did not feel engaged with regard to current crime patterns or what we were doing to tackle issues relevant to you, such as hare coursing, livestock worrying and fly-tipping.

This system allows you to report crime, incidents and share intelligence. It also provides us with a quick and easy way to contact members who have signed up with updates and alerts. At the moment this system is being under-used and we are unable to realise its full potential. If you are not currently registered to use it then please contact discreports@hampshire.police.uk with your email address, contact number, location and occupation.

If you are registered, but not signed up to use the system, again please do so. The information and intelligence that you supply through this system will be vital to our analyst and researcher and in turn drive our response. I am keen to hear feedback on this system, please do whether good or bad to the email address above.

When it comes to crime reporting I often receive feedback from people about our 101 service. We monitor this daily and whilst the average time to answer is below four minutes I understand that this wait can be frustrating. Using DISC, however, will help remove any waiting. We also have a great online reporting system on our website (<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>) . Incidents are dealt with quickly and by the same people who answer 101 calls. Our 999 performance is prioritised as you would expect for emergency response.

The DISC system, or reporting via our online platform (<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>) , is a clear way that you can help us to reduce demand for our 101 service whilst crucially still reporting incidents and sharing intelligence, swiftly and accurately.

Training our frontline responders: We are now training our frontline responders on rural policing and wildlife crime as part of their continued professional development. The intention is to raise their knowledge and awareness on these topics. Most of our contact centre and control room staff have already received this training to assist with improving our response to rural crime.

Rural engagement strategy: I have outlined my expectations in engaging with our rural communities to my district commanders. This includes commitments to regular engagement events and contact being made by your local neighbourhood team.

Improving our mapping systems: I received a challenge from our rural crime partnership to develop our mapping systems to be able to identify rural land owners using Land Registry information. We are in the process of revitalising the efforts around this request, which we hope will significantly improve our response capabilities in our rural areas.

Hampshire Rural Partnership Strategic Board: The Constabulary is well supported and connected with key organisations who come together quarterly under this board which I chair. We are able to review our strategic approach to rural policing and will monitor performance against these commitments going forward. Key indicators of success for me include our ability to prevent crime occurring, our disruption activity (enforcement) and the confidence of our rural communities.

In summary please:

Continue to report matters of concern to us, either via DISC, 101 or online. Link with your local neighbourhood team – details can be found via this link: <https://www.police.uk/>

I look forward to continuing to chair the strategic board and working with you to keep our rural communities safe. We know that we can achieve good results at court when we do secure convictions, with your help we can increase the number of offenders brought to justice.

Fraud, Scams & Nuisance

Watch out for possible Nuisance

Lainston House have seen a few visitors possibly from the travelling community – perhaps a pre-cursor to a repeat visit from a larger group. Please be vigilant.

Delivery Scams

Parcel and package delivery scams are the most prevalent type of 'smishing' text messages, according to new data provided to UK Finance.

Smishing is a technique that criminals use to target consumers with texts impersonating trusted organisations.

<https://www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/fake-parcel-delivery-texts-are-top-smishing-scam>

Bank Scams

The Bank of England's name or that of its employees are being used by fraudsters to target members of the public.

Please do not give these fraudsters any information. Do not click on any links in emails or phone messages from them.

Here are some examples of what they might say:

- they have a financial opportunity for you
- you could benefit from an unclaimed estate
- there is a warrant out for your arrest

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/contact/scams-and-fraud>

Energy Rebate Scam

Fraudsters are posing as the energy regulator Ofgem to dupe people into handing over personal and payment details.

Emails using the Ofgem logo and branding claim to offer an 'energy bill rebate scheme', directing recipients to a fake online portal. There, victims are urged to share personal and payment details in order to claim their refund.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/ofgem-email-scam-offers-fake-energy-refunds-arlt41I9JRwj>

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Member of Parliament

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Contact email address for volunteers and requests for support - supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org

Police Contacts

PCSO 15075 Michelle Wilkinson – 07901102292
PCSO 13466 Kerry Croutear – 07976962677
PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351
The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team email address is winchester.rural.police@hampshire.police.uk

WEBSITES

Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>
Sparsholt Shop: http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop
Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

VILLAGE CALENDAR

The Calendar can be viewed at:
<http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Calendar>
Please send updates to:
sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

Ham Green Conservation Group

Malcolm Hewson malcolmhewson@btinternet.com

Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

John Wesley johnr.wesley@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Sparsholt Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Andrew Osmond. Please contact: security@sparsholtparish.org

New to Sparsholt or if you have a New Neighbour

If you are new to Sparsholt or have a new neighbour, please let Sally Wesley know so that a Sparsholt Welcome booklet can be delivered sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Copy Deadline for October 2022 Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the October 2022 edition is **30th September 2022** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org