

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Sparsholt Celebrates HM the Queen's Jubilee in Style



Sparsholt celebrated HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over four days and with some style - there was something for everyone.

The planning committee had been working away quietly for many months. A lot of work had been done on fund raising and sponsors – we're grateful to Sue Annesley who, happily, doesn't seem to recognise the word 'No' ! Preparation in the village began several days ahead of the actual weekend with many yards of bunting being put up around the centre of the village – it all looked very festive and celebratory – well, jubilee like !!

Thursday 2nd June: Jubilee Beacon @ 21:30



The weekend's activities began on Thursday evening with a beacon lighting and some fireworks.

About 150 villagers watched as our beacon was lit to coincide with beacon lighting around the country.

A short firework display set the seal on the start of our weekend of celebration. We are grateful to Nicholas Craig-Harvey who hosted the bonfire in his field and to Keith Millar and his team who organised it and set it up.

Everyone stayed safe and we are grateful to Sarah Osmond, our duty first aider for both the Beacon and for the fete – it's very good news that her skills were not needed !



Friday 3rd June: Dog Walk @ 11:00 and Bacon Rolls @ 12:00



The weather stayed fine for energetic villagers who walked their dogs for an hour on Friday morning; returned for lots of chat and nourishing bacon and egg rolls on the Memorial Green.

We are grateful to Liz West, Jill Penfold and Ali Walters who led this intrepid bunch of canines and brought them home safely.



Saturday 4th June: Platinum Party at the Palace @ 17:00

Many villagers gathered on Saturday evening to watch the Jubilee concert on a large screen on the school playing field.

Some diligent efforts kept the inflatable screen in place as we were treated to a 2 metre high Brian May (always a winner) and an equally large Elton John amongst others.

We are grateful to Bonnie Stagg who pulled the evening together and to Lainston House Hotel for lending us their screen. The concert was hugely enjoyed by all those who brought picnics, wine and children – a classic combo !



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Sunday 5th June: Village Lunch @ 12:30 and Fete @ 15:00

Several of us met for short Sunday morning prayers to give thanks for Her Majesty. In a quiet moment we prayed for her, her reign, her wisdom, her commitment and her faith amongst us – it was a lovely time.

Sunday was amazing. The village was a mass of movement by 10.00am – the road closed at 10.30 (thank you, Ian !), tables were put up for the street party and decorated (thank you Janette !), tables were set out for teas and cakes, the pimps and beer tents, the fete activities on the school field were organised, the lunch feast was prepared. A whole host of villagers set to – it was amazing.



Some 285 people sat down for lunch, were royally fed and thoroughly enjoyed it, Fiona and Mark led us in song culminating in the national anthem.



There were several, all great entries to the crown competitions...

... and then we moved seamlessly into the fete in the afternoon where faces were painted, wellies were wanged, tombola dice were thrown, pimps was drunk and soaked sponges were thrown at hapless volunteers in the stocks, the grand draw was drawn and music was listened to all in all,

a cracking afternoon.

We are grateful to a whole host of people for pulling all this together but particularly to Caroline on tables, Debbie and her village wide team for a wonderful lunch, Sally for leading on the fete and Charlie and Ceri for leading on teas and cakes. We should also mention those many committee members and villagers who came to help set things up and were still there to take things down – even in our first rain of the weekend ! A BIG thank you.



There was even a rumour that Her Majesty came to be with us but apparently didn't have a ticket and so was not allowed to stay by some ladies of the village !

But a Jubilee Pudding was sneaked in.[- ed]

So – an amazing weekend made possible by the hard work of huge numbers of people in our amazing village. Thank you and we hope you made some memories on this very special, unique weekend

'Ah, yes', you might say in years to come '..... I remember the Queen's Jubilee weekend I was in Sparsholt and had a wonderful time !'



Alastair Barron

Jubilee Committee

And a huge thank you from the village must go to Alastair for bringing it all together. [- ed]

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Jubilee Bell Ringing

The Sparsholt bell ringers successfully rang a quarter peal on Saturday 5 June to make the Platinum Jubilee.

This was rung in 44 minutes and was composed of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

The band also rang on Sunday 6 June before the village lunch and fete.



John, Jennifer, Michael, Adam, Keith, Madeleine and Jenny

Sparsholt Music

The next concert will be on Sunday 14th August at 3pm and will include first performances from one or two very talented villagers! More details to follow.

www.sparsholtmusic.org

Sparsholt Cricket Club

With the season now underway our young first team have had a mixed start reaching the Regional semi final of the National Village cup, before losing to underdogs Bramshaw. Having lost their first 3 league games they'll be looking to get on a winning streak. The seconds have won one from three and the thirds two from three.

The junior section is thriving with games most nights of the week and very popular Friday nights at the club.

A big thank you to those who've sponsored match balls and games including Mike Hodder, The Symonds family, James Wakefield, Mike Worth, AC Painting and Decorating, and thanks to Chris Anderson and Mike Conroy for their support in their donations to the Club.

June promises to be a busy month with us hosting the following representatives fixtures:

- Tuesday 31st May Hampshire over 60's vs Middlesex
- Wednesday 1st June Hampshire 50's A vs Wiltshire
- Saturday 4th June Sparsholt 2nd XI vs Andover 2nd XI
- Tuesday 7th June Club Cricket Conferences vs Isle of Wight T20
- Tuesday 7th June Club Cricket Conference vs Huntingdonshire T20
- Saturday 11th June Sparsholt 1st XI vs Basingstoke CC
- Saturday 18th June Sparsholt 2nd XI vs Chawton
- Saturday 25th June Sparsholt 1st XI vs Sarisbury
- Tuesday 28th June Hampshire over 60's vs Surrey

We hope to organise a Club / Village event in July and will keep everyone posted.

If you'd like to get involved with the club please get in touch.

Andy Worth, Chairman Chairman@sparsholtcc.co.uk

Lost and not Found

After the Beacon lighting, someone walked off with one of the battery lanterns that were marking the edge of the road from the pub to the entrance of the football field. We're delighted if that person got home safely but please could they return the lantern as it belongs to the Church.



Also, someone who bought a jug of Pimms at the Lunch/Fete walked off with the jug, similar to the one in the photograph.

It is 20 cms (8 inches) tall, made of plastic and belongs to Sally Wesley. It even has a small yellow sticker on the base marked Wesley.

If you "borrowed" either the lantern or the jug, please could you return it/them to Sally Wesley at Cherry Trees, Woodman Close so that they can be used at future village events.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Thursday 16th June 2022** at 7.30pm.

Council meetings will take place in the Mosaic Room at the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

Winchester District Small Grants Scheme

The council's small grants scheme provides one-off grants to local voluntary/not for profit groups and organisations, which are quick and easy to apply for. Charities, community groups and other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £500 for one-off expenditures on projects, equipment, and other items to help organisations to do more, reach more people, or provide better services. You can apply at any time, with decisions made every three months. The deadline for the first round is 30 June 2022. Find out more and make an application.

For advice on making an application or to talk to someone about funding requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Grants team: grants@winchester.gov.uk or 01962 848 256.

Winchester City Council News

Here is a link to the latest newsletter from Winchester City Council:

<https://mailchi.mp/fc42572b0518/your-council-news-stay-home-906468?e=7f3e66cc0e>

Winchester Basic Bank and The Storehouse

Winchester Basics Bank and The Storehouse at Winchester Vineyard Church
<https://www.winchestervineyard.org/storehouse> request the following donations:

Ladies: - T- shirts/summer tops - summer coats - casual trousers - NEW underwear & socks	Mens: - T shirts - casual trousers - summer coats - shoes/trainers size 10 & 11 - NEW underwear and socks
And/or Children's clothes	

English Naturally – Hosting Students – can you help?

We have received a request from Winchester based English Naturally asking if anyone would be interested in hosting students. See <https://english-naturally.com/host-families> for details.

Hedges covered in webs

The webs you may have seen on Woodman Lane just off the Stockbridge Road are apparently caused by the larvae of a tiny moth species called *Yponomeuta cagnagella* - the Spindle Ermine.

They are quite harmless and only found on Spindle. They completely defoliate sections of hedges in May. But the Spindle leaves re-grow afterwards, and there's no long-term impact on the Spindle.

The species is quite common in the chalk part of Hampshire, but numbers vary from year to year. This year seems to be a year of abundance!

Around Sparsholt



Photo: Howard Annesley

Please note the items listed are key items required. Please do not donate other clothes items at this time if they are not on the list.

Clothing donations (clean and good quality please) can either be taken to the Storehouse, Vineyard Church, Bar End or to the Warehouse and sorting location at Gabare House, Winnall Valley Road, SO23 0LD.

Opening times and locations can be found <https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/find-us/>

Ukrainian Guests Update

We are here to help – Winchester City Council Community support hub for Ukraine (information and help)

From Tuesday 7th June (for the month of June) Ukrainian guests and their hosts will be able to drop into our support hub to access support and meet in a safe environment.

Friendly support staff will be available to help with housing advice, accessing job opportunities, information on benefits and general support regarding which services are offered locally. They can advise on what support is available and do their best to answer any questions you might have. Translation services are available.

The hub is located in Winchester city centre at the Guildhall in the Courtyard Room and is open 10am-2pm for the month of June commencing Tuesday 7 June. Please access via the Visitor Information Centre in the High Street a short walk from King Alfred's statue

Any enquiries please email: ukraine@winchester.gov.uk

Further information on our website:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/winchester-city-council-pledge-support-for-ukraine>

The School's Ongoing Appeal for Donations

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

Sparsholt C of E Primary School Community

Donations desperately needed - Please Help!

We will be collecting on the last Thursday and Friday of every month!

Tinned food, instant food, dried food, snacks, protein bars, cereal bars, dried milk, baby food, sanitary products and toiletries.

Please leave outside the school, on the table under the tree. Together we can help people impacted by the humanitarian crisis.

Midwife Toads in Hampshire

Midwife Toads are a non native species to the UK, but have been found in several colonies in parts of the country. Hampshire has been named as one of these locations in several sources, but there are no actual records that we are aware of. Despite the lack of records, there is an anecdotal comment to suggest that Midwife Toads were known from the Littleton area and so we are reaching out to residents for their help in recording these elusive toads.



Midwife Toads are smaller than our native toads, with adults reaching around 5cm in length. They can also be distinguished by their eyes, if you are lucky enough to spot one, which have vertical pupils as opposed to horizontal/oval pupils of our two native toads. By far the best way to identify the presence of Midwife Toads is by their calls, which has been likened to “an electronic beep, like a smoke alarm with a dying battery or a New Age car alarm” by Steve Allain, one of the lead national researchers of Midwife Toads. A big difference with these toads is that they are not as reliant on ponds for breeding, as the male toads carry the eggs wrapped around their back legs, hence their name. Breeding usually takes place between April and June so they should have been calling for a few weeks now. Visit Steve’s blog to hear a sample of Midwife Toads calling <http://stevenallain.co.uk/Blog/scifri-whats-that-beeping-in-my-garden>

We are hoping that residents of Littleton, and in the surrounding areas will be willing to help both Steve Allain and HIWARG, by listening out on warm damp nights for the “beeping” toads. If you do hear these calls it would be really helpful if you can record the calls on your phone, or take photos if you manage to see one. We will be arranging surveys of the Littleton area in the coming weeks, so you may see us walking the roads in small listening for calls. We will be walking at night with torches, HIWARG branded clothing (group leaders) and maybe hi vis, so feel free to come and chat to us.

For all sightings/recordings, please contact us on:

HIWARG: info@hiwarg.org.uk or

www.facebook.com/groups/455730808110700

Steve Allain: www.facebook.com/SJRAllain or

<https://twitter.com/stevoallain>

Pete West

Amphibian Officer

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG)

Winchester Warmer Homes

Please find attached and summarised below details of the Warmer Homes initiative which residents of private housing in the Winchester district can apply to for the installation of energy efficiency measures:

- WCC is part of a the Warmer Homes Consortium comprising of 21 local authorities led by Portsmouth City Council in partnership with Agility ECO
- The Consortium was successful in bidding for funding and has been awarded £15.6 million of LAD (Phase 3) funding and £16.2 million of HUG (Phase 1) funding
- A total of £31.8 million of funding is available across the 21 local authorities involved in the Warmer Homes consortium
- LAD (Local Authority Delivery) funding is via the Green Homes Grant Scheme launched in July 2020 by the Chancellor. This funding is aimed at upgrading on-gas homes.
- HUG (Home Upgrade Grant) funding is aimed at upgrading off-gas homes.
- The Warmer Homes Consortium through a Warm Homes Fund Bid has also been successful and has received funding to enable the installation of 500 heat pumps across the consortium area
- The LAD 3 / HUG 1 funding will be available for people to apply from Wednesday 4th May 2022 and will be a gradual launch
- The scheme will run until **March 2023** and it is hoped across the whole of the consortium areas support will be provided for 1,600 on-gas-homes through LAD funding and 1,000 off-gas homes with HUG funding.
- LAD can provide funding of up to £10,000 per on-gas property. This is the same as the previous phases under LAD 1a & 1b.
- HUG can provide funding of up to £25,000 per off-gas property. An off-gas property is defined as a property that does not have gas boiler / central heating and are not connected to the mains gas network.
- The scheme is open to private rental properties but landlords will have to make a defined contribution and their permission will be required for the installation of measures



The programme is only open to private households i.e. owner occupiers and / or private rental properties.

- To be eligible for the Programme, all properties must have an EPC rating of E, For G (EPC D rated properties are allowed but the programme is limited to 30% D rated properties)

And either:

- Have an annual total household income of £30,000 or less before housing costs / bill

Or:

- Receive a benefit listed under the ECO HHCR0 criteria or be eligible under their LA's ECO flexible eligibility statement of intent

Funding is available under the programme for the following energy efficiency measures:

- Solid wall insulation
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Underfloor insulation
- Loft Insulation
- High Heat Retention Storage Heaters
- Room-in-roof Insulation
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Park Home External Wall Insulation
- Solar PV Panels
- Heating Controls

Households can apply to the Warmer Homes programme at www.warmerhomes.org.uk or by calling 0800 038 5737 (freephone).

Around Sparsholt



Photos: Howard Annesley

M3 9 to 14 safety barrier improvements - update

The M3 junction 9 to 14 all lane running upgrade has been paused. However, we're still going to carry out important safety barrier improvements on that stretch of motorway and we're now getting ready to start on the first section of work which will be between junctions 12 and 14, in both directions.

To create a safe area for the team to work in we'll be changing the road layout. This involves removing the existing road markings and installing temporary metal barriers to protect our workers from vehicles as they carry out this important upgrade.

We'll do this overnight, from **6 June 2022 for about six-weeks**. This will be on both carriageways between junctions 12 and 14. Our overnight working hours are 7pm to 7am weekdays and 6pm to 8am Saturdays and Sundays when traffic flows are at their lowest.

Please note: all activities are weather dependent and subject to logistical constraints which may delay the planned work and timeframes.

We'll update you further when we move into the next section.

We do not expect high levels of noise during this work but do understand that noise generated by the construction work will be different to what residents are used to hearing and may therefore be more obvious and we'll do what we can to keep noise to a minimum.

If you have any questions about the M3 9 to 14 safety barrier improvements, please contact National Highways by:

- Email – info@nationalhighways.co.uk
- Phone – 0300 123 5000
- Letter – National Highways, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6BN

You can also find out more about National Highways by visiting www.nationalhighways.co.uk



For the latest newsletter see

<https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?u=0315c914f67783a0e0e483e75&id=5e2d5c74d7>

Hampshire Health Watch – Waiting Times Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many people having their planned hospital treatments delayed. We want to find out how this is affecting people locally and whether they would consider treatment at an alternative hospital in Winchester if it was available.

We also ask that primary carers for those who have waited also fill out the survey.

It is vital that NHS decision makers hear people's experiences and views of waiting for planned hospital treatment. We will not publish or share anything that identifies anyone, but the information gathered will be used to help the NHS understand how it can support people who are waiting for treatment and to inform work being undertaken to reduce waiting times. We are interested in good experiences as well as the not so good.

Who is this questionnaire for?

- People who are currently waiting for planned hospital treatment
- People who have had planned hospital treatment since April 2021 (i.e., not emergency treatment).
- Carers for someone who is waiting for, or has had planned hospital treatment since April 2021

The questionnaire will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is running until **30th June 2022**. You can find it here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/N1X657/>

If you'd like a paper copy of this survey posted to you, or would like other support to complete the survey, please get in touch with us on **01962 440262** or email enquiries@healthwatchhampshire.co.uk.

The more experiences we hear, the bigger our impact can be. If you have any questions on the project or anything else Healthwatch Hampshire does, you can reach out to me on lucy.fitzgerald@healthwatchhampshire.co.uk or enquiries@healthwatchhampshire.co.uk or call our hub **01962 440262**.

Thank you!

Lucy Fitzgerald
Communication and Engagement Lead



Have your say on proposed changes to:

- Supported passenger transport services
- The Concessionary Travel Scheme

The proposals seek to continue to deliver effective services, within a reduced budget, by:

- Making operational changes to supported passenger transport services e.g. supported bus services, Dial-a-Ride, Minibus Group Hire, Call & Go and Taxishares
- Removing some enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme
- Increasing the contributions users pay for some services

Go to: hants.gov.uk/passenger-transport-consultation

Or email passenger.transport.consultation@hants.gov.uk or phone 0300 555 1388 for an Information Pack and Response Form

Consultation closes Sunday 24 July 2022

Clickable links from poster

Go to: <http://hants.gov.uk/passenger-transport-consultation>

Or email: passenger.transport.consultation@hants.gov.uk

Fraud and Crime Prevention

Bank Card Readers

Beware of receiving a new Bank Card Reader in the post unless you have specifically called your bank to request one. They could be used by scammers to get our bank card details and empty your account.

Rural Crime Prevention

Following a spate of local burglaries [Hampshire Constabulary](#) advise:

Equipment and tool security

Equipment and tool security can be a particular issue for rural businesses and farms.

To keep your belongings safe:

- lock equipment away in a secure building or part of a building when not in use
- invest in a secure storage toolbox
- install a burglar alarm on buildings where equipment is kept
- always lock vehicles when left outside and keep the keys in your possession
- keep expensive items and vehicles out of sight when not in use
- consider using hitch locks, wheel clamps or ground anchors
- mark your tools and equipment and register them
- keep a record of all valuable items
- consider fitting outside security lights

Boundaries

Take a good look around your property boundary for any potential places where it could be made more secure.

Consider:

- planting thorny hedging to act as a natural barrier
- digging deep ditches to control and deter unwanted vehicle access
- if possible, having a single-gated access point to the property
- using locking posts or temporary obstructions to control large openings
- invert and cap gate hinges
- making sure fixing bolts are secure and use covered padlocks
- installing warning signs

Estate and building security

A good standard of building security is very important in rural areas, especially for outbuildings that may not be visited for weeks at a time.

Farmhouses and other rural properties are the same as any other home, so general home security advice still applies.

However, because of the remote location, additional security measures may be beneficial.

To protect your rural home or business:

- keep the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- keep all doors and windows shut and locked when not in use
- install a visible burglar alarm
- make sure windows and door frames are secure and in good repair
- fit strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- fit good quality window locks
- consider security bars and grilles for vulnerable windows and openings
- make sure gates cannot be lifted off or have their fixing bolts removed
- check security equipment regularly to ensure it works properly
- use locking posts or temporary obstructions to control wide access points to yards

For additional security you could also:

- install automatic security lights that come on at dusk and turn off at dawn
- install CCTV cameras to watch over the most vulnerable areas of the property
- install a monitored intruder alarm system
- install an entry control system infrared, intercom or keypad
- establish a single gated entrance and exit, removing all private access points that are not in use

For further information on securing your belongings and how to mark your equipment, visit our burglary advice pages <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Rural crime is a priority for us and we will continue to relentlessly pursue suspects. The community are our eyes and ears and we encourage you to report all incidents as soon as you are able to by calling 101 if it's not an emergency.

You can also report suspicious activity online (if it's not an emergency) by visiting our website www.hampshire.police.uk

If a crime is in progress, always call 999.

The Henry Beaufort School



SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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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@hamphire.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

Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

Please contact John Wesley johnr.wesley@btinternet.com if you would like to join the Sparsholt Oil Syndicate and benefit from bulk purchase pricing.

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 August 2022 Edition (no July Edition Planned)

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the August 2022 edition is **22nd July 2022** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org