

Sparsholt Community Newsletter 2024

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Saturday April 20th at 10:00 in the Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council is required to call a meeting every year between 1st March and 1st June. The meeting will include reports on the activities of the Parish Council and other parish associations/organisations.

Please do come along and hear what the Parish Council has been doing and plans to do in the next financial year. It is an opportunity for residents to inform the parish council of their concerns and priorities.

New Rector

On 19 March, the **Revd Kevin Rogers** was licensed in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt, as the Rector of the Downs Benefice. He has come from the Diocese of Bath and Wells, where he was Rector of the Benefice of Abbas & Templecombe, Henstridge and Horsington.



Revd Kevin is in the centre of the photograph, between Bishop Philip of Winchester (left) and Bishop David of Basingstoke (right).

Revd Kevin said: "I am looking forward to being part of a great team. Please pray for me in the settling in period, as I get to know everybody, and that I would have the sensitivity to know who is tired and needs a break, and who is ready but needs someone to come alongside them and say 'let's do this together'. My prayer is to raise the profile of the laity so that we can have weekly services in churches in every village in the benefice."

Parish of ST. STEPHEN'S, SPARSHOLT WITH LAINSTON

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St. Stephen's Church on the 23rd day of April 2024 at 7.30pm. Please do come along, meet our new Rector, Revd. Kevin Rogers and have your say on what you would like to happen in our Church community.

Sparsholt Music

Tickets for the Sparsholt Music concert are now available from the village shop and via the website at: www.sparsholtmusic.org. Please check online to see if there are still tickets left!

The concert will take place in the Memorial Hall at 3pm on Sunday 14th April. Tickets are £10 and include a slice of cake and a cup of tea. There is limited parking. We welcome back many of our regular performers including Claudio, dazzling on the clarinet, and Melanie delighting with her soprano voice. There will also be two young local performers! We look forward to seeing you there.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **18th April 2024** at 7.30pm.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Latest Newsletter...

[ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/Our News April 2024 newsletter.pdf](http://ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2024-04/Our%20News%20April%202024%20newsletter.pdf)

Churchyard Cleanup at St. Stephen's, Sparsholt

There will be a Churchyard Cleanup at St. Stephen's, Sparsholt on Saturday 27th April from 10.00am to 1.00pm. All volunteers warmly welcomed with their garden equipment (gloves, secateurs, etc.). Eleveses and lunch will be provided. It would be helpful if you could let Sally Wesley know in advance if you plan to come along so we have an idea of numbers.

Police UK App



A new policing app has been launched to allow the public to report crimes and incidents, find out information about local policing teams and access prevention advice and support for victims and witnesses of crime.

The app, called Police.UK, is available via both the Google Play and iOS App stores and has been delivered by the National Police

Chief’s Council’s Digital Public Contact Programme (DPC).

It allows the public to report crimes and incidents, find crime prevention advice for a wide range of issues, such as burglary or vehicle crime prevention advice, which is nationally consistent, information about local neighbourhood policing teams, listing who is on the team, local crime information and priorities and any upcoming meetings in the community.

play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pds.policeuk

apps.apple.com/app/id6478006997

Police Consultation

Let’s
Talk



Help shape policing in your neighbourhood.



Hampshire Alert and Isle of Wight Alert are FREE email messaging services that help us keep in touch with our communities.

We are currently out and about seeking your views on the issues that affect you!

Visit <https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/> and let’s keep Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safe for everyone.



SAFE FOR EVERYONE



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CONSTABULARY

Springtime in Sparsholt



photos: Howard Annesley

Priority Services Register



Email received by the Parish Council from **Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)**

Disruption to essential services like electricity can sometimes happen and it affects our everyday lives. For some, a power cut can be worrying or difficult. Acknowledging the pivotal role that Community and Parish Councils play in achieving better outcomes for communities and widening the safety net of care around them, we are asking for your help in reaching people who may need extra support during power cuts.

We are Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), we operate the electricity network in your area. We keep the lights on, TVs running, and homes and businesses heated for 3.9 million customers, with 99% reliability throughout the year. Your residents may not be aware that extra advice and support is available for when there is an interruption to the power supply. By informing your residents of the Priority Services Register this will enable them free access to:

Our dedicated Priority Services line is available 24 hours a day. We'll contact you, or your nominated contact if we need to switch off your power to carry out essential maintenance. *(continued in column to the right)*

We offer a password service where you can agree a password to use when dealing with SSEN staff. That way we can look after your personal safety and home security.

When we are aware of an unplanned power cut affecting your home, you will receive proactive updates 24 hours a day.

We will contact you regularly to confirm the details we hold for you are correct and if we do not hear back from you on these occasions, we will only keep your data for 5 years.

What is the PSR and who is eligible?

The Priority Services Register is a free UK-wide service which provides extra advice and support, including when there's an interruption to your electricity, gas or water supply.

You are eligible for free PSR services if you:

- Use medical equipment reliant on electricity or water.
- Are blind or partially sighted.
- Are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Are of pensionable age.
- Have a disability.
- Live with children under five.
- Have a chronic illness.
- Have anxiety, depression or any mental health condition.
- Loss or impairment of smell.
- Need documents translated into another format or language.
- Temporarily need extra support.

To Register

- Online at thepr.co.uk by entering your postcode
- Call 0800 294 3259 to register or request a leaflet.
- The Deaf or hard of hearing can contact by textphone on 0800 316 5457.

Against Breast Cancer

Breast Walk Ever Hampshire

Sunday 12 May 2024

Take part from just **£13**

IBM, Hursley, SO21 2JN

Three distance options with feed stations. Medal for all finishers, dogs welcome.

Raise funds for secondary spread breast cancer research at the University of Southampton.

Family, friendly fun. Children's activities available on the day

Sign up at breastwalkever.org

Facebook: /BreastWalk | Twitter: @BreastWalkEver | Instagram: @againstbreastcancer1

Against Breast Cancer is a registered charity in England and Wales. Registered Charity No. 1021255

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St Stephen's Church

There has been a slight change in the May Services from those published in the March Newsletter.

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
21 st April	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th April	10am – Morning Worship
19 th May	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
26 th May	10am – Morning Worship

If you would like to go to a Church Service on one of the Sundays when there is no Service in St. Stephen's, here is the normal rota across the Benefice:

- 1st Sunday in the month: 10am Morning Prayer at Chilbolton
 10am Holy Communion at Crawley
 4pm Café Church in Littleton Church Room
- 2nd Sunday in the month: 10am Family Communion at Littleton
 10am Morning Prayer at Wherwell

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Parish Councillors

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County Councillor

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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.downsbefice.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 Lynne Gibson. Please contact: security@sparsholtparish.org

Aluminium Recycling Bin

Bin is located by the side of the shop behind the phone box.

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 next Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the next edition is **26th April 2024** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org