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One man and his dogs!

After 5 years, Ian Hay has retired from the Parish Council where he combined the daily exercise of his dogs with responsibility for Sparsholt's footpaths. His ready sense of humour and practical skills will be missed, by his former colleagues, as much as his common sense approach to council issues. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him well.

Your Council Needs You!

Following Ian's departure there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. This is an opportunity to be involved and represent the views of your community. A list of the locations of parish notices boards, which incidentally have recently been refurbished by Ian, gives an indication of the extent of the parish: Post Office, Woodman Close, Sparsholt College, Rack and Manger Cottages, Sarum Road, Westview Road, Northwood, Dean. Do please contact any of the councillors listed at the top of this newsletter to find out more and/or come along to a meeting.

Renewable Energy at Sparsholt College

Sparsholt College and Ecotricity have issued a press release to say that a planning application for a "Green Gas Mill" and education building at Sparsholt College has been submitted.

A public exhibition will be held on Tuesday 9th February at Westley Court, Sparsholt College between 1pm and 8pm. We would strongly encourage all residents to attend this event to see the proposals.

Annual Parish Clean Up

Please come and help with the annual parish clean up on Saturday 19th March. Meet at the Memorial Hall at 10.00am. Bag, gloves and litter pickers will be provided together with refreshments

Sparsholt Parish Plan

The Sparsholt Housing Needs Survey has been distributed to all householders. The main purpose of this survey is to establish the extent of the housing need of those living in the Parish. The secondary purpose is to seek the views of all those living in the Parish as to the type of housing which they believe would be suitable should a requirement for more housing be identified.

Please do complete and return this survey to the Sparsholt Shop by Monday 1st February. The more people that reply, the better the information will be.

A further questionnaire will be issued in March and cover all aspects of village life and be addressed to both adults and to 11 to 17 year olds.

A message from the Village Shop

Happy New Year to all you all! Thankfully our shop has survived another year.....So we wanted to thank you all for your support during 2015.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we can only be here if you keep visiting us, so there will be lots going on this year and more initiatives to encourage everyone to pop in to see us more often. We're also really interested in getting your ongoing feedback to make sure we're providing things that everyone needs.

Just as a reminder, below are just some of the services and products that you may not know we provide:

- Dry Cleaning
- Bread from the former baker of Lainston House
- Cash back when you spend over £5 on a card payment
- Postal Services
- Sparsholt Village chutneys, cakes and biscuits
- Daily homemade cakes and delicious homemade soups
- Fresh coffee

We hope to see you all soon!

Forthcoming Events

SPARSHOLT W.I. JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 12th March 11.00am
SPARSHOLT MEMORIAL HALL SO21 2NR

BRIC A BRAC JEWELLRY CAKES
REFRESHMENTS PLANTS

ADMISSION 50P

Contributions can be left at the Hall on Saturday 12th after 9am or arrangements for collection can be made by contacting Marie mbush@midmoors.co.uk or 01962 776315.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday in 2016. Events are taking place around the country and the Parish Council is willing to help sponsor a celebration in Sparsholt. Please do contact any member of the Parish Council with any thoughts and ideas.

Centenary Albums

Thank you, these have now been located and the Parish Council is considering ways of helping to preserve these albums which form such a wonderful documented history of the village.

South West Trains

The Department for Transport has started consulting on the specification for a new South Western rail franchise to start in 2017. Consultation is currently taking place with passengers, businesses and local councils on their views on the next franchise and will run until 9th February 2016. Find out more https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/477016/south-western-stakeholder-consultation.pdf

Hampshire Superfast Broadband Update

Please see below for the latest update on Superfast Broadband for Sparsholt:

Wave 2 of the Hampshire Superfast Broadband programme is a large and complex project. BT Openreach will be upgrading connections to over 34,000 premises across Hampshire between January 2016 and September 2018. Once completed, Wave 2 will make Superfast Broadband available to more than 95% of premises in Hampshire.

Upon completion of Wave 1 and Wave 2, an additional 97,000 premises will have access to Superfast Broadband; this will bring the total number of Hampshire homes and businesses with access to superfast services to 570,000.

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On occasion some of the premises might be too far from the upgraded cabinet to benefit from superfast speeds. However, many residents and businesses in these areas will still see improvement to their service.

The programme aims to fill the gap in smaller, rural areas that would be otherwise left out because potential low user numbers make it not commercially viable for providers.

The role out scheme is based on best use of public funds and public demand and will be co-ordinated with other local utilities and road works to bring the least possible disruption to the areas affected.

To find out when Superfast Broadband is coming to your area or to join the campaign visit: www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com or follow [@SuperfastHants](https://twitter.com/SuperfastHants)

Please be Alert

Scam telephone calls remain a concern

'If you receive a phone call from someone you don't know always ask for the name of the person you are speaking to and who they represent. You can verify this information by calling the company's head office yourself ensuring you use a clear telephone line with a dialling tone.

- Never give personal details over the telephone.
- Never accept offers over the telephone, if they sound too good to be true, they usually are.
- Report any suspicious telephone calls to your telephone company.
- Consider registering your number with Telephone Preference Service (TPS Online) or 0845 070 0707.
- Most telephone providers will block anonymous callers.
- Never give your credit or bank card PIN number out over the telephone. This information is never requested legitimately by your bank or the police.
- If you think something is wrong, hang up the telephone.

If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it to ActionFraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at actionfraud.police.uk.'

Advertising

Local businesses may wish to advertise in both this newsletter (published every two months) or on the Parish Council website. A special introductory offer of £5 a quarter (for a minimum of two quarters) is available. Please contact the clerk for further information.

Contact Details and Other Information

City Councillor Caroline Horrill

Caroline Horrill's contact details are: email CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk or 01962 776844.

County Councillor Phil Bailey

Phil Bailey's contact details are: email philbailey@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 775275.

Police Liaison

Police hold their beat surgeries to coincide with mobile library visits.

kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Telephone: 07901102445

jon.worsdell@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Telephone: 07554775447

Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator of the local NHW is Jan Anderson whose telephone number is 01962 776784.

Blocked gullies

Report these to Hampshire County Council on 0845 603 5633.

Report a pothole

Complete the form at <http://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/pothole.aspx>

Mobile Library

The next visits of the mobile library will be at Woodman Close on Tuesday 2nd February and Tuesday 1st March between 1.15pm and 1.40pm. Use it or lose it!

Projector

If you wish to use the Sparsholt Parish Council projector for a council or community presentation please contact the clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is a planning only meeting on **18th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. A copy of the most recent minutes is available at Sparsholt Shop and also on the website.