

The members of the Parish Council are: -

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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All

Events happening in the village over the festive period include a Christmas Fayre on 3rd December, a Pantomime on 4th December and New Year's Eve celebrations at the Plough with local group the "Shady Greys".

Terry Dunn regularly sends 'Village Calendar' email updates– if you wish to join the distribution list and find out more about these and forthcoming events please contact Terry at terry@hamgreen9.co.uk

Details of Christmas Church Services can be found at www.downsbenefice.org and in the accompanying Downs Benefice Parish magazine and card.

RICHARD SUMMERFIELD

Richard has decided to retire as a Parish Councillor after ten years of loyal support to the village. Richard joined the Council in July 2006 when David Parker was the Chair and became the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee. In 2011 Richard became the Vice Chairman to Caroline Horrill who succeeded David Parker as Chair. His most notable successes include organising the annual village clean ups, always coordinated with enthusiasm and an endless supply of tea, coffee and refreshments for the volunteers. I am pleased to say that Richard has offered to continue with this most important village need.

The Parish Council will miss Richard greatly because as the longest serving member of the Council his memory of historical events in the village has been invaluable. We wish him and his family all the very best and a huge thank you for all he has done for Sparsholt Village.

Sue Wood, Chair

With Richard's retirement, the Parish Council will be recruiting a new councillor. Pete Chadwick, who recently joined the Council explains his reasons for becoming involved:

"I began volunteering on the Parish Council earlier this year because I think it is important for people who care about the village to be involved in decisions affecting it. Personally, as a dad of two young children, the school and playground are important to me, as well as the countryside and open spaces. We are very lucky to have an active community involved in running facilities like the shop, the Hall and village events and the Parish Council plays a key role in helping to support these".

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor please contact the Chair, the Clerk or any of the councillors listed at the top of this newsletter.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AT SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

It is extremely disappointing, considering the objections from parishes in the neighbourhood, to report that Winchester City Council's Planning Committee approved Ecotricity's resubmission of its planning application for an Anaerobic Digester and Education Building at Sparsholt College at its meeting on 13th October. The Parish Council would like to thank the many parishioners who attended village meetings, the planning meeting and submitted comments opposing the application. The decision notice can be found on Winchester City Council's website www.winchester.gov.uk/planning

BUSES

Please do let the clerk or Councillor Osmond (transport@sparsholtparish.org) know if you would like to see the return of the 8.30am bus service. This will enable the Parish Council to contact the bus company and put forward the village's views on services available.

NO FLOODING AT THE PLOUGH!

With a new pipe installed it is hoped that the problem of flooding by the Plough has been resolved. Councillor Wooles' persistent efforts in achieving this outcome will make road journeys for all safer.

Please be Alert

The website www.police.uk gives details of crimes reported nationwide. By entering post code or place name in the "find your neighbourhood" search box it is possible to find statistics for Winchester Rural West which encompasses Sparsholt.

It is important to report crimes and concerns to the police. Please use the 101 number for **non-emergencies**.

In addition, there are three type of crime that can be reported on-line at www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/contact-us/report-a-crime: criminal damage, theft, and theft from a vehicle

Contact Details and Other Information

Our three City Councillors

Caroline Horrill: email CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 776844.

James Byrnes: email jbyrnes@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 07402 114474.

Stephen Godfrey: email sgodfrey@winchester.gov.uk or telephone 01962 884477.

Our County Councillor

Phil Bailey: email philbailey@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 775275.

Police Liaison

PCSO 13466 Croutear: email kerry.croutear@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or telephone 07901102445.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

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

Report a problem to Winchester City Council

This service enables reporting of problems such as missed bin collections, fly tipping, pot holes and road concerns www.winchester.gov.uk/report

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 to be held on 15th December at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.