

Sparsholt Community Newsletter



Summer is almost over; harvesting is well under way; schools will soon be back; and Covid has not gone away as we all hoped. While endeavouring to stay safe we slowly seek to get back to a 'sort of normal': attending family gatherings, going to the theatre and concerts, and maybe even going on holiday. Who knows what lies ahead? Events have taken place in the village, and more are planned. But these events may no doubt still be subject to change. We will keep the Village Events Calendar up to date and let you know by email as soon as we are informed by the organisers of any significant changes.

Village Gathering

Live Music

Local musicians Chris Dean and Brian Witts will be playing at times throughout the afternoon.

Raffle

Top raffle prizes include:

- dinner for two at the Chef's Table at Lainston House Hotel
- afternoon tea for two at Lainston
- a beef box from Eddie Wheeler of Bushmoor Farm
- a voucher from Beechcroft Farm Shop
- Champagne, wine and
- lots of other goodies.


 What? No Fete!
Sparsholt Village Gathering
3pm to 7pm on Sat 4th September
 on the **School Field**

Bring your own picnic, refreshments, drinks, chairs, a rug to sit on (please no glasses made of glass). Please take your rubbish home.
No tickets required, but bring cash for a raffle in aid of the Church.

We plan to have small activities for the kids like giant jenga, large dominoes, connect 4 so if you have them, please bring them.

Well behaved dogs are allowed but they must be kept on a lead at all times and that any mess must be cleaned up immediately



Village Shop

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Always a very popular event.

On the Memorial Green from 08:00 to 16:00.

If you can help with service on the day or by baking a cake in advance please contact Janette Davies by email to sparsholtvs@googlemail.com

Shop Association AGM

Saturday 11th September at 10 am

In Sparsholt Memorial Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and hear the good news and future plans.

If you plan to attend, please let Victoria know by emailing her at victoria@hamgreencottage.co.uk

Shop and Post Office Opening Hours

Shop

- Mon-Fri 08:00 to 13:00
- Sat 08:00 to 12:00

Post Office

- Mon-Fri 09:00 to 12:00

Village Events Calendar

After the Summer break, September promises to be a much busier month for the village (provided that COVID restrictions are not reintroduced)!

The Memorial Hall car park repairs were finished ahead of the scheduled date and, it is hoped that the work done will not only improve the look of the car park, but may also help to reduce the likelihood of flooding in the School.

Summary of Events in September

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 – School Inset Days
 Saturday 4 – Sparsholt Village Gathering (“byo” picnic)
 Monday 6 – School Autumn Term starts
 Friday 10 to Sunday 19 – Winchester Heritage Open Days
 Saturday 11 – HG Volunteers Workday
 Saturday 11 – Village Shop Association AGM
 Saturday 11 – “Messy Church” at Sparsholt
 Wednesday 15 – “Battle of Britain” Day 1940
 Thursday 16 – Parish Council Meeting
 Thursday 16 – CPRE talk at Sparsholt College
 Sunday 19 – Annual Pet Service on Woodman Close Green
 Wednesday 22 – Sparsholt Memorial Hall OGM (committee only)
 Friday 24 – Village Shop “Macmillan Coffee Day”, in aid of the charity

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 October – School Inset Day
 Saturday 9 October – “Messy Church” at Crawley
 Sunday 10 October – Music Concert
 Wednesday 20 October – HG Tree Planting & Bench Installation (TBC)
 Friday 22 October – School breaks for Half Term
 Saturday 23 October – Sparsholt Harvest Supper
 Sunday 24 October – Sparsholt Harvest Festival Service
 Saturday tba October – Village Autumn Clean Up (TBC)
 Sunday 31 October – Summer Time ends & Halloween

Monday 1 November – School restarts after Half Term
 Friday 5 November - Guy Fawkes Night!
 Saturday 13 November – “Messy Church” at Littleton
 Sunday 14 November – Remembrance Sunday & FOSS Remembrance Sunday Lunch

Link to the online Village Events Calendar

The Calendar is a live document that is frequently updated and it can be viewed at any time via the Sparsholt Parish website by using the following link:

<http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Calendar>

Please let us know if you are planning an event by emailing the details to us at:

sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

Notices

Mrs Jean Marshall

A long- time resident of Sparsholt, passed away peacefully on 25th August 2021, aged 98, following a stroke a few days earlier.

Jean came to Sparsholt in 1972 and lived at Pear Tree Cottage in Woodman Lane for 47 years but, 18 months ago she moved to a care home in Waterlooville, to be nearer to her family and to receive the full-time care that she then needed. She lived there happily and in good spirits right up until the stroke occurred.

Funeral arrangements and timing have not yet been decided but will appear in later editions of the Community Newsletter and the Parish Magazine.

Thank you to Jean’s daughter for notifying us.

Citizens Advice Bureau



The pandemic has been a challenging time for everyone, and the Citizens Advice Bureau in Winchester helped more people, with more issues than ever before through their remote phone and email advice service.

For more information see:

<https://citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk>

And to support them by donating please see:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/citizens-advice-winchester-district/>



heritage open days

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Friday 10th – Sunday 19th September 2021

It's fun, fabulous and **FREE!** Celebrating local history, architecture and culture, this year's mix of in-person and online events reveal hidden places, tales of the past and a chance to experience something new. Many you can just turn up to, but others must be booked in advance through the online box office on our website:

www.winchesterheritageopendays.org

Some of the events, venues and organisations in this year's line up include:

Winchester College: Tours, Exhibition & Treasury Children's Trail

Hyde900: Displays, Tile Workshop, Talks & Cookery Demonstrations

Classic Cars & Vintage Bus Displays | Whitchurch Silk Mill Food Festival

Gilbert White's Brewhouse | Pilgrims' Hall | Valuation evening at City Mill

Open Days at the Great Hall, Winchester Museums & Hospital of St Cross

'Edible England' Events, Online Exhibition & High Street Trail

Bellringing, Medal-Making, Storytelling, Pop-up Poetry & Cinema

2Time Theatre | Jeremy France | Winchester Muse | Historical Huzzahs

Behind-the-scenes tours at Leckford Estate & The Watercress Line

Proudfoot & Co, Inn the Park, Montezumas, Rick Stein, P&G Wells,

Winchester Poetry Festival, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust,

Friends Meeting House, City of Winchester Trust, Alresford Museum,

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Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make the first Sparsholt Music concert such a success. The full capacity audience from the village and beyond were wonderfully supportive of the performers and enjoyed an hour of a variety of beautiful and stimulating music including piano solos, voice and saxophone. Several delicious cakes were provided by generous ladies of the village and a lovely afternoon was had by all. Funds have been raised and distributed to various areas of the village.

The next concert programme is full and should be a wonderful afternoon of classical music including Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Poulenc. We also have a guest singer, violinist and oboist. It is on Sunday October 10th at 3pm and tickets will be on sale online and at the village shop from Monday 20th September. The first concert was sold out so please get your tickets in advance and in good time to avoid disappointment, there are unlikely to be any tickets available on the door

The final concert this year will be on 19th December and will be a lighter concert with some carols for everyone. We would also like to hold a raffle so start putting gift donations aside. The programme is filling up so if you would like to perform let us know soon!

Dates are in the diary for Sunday concerts next year!

- February 13th - 3pm
- April 24th - 7pm (evening concert, wine & nibbles)
- August 14th - 3pm
- December 18th - 3pm

We will hold an additional concert **for students and less experienced performers** on Sunday 13th March at 3pm.

Do get in touch if you or your children might be interested in performing. All ages and abilities will be welcome.

We look forward to seeing more of you later this year!

Fiona & Mark



Climate Change

Articles provided by John Cooper – Parish Councillor for Footpaths and Climate Change

New guidelines for burning wood and coal at home

Although it is thankfully still warm being just August, as sure as Summer follows Spring it will not be long before the evenings start to become chillier as Autumn beckons and people with open fires or log burners will naturally be thinking of lighting them up. Autumn is also a period when keen gardeners will be cutting back excess plant growth and disposing of the vegetation with a bonfire. In order to reduce the adverse effect on the environment and help to reduce emissions contributing to climate change both National Government and Local Authorities have issued new guidelines. So, in case you have missed them, I thought it worthwhile to paraphrase them below.

Since May 1st 2021 only approved coal merchants can legally sell traditional house coal and retail outlets such as garages or DIY stores are no longer selling coal. Between 1st May 2021 and 30th April 2023 traditional house coal must be sold loose or in unsealed bags from a registered coal merchant. Additionally, from 1st May 2023 it will be prohibited to sell traditional house coal for use in homes in England, even from a merchant. Hopefully coal merchants will be supporting and advising customers on how to switch to alternative smokeless fuels before then.

People burning wet wood or newly felled wood will face similar restrictions as this is also no longer permitted to be sold although you can of course purchase and use kiln dried logs from a reputable source. These dry logs of course will burn more efficiently. Try and burn hardwoods such as beech and ash avoiding softwoods such as pine or fir as the flammable resins or pitch can build up in your chimney. It is better to burn brighter for a shorter period of time rather than leaving part burnt logs to smoulder and never, of course, burn painted or varnished wood to avoid atmospheric pollutants.

Finally from a safety angle make sure your chimney or flue is swept annually and any log burner is serviced, and for your peace of mind don't forget a carbon monoxide monitor.

Bonfires

Try to avoid burning garden waste with a bonfire, instead dispose of it by home composting, through the local council garden waste collection scheme by purchasing a brown bin or a visit to the dump with your green bags.

Where a bonfire is absolutely necessary, please consider your neighbours first. Choose days with suitable weather conditions of low wind and avoid sunny weekends when more people will be out in their gardens.

From a safety perspective never leave a bonfire unattended, keep water nearby and children and pets away.

Air Pollution

Whatever fire you're planning this Autumn either for keeping warm or tidying up the garden please keep safe and minimise air pollution. Air born particulates clearly have a negative impact on people's health and the carbon dioxide emissions caused by fires contribute to the growing climate concerns about global warming. Be aware of the impacts of air pollution don't allow fires to smoulder or produce a lot of dark smoke and never burn household rubbish or goods.

Conserving Borneo's Rainforests – A CPRE Talk at Sparsholt College



CPRE Hampshire, the countryside charity, are holding an event on:

Thursday 16th September at 18:30 at Sparsholt College.

The event is an evening talk on the Rainforests of Borneo looking at the effect of climate change, industrial logging etc. and discussing what is being done to ensure the plantations can support species of high conservation value.

– see full-scale posters attached to the end of the newsletter.

Seen around Sparsholt



Ham Green

The August Work Day was well supported and a lot was achieved during the morning, including clearance of the large open area behind Ham Green Cottage. This area now contains an array of tree-stump stools and a log bench, where people can sit and picnic, or just enjoy the peace and quiet of “the nature”.



The Picnic Area – upper footpath

Co-incidentally, a party of ramblers came through HG soon after the Work Day, and were delighted to have The Picnic Area to sit in and enjoy their lunch!!



The Glade – lower footpath

Next Workday

The next Workday is planned for **Saturday 11th September** and, the rate of growth is now slowing down so, we will be using our large cutter bar mower, to start the annual clearance of our managed areas.

For further details of our Work Programmes, contact terrydunn9@btinternet.com

Replanting Plan

The HG Replanting Report is now being implemented by the Parish Council and members of the HG group. Prices are being requested from a number of potential suppliers and funding is also being considered. The Report has basically been accepted without major change and, it will soon be made available to read on the Parish website.

Dragon Patcher Prize - Installation

At the end of 2019, Stewart Wooles won a competition to name the new HH/Skanska pothole mending machine, the “Dragon Patcher”.

The prize was a new bench and specimen tree for the village and, it was decided to install both at Ham Green but, after many delays the installation has yet to happen!

We do still have a provisional date of **Wednesday 20th October**, so fingers crossed that it will finally happen then, which we hope to confirm before the end of September.

Seen around Sparsholt



Letter to the Parish Council from the Police and Crime Commissioner



September 2021

Email: chair@sparsholtparish.org

Dear Ms Sue Wood,

Since being elected in May 2021 as the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I have hit the ground running. As I reach the end of my first 100 days in office, I am pleased to provide an update on the actions I have taken so far and to ensure you have my contact details.

I have been spending time with police officers, partners and speaking with the public to ensure they know I am a Commissioner who will listen to them and take action. I have had my first meeting with the Police and Crime Panel and have met with council leaders and MPs to ensure that I represent local concerns to leaders across the Hampshire constabulary policing area.

I pledged to recruit 600 new police officers by the end of 2023 and 302 new police officers have already been recruited so far from the Government's officer uplift. They will be more visible and out on local streets keeping residents safer. I have started a review into call handling to identify ways to make the service more customer-focused so that when people report a crime they are kept updated on progress.

Residents told me they are concerned about the rise of anti-social behaviour in their local communities and I have already set up an ASB task force to bring together police, local authorities and partners to tackle local problems. I have also met with the rural policing team to see how drones are being used to crack down on organised crime and I am being a voice for rural communities on crimes in their local communities.

I have been appointed at the national lead for victims across England and Wales, standing up for victims' rights at a national as well as local level, ensuring their voice is heard and their needs are at the heart of national debate and policy on policing. I am focused in sustainably improving the service victims receive from the criminal justice system, particularly victims of rape and serious sexual violence, by taking over as Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board, and will push for improvements in the criminal justice system. I have also been appointed as national lead for Serious Organised Crime, ensuring Regional Organised Crime Units are supported to develop specialist capabilities, such as forensics, to work effectively on behalf of the public locally, regionally and nationally.

I have secured and issued substantial national funding to local projects to support victims and reduce crime. This includes cash for two Violence Reduction Unit projects to tackle the root causes of violence

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and prevent young people from getting involved in crime, funding to stop the cycle of abuse at an early age by working with families and young people demonstrating abusive behaviours and funding to support victims of male rape.

Looking ahead to the next 100 days, I will launching the consultation on the priorities in my 'More Police, Safer Streets' Police and Crime Plan. The priorities in the draft Plan have been developed based on what local residents have told me what concerns them the most and what they want the police to be doing to make them safer. I would like to invite you to share your thoughts on my priorities through the survey [here](#) and please also let your residents know my priorities are out for consultation.

With best wishes



Donna Jones
Police & Crime Commissioner

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Here is the link to the survey referred to in the letter above
<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90375152/Police-Crime-Plan-Survey>

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Thursday 16th September 2021** at 7.30pm. Council meetings will take place in the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you need help the support group remains available and can be reached on: **07595 967259**

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

WEBSITES

Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>

Sparsholt Shop: http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop

Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.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 Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the June edition is **Friday 24th September 2021** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org



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Conserving Borneo's Rainforests - Talk by Dr Glen Reynolds MBE

We're delighted to announce that Director of the South East Asia Rainforest Research Partnership, Dr Glen Reynolds MBE will be giving a talk on Conserving Borneo's Rainforests on Thursday, 16 Sept 6.30pm at Sparsholt College, Winchester.

Over recent decades, the once pristine rainforests of Borneo, have in large been cleared and degraded, a consequence of industrial logging, the development of agricultural plantations, and climate change.

Many of Borneo's iconic species are now severely threatened & in 2019 the last Sumatran Rhino in Sabah died.

Hear from Dr Reynolds how SEARRP science has made it possible for plantations to support species of high conservation value and why there is cause for hope!!

The talk will raise important funds to support the work of CPRE Hampshire, the countryside charity. Tickets are £15.00 for CPRE members, £20.00 for non-members and £5.00 for students to include a drink and nibbles.

How to book

Book online www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-rainforests-of-borneo-talk-by-dr-glen-reynolds-mbe-tickets-164993615345 or call 01962 841897 or email hantssupportercare@cprehampshire.org.uk

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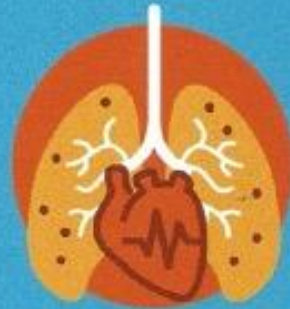


Do you burn wood to keep warm?

It's important to stay warm and well.



But wood burning can cause harmful particulate air pollution.



Can you burn cleaner, burn better, burn different?



Find out more

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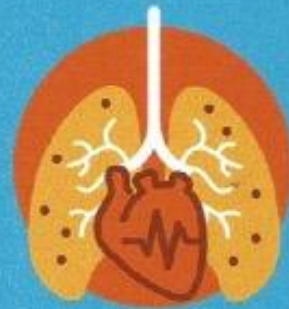


Thinking of having a bonfire?

Bonfires can cause harmful particulate air pollution.



Air pollution negatively impacts the health of your family and community.



Can you avoid burning, burn cleaner, burn safely?



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