

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Village Events

The Village Events Calendar is filling up with events between now and Christmas – which is drawing ever closer, so now is the time to make the Christmas cake (and put the sprouts on!!).

Events in November

Monday 1 – School restarts after Half Term

Friday 5 – Guy Fawkes Night **stay safe and remember the firework code**

Saturday 6 – HG Volunteers Work Day

Thursday 11 – Armistice Day

Sunday 14 – Remembrance Sunday & FOSS Remembrance Sunday Lunch

Thursday 18 – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 20 – Jazz Night at the Plough Inn

Tuesday 30 – St Andrews Day

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5 December – HG Volunteers Work Day

Sunday 5 December – Shop Mini Christmas Market (TBC)

Saturday 11 December – Jazz Night at the Plough Inn

Sunday 12 December – Candlelit Carol Service in the Church

Friday 17 December – School Autumn Term ends

Sunday 19 December – Music Concert

Tuesday 21 – Winter Solstice

Thursday 23 December Carols and Santa at the Plough Inn

Saturday 25/Sunday 26 December – Christmas Day/Boxing Day

Monday 27 December – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 28 December – Bank Holiday

Friday 31 December – New Years Eve

Looking forward to 2022

Saturday 1 January – New Years Day

Monday 3 January – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4 January – School Spring Term begins

Saturday 8 January – HG Volunteers Work Day

Thursday 20 January – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 25 January – Burns Night

Monday 31 January – School Inset Day

Online 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>

Calendar Updates

As we progress further towards life as we used to know it, we expect more events to be added so, please let us know if you are planning an event by sending in the details, using the link below:

sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org



Photo by: Howard Annesley

More Waynflete Singers Needed

Winchester's premier choral society the Waynflete Singers is holding an open rehearsal on **Thursday 11th November** at the United Church in Winchester. Anyone who is interested in singing with a big choir is warmly invited to come along and try it out. It's lovely familiar music: Handel's Messiah. All voice parts would be most welcome.

See poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Lights Out! – Letter to the Editor

Please can you mention the no lights policy in our village now it's getting dark. Houses are lit up with external lights all evening sometimes owners aren't even there, so the lights must be on timers. One in particular is lit up every night very brightly. Could the lights be on motion sensors and not left on for hours .

We are trying to save our planet!!

If you are in any doubt, then see the National Campaign to reclaim our Dark skies

<https://nightblight.cpre.org.uk>

Quick energy saving tips

The increasing cost of gas has featured widely in the press and on TV news in recent weeks and, whilst most of the village doesn't have gas, the price of gas will inevitably increase the cost of electricity. Also, the current boom in crude oil price, which we can see reflected at the petrol pumps, will increase the domestic oil price that many of us rely on for heating. Inevitably the cost of energy this winter is going to rise for all of us.

Whilst there may not be much, we can do about the macroeconomic situation there are a number of small things we can all do to reduce our energy costs and in so reducing energy consumption an added bonus is we reduce our personal carbon footprint!

The list below shows some examples of the daily habits that we can all change to reduce our energy consumption. The motto here is that 10 small savings can add up to quite a significant saving over a year.

- Turning your room thermostat down by just 1 deg C, say from 21 deg C to 20 deg C, can save you as much as £70 in a year and has an additional benefit of reducing your carbon emissions by as much as 300 Kgs per annum.
- Turning your television and other devices, off at the wall and not leaving them on standby, when not in use, can save a surprising £35 per year and nearly all modern devices will not suffer by switching them off at the wall!
- LED lightbulbs may cost more to buy initially but they last longer and they consume less energy for the equivalent amount of light, the energy saved can amount to a saving of £30 a year.
- On top of changing to LED lightbulbs, just getting into the habit of switching off the lights on leaving a room can save an additional £11 per year.
- By only filling the kettle with the amount of water you need to boil at any one time will save you £6 per year and putting lids on saucepans reaps an extra cost saving.
- Finally if you can run the dishwasher and washing machine one less cycle a week this would save £8 per year for each appliance.

A very achievable saving is made from reducing the time you spend in the shower a 1 minute reduction each time would save £4 per year in energy costs and use less water for those of you on a metered water supply!

The message I think is clear, lots of small changes cumulatively add up to some worthwhile savings both in energy costs and energy consumption which is good for us and good for our environment!

John Cooper

Future Parish Council Meetings

- November 2021 – Full Agenda
- December 2021 – No meeting
- January 2022 – Full Agenda
- February 2022 – Planning & Climate Change
- March 2022 – Full Agenda
- April 2022 – Annual Meeting; Planning & Climate Change
- May 2022 – Full Agenda
- June 2022 - Planning & Climate Change
- July 2022 – Full Agenda
- August 2022 – No meeting
- September 2022 - Full Agenda
- October 2022 – Planning & Climate Change
- November 2022 - Full Agenda

Full Agenda includes

- Portfolio, City & County Councillor reports
- Planning
- Finance Subcommittee report

Pink String?

Anyone know where the short (about 3cm) sections of pink string are coming from?



Mainly seen on Woodman Lane. Replies to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

Ham Green

The October Work Day was again well supported and the Group continued with the major clearing work, working on the New Hedge Area, which is up past the foot bridge and facing Stockers Down. We also finished preparing the chosen site for the HH/Skanska specimen tree, which was due to arrive at HG on Wednesday 20th October. The photos below show the chosen site for the tree, and the site for the new bench which is also being donated by HH/Skanska.

Unfortunately, this event did not take place, as neither the specimen tree nor the new bench could be delivered in time. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a new date for these installations to take place.



Photos by: Terry Dunn

Ash Die Back Update

The Ash tree (T27), pictured in the September report, was the first tree to be felled as part of the Phase 2b Ash Dieback felling programme and, we are hoping to continue this phase of work fairly soon.

For the future, we have noticed that there are a few more Ash trees in very poor shape, that have not previously been listed for trimming/felling, and these will be monitored throughout the coming months to ensure the safety of HG users.

Replanting Plan Update

Many thanks are due to Kirton Farm who have agreed that the replanting of trees in Ham Green qualifies as an appropriate project to receive the donation arising from the installation and 10 years' worth of operation of three wind turbines on the farm.

The applicant intends to offer the 3 local parishes an annual donation for 10 years based on the electricity produced. It is a modest sum of 0.5p per KWh produced, to each parish, which should generate £450 per annum based on the predicted production of 90,000 KWh per annum. These donations are to be spent on sustainability projects within the community. By definition, the concept of community benefits is principally about providing gain for the community as a whole, rather than enriching individual members within it.

4. Site location

Kirton Farm is located approximately 0.8 miles to the south of the village of Crawley. The application site for turbine 1 lies 245m to the southeast of Kirton Farm, with turbine 2 sited 355m from Kirton Farm and turbine 3 sited 430m from Kirton Farm.

Screenshot

Kirton Farm have already transferred the money to the parish council and the clerk is placing the necessary orders for the 15 trees for planting mostly in the area behind Ham Green Cottage.

The actual replanting will probably take place towards the end of November.

An excellent example of one green project supporting another to the benefit of the community.

The offer made by Kirton Farm in their planning application

Next HGCG Work Day

The next Work Day is planned for **Saturday 6th November** and, the main work will be to continue the clearing of other areas further along the bridleway, including the area where tree T27 was felled. Here, there is a lot of heavy timber still to be cut up and stacked, plus brash (small branches) to be broken up and burnt.

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

Donation from Waitrose Weeke to Ham Green



Terry Dunn accepting a cheque for £500 from Waitrose as part of the John Lewis Give A Little Love initiative.

CHURCH

Services – St Stephen’s Sparsholt

Date	Day	Service
14th Nov	Sun	Remembrance Service - in Church 10.55am
21st Nov	Sun	Holy Communion - 8am
28th Nov	Sun	Morning Prayer - 10am PLUS Baptism
12th Dec	Sun	Carol Service - 6pm
24th Dec	Fri	Crib Service - 4pm
		Midnight Service - 11.30pm
25th Dec	Sat	Christmas Day Family Service - 10am

Parochial Church Council - New Members Required

The PCC is looking for new members. We are cutting down the number of meetings to 4 a year, plus the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact either of the Churchwardens: John Wesley on 01962 776476 or Alastair Barron on 01962 776844.

Winchester and Hampshire

TRAVEL FREE TO WINCHESTER SPORT & LEISURE PARK

[once you get into Winchester that is!]

WCC have been working with Stagecoach South to launch a free travel trial to encourage residents to use the city’s Park & Ride service when visiting the new sport & leisure park.

The trial started on Monday 18 October and will run until Sunday 14 November, meaning you can now catch a P&R bus between The Broadway and Barfield Close and travel for free – just tell the drivers where you’re going!

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news/2021/oct/free-bus-service-to-winchester-sport-leisure-park>

Hampshire Together

If you are interested in learning more about our Patient Participation Group or are interested in joining, **please email hsiccg.hampshiretogether@nhs.net by 08 November 2021** with a brief introduction to your group and your role within it.

The Hampshire Together: Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services programme is part of the government’s 40 new hospitals programme.

It has the objective, not only of delivering a new hospital for the people in north and mid Hampshire, but also of improving the way health services themselves are organised. In so doing making sure that we can provide outstanding care for every patient for generations to come.

We are currently seeking to extend the membership of our Patient Participation Group (PPG) to make sure it is representative of our geographic areas and the populations we serve – and are seeking expressions of interest from local community and voluntary groups to join.

Hampshire Together programme



DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

COME AND TRY OUT THE WAYNFLETE SINGERS!

Try out one of the best choirs in the South at our OPEN REHEARSAL:

Thursday November 11th

7.30 pm

**United Church, Jewry St
Winchester SO23 8RZ**

**Come and join in as we
rehearse Handel's Messiah.**

**We have vacancies for all voice
parts.**

**For more information please email
our secretary:
info@waynfletesingers.org**

**Informal auditions in early January
2022 with our director Andrew
Lumsden**

