

# Sparsholt Community Newsletter

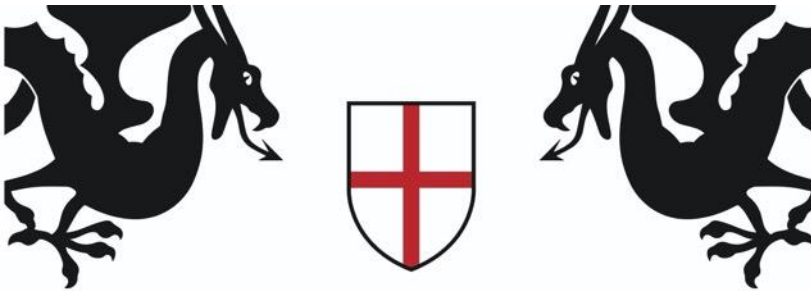
## Events

### Annual Meeting of the Parish

Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish which will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 19:30 in the Memorial Hall.

Following the Annual meeting, the Parish Council Meeting will then be held in the Mosaic Room.

### St George's Day Dinner



The Friends of St Stephen's  
Church, Sparsholt

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY DINNER



#### WHEN

Saturday 23rd April from 7.30pm

#### WHERE

The Plough, Woodman Lane, Sparsholt



Please come and join us on St George's Day for a three course dinner and celebrations.

Tickets at £30 are still available from the Sparsholt Shop

### Winchester Hospice

BBC Songs of Praise programme was recorded at Winchester Hospice a short while ago and will be aired on BBC1 on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 1.15pm.

### Tree down in Locks Lane

There is a tree that has come down and currently blocks Locks Lane at Watley Lane end before the cricket club.



Hampshire County Council have been informed and are arranging for its removal.

In the meantime we have been asked to remind people that **the fields are private and are not shortcuts to get round the tree.**

We have been informed that:

"I have already seen one person today who evidently had come over the metal gate at the bottom walked up the field, opened the gate in front of the shelter, across then out the top public footpath gate.

Firstly, it's private and secondly there could be an accident."

## Events (continued)

### Other Events in April

Monday 4 – FOSS AGM  
 Tuesday 5 – Sparsholt Memorial Hall AGM  
 Friday 8 – School Spring Term ends  
 Saturday 23 - Churchyard Clearup  
 Sunday 24 – Sparsholt Cricket v TBC (National Village Cup)  
 Sunday 24 – Evening Music Concert  
 Monday 25 - School Summer Term starts  
 Wednesday 27 – Lainston House Garden Tour

### Events in May

#### Thursday 5 May – Local Elections

Saturday 7 May – Ham Green Volunteers meet  
 Sparsholt Cricket v Portsmouth  
 Sunday 8 May – VE Day 1945  
 Saturday 14 May – “Messy Church” at Crawley  
 Thursday 19 May – Parish Council Meeting  
 Saturday 21 May – Sparsholt Cricket v New Milton  
 Tuesday 24 May – Shop Association AGM  
 Wednesday 26 May – Lainston House Garden Tour  
 Friday 27 May – School Breaks for Half Term

Here for families of seriously-ill children.  
Always.



Sebastian's Action Trust

## Lunch at Lainston House

Join us at this luxury hotel for a 3 course lunch and welcome drink

**27th June 2022, 12pm**

**Lainston House, Woodman Lane, Sparsholt  
Winchester, SO21 2LT**

**Ticket price: £60pp**

For more information and to book tickets visit:  
[www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/lainstonlunch](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org/lainstonlunch)  
 or call (01344) 622500

Sebastian's Action Trust provides emotional, social and practical support for seriously-ill children and their families. We offer respite care together with outreach and specialist services. These are aimed at helping our beneficiaries face the uncertainties of the future. Our vision is to ensure lives, however short, are lived to the full.

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To book <https://sebastiansactiontrust.org/events/lunch-at-lainston-house/>

Or see <https://sebastiansactiontrust.org/smiles-for-seb/> for more information about the trust.

## Around Sparsholt



Photos: Howard Annesley

## Parish Council

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is also on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022** at approximately 8.30pm following the Annual Parish Meeting. Council meetings will take place in the Mosaic Room at the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

### 5<sup>th</sup> May – Local Elections



Make sure you are registered to vote.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/winchester-district-and-parish-elections-2022>

### The Environment Centre

The Environment Centre (tEC) are running a local air quality programme with a focus on domestic wood-burning, in conjunction with Winchester City Council.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of the impacts of wood smoke on health, and to enable residents to reduce or avoid their exposure to this localised source of air pollution.

The programme has strengthened the health message with the support of Professor Sir Stephen Holgate (Air Quality expert at Southampton General Hospital).

There are two leaflets relating to domestic wood-burning, with messaging for “urban” and “rural” areas, to recognise that some people burn wood/solid fuel as their main source of heating and that it is important to stay warm and well.

Further information about the campaign can be found at: <https://environmentcentre.com/wood-burning/>

## Sparsholt Music

### Congratulations to Fiona and Mark



Fiona and Mark Zarb-Adami took part in the annual Southampton Music Festival at the end of March and came away with three trophies! Mark accompanied Fiona on the piano in two vocal classes; solo Oratorio and the Vocal Recital. They performed the aria Tecum Principium from Handel's Dixit Dominus for the former and four songs for the recital: Spring Waters and Vocalise by Rachmaninov, Chère Nuit by Bachelet and Nell by Fauré. Fiona wore her wedding dress, which has been transformed into an elegant concert gown! They will be performing Spring Waters and Nell in the village concert at the end of April.

Mark then successfully took part in the solo piano recital class where he performed Mozart's Fantasy in D Minor, Scriabin's Waltz and Billy Mayerl's Mignonette for the adjudicator, Timothy Barratt. Gilly Slot and Tim Morris, who also perform on the piano in our village concerts also had a successful time at the festival. Melanie Mastrototaro, who sang Vilja from the Merry Widow beautifully at our last concert, is the vocal administrator for the festival.

The festival is open to adults and children and is held in Thornden School, Chandler's Ford each March. For more details of how to get involved or to take part please visit:

<https://www.sfmad.co.uk/>

### Next Concert

The Spring Concert for Sparsholt Music will be an evening concert at 7pm on Sunday 24th April.

We have two new performers (lute and clarinet) as well as several familiar faces, hopefully including Fiona's daughter Maria.

Tickets are £7.50 which also entitles you to a free glass of wine and some nibbles. For this concert we need someone to offer to help with the tickets on the door.

Tickets will be available online ([www.sparsholtmusic.org](http://www.sparsholtmusic.org)) and from the Sparsholt village shop from Saturday 2nd April.

### Welcome to Sparsholt – The Mystery of the Missing Sign



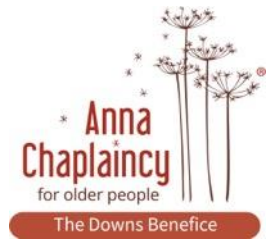
*Photo: Cathy Tucker*

The sign at the entrance to the village on Woodman Lane near Lainston House is missing.

Please send any information regarding the missing sign to the newsletter at [sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org).

# Church

## St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Winchester



**Anna Chaplain**  
(P/T 16 hours per week,  
3 years fixed term)

St Catherine's Church serves a semi-rural population on the edge of Winchester. An important part of that service is our ministry to the older members of our community and their families and carers, including those living and working in the nursing homes situated within the parish. We are seeking to develop this ministry further by the appointment of a part-time, paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society. At the same time, it encourages the wider church to celebrate and cherish older members of the congregation, as well as other members of the community.

The successful candidate will work in collaboration with the Rector and Ministry Team as well as the network of Parish Visitors for the parish and the wider Downs Benefice. He or she will also be part of the growing Anna Chaplaincy network, part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

*It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a professing and practising Christian (Equality Act 2010).*

For an application pack please contact:

[office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk)

To apply, please submit cv and covering letter. Closing date for applications: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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## St Stephen's Church Services

**10th April 10.00am**

**Palm Sunday Service**

This will start at the Hall Car Park, then process to the Church following the Donkey, for the rest of the Service

**14th April 6.00pm**

**Maundy Thursday**

Communion Service with foot washing

**17th April 10.00am**

**Easter Day**

Family Communion Service

**24th April 10.00am**

**Morning Worship**

## St Stephen's Churchyard Clear up

23rd April 10.00am Churchyard Clear-up Morning –  
Volunteers of all ages welcome; please bring your own garden tools. Refreshments will be provided.

## Ham Green

After a break of several weeks, due to Terry's sudden illness, the Ham Green report is back (more or less)!

The January Work Day was cancelled due to very poor ground conditions following heavy rain. Then, in mid-January Terry (Group Leader) suffered a stroke, fortunately not too severe, but it has left him with some residual impairment and double vision – so the use of power tools is definitely forbidden!!

Terry is gradually finding ways to live with the impairment, but is not yet sure how much improvement will eventually be achieved. However, life goes on and it could have been a whole lot worse, and he is so thankful that he can at least still walk and talk reasonably well.

Huge thanks to all the "Ham Greeners" and others who sent cards and messages of support – we haven't really been able to send replies to everyone, but Jane has spoken to some of you already and Terry would like to add his thanks to all of you for your kind thoughts for us both.

The Work Days in February and March went ahead as planned, under the very able leadership of Hugh and Roy, and much was achieved in Terry's absence – so thank you both very much for stepping up to organise the Group for the time being.

Terry hopes to make a gradual return over the next few months, but will be very limited in what work he can do safely, if he continues to suffer from double vision. We will have to wait and see what happens over time.

### April HGCG Work Day

The April Work Day was planned for Sunday 3rd April, and the work was to continue the clearing of areas along the bridleway, and also to commence mowing. Hugh will be away and so Roy will be leading the work, and we believe that he has already sent out details to the group members.

For further details of our Work Programmes, contact [terrydunn9@btinternet.com](mailto:terrydunn9@btinternet.com)

### Other HG News Items

A new Summer Programme is being prepared and will be circulated to Group members soon. Copies will also be displayed on the usual village noticeboards.



Photos: Terry Dunn

## Schools

### Sparsholt C of E Primary School

We still have spaces available for Year R pupils starting this September 2022

Please contact us to arrange a visit to see our wonderful school



Sparsholt Church of England Primary School | Sparsholt | Winchester | Hampshire | SO21 2NR  
01962 776264 | [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk)

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### The Henry Beaufort Newsletter March 2022



Happy 50th Birthday to the school. Please remember that the school is celebrating 50 years since it opened. We are planning a special event in Winchester Cathedral on the 7th of July. Please email the admin inbox if you have any memories or photo's, we would be able to share on our website. Please email on [admin@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

Clinics for Year 11 students are ongoing and there are many extracurricular activities happening including Football, Netball, Rugby, Mandarin, and the Environmental Club. Year 11 have had 2 weeks of mock exams which they completed around the half term break.

The school held a Personal Development Day on the 10th of January. These days allow the students to go off timetable to explore many issues. Students were encouraged to attend presentations on the danger of smoking/vaping, the benefits of Healthy Eating, coping with Mental Health issues and coping with puberty.

Year 8 students had Taster sessions for their forthcoming option decisions whilst Year 9 were presented on how to understand careers with talks on qualifications and pathways, workplace and finding careers information. Year 10 were introduced to Racism in Society, Civil and Criminal Law whilst Year 11 had a series of revision workshops.

We have enjoyed hosting students from Weeke and Harestock Primary schools this term for music workshops and Science lessons.

The school has become involved in the Hares of Hampshire project. We have been kindly donated a Hare sculpture- the Leveret, from Stagecoach.

The Whole School Council will work with the Art Department to create a design which will then be transferred to the Leveret to be shown as part of an art trail in Winchester this Summer.

The Headteacher has been busy seeing students and rewarding HT Recognition badges for a variety of reasons including participating in a sign language competition in conjunction with our Hearing- Impaired Resource Base and various sporting achievements.

This year's first round of Brilliant Club scholars is about to graduate from the Scholars' Programme with flying colours. After five university-style tutorials they have produced excellent final assignments about literary theory and using it to analyse texts. The Programme culminated in a celebration at Reading University on the 11th February where students attended a graduation to celebrate their efforts. They have all done very well and we are proud of their achievements.

# Scam and Fraud Warnings

## Loft Insulation

One of our readers reports on a recent experience:

“I was cold called by a company that talked about loft insulation as part of the government grant scheme to insulate houses. We had a visit from one of their representatives.

It turned out to concern foam insulation between the rafters. There are 2 types of foam insulation, a closed cell foam and an open cell foam. The closed cell foam provides an airtight loft with the consequence of harmful condensation due to temperature fluctuation. Mortgage companies will not lend against a property that has closed cell foam insulation. Your property becomes unsaleable.

I was assured that the open cell foam provides some air flow and is not harmful in the way that closed cell foam is and that mortgages are available with open cell foam. The assurance included equity release mortgages.

On checking with an equity release specialist, I was told that mortgage companies are not prepared to lend with either type of foam insulation. Admittedly this may be due to caution until evidence emerges that open cell foam is not harmful.

I thought a note in the parish newsletter could advise people that they should take proper specialist advice about the consequences of agreeing to install foam insulation before they commit.”

## Redelivery Scams

Another reader reports:

“Today I found that the Post Office and Royal Mail do not send emails or texts requesting you to pay for re- delivery.

They are scams . Please Beware ! “

## Neighbourhood Watch



- This month’s newsletter includes articles on:
- our THINK WIDE(N) burglary prevention campaign
  - launch of our 40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS pack
  - Neighbourhood Watch Community Grants Fund
  - International Women’s Day
  - Neighbour of the Year Awards 2021 regional winners

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/March%202022%20OUR%20NEWS.pdf>

# Hampshire Police

## Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has opened a ‘call for evidence’ to hear the thoughts, views and experiences of residents and practitioners in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) here in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight.

The aims and objectives for this call for evidence is to better understand the true scale and extent of VAWG and its impact upon individuals, their families and communities, to hear people’s experience of the reporting process, to understand support service capacity and to identify examples of best practice and what is working well locally.

What do you need to do?

Just visit: <http://s.alchemer.eu/s3/Public-VAWG-Survey-2022> and fill out the survey.

This call for evidence is open for 6 weeks, launching on March 8th 2022. **The deadline for submission is April 18th 2022 11.59pm.**

For more information visit the PCC's website - <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations>





Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 38, March 2022

## Protect your bike

The change in the weather means more people are out and about using their bike. High value bikes are being targeted and are generally taken from sheds and garages and sold online via social media platforms quickly and easily.

If you use a bike ride tracking app such as Strava make sure your privacy settings are changed so that your start and end point aren't being shared; this is likely to be your home address and tell others where your bike is stored.



Register your bike for free using an accredited property database such as <https://immobilise.com/> or <https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Always ensure your bike is locked securely and anchored to an immovable point, even when being stored in a shed or garage. It is best to use two locks which are fitted closely to the bike.

For more details on bike security please visit the Secured by Design website:

<https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/bike-security>

## False Investment Scams

There has been an increase in reports of investment and 'Get Rich Quick' scams on social media (particularly Snapchat and Instagram). The scammers contact people claiming their investment successes, they use a variety of methods including posting stories and taking over social media accounts to direct message from people known to you.

After victims have invested, further contact is ignored or further payments are requested to release funds.

### Please remember:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Check the Financial Conduct Authority website to make sure the company is legitimate.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction, or committing to something on the spot.
- If you receive a message from someone you know about investments or asking for money, call them before sending money, to ensure it is definitely them.
- Seek advice from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision.



To see this online so you can follow the links go to

[https://www.sparsholtparish.org/Media/Documents/A/Crime\\_Prevention/Crime\\_Prevention\\_Bulletin\\_March\\_2022pdf.pdf](https://www.sparsholtparish.org/Media/Documents/A/Crime_Prevention/Crime_Prevention_Bulletin_March_2022pdf.pdf)

### Bobby Buddies

We are appealing to the knitting community to help make more teddy bears to hand out to children involved in incidents of domestic abuse. The bears, knitted or crocheted by volunteers, are given to children by officers to help them communicate with them.



Patterns can be found in the article below and finished bears can be handed in to your local police station.

[Appeal to knitters to help make Bobby Buddies for child victims of domestic abuse | Hampshire Constabulary](#)

### Changes to the law for driving and mobile phone use



Since 2003, it's been an offence to use a hand-held mobile phone or similar hand-held device for 'interactive communication'. However, now that mobile phones can perform so many more functions the offence has been updated and will include all use of your phone.

There are just two exemptions to the law:

- Allowing for a call to be made in an emergency where it is not practical to stop
- For contactless payment for a service provided at the time - for example, road tolls or drive-thrus, but the vehicle must be stationary.

Using a mobile phone for navigation will continue to be legal, as long as it is kept in a cradle and not in the driver's hand. For further details please see: [Changes in the law on driving while using a mobile phone \(parliament.uk\)](#)

### Views on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

The Police Crime Commissioner is asking the public for their views and experiences of VAWG which will provide a clear understanding of the impact and scale of these crimes across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The survey is available here:

[Public VAWG Survey 2022 \(alchemer.eu\)](#)



### Fraudulent COVID Messages

Criminals are using COVID testing to target the public with fake text messages.

- ✓ The NHS will NEVER ask for payment or any financial details.
- ✓ If you are suspicious about an email, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).
- ✓ If you are suspicious about a text message, forward it to the number **7726** (it's free of charge).

For information on NHS coronavirus testing, visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

**YOUR UPDATE**

Email [cpahampshire@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cpahampshire@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)  
 Visit [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

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# SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Parish Councillors

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## Member of Parliament

Steve Brine	steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk www.stevebrine.com	0207 219 7189
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## SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Contact email address for volunteers and requests for support will remain in operation:

[supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org)

## WEBSITES

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

Sparsholt Shop: [http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our\\_Shop](http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop)

Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

## VILLAGE CALENDAR

The Calendar can be viewed at:

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

Please send updates to:

[sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)

## Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

Please contact John Wesley [johnr.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:johnr.wesley@btinternet.com) if you would like to join the Sparsholt Oil Syndicate and benefit from bulk purchase pricing.

## Aluminium Recycling Bin

An Aluminium Recycling bin can be found at:  
**20 Woodman Close**

## 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](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com)

## Copy Deadline for May 2022 Edition

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