

Sparsholt Community Newsletter



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Harvest Supper & Auction of Promises

*Save the Date
for the St Stephen's with Lainston Harvest Supper
& Auction of Promises*

Saturday 8th October

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

At the Village Hall

*Dozens of exciting lots to bid for with supper celebrating the
best of country fare.*

Tickets £10 per head for two courses

*Tables of 8 available...please bring your friends along for an
evening of banter and competitive bidding!! - something for
everyone.*

Church Services

21 st August	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's Church
28 th August	10.00am	Morning Worship	St. Stephen's Church
18 th September	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's Church
25 th September	10.00am	Pet Service	Green in Woodman Close
9 th October	10.00am	Harvest Festival	St. Stephen's Church
16 th October	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Stephen's Church
23 rd October	10.00am	Morning Worship	St. Stephen's Church
30 th October	6.00pm	All Souls Service	St. Stephen's Church

Sparsholt Music

We are delighted to announce that our next concert will take place in the Sparsholt village hall on Sunday 14th August at 3pm. This will be our one year anniversary and fifth concert.

The concert will last approximately one hour and will be followed by tea and homemade cakes. Tickets are only £7.50 which includes refreshments.

We have another full, varied programme which includes; a Dvořák piano duet from Richard Morse and Mark, Schumann and Finzi clarinet solos by Angus Williams, French and English soprano solos by Maria and Fiona, a much-loved Saint-Saëns cello solo by Cathy, along with piano solos from our talented regular performers, Tim, Gilly, Mark and Ashton by Bach, Beethoven, Scriabin and Liszt.

Future concerts are:

- **Saturday** 17th December 2022
- Sunday 16th April 2023
- Sunday 13th August 2023
- Sunday 3rd December 2023

For further information see:

<https://sparsholtmusic.org>





An invitation to get involved

Winchester Green week will run from **Sept 24th - October 2nd** (and include things either side of that if appropriate) to celebrate and promote a sustainable future.

Green Week has become an annual festival. Last year 45 organisations put on over 60 events in the Winchester Green Week programme which you can still scroll through here <https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-we-do/events/winchester-green-week-2021/green-week-2021-events/> We estimate this festival reached around 8000 people.

How might you get involved? Could a group you are part of put on an event? We'll publicise it.

Our strapline this year is **'A greener future for us all'**. We will have three streams to the programme:
Think tank (for talks/learning/questions/debates);
Art House (for creative, artistic, poetry, drama/music response to the issues) and
Activate (events that involve doing, taking action, making, joining a campaign etc).

If you want a venue, the Cathedral, the ARC (library on Jewry Street) and Unit 12 (community centre in Winall) have all offered space.

We already know these groups are planning something: Churches Together in Winchester, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester City Council, the Winchester BID, Learning Through Landscapes, Mimosa Montessori; Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis, Paris Smith, Winchester School of Art..... and more.

The **deadline for info to go in a printed programme is August 19th** (but earlier would be better)....and there will be an online programme

- that is name of event
- time/date
- location
- how to find out more details (e.g. email address/eventbrite booking link etc)
- organisation
- image or logo if possible

If you want more info or to chat ideas through, please contact the team of volunteers who coordinate Winchester Green Week:

Jo, Anna, Stu, Sarah, Mary, Clare, Jenny, Janet and Sue

winchestergreenweek@gmail.com

History of Sparsholt College



Westley House
Photo circa 1915

Sparsholt College will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2024 and in advance of that event its history is being written by a College Governor, John Lander.

A huge amount of fascinating material has survived and the study of this, coupled with conversations with former staff and students, has enabled a full picture to emerge. Contributions to the nation's war efforts through the training of recruits to the Women's Land Army, regular debates until 1970 about the potential move or closure of the College, the varied experiences of principals, the successes of former students and staff, and the impact made by productivity improvements and inventions to help the efficiency of farmers, will all be recounted.

It is expected that the book will be published towards the end of this year and a further announcement will be made in due course.

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is at 7.30pm on **15th September 2022 - No Meeting in August.**

Council meetings will take place in the Mosaic Room at the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

Sparsholt Ringers Ringing Outing 21 June 2022

Most years the bell ringers of Sparsholt and Crawley have a ringing outing to visit other churches in the area and have the pleasure of ringing their bells. Our last outing was in 2019 but the outing planned for 2020 had to be cancelled due to Covid. It was therefore with great relief earlier this year in January when the band began to plan an outing to South Oxfordshire. The planning and organisation of the outing was the work of Keith Bartle and it included a minibus hire so Keith could drive us around villages in south Oxfordshire for our outing. It all went like clockwork on the day.



The minibus picked everyone up in Littleton and Winchester and in the party were not only Sparsholt bell ringers, but also Winchester Cathedral, Hursley and Stockbridge ringers who joined us for the day's outing. After driving up the A34, the first church was St Michael's and All Angels in Steventon. A lovely 6 bell ring in the doorway and we had coffee and biscuits laid on for us which was much appreciated. It was then back in the minibus and our next church was St Peter's, Drayton which was another ground floor in the doorway but this time there were 8 bells. Another delightful ring with amazing peal boards. A peal board is put up when a significant peal of over 5000 changes is rung and they usually take about 3 or more hours to ring. The boards at Drayton showed that Rev F.E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, was first person to ring over 1000 peals in 1880, and that one day in August 1888 he and 7 others, rang 3 peals in a day totalling 8 hours of ringing. There was even a clerical peal board listing Rev Robinson and seven other vicars all ringing a peal. All amazing achievements.

The third church, All Saints at Marchant was another lovely 8 bell tower but while most church bells are rung clockwise, the bells in Marcham were rung anti-clockwise which took a bit of getting used to. After that excitement it was lunch at the wonderful Millets Garden Centre. The minibus driving being shared with Adam Gawne-Cain.

There were two other churches in the afternoon. St Blaise in Milton, and All Saints in Chilton that took a bit of finding. The church in Milton also had some staggering peal board of local ringers having completed over 2000 and 5000 peals.

By the time we left Chilton we were all wonderfully weary with a full day's ringing and were driven home by our chauffeur and fellow ringer Keith Bartle.

St Michaels and All Angels, Steventon



St Peter Drayton



All Saints Marchant



Hampshire Police and Social Media

Hampshire Constabulary use Facebook to share crime alerts, missing person or witness appeals, crime prevention advice, good news stories and our general patrol activities. If you use Facebook, please like, and follow our page – Winchester Police.

We also have a Twitter account - @WinchesterCops

Or you could use Hampshire Alert
<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk>



The Great Winchester Dig

how it changed Archaeology and our continuing Journey

An exhibition for the 60th Anniversary of the

Winchester Excavations Committee

Hampshire Record Office, Winchester*

5 July – 29 September 2022

Opening times: Tuesday to Thursday, 9.30am to 4pm. Free Entry



Excavations at Cathedral Green, 1967 (left) and Wolvesey Palace, 1966 (right) © Winchester Excavations Committee

Our decade-long programme of excavation revolutionised key aspects of modern urban archaeology as well as our understanding of Winchester's past. Come along to our exhibition at the Hampshire Record Office to see a variety of finds and other items in a visual sketch of key sites excavated by us in Winchester.

Many of our findings are already published in our *Winchester Studies* volumes. These are works of detailed scholarship, incorporating literary, artistic, historical, and documentary evidence with archaeological results.

<https://www.winchesterstudies.org.uk/publications/>

Northwood Park – in 1944

The email below was received by John Wesley. If anyone has any information please do contact John on johnr.wesley@btinternet.com

2 July 2022

From: Richard Heinemeyer Email: rrharch@gmail.com ; 528 Ulster Way, Denver Colorado, 80230, USA

To: St Stephen's Church 3 Church Lane, Sparsholt, Winchester, SO21 2NL, UK

Subject: Northwood Park /Sparsholt Church

Mm/Sir,

I am researching the use of Northwood Park near Sparsholt as billeting for a US Army Engineering Battalion in 1944. The battalion departed for France in Early September with my father, a US soldier, who was killed a few months later, the following December, during fighting near the French/German border.

The battalion had over 600 men and I think there's a probability that at least a few of them would have visited your church for services or other social gatherings during their stay in late August and early September 1944. (After D-Day.)

I realize any mention of my father, Pvt Roy E Samp, would be exceedingly rare, but I am hoping that your church archives might have some written history, photos or other materials produced before, during or after their stay that might offer some sense of the feelings and conditions of the period.

I'm planning a visit (God willing) to Sparsholt on Saturday October 1, 2022 and at minimum, would like to tour the church and grounds. (As an architect, I'm also interested in the building and its history.)

If you would kindly reply via my email above (preferred), or alternatively, to my mailing address, it would be greatly appreciated.

Background found so far...

Battalion history refers to Manor House Northwood Park

The Manor House had been built in 1876 by a man who made a fortune in African diamonds. After his death, the estate was sold to a syndicate and made over into a boys' school. The original Manor House was remodeled, and a large new wing of dormitories, a swimming pool, and a gymnasium were added. The school failed during the first World War and the property was taken over by the Government as billets for troops. One interesting relic that remained from the British Army's occupancy was the number of small buildings fitted out as kitchens and mess halls. A British Major explained that in the British Army each rank has its own mess hall and men of different rank are not allowed to mingle socially. For more see

https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1081&context=ww_reg_his



Further information about the house can be found here <http://research.hgt.org.uk/item/northwood-park/>

THANK YOU FOR SAVING WATER



Only use water for the essentials



Don't waste it



Reuse it where you can

We're asking all businesses in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight to limit their water use to help reduce the risk of further restrictions and disruption to water supplies.

More importantly, it will protect our local rivers because we urgently need to reduce the demand on the River Test and River Itchen – which is where a lot of the county's fresh water supply comes from.

Water saving tips for businesses



Check if your water retailer provides water saving services or visits.



Use sink plugs or washing up bowls to wash up and ensure dishwashers and washing machines are fully loaded.



Fix leaking toilets – Check for leaks by placing a piece of dry toilet paper in the pan overnight. If it's still dry - no leaks.



For dual flush toilets, educate all to use just one dual flush button – small for pee, large for poo, not both.



Carry out a water audit and check your water bill.



Fix dripping or leaking taps, they could just need replacement washers.



Fit water saving appliances. Check for EU water labelling.



Educate and communicate with all staff to reduce usage.

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Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Edition 41, June 2022

Home security in the summer months

Whether you are at home, out for a day trip or enjoying a break away, take a moment to ensure your property is secure.



- Make your home look occupied by using timer switches for lights
 - Cancel or pause regular deliveries
 - Avoid discussing holiday plans or posting details on social media which could indicate your property is empty
 - Make sure valuable items are not on view from outside
- Before you go away ask a trusted neighbour, family member or friend to keep an eye on your property. Consider asking them to:
 - ✓ Park on your drive if you have one
 - ✓ Open and close curtains
 - ✓ Collect post
 - ✓ Water the garden

Remote Access Scams



Remote access scams can begin with a pop-up saying your computer is infected with a virus or from someone claiming to be from your bank. The fraudsters' goal is to steal your money or access financial information by tricking you into allowing them to access your computer remotely.

For further information on this or to report a Remote Access Scam please go to the Action Fraud website:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/remotearracesstoolscams>

A bank or tech company will never call you out of the blue requesting this type of access. It is okay to refuse, reject or ignore these requests. Only criminals will rush and panic you.

Crimestoppers: How you stay anonymous

The independent charity Crimestoppers has launched a new video to show how your call or email is 100% anonymous. They offer a safe way to report something criminal you may have seen or heard but don't know what to do or feel scared to give the information.

You can view the video on their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/our-guarantee-of-anonymity>

CrimeStoppers
Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

Identity Fraud

Criminals can steal personal information in order to use your identity to do things such as open bank accounts, obtain credit cards and loans or order goods in your name. Protect yourself against identity fraud:

- Shred documents and letters with addresses and financial information before throwing them away.
- Check statements carefully and report any suspicious activity to your bank or financial service provider.
- Use a credit report checking service to alert you to any key changes.



Further advice can be found on the Action Fraud website:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/identity-fraud-and-identity-theft>

Tips for keeping your mobile apps secure

- Only download apps from the official store for your device, read reviews and choose with care. Rogue apps can still find their way into an official store.
- Consider the permissions you are granting for the app to access your location, photos, camera, contact or other functions of your mobile.
- Always download app updates when prompted as they can contain security updates.
- Read terms and conditions when downloading apps to understand data sharing and in-app purchases.



Visit [Get Safe Online](#) for additional advice on using apps safely.



Victims' Commissioner Dame Vera Baird is asking victims to share their experiences of the criminal justice system by taking part in a short survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/A2B4J2/>

New Counter Terrorism platform ProtectUK

ProtectUK is the new counter terrorism and security platform offering advice, guidance, forums, webinars and training to businesses and members of public. You can [register on their website](#) to become part of the community to enable you to be better informed and protected.

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Email cpahampshire@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
Visit www.hampshire.police.uk

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Parish Councillors

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

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

Police Contacts

PCSO 15075 Michelle Wilkinson – 07901102292
PCSO 13466 Kerry Crourear – 07976962677
PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351

The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team email address is winchester.rural.police@hamphire.police.uk

WEBSITES

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

Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Sparsholt Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Andrew Osmond.
Please contact: security@sparsholtparish.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 September 2022 Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the July 2022 edition is **26th August 2022** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org