

## **SPC Annual Parish Meeting - 20 April 2016 - Annex E**

### **Sparsholt WI**

I expect most of you read in the press last year that the WI has been in existence in Britain for 100 years? From a small beginning on Anglesey in Wales in 1915, the WI has grown into the largest women's organisation in Britain today. The centenary celebrations included a garden party at Buckingham Palace in the presence of the Duchess of Cornwall and the Annual Meeting in the Albert Hall with The Queen, Princess Anne and the Duchess of Wessex as guests. Sparsholt WI had representatives at these and other more local events, a picnic evening in Hilliers Arboretum with an ABBA tribute band (fortunately the sun shone that evening in June !), and a Centenary Supper in Littleton.

Sparsholt WI has been meeting here for 100 years next March. Did you know that? It is the oldest WI in Hampshire. This village has had a WI for 100 years. Will it continue for another 100?

We would welcome new members, we play darts, play short tennis, join quizzes and have some interesting speakers each month, why not give it a try and maybe Sparsholt WI will continue for another century.