

Sparsholt Community Newsletter 2024

Sparsholt VILLAGE SHOP

What's New?

Whilst Summer still hasn't quite arrived we have stocked up on some new lines to tempt the sun out and fill your picnic baskets. Do pop in to inspire thoughts of sunny days!

Other new products include more gluten free biscuits - which look delicious.

We have a weekly meat delivery from Hursley Butchers. If you need anything specific please order from Janette by Wednesday for a Friday delivery.



The Fete

What a fantastic day!
Many thanks to all the shop volunteers who helped out. The shop was kept super busy with sweets, cash back, wine and fruit. If there is anything you would have liked to see offered by the shop please let us know for next time!

October 11th

Friday October 11th is the date of the next Shop village social event. Tickets will be available in the shop from the end of August. Two course dinner, cash (card) bar and entertainment. £15 per person. If you can offer help on the night please speak to Janette.

Post Office

Did you know you can take out cash from the Post Office - as if it were a cash point! Other services include parcel returns, paying bills, and of course, buying stamps!

Somborne Valley Vineyard

Somborne Valley Vineyard, who produce the delicious sparkling rosé stocked in the shop, is closing as the owners are retiring. We have a limited number of bottles available for sale in the shop - pop in if you would like one of the last bottle/boxes.

We also have plenty of delicious rosé and other wines.



Sparsholt Music

Mark and Fiona have been rehearsing in the church with other local musicians in preparation for the village concert on 18th August. They are very excited about this concert and think it is one not to be missed!! Tea and cake will either be served in the village hall afterwards or, weather-permitting, on the village green.

The varied programme includes: beautiful Bach, uplifting Handel, serene Franck, thought-provoking Britten, and throughly entertaining Andrew Lloyd-Webber with a chance for

the audience to sing a much-loved hymn. Along with many of our regular performers, we are delighted to welcome back Angus Williams, this time on the organ, Owen Dennis on the oboe and Anthony Burns-Cox on the organ. Maria Willsher will hopefully be singing a solo too. This will be the only concert in the church and we hope that as many of you as possible can come along and enjoy the fantastic quality programme that we have put together.

Tickets are £10 and will be available from Monday 29th July, from the village shop and via the website at: www.sparsholtmusic.org.

St Stephen's Church

Churchyard Cleanup

Thank you to all those who came to help with the Churchyard Cleanup on 24th April. It was a great help having so many willing helpers. Please note that the next Churchyard Cleanup will be on Saturday 5th October, from 10am to 1pm, elevenses and lunch included.

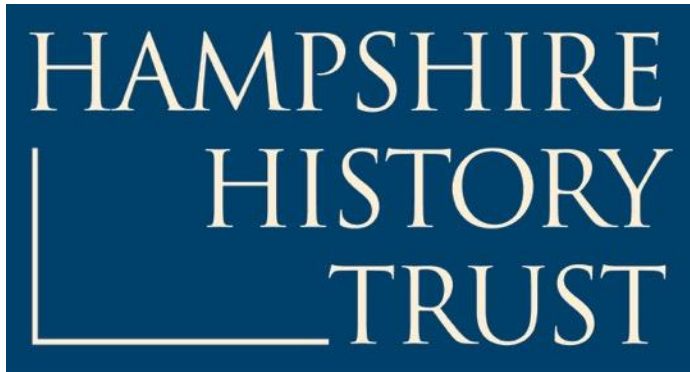
Church Services

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
21 st July	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th July	10am – Morning Worship
4 th August	10am – Morning Worship – please note this is additional Service
18 th August	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
25 th August	10am – Morning Worship
15 th September	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
22 nd September	10am – Pet Service on the Green in Woodman Close

If you would like to go to a Church Service on one of the Sundays when there is no Service in St. Stephen's, here is the normal rota across the Benefice:

- 1st Sunday in the month: 10am Morning Prayer at Chilbolton
 10am Holy Communion at Crawley
 4pm Café Church in Littleton Church Room
- 2nd Sunday in the month: 10am Family Communion at Littleton
 10am Morning Prayer at Wherwell

In addition, because there are 5 Sundays in September, There will be a 10am Holy Communion Service at Chilbolton on 29th September for the whole Benefice.



Jane Austen and Gothic Tourism: A Talk by Dr. Cheryl Butler

Join Dr. Cheryl Butler for a fascinating talk on literary icon Jane Austen in anticipation of the Jane Austen 250 programme in 2025! This fundraising event for Hampshire History Trust will take place on Friday 19 July at The ARC, Winchester from 7:30 - 8:30pm.

The talk will focus on Austen's first novel "Northanger Abbey" and its connections with Gothic tourism. Dr. Butler will reflect on the author's love for gothic fiction and the public's interest in medieval ruins such as Hampshire's Netley Abbey where writers, poets, artists and tourists would visit in the hopes of seeing ghostly monks, and other apparitions.

As a contributing editor for the Southampton Record Series, Dr Butler's twin passion for history and drama have driven her work as a playwright, novelist and lecturer. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a keen supporter of several heritage organisations.

To book:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/winchester/the-arc/cheryl-butler-talk-jane-austen-gothic-tourism/e-rlkvma>

Mayor of Winchester's Alresford Walk: Secrets and History

Join us on Friday 19 July at St John's Church, Alresford at 3pm for an enchanting afternoon stroll through the picturesque streets of Alresford, led by the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith. Delve into the secrets and history of this charming town as Cllr Gordon-Smith regales you with fascinating tales of its past. Discover hidden gems and unravel mysteries as you wander through historic landmarks. Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore Alresford in a whole new light.

To Book:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/hampshire/st-johns-church-alresford/the-mayors-alresford-walk-secrets-and-history/2024-07-19/15:00/t-ojoqkja>

Thomas Archer (1668 - 1743): A Baroque Architect in Hampshire

Hampshire History Trust (HHT), organisers of Winchester Heritage Open Days festival, is opening its new lecture series with a talk by Dr. Helen Lawrence-Beaton on Baroque architect, Thomas

Archer (1668-1743). The lecture, at 6pm on Thursday 8 August, is hosted by ADAM Architecture at their offices on Hyde Street, Winchester. It is the first of a short series, "Hampshire History Midweek Musings" aimed at shining a light on Hampshire's hidden history.

Tickets include a complimentary drink - perfect for winding down after a busy day and musing on a great historical figure of Hampshire.

To book:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hampshire-history-trust/hampshire-history-midweek-musings-thomas-archer-1668-1743-a-baroque-architect-in-hampshire/e-akkrzd>

Around Sparsholt



photo: Howard Annesley

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **18th July 2024** at 7.30pm.

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

Hedges

Hedges - the recent weather has generated more growth than usual at this time of the year. Can people who own hedges backing onto roads or footpaths please trim them to ensure the safety of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

Dog Poo

Please clear up after your dogs- use bins provided or take their deposits home with you. It is not acceptable to hang bags on trees or bushes. When crossing fields please keep your dogs on leads. Harvesting will be happening shortly and dogs fouling the fields can cause contamination of the crops and a huge financial cost to the farmers.

Temporary closure of footpath



To allow works at a neighbouring property the footpath between Home Lane and Woodman Lane (opposite the shop) will be closed **from 8th July 2024 until 16th September 2024** (or until completion of the works, whichever is sooner).

Reminder Roadworks on Church Farm Lane

As the Church Farm Development nears completion the next stage is to upgrade Church Farm Lane. This is planned to take place during the school holidays to minimise disruption to the children during term time.

Circa 15th July a temporary trac-mat road will be laid in the paddock alongside the middle section of the Lane to by-pass most of the works to maintain access for Church Farm Cottages and sewerage works.

On Friday 2nd August and continuing over the weekend, the Woodman Lane end of the road will be upgraded with new tarmac laid on Monday 5th August. This is to get clear of the access to Manor Cottages in the speediest way.

The footpath crossing the existing Lane between the village and Dean, will remain open for walkers but residents are reminded to be vigilant and keep dogs on leads when crossing the road.

Week commencing 2nd September Tarmac will be laid the whole length of the road from top of the Lane to Lower Barns entrance of the new development.

The Developer is aware of the likely disruption but will do their utmost to minimise the inconvenience.

Note Woodman Lane will not be closed during the works.

Reminder Roadworks Dean Lane

As part of the annual Planned Maintenance programme, this letter is to inform of upcoming drainage investigatory works in Dean Lane adjacent to the Dean Lane Farmhouse Access.

The works are programmed to start on Monday 15th July 2023 and are expected to last for up to 5 days, during which time the road will be closed to vehicular traffic 24hours a day, with working hours between 07:30 – 18:00hrs. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible.

For more information visit One.Network – <https://one.network/?tm=GB139328615>

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Lainston House News

Not much to write home weather wise so far this summer, but it hasn't put a dampener on spirits or halted play for the events and activities taking place at Lainston House in summer 2024. In fact it has helped with an abundance of produce being grown in the Kitchen Garden!



We have been thrilled and overwhelmed with the level of local support received for our residency in The Avenue of **Tom Hamblet, Masterchef The Professionals Winner 2023**, to the point where we had no option other than to extend the residency until the end of August. Whether it is the TV show favourites such as lobster with ginger, chilli and mango, or the olive oil sponge with lemon and fennel, the customers have been hugely impressed with the level of talent and service received by such a young and ambitious team. We are welcoming bookings until the end of next month and look forward to welcoming our Sparsholt friends.

<https://www.exclusive.co.uk/lainston-house/food/the-avenue/menus/tom-hamblet-x-the-avenue/>

Likewise, **Season Cookery School** is going from strength to strength and due to the popularity of the outdoor courses, we have announced further dates for BBQ masterclasses this year.



Using the incredible **Big Green Eggs** that we have in the Kitchen Garden, we have added 3 more Posh BBQ classes on 27th July, 18th August and 25th September. We have also added in another Smokehouse class on 26th October. Come and let Chef Tom and Chef Phil show you the way to a perfect summer's BBQ entertainment.

<https://www.exclusive.co.uk/cookery-school/>

Events wise, we have now sold out the two **Outdoor Cinema nights** in August and look forward to seeing our guests for an evening of *Pretty Woman* and *Dirty Dancing* on the South Lawn. Following the hugely successful **Jazz on the Lawn** event with Paul Pashley and his band in June we are still selling tickets for **The Spitfire Sisters**, who will be playing on the Terrace, accompanied by a woodfired lunch on Sunday August 25th. Tickets are £100 per person, and no service charge will be taken on the day, as we have opted to donate all gratuities to our local Charity partner MIND Solent. We thank you in advance for your support for this event.



<https://www.exclusive.co.uk/lainston-house/experiences/woodfired-lunch-with-the-spitfire-sisters/>

Talking of local support, we are thrilled to announce that Lainston House were announced last week as the winners of the **Sustainability Champion 2024** award, a prestigious recognition by the Central South Business Awards.

The Central South business area covers Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex, and to win the award is an exceptional achievement and recognition of how far Exclusive Collection, the hotel and team have come in recent years, to operate and treat our business and people in the right way.

We were nominated because of our commitment to being conscientious about how we run our businesses, the compelling story of being the first BCorp accredited hotel group in the UK, our continued move away from fossil fuels, reduction in utilities, food waste and plastic usage, as well as the close bond between the hotel and kitchen garden, innovative projects around the estate, substantial local charity work, staff initiatives and communication. We're on track to be carbon positive by 2027.

We thank all of our local customers, guests and friends who help add to the unique offering of the hotel and we look forward to continuing to be an active member of the local community.

We hope to see you at the hotel very soon.

Yours in hospitality
Steve Lewis

General Manager

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Parish Councillors

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Please note there are vacancies for two councillors please contact Chair or Clerk for further information.

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WHATSAPP: SUPPORT GROUP VOLUNTEERS

To join the Sparsholt Parish WhatsApp group please contact communications@sparsholtparish.org

Please provide your mobile number to be added to the group.

Police Contacts

PCSO 15075 Michelle Wilkinson – 07901102292

PCSO 13466 Kerry Croutear – 07976962677

PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351

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

Note changes above are highlighted in yellow

Ham Green Conservation Group

Malcolm Hewson malcolmhewson@btinternet.com

Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

John Wesley johnr.wesley@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Sparsholt Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Jonathan Walthoe. Please contact: security@sparsholtparish.org

Aluminium Recycling Bin

Bin is located by the side of the shop behind the phone box.

Note:

Only Aluminium (no tin or plastic) and please crush cans.

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 next Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the next edition is **30th August 2024** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org