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

The Plough Inn



Friday Night Takeaway

We have also restarted our Friday night takeaway please see the link to our takeaway menu https://the.littlepubgroup.co.uk/the-plough-inn/whats-<u>on</u>

Christmas Carols and Santa

On Thursday December 23rd we will be having Christmas Carols and a visit from Santa starting at 6pm.

FOSS Remembrance Day Lunch



Recently Seen Around Sparsholt



Photo by: Howard Annesley

Parish Council

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Ideas and Volunteers Needed

As most of you will be aware, next year marks Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - 70 years on the throne. Some of you may remember the very successful Golden and Diamond Jubilee Street parties held in Sparsholt in 2002 and 2012.



Photo from: St. Stephen's Church Archive taken in 2002

The text...

The Street Party

As part of Sparsholt's Jubilee celebration a street party was held at lunch time on Monday 3rd June.

Despite a light drizzle the road looked suitably decorative with bunting, balloons, Jubilee hats and streamers. Villagers arrived with umbrellas and picnic baskets, many wearing Jubilee costumes. Recipes for 'Coronation chicken' were compared and lunch washed down with cups of tea from the WI

The Mayor, John Steel, proposed the Loyal Toast. There were prizes for fancy dress for the children and each child under 12 in the village was presented with a Golden Jubilee mug

The Celtic Dance Players provided music for the event and the party ended with dancing by the War Memorial.

The Parish Council are considering various ways that the Platinum Jubilee could be marked, given that none of us is likely to see another Platinum Jubilee. There is an extended Bank Holiday from 2-5 June, and we are seeking views as to

whether something like a street party on Sunday June 5th (the date nominated for Nationwide Big Jubilee Lunch) would be popular.

The Parish Council gave all the children in the school and village a commemorative mug for the previous Jubilees and would be interested in whether we should do something similar this time.

Ideas

We would welcome your views on:

- A. Venue. Should it be a street party on Woodman Lane or, say, on the Green in Woodman Close?
- B. Time. Should it be lunch or tea?
- C. Commemorative Mugs. Should we give them to all school & village children
- D. Other ideas to celebrate or mark the event?

Volunteers

As you can imagine, to make any event a success we need lots of people to help organise it. Are you prepare to volunteer? The more the merrier.

In the first instance, please contact **Sue Wakefield** on her parish council email playground@sparsholtparish.org with ideas or offers to volunteer.

New Councillor

David Brown was co-opted as a Parish Councillor at the October 21st Meeting of the Parish Council. David, his wife Kathy and their 2 daughters live in Woodman Close and have been resident in the village since 2005.

David looks forward to representing his immediate community and the wider neighbourhood on the Parish Council.

Climate Change Subcommittee

At the Parish Council meeting on 21st October it was agreed that a Climate Change Subcommittee would be formed chaired by John Cooper with Lynne Gibson and David Brown as members. The purpose of the subcommittee is to formulate a plan for Climate Change Community Action as recommended by Winchester City Council.

The Subcommittee would welcome residents who would like to join the subcommittee. Please contact John Cooper on his parish council email footpaths@sparsholtparish.org indicating how you think you can assist the parish in developing such a plan.

A report from this subcommittee will be an agenda item on Parish Council Meetings as noted on the following page.

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



October Concert

The second concert of Sparsholt Music was another great success and more funds have been raised for the village.

The supportive audience were treated to an hour of a high standard of classical music-making including song, violin, oboe and piano solos.



Photo by: John Little

Beautiful cakes were provided and served along with cups of tea after the concert by local helpers.

Many thanks to all who helped to make it enjoyable and run so smoothly.

Funds Raised So Far

The two concerts have raised £675 which has been distributed to the following village organisations:

the church, school, shop, memorial hall, ham green, playground and cricket club

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in so many ways.

December Concert

Many musical treats are already in store for the lighter Christmas concert which will be held at 3pm on Sunday 19th December.

Tickets will be available from 29th November online and at the village shop, where you can now pay by card. Tickets are £7.50 but this includes tea and cake (or a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine!).

There will be a small raffle for the village.

Donations of prizes to Mark and Fiona for the Raffle would be most welcome!

SPARSHOLT 100 CLUB - Your Local Lottery



Photo by: John Little as his number was drawn!

The Autumn draw was held on the occasion of a most enjoyable Harvest Supper at the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd October. Anne Fairey kindly agreed to draw the numbers.

John Little's number was drawn first but he generously declined the First prize of £200 which was then re-drawn in favour of a lucky Richard Summerfield.

The three Second prizes of £50 went to Nicholas Craig-Harvey, Harriet Bridgeman and Ted Salter.

The 100 Club now has 61 members and if you have yet to do so, please join now and help us reach that magic 100.

Every member counts.

By joining you will help to raise much needed funds to keep our beautiful 12th century church open and well maintained. The subscription is £10 per month with the chance of winning one of our quarterly prizes. You must be 18 or over to join.

To join please contact our Membership Secretary, Ian Hay at hay588@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01962 776468.

The Sparsholt 100 Club is a lottery registered with Winchester City Council and organised through Sparsholt Parochial Church Council and The Friends of St. Stephen's Church for residents in and local to Sparsholt.

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.

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
		<i>- in Church</i> 10.55am
21st Nov	Sun	Holy Communion - 8am
28th Nov	Sun	Morning Prayer - 10am
		PLUS Baptism
12th Dec	Sun	Carol Service - 6pm
		Crib Service - 4pm
24th Dec	Fri	·
		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-busservice-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

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.30pm. Council meetings will take place in the Mosaic Room at the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

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

WEBSITES

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

Sparsholt Shop: http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop

Downs Benefice: http://www.downsbenefice.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 December Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the December edition is Friday 19th November 2021 please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

singers

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







