

# Sparsholt Community Newsletter 2024

## Shop and Post Office

# Sparsholt

VILLAGE SHOP

## Summer Update

Whilst we wait for the summer weather to properly arrive, the team have been updating products, making plans and serving the local community to our best ability. We are now stocking wines from Stone Vine & Sun in Twyford. Hilary's quiches, soups and bakes continue to be popular and Fiona's sandwiches are fuelling the village population. Thanks both.



## Post Office

Fiona is leaving us after 10 years in the Post Office. A HUGE thanks for everything. You will be missed.

## Save the Date

Friday 11th October 2025. We will hold an evening event in the village hall. Details to follow.

## Shop Shareholders

If you are a shop supporter but not yet a shareholder please ask Janette for a form. Just £25 gives your support you get an invite to the AGM and other shareholder events!

## Fresh Fruit & Veg

We hope you have all seen and tried our seasonal produce. Delivered weekly it really is a wonderful sight. Should you have any specific fruit and veg requests please do ask and we will try to source what you need.



## Polite requests from Parishioners

### Overgrowing Hedges

After all the rain and occasional sunshine hedges have put on a spurt and in some cases need a trim if on the roads or footpaths. Several around the village are quite overgrown and becoming dangerous as they obscure visibility - please check any you may have.

### Aluminium Recycling Bin

Hello to all the aluminium recyclers of Sparsholt. 🙌

👉 Please can I just remind you that FOOD CANS ARE NOT MADE OF ALUMINIUM. 👉

Poor Janice (who with her husband David voluntarily collects and recycles our aluminium waste for Hampshire Air Ambulance) had a very unpleasant job recently sorting through Sparsholt's bin! We were the worst for non-aluminium waste; smelly food cans, paper and plastic had to be cleared out and disposed off. 😞

See attached [on next page] for a quick refresher of what can be put in the bin...

♥ I apologised profusely and promised that we won't do it again!! ♥

🗑️ So just to confirm, **CLEAN AND CRUSHED ALUMINIUM ONLY** in our bin please!! 🙏

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ISLE OF WIGHT  
AIR AMBULANCE

# Aluminium Can Recycling

## Yes Please - loose in the bin



Drinks cans (crushed)



Cleaned pet food containers



Bottoms of used tea lights



Empty deodorant cans



Cleaned aluminium coffee pods



Cleaned foil food containers



Wine bottle screw tops



Foil lids from Yoghurt pots **ONLY** if they stay crunched up - if they re-open they are not Aluminium

## Yes Please - each type bagged separately



Bottle tops / Fizzy bottle wire



Jam jar lids



Old wiring (no need to remove plugs)



Hair colouring foils



Tomato paste tubes / Hair colour tubes (REMOVE CAPS)

## No thanks



Food cans



Sweet wrappers



Medication blister packs

**IF IN DOUBT, DON'T PUT IT IN PLEASE**

Find us on Facebook @[Aluminium Can Recycling \(Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance\)](#)



## St Stephen's Church

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
16 <sup>th</sup> June	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10am – Morning Worship
21 <sup>st</sup> July	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
28 <sup>th</sup> July	10am – Morning Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> August	10am – Morning Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> August	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
25 <sup>th</sup> August	10am – Morning Worship

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:

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

In addition, because there are 5 Sundays in June, There will be a 10am Holy Communion Service at Littleton on 30<sup>th</sup> June for the whole Benefice.

### Ian Hay

On behalf of the Sparsholt 100 Committee and the Committee of the Friends of St Stephen's Church, it is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Ian Hay

In addition to being an inspirational founding member of the 100 Club he was a dedicated trustee of the Friends of St Stephen's Church. Ian was a former Parish Councillor and longstanding stalwart of the village.

We all have much to be grateful to Ian for all his contributions to local life and send our heartfelt condolences to Erica and the family.

## Sparsholt Music

The next concert for Sparsholt Music, to be held in the church, is shaping up to be a real treat! We will be welcoming back professional oboist Owen Dennis who will perform the Marcello oboe concerto in the church along with one of the Britten Metamorphoses.

Anthony Burns-Cox will perform a beautiful Franck prelude on the organ and we hope to welcome back Angus Williams to play a Bach piece on the organ.

Fiona will sing an aria from Bach's Cantata BWV 127 and also Strauss's Morgen, with violin solo.

Melanie will return to sing Handel's Let the Bright Seraphim and Lloyd-Webber's Pie Jesu duet with Abby Bamber-Brown. Abby also has a surprise lighter duet! There will be a chance for the audience to sing to a well-known and loved hymn.

Please keep the date in your diary - Sunday 18th August 3pm. Tickets available three weeks before.

[www.sparsholtmusic.org](http://www.sparsholtmusic.org)

### The Sparsholt 100 Club

The 100 Club Spring Draw, held at the Plough on Friday 6th May.

The first Prize of £200 was won by Ali Walters (#63)

Second prizes of £50 each went to Julie Page (#43), Alistair Lang (#54) and Richard Morse (#5)

Many thanks to all the 100 Club Members for their continued support for the fabric and grounds of St Stephen's Church

# The Plough Inn



**JOIN US FOR OUR 2024**

**END OF SCHOOL PARTY**

**TUESDAY 23RD JULY FROM 4PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**THE PLOUGH INN SPARSHOLT**

CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF TERM WITH US AND KICKSTART YOUR SUMMER WITH FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LIVE MUSIC - KIDS HORSE RIDING - GAMES IN THE GARDEN - ICE CREAM

VISIT [HTTPS://THE.LITTLEPUBGROUP.CO.UK/THE-PLOUGH-INN](https://the.littlepubgroup.co.uk/the-plough-inn) FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 20th April 2024 in the Memorial Hall.

The following links are to the reports on the Parish Council website:

- [APM 20.4.24 Minutes](#)
- [APM Chair Report 2024](#)
- [APM City Councillor Report](#)
- [APM HCC Report](#)
- [APM Resilience Document](#)
- [APM School Report](#)
- [APM Shop Report](#)
- [APM Sparsholt College Report](#)

### Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

There are vacancies for two parish councillors. If you are interested, please contact the Chair or the Clerk. See contact details on the last page of the Newsletter.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **20th June 2024** at 7.30pm.

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

## SECURITY

### Thefts

Take care there may be a thief about. A parishioner has reported...

"burglars got in through the playroom window of the house of a friend of mine in Littleton. Broad daylight and they have a dog. They took jewellery. Didn't bother with laptops and electricals as they can be traced, apparently".

### Increase in Rogue Traders

There has been increased reports of Rogue Traders operating in the area. One tactic has been to call on elderly people with solar panels, claiming roof insulation is touching wiring and causing a fire hazard, with the person paying a deposit for work which is not necessary and not completed.

**If someone calls at your door unexpectedly offering services or goods, remember: Protect yourself by:**

- ✓ Don't feel pressured or hand over money at the door. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.
- ✓ Find reputable companies via the Trading Standards website: [buywithconfidence.gov.uk/](http://buywithconfidence.gov.uk/)
- ✓ Obtain 3 written quotes before choosing a trader.
- ✓ Only pay for work once it has been completed and you are satisfied with the job.

### Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online has this week launched a new 'Self Help Tool Centre' - nine free, easy-to-use tools to help keep you and your family safe, secure and confident when using the internet. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre/>

### Police and Crime Commissioner - Newsletter

[mailchi.mp/hampshire/ask-a-question-julys-news-donna-jones-16197240?e=9c332550fa](mailto:mailchi.mp/hampshire/ask-a-question-julys-news-donna-jones-16197240?e=9c332550fa)

Rural Crime Prevention Booklet

[hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Rural-Crime-Guide-guide.pdf](http://hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Rural-Crime-Guide-guide.pdf)

### Cycling and Walking

Please see the link below to the Winchester District Focus Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) online consultation.

<https://winchester-district-focus-lcwip-hampshireonline.hub.arcgis.com/>

- The consultation starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at midday and will be open for 8 weeks. The closing date is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11:59pm.
- The consultation is online using the ViewPoint platform. For those who do not have access to a computer a paper copy is available at the Winchester City Council offices and a computer will be made available to submit responses.

Please also find the link to the Hampshire County Council webpage below which provides an overview of the LCWIPs which have been adopted or are being developed in Hampshire. A copy of the draft Winchester District Focus LCWIP can be found here along with a copy of the PowerPoint slides used at the launch events, setting out the project context and how you can get involved in the consultation.

[Strategic transport - plans and policies | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://Strategic transport - plans and policies | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk))

### WhatsApp Fraud

Fraudsters now target WhatsApp.

See this link for information about suspicious messages and scams

[faq.whatsapp.com/2286952358121083?helpref=faq\\_content](http://faq.whatsapp.com/2286952358121083?helpref=faq_content)



## The Henry Beaufort School

Inevitably, as we enter the exam season, the weather finally decides to cheer up! The school community are very mindful that this is a high-pressure time for our Year 11 students (and several students in other years who are also taking GCSE exams) and we wish them every success in the coming weeks.

Our students have been very well-prepared for their exams, and I know they will take their school and home revision schedule very seriously. It really will be worth it when you open that envelope in late August!

The science re-clad project planning is well under way, and we will be upgrading a number of science laboratories as well. This project will take most of the next academic year to complete and contingency plans are in place for temporary classrooms to accommodate our young people and our science team. We are all very excited to see the new state-of-the-art building emerge from the scaffolding over the course of the next 10 months. As you may have read or heard on the local radio, the Local Authority are investing an approximate £3.48 million pounds on this upgrade, a firm commitment to the longevity of our successful school.

Thank you too to our 68 student representatives on the Whole School Student Council who have worked so hard on behalf of all of our students to make positive changes based on what they hear from their peers. We will be giving them the opportunity to share their actions with the wider student body in the coming months, but I am so impressed with their ideas, their energy and their integrity; they are leaders of the future who will be admired and respected.

In June, we are welcoming our colleagues from our primary cluster schools as part of a joint INSET day on literacy and closing the vocabulary gap.

This is an exciting new initiative for the cluster, and we are looking forward to learning from the experience and expertise of our primary colleagues so that we can develop our practise. This has involved quite a lot of planning, and I am particularly grateful to our Primary Headteacher colleagues and Miss Colebourn our Assistant Headteacher for their work on planning this day.

I would like to record a particular well done to the incredible number of our young people who take part in sport outside of school and at a very high level. I have been so impressed to hear about their dedication to their chosen sports which invariably means very early morning starts and many hours at weekends and in the holidays. Their resilience to undertake this level of commitment and remain focused on their studies is an inspiration to us all.

I am sure many of them will go on to sporting greatness in their adult lives. Maintaining a commitment to education is still the key. Achieving a set of great GCSE's gives all of our young people the opportunity to make choices about their future. They may not choose to use those GCSEs immediately, but they are banked for future opportunities and careers; a passport to careers that they may not even realise they want to pursue at this early stage in their lives.

A significant part of reaching those GCSE goals is attendance at school. We work in partnership with our parents to ensure good attendance and this support is something that we particularly appreciate receiving.

## Around Sparsholt



photos: Howard Annesley

# SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Parish Councillors

Sue Wood	Chair & Transport & Highways	chair@sparsholtparish.org transport@sparsholtparish.org highways@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776255
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David Brown	Playground	playground@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776182
Nicola Breen	Clerk	clerk@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776909 07714614662

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

## City Councillors

Caroline Horrill	CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk	01962 776844
Stephen Godfrey	sgodfrey@winchester.gov.uk	01962 884477
Patrick Cunningham	pcunningham@winchester.gov.uk	01962 883887

## County Councillor

Jan Warwick	jan.warwick@hants.gov.uk	07717104236
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## Member of Parliament

To be elected on 4th July 2024		
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### SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Contact email address for volunteers and requests for support - [supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org)

### Police Contacts

PCSO 15075 Michelle Wilkinson – 07901102292  
PCSO 13466 Kerry Crountear – 07976962677  
PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351  
The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team email address is [winchester.rural.police@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:winchester.rural.police@hampshire.police.uk)

### 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)

### Ham Green Conservation Group

Malcolm Hewson [malcolmhewson@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolmhewson@btinternet.com)

### Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

John Wesley [johnr.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:johnr.wesley@btinternet.com)

### Neighbourhood Watch

Sparsholt Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Jonathan Walthoe. Please contact: [security@sparsholtparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 **28th June 2024** please submit all items to [sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)