

Sparsholt Community Newsletter 2024

Village Calendar - Events at a Glance

October

Sat 5	10:00	Churchyard Cleanup	St Stephen's Church	Sally Wesley
Sat 12	19:30	Harvest Supper	Memorial Hall	Sally Wesley
Sun 13	10:00	Harvest Festival Service	St Stephen's Church	Sally Wesley
Thu 17	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (Planning)	Mosaic Room Memorial Hall	Nicky Breen
Fri 25		School Breaks for Half Term		

November

Sat 2	19:00	Sparsholt Fireworks	The Plough	The Plough
Sun 3	09:00	Ham Green Volunteers Meet	Ham Green Car Park	Malcolm Hewson
Mon 4		School Restarts after Half Term		
Fri 8	19:00	Shop: Trivia Event	Memorial Hall	Katie Simpson
Sun 10		FOSS: Remembrance Sunday Lunch	The Plough	Mark Himbury
Thu 21	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Mosaic Room Memorial Hall	Nicky Breen
Sun 24	15:00	Music Concert	Memorial Hall	Sparsholt Music

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor please contact Sue Wood the Chair of the Council for further information email chair@sparsholtparish.org

Parish Council Responsible Finance Officer/Clerk - Job Vacancy

This is a part-time paid post with working hours varying from week to week but averaging around 10 hours per week. Working from home the position requires attendance at 10 evening meetings per year, and at other meetings arranged as necessary throughout the year. Further details can be found on the Parish Council website sparsholtparish.org

Thermal Camera

With the darker colder nights, now would be a good opportunity to borrow the Parish Council's Thermal Camera to spot where you are losing heat from your property. For more information see [Camera](#) or email camera@sparsholtparish.org

Sparsholt Cricket

As a thank you for over 50 years of dedication to Sparsholt Cricket please vote for Richard Edwards in the



Richard has been nominated for a National Pride in Cricket Award 2024 for all his voluntary work at Sparsholt Cricket Club for well over 50 years.

Having made it into the last six he now needs your support as the award is now decided by the amount of votes he receives rather than being decided by a panel of judges.

"If I am to stand any chance I need to get as many votes as possible and wondered if you would be prepared to vote for me and also inform anyone else in the village asking if they would be as kind to vote for me as?" **Richard.**

Please read the nomination for Richard and make your vote here:

https://www.thecricketer.com/Topics/prideofcricket/pride_of_cricket_awards_2024_nominees_the_pride_of_cricket_award.html?

You only need to vote in the one category in which Richard appears.

Unauthorised Traveller Camps

The police have reported that there are a lot of unauthorised traveller encampments in the area, so it would be wise to remind landowners etc to secure their perimeters.

Village WhatsApp Group

Sign up if you haven't already joined the group. See last page for details.

Friends of St Stephen's - Remembrance Day Lunch

THE FRIENDS OF ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SPARSHOLT



Remembrance Day Lunch

Sunday 10th November 12:30

The Plough, Woodman Lane, Sparsholt

Come and Join us for a two course roast lunch. Tickets at £25
Available from the Sparsholt Shop after Monday 14th October.

Please advise your main course choice when booking.

- Roast Beef • Roast Chicken Breast • Roasted Boneless Porchetta stuffed with Garlic, Sage & Rosemary • Served with all the trimmings
- Apple Crumble with Custard for Dessert •



**To include tales
about our
Sparsholt
Heroes.**



St Stephen's Church

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
13 th October	10am – Harvest Festival (see below)**
20 th October	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
27 th October	10am – Morning Worship
3 rd November	6pm – All Saints (see below)***
10 th November	10.55am – Remembrance Sunday Service starting on the Memorial Green, then continuing in Church
17 th November	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th November	10am – Morning Worship
8 th December	6pm – Candlelit Carol Service
15 th December	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
22 nd December	6pm - Christmastide Prayers and Readings
24 th December	4pm – Crib Service
24 th December	11.30pm - Midnight Service
25 th December	10am – Christmas Family Service
29 th December	10am – Sung BCP Eucharist for Patronal Festival

Sparsholt Harvest Festival

Sparsholt Harvest Festival on Sunday 13th October at 10.00am in St. Stephen's Church

Please join us to celebrate the Harvest and provide goods for The Winchester Beacon. Harvest Festival provides The Beacon with an invaluable opportunity to replenish its food & household stocks for the year ahead.

To help you decide what to donate, The Beacon staff have put together a list of the items they need most. They have limited storage which means they try to focus on the things they really need:

Instant coffee	Canned meats (spam, curries, stewed meats, chilli, corned beef)
Cereals	Tinned custard
Granulated sugar	Biscuits
Squash	Toilet rolls
Pot noodles	Table sauces (ketchup, brown sauce, mayo and salad cream)

The Beacon has also requested various meat items which would not be suitable for bringing to, or leaving in, the Church. If you would like to consider providing assistance towards the purchase of fresh or frozen meat items, a financial donation would be more suitable, allowing The Beacon staff to use it to buy the meat, as and when they need it. Please pass any such financial donations to Sally Wesley, stating that it is for The Beacon meat fund.

All Saints Service in St. Stephen's Church at 6pm on Sunday 3rd November

Our new Rector has decided to hold an All Saints Service in place of All Souls. It will be a very similar Service to previous All Souls but there will be no reading of names.

All are welcome to come along to our All Saints Service. It is a very peaceful Service and a good occasion to remember those we love who are no longer with us. During the Service, you will be able to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

St. Stephen's Churchyard Cleanup

We are having a Churchyard Cleanup on **Saturday 5th October** from 10am to 1pm. Please come and join us to help keep the Churchyard looking tidy and a pleasure to visit. It is advisable to bring your own gardening tools and a garden waste bag. Please let Sally know if you are planning to attend as elevenses and lunch will be provided.

Sparsholt Harvest Supper



On Saturday, **12th October** 2024 in Sparsholt Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available from 2nd September from:

Sparsholt Village Shop or Sally Wesley (776476). The deadline for buying tickets is 7th October. Please let Sally know about dietary requirements in advance (sally.wesley@btinternet.com).

It's a chance to eat, drink and be merry with your friends and neighbours.

There will be a little light entertainment during the evening.

Don't forget to bring cash for drinks and the raffle!

£15 a ticket; £30 for a family of 4 with children under the age of 14. The cost is for a 2 course meal.

Coronation Commemoration Coins

The Parish Council still have quite a number of unclaimed coins.

If you know anyone who has not yet received one for children under 18yrs please contact us.

Subject to availability, the Parish Council will offer any remaining coins to the grandchildren (under 18 yrs) of residents on a first come first served basis - even if the grandchildren are not resident in the parish.

In either case, please apply via email to chair@sparsholtparish.org

Around Sparsholt



Photos: Howard Annesley

Around Sparsholt - Continued



Photos: Howard Annesley

Sparsholt Bell Ringers - Ringing Outing

Ringing outing for the Bell Ringers of St Stephen's church, Sparsholt

This outing was a much-enjoyed event and it took place on



Saturday 13 July with 12 local bell ringers taking part in the day.

First thing was a coffee stop at The Ivy House on Alton, before walking to All Saints church where the band rang for three quarters of an hour so everyone got to ring the bells. They were an easy to ring set of bells.



The first church in the afternoon was St Mary's at Newton Valence which had an amazing thousand year old yew tree in the church yard. Again everyone got to ring the 6 bells in this church as well.



The next church with bells was at Froyle which were trickier to ring and also heavier than our bells in Sparsholt.

Lunch was next on itinerary and the Hen and Chicken pub at on A31 at Froyle provided us with an excellent lunch.



Lastly we drove to St Nicholas church in Chawton where a birthday picnic was held for one of our young ringers who has just become a teenager. A delicious cake with bell decorations was provided by his mother, and enjoyed by all. The bells at Chawton was a lovely set of bells to ring and another three quarters of an hour was spent ringing there before we all headed for home. It was a glorious day as Bell Ringers are a sociable bunch since it is an activity that you can't do on your own.

Jenny Watson
Sparsholt Bell Ringer

Winchester City Council Councillors' Report

Local Plan

We have an urgent and important opportunity for all Parish Councils to comment on the **Winchester District Draft Reg 19 Local Plan** and the proposed NPPF consultation which is driving the Government's request for an additional 4,800 houses in our district.

The WCC consultation is now open, and you can find all of the information on the local plan website *Have your say - Winchester District Local Plan* and will be open until 13th October.

Comments are being collected using Citizenspace – this way we can be sure they are received in the right format for the planning inspector – as at Regulation 19, comments received during consultation are also sent in full directly to the Inspector.

We also have one drop-in sessions during September:

Sutton Scotney: 25 September 3.30pm – 7.30pm, The Victoria Hall, Wonston Road, SO213GX

Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system

This consultation is seeking views on the government's proposed approach to revising the NPPF. It also seeks views on a series of wider national planning policy reforms. Details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>. You can respond online or send comments to PlanningPolicyConsultation@communities.gov.uk. This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 24 September 2024

Please would you be kind enough to share these important consultation opportunities amongst the residents in the parish.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct review will be finalised by the City Council in November with a request post that agreement for all Parish Councils to also adopt the same format. The code is based on the Local government model and will aid governance for all at a local level if parishes and the city council use the same document.

The Council's Community Grant Scheme

The Council's Community Grant Scheme is open again for local organisations who wish to bid for up to £1000 and we would be pleased to support any applications. For information, please contact Jane Chuhan, Funding and Development Officer Email: jchuhan@winchester.gov.uk

Update on bin collection re-routes.

The Council is still on target to make changes to collections week commencing 7th October. Residents will start receiving their calendars and letters with information about the changes towards the end of this week and we will be starting communications letting them know to expect their new calendar in the post. These changes will help us cut carbon, increase recycling and improve efficiency. We'll be driving fewer miles each week and cutting carbon emissions. This aligns with our ambition of being a carbon neutral district by 2030 - we've already reduced emissions by up to 94% by switching to hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel from diesel. And we're introducing the council's first fully electric waste and recycling vehicle. We can ensure a continued, efficient and reliable service in the future and we can prepare to increase recycling collections (such as food waste recycling) without having to make further changes.

WCC Residents Survey

A WCC Residents Survey was completed at the beginning of September. Results for the Wonston & Micheldever ward will be available for us all to see next month and will update us on the views of local residents about the services the Council provides.

Facial Recognition

Last week as part of an ongoing commitment to remove offenders from our communities and to keep the public safe, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight constabulary carried out an operation using **live facial recognition (LFR)** technology alongside traditional policing tactics. This was the first time this has been used in Hampshire. The vans were in Portsmouth, Southampton, Basingstoke and Winchester. Images of people the Police wanted to speak to were added to a bespoke 'watch list' that was unique to the operation. The technology uses live video footage of crowds passing a camera and compares the image to the list. Any image that does not cause an alert is automatically and immediately deleted. No personal data is stored.

Bins in Woodman Close

Locally the bins in Woodman Close have been partially sorted. We are following up with officers regarding the outstanding items.

Solar farm application

There will be a planning committee site visit to Crabwood on Tuesday 24th to discuss the **solar farm application** and I have registered to speak at the planning meeting on the 25th.

Ham Green Car Park

I have reported the van parked at the **Ham Green Car Park** where people are living.

Please contact any of your City Councillors if you need our assistance with any local issues.

Cllr Patrick Cunningham	pcunningham@winchester.gov.uk	07866 367897
Cllr Stephen Godfrey	sgodfrey@winchester.gov.uk	07903 809375
Cllr Caroline Horrill	chorrill@winchester.gov.uk	07710 067620

Latest news regarding the Solar Farm Application

Despite considerable local objections, the application was very narrowly approved by Winchester City Council Planning Committee; with 4 votes in support and 4 against. The Chair of the planning committee then used her casting vote to approve the planning application. Work is likely to start early in 2025.

Hampshire County Council Councillor's Report

Local Plan -need for infrastructure

Although the preparation of a local plan is role of the City Council, the sudden change in housing allocations announced by the new government will have a significant impact on local infrastructure. This will include plans for roads, school places, flooding mitigation and drainage that are the responsibility of the county council.

The final draft of the Winchester local plan allocating new homes is based on the previous government's housing allocation and will be open for public comment until 13th October (see link below), before being submitted for inspection. As soon as this new plan is adopted the City Council will be expected to start work on a revised plan to include the uplifted allocation of house numbers.

<https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/home>

Solar Together

Hampshire's solar energy group-buying scheme, offered by independent experts iChoosr and promoted by Hampshire County Council, enables residents to invest in solar panels for their homes, fitted by pre-vetted installers, to reduce reliance on the national grid and lower their energy bills, as well as boost local renewable energy generation.

Through Solar Together, over 28,400 solar panels have already been installed in Hampshire – it is estimated that these installations alone will reduce carbon emissions by 59,205 tonnes over 25 years – equivalent to taking over 32,600 cars off the road during the same period.

Those interested need to register online at www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether by 18 October for a free and without obligation quote.

Devolution

An expression of interest in a regional political agreement (combined authority) was submitted on 30th August by Hampshire County Council and the three Solent unitary authorities (Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight). The agreement would respect existing boundaries and could attract additional powers and economic funding.

Children's Services

Hampshire's Children's services were rated outstanding by Ofsted this summer. The timely and robust practice of social workers ensure vulnerable children are kept safe and families receive appropriate and effective support.

CLr Jan Warwick

Deputy Leader Hampshire County Council

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PETER YEATES & THE PLOUGH INN PRESENTS

SPARSHOLT FIREWORKS 2024 @ THE PLOUGH INN NOVEMBER 2ND 2024

BONFIRE AT 7
MAIN EVENT FIREWORKS AT 7:30

**FOOD AND DRINKS
AVAILABLE
ALONGSIDE OUR
USUAL MENU**

	ADVANCE	ON DAY
ADULTS	£8	£10
KIDS	£4	£5
FAMILY OF 4	£20	

**POSH DOGS
KIDS HOT DOGS**

**KIDS HOT CHOC
BOOZY HOT CHOC
MULLED WINE**

**TICKETS SOLD HERE AT THE PLOUGH
AND VILLAGE SHOP**

**WOODMAN LN, SPARSHOLT,
WINCHESTER SO21 2NW**

**OUTSIDE BAR ALSO
AVAILABLE**

**CALL US ON 01962 776353
THEPLOUGH@THELITTLEPUBGROUP.CO.UK**



**Sparsholt Village
Shop Presents**

Trivia Night

with dinner

FRIDAY NOV 8

7:00 PM

SPARSHOLT MEMORIAL HALL

**TICKETS ON SALE IN THE SHOP.
£15 PER HEAD TO INCLUDE
TWO COURSE DINNER. CASH/CARD BAR.**

The Henry Beaufort Newsletter



The children have returned after the summer break and it is wonderful to see them.

Before the summer break we held our Enrichment Week Activities, where Year 10 students attend a work experience placement. Other Year groups were able to pick from a variety of activities including visits to a Water Sports Academy, Lego animation, Sports Week on site, Camping and overseas trips to Belgium, Germany and France.

After Enrichment Week and before breaking for the Summer as well as continuing with lessons the children were involved in their individual year Sports Day before the culmination on the penultimate day of the whole school Sports Day.

This is a wonderful occasion. Students and Staff wore their house colours, and the field was an array of colours with students and staff cheering on their respective houses. The Sports Day culminates with a competitive and noisy tug of war competition!!

On the final day the whole school celebrated the achievements of the year, including certificates, student achievements and cultural highlights. The assembly ended with the unveiling of the Sports Day winners and the winners of the House Cup- this is always a joyful occasion with the results hotly anticipated by the students.

In the summer break we welcomed back our Year 11 students to receive their GCSE results. Please see the highlights below: -

The Henry Beaufort School are celebrating an outstanding set of results for a wonderful group of young people. These positive outcomes are their passport to higher and further education.

Students who attended our school have delivered superb headlines in all subject areas. 30% of all the GCSE results were at grade 7 or better.

Our core subject results are as follows: -

Subject/ Grade	4 or better	5 or better	7 or better
English	88%	78%	38%
Maths	85%	66%	21%
Students achieving both English and maths	81%	60%	19%

In science 88% of students attained two grade 4s or above and 82% at least one grade 4 or above.

Other subjects of note for the percentage of students attaining a **Grade 5** or above:

- Biology 85%, Chemistry 81% and Physics 84%
- Food 78%
- French 88%
- Health and Social Care 72%
- Music 100%
- RE 70%
- Spanish 88%
- Statistics 93%

This was day of celebration for the whole school community.

Open Mornings are being held on the following dates at the school: -

12th and 13th of September, the 3rd and 17th of October. There is also an Open Evening on the 12th of September.

This is an opportunity for parents of children in Primary School to bring their children to see our school in action. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Henry Beaufort School

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Parish Councillors

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John Cooper	Footpaths & Ham Green	footpaths@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776753
John Little	Deputy Chair & Communications	deputy@sparsholtparish.org communications@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776249
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Jonathan Walthoe	Security	security@sparsholtparish.org	07752 390536
David Brown	Playground	playground@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776182
Sam Culhane		councillor2@sparsholtparish.org	07957 804618
Nicola Breen	Clerk	clerk@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776909 07714614662

Please note there is a vacancy for a councillor 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

Danny Chambers	danny.chambers.mp@parliament.uk	01962 868586
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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

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 **31st October 2024** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org