

# Sparsholt Community Newsletter

## Sparsholt Fete Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

A booklet has been distributed to households in the village so here is just a reminder:

- 1.00 pm - Opening by The Mayor of Winchester (Memorial Green)
- 1.05 pm - St Stephens Bell Ringers (St Stephen's Church)
- 1.30 pm - The Lockerley Silver Band (Memorial Green)
- 2.00 pm - Sparsholt Church of England School Dance (Memorial Green)
- 2.15 pm - Rileys Balloons and Magic (Memorial Green)
- 2.45 pm - Dog Show (The Field)
- 2.45 pm - The Lockerley Silver Band (Memorial Green)
- 3.15 pm - Rileys Balloons and Magic (Memorial Green)
- 3.45 pm - The Lockerley Silver Band (Memorial Green)
- 4.15 pm - Raffle draw (Memorial Green)
- 4.25 pm - Float Parade starting at St Stephens Church
- 4.45 pm - Float Parade finishing at The Plough
- 4.45 pm - Float Judging by Blake Yeates
- 5.00 pm - BBQ & Music at The Plough Inn

## Shop Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 8am – 4pm



You are invited to the Sparsholt Memorial Green for This 'annual' event. It is always very popular so put a reminder in your diary/calendar now.

Contact Janette in the shop for more details.

## Sparsholt Memorial Hall-seeking new committee members!

Our committee are in search of two new volunteers to help this group of villagers look after and manage the Hall. This vital amenity is essential to our village and was built for the use of the community. The local school uses it 5 days a week and then private hirers can rent it in the evenings and at weekends. We have many village fund raising events here and also activities such as Pilates, Yoga, dance classes, Cubs and Brownies.

The main hall provides an excellent space for private parties, concerts, wedding receptions, wakes and meetings.

We are a small group who work to keep the Hall going and meet every 6 months to discuss and put in place new projects to maintain the Hall.

After 25 years, Liz West is ready to step down as Booking secretary and pass the reins to someone new. This is a voluntary post, but she assures me it is not time consuming, and she works closely with the treasurer Roger Young. She will be on hand to advise and pass on relevant information.

We would love to welcome new members to keep this wonderful village hall ticking over.

Please contact Wendy Dean or Liz West for more information, we would be happy to have a chat. 776580 or 776129

## Date for your Diary

Sunday 10th December 10am-2pm for Sparsholt Christmas Market and Christmas tree delivery day. More info nearer the time.

## Emails to Editor

### Old Postcard

"I have been a collector of old postcards for many, many years, and now at the age of 78 I thought I should re-read some of the messages on them.

In my collection I have one dated 1905 and addressed to: Miss Prowling ?, Police Station, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants. Would you know if any member of Miss Prowling's family still live in Sparsholt? If so, I would love to re-unite them with this postcard"

Email the editor to be put in contact with the collector...

[sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)

### Barking Dogs

**"Can owners of dogs in the village please make sure that their dogs are not annoying neighbours by allowing them to bark continually."**

...from concerned fellow villagers

It can be a statutory nuisance.

For advice see

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/2581/barking-dogs.pdf>

### Safari Supper

Were you...

#### On the menu

I WAS very concerned to read in last week's community news (*Chronicle*, August 31) that "Residents across Sparsholt will be busy cooking, eating and visiting fellow parishioners for the Safari Supper on September 9".

While I am sure the former and latter are legal I think the middle activity might have been outlawed a while ago (those do-gooders get everywhere)?

David Hoggett,  
Northbrook Avenue,  
St Giles Hill,  
Winchester

## Winchester Wellbeing Club

Sparsholt Parish Council have agreed to support Winchester Well Being Lunch Club by subsidising the travel costs for Sparsholt residents who would need transport to attend.

**If you know of anyone in the village who is 55 years or older who might want some social company over lunch please put them in contact with...**



### LUNCH CLUB



It's Good to Get Out

For You or Someone You know

At our lunch club you can enjoy:

- tea/coffee and biscuits,
- a delicious two-course meal,
- make new friends and
- catch up with old ones

**You'll find us at the Baptist Hall, Swan Lane, Winchester every Thursday**

#### What time do I turn up?

Tea, coffee, and biscuits are inclusive and available from 10.45am. There is plenty of time to socialise before lunch, which is served at midday.

#### What kind of food will be served?

You'll enjoy a wholesome, traditional style two-course meal, a main course followed by a dessert.

#### I eat a special diet—could I still come?

Yes, you would be very welcome. The lunch club can cater for a range of diets including vegetarian and diabetic.

#### What does it cost? £8

#### I'm not very mobile—will I miss out?

No! Our minibus can collect you from home and return you afterwards if you live in Sparsholt Parish for just £4. **BUT for at least the next 6 Months your Parish Council has agreed to pay your transport cost of £4.**

#### Is there any age limit?

Yes, over 55 years

#### Can I have a trial week?

Yes, a one-week free trial is available including free transport

#### Do lunch clubs offer other opportunities?

Yes, our members can take advantage of:

- The Christmas celebration lunch party
- Gentle exercise to music

**Above all, you'll have the chance to meet and enjoy the company of others in a relaxed and happy atmosphere.**

Contact our Lunch Club Co-ordinator, Jo Jackson, on:

Mob: 07907503421

E-mail: [winchesterwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:winchesterwellbeing@gmail.com)

#### Donations Welcome

If you would like to provide additional financial support for this initiative, then please contact Winchester Wellbeing at [winchesterwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:winchesterwellbeing@gmail.com)

## Sparsholt Music

Thank you so much to all performers, helpers and audience for making the 2023 summer concert such a success. We were treated to a wealth of talented musicians.

Profits were roughly £600 which have been distributed around the village. Thank you also to those people who came forward to offer to make cakes for future concerts - we could still have more volunteers!

The winter concert will be held on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm in the village hall with tickets available from Saturday 11th November. Tickets in advance only and by to be bought by 1st December.

The programme will include the first movement of Debussy's violin sonata, a new piano trio playing Schubert, some beautiful piano music and a few lighter surprises! We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information please visit our website: [www.Sparsholtmusic.org](http://www.Sparsholtmusic.org)

## Pet Service

### DO YOU HAVE A PET ?

The annual **Pet Service**, led by Mrs Wesley and Sparsholt School will be held on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at **10.00 a.m.**



Bring your Pets (and a chair to sit on)! If you don't have a pet, still come to see the animals, bring a cuddly animal toy, join in the Service & enjoy the refreshments

## Harvest Supper



### Sparsholt Harvest Supper

On Saturday, **14<sup>th</sup> October** 2023 in Sparsholt Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available from 16<sup>th</sup> September from: Sparsholt Village Shop or Sally Wesley (776476). The deadline for buying tickets is 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please let Sally know about dietary requirements in advance. Tickets are £12.50 per adult or £30 for a family with children under the age of 14.

It's a chance to eat, drink and be merry with your friends and neighbours. There will be no strangers there, only friends you have not yet met (according to WB Yeats).

There will be a gentle quiz - just a few rounds - to keep you busy whilst you are waiting for your food to magically appear.

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

## Around the Village



## Parish Council

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

On the agenda will be a discussion regarding the traffic problems in the village associated with closures of the M3 due to accidents.

### Autumnal Reminder

The annual reminder for residents to cut their hedges particularly if they are on footpaths and on the roads to avoid danger to walkers and damage to cars.

Also a reminder for people walking across fields to stay on the footpaths and dogs to be kept on leads to avoid contamination to crops.

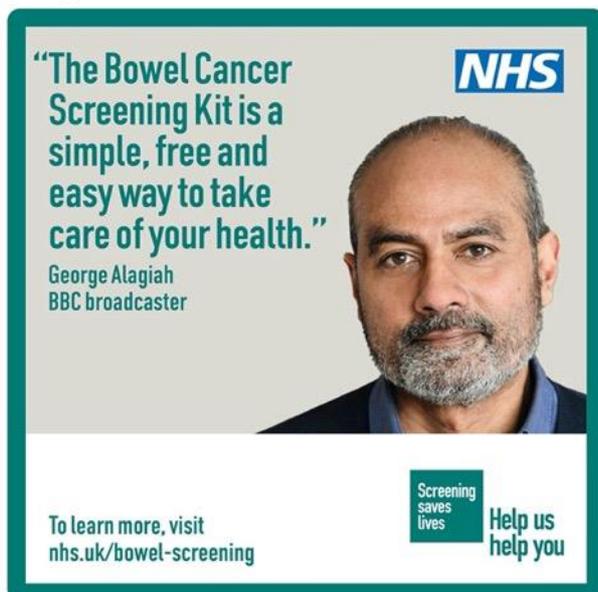
## Health and Wellbeing

### Bowel Cancer Screening



George Alagiah @BBCAlagiah · 01/05/2023

I wish I'd had access to one of these kits when I was diagnosed nine years ago.



*It spotted mine and I strongly recommend the service. See [nhs.uk/bowel-screening](https://nhs.uk/bowel-screening) - ed*

### Winchester Villages Trust – Trustee Needed

Alistair Lang will be standing down from the Trust and has asked if we can advertise for a volunteer to take his place.

“The Winchester Villages Trust, aims to provide for the relief of need in various villages, including Sparsholt and Littleton, in the Winchester area. The work of a Trustee is not onerous, involving two meetings a year and the evaluation of requests for assistance, in my case, by residents of Sparsholt. In the last financial year, the Trust made donations of £5669 out of income from investments but also from donations. Typically, a grant might be to purchase a new cooker costing around £400. Sparsholt residents have benefitted from time to time from grants. I have found the work immensely rewarding with the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team of trustees. In addition to representing their village, trustees embrace a broad range of relevant skills.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Trust, I would be only too happy to share my experience. Please contact Alistair Lang on 07885 606460”

## Friends of the Family

Here at Friends of the Family we are looking for more volunteers to help with our Befriending service - a programme whereby we help local 5 to 13 years old to develop their confidence and overcome challenges through spending time each week with an adult Befriender. Could you please help us to spread the word?

Jane Hall

Volunteer and Operations Co-ordinator

M 07425 481032 T 01962 864466 E [jane.hall@fotfwinchester.org](mailto:jane.hall@fotfwinchester.org) W [www.fotfwinchester.org](http://www.fotfwinchester.org)



## We're looking for **Volunteer Befrienders**

Do you have **2 hours a week** to support a child aged 5 to 13?

**Through the gift of your time** you can increase a child's confidence, help them overcome challenges they face and provide them with friendship at a time **when they need it most.**

“For two hours each week he could forget his troubles and have some fun”



Friends of the Family is a **Winchester charity supporting local children and families facing adversity, enabling them to face their future with confidence.**

Full training given plus regular supervision and opportunities to connect with like minded people.

**Apply today!**



Next course  
**1 & 4 Nov 2023**

[www.fotfwinchester.org](http://www.fotfwinchester.org)  
[volunteer@fotfwinchester.org](mailto:volunteer@fotfwinchester.org)  
01962 864466

Company Number 7577875

Charity Commission Number 1143462

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**The Hygiene Bank Winchester – September Update**


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The Hygiene Bank Winchester is a grass roots project (run under the umbrella of a The Hygiene Bank a national charity RCN 1181267) which works to address hygiene poverty throughout the Winchester District. THB Winchester accepts new, unused and unwanted personal and household hygiene products. We welcome new items but are also pleased to receive and recycle and redistribute any unused toiletries, beauty products including makeup, perfume and hair

accessories. We are run solely by volunteers and fundraise as well to help to promote awareness of hygiene poverty and buy desperately needed items which are not donated. We now have several collection/donation points around the Winchester area.

Donation/drop off points can be found in Sainsburys (Brooke Street & Badger Farm), Waitrose, Boots (High Street & Weeke), The Body Shop, Guiseppe Manco Salon (Staple Gardens) and Hursley and Sparsholt Village Stores. Please get in touch if you have several things to donate, items too heavy to carry or prefer to deliver direct to THB Winchester. Products can be purchased and donated online via our Amazon and Common Good wish lists. We also have a JustGiving fundraising account and online shoppers can raise additional funds for THB Winchester by signing up to Easyfundraising. It won't cost you any extra and more than 8000 retailers are registered. A standing order form is available for supporters who want to donate monthly. Having a regular source of income enables us to plan and buy products at the very best prices. All monies raised and products donated go to support, babies, children, teens, adults and families within the Winchester District.

Additional information about hygiene poverty, The Winchester Hygiene Bank and online giving links can be found on Linktree.com.

[https://linktr.ee/thehygienebankwinchester?utm\\_source=linktree\\_profile\\_share](https://linktr.ee/thehygienebankwinchester?utm_source=linktree_profile_share)

All donated products are distributed locally through our registered community partners (CPs). Our current CPs are Winchester Basics Bank, Homestart, Winchester District Young Carers, Women's Health Services and the Unit 12 Pantry. We work with a variety of CPs to ensure that a range of different needs are met and that no donated product goes to waste! Please get in touch if you think we can be of help to a particular community group or organisation or would like to know more about our work. So far ...we have delivered a whopping **146 Kg of donated products** with more going out this week!

Finally, Please Save the Date – **National Hygiene Week is 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

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## Other Interesting Links

Recent emails have been received with links to the following that may be of interest to Sparsholt residents:

### Climate Emergency

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/wecan/>

### Culture and Learning

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/participation-lifelong-learning/hampshire-learns>

<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk>

## CHURCH SERVICES

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
17 <sup>th</sup> September	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
24 <sup>th</sup> September	10am – Pet Service on the Green in Woodman Close**
15 <sup>th</sup> October	10am – Harvest Festival**
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	10am - Morning Worship
29 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm – All Souls**
12 <sup>th</sup> November	10.55am – Remembrance Service, starting at the War Memorial
19 <sup>th</sup> November	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
26 <sup>th</sup> November	10am - Morning Worship

\*\*see next page for details

Dates for your diary:

7<sup>th</sup> October                      10am - Churchyard Clear-up

14<sup>th</sup> October                     Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall

### All Souls Service in St. Stephen's Church at 6pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

All are welcome to come along to our All Souls 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 the names of all those whom you have asked to be remembered in this Service will be read aloud. You will also be able to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. If you would like to have a name read out during this Service, please contact Sally Wesley on [sally.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com) to give her the name(s), by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

# Harvest Festival

## Sparsholt Harvest Festival on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. The Winchester Beacon is the new working name of the long-established charity The Winchester Churches Nightshelter which has, for 35 years, been supporting people who are experiencing homelessness guided by its vision to transform lives, inspire hope and end homelessness.

### The Winchester Beacon List for Harvest Festival Donations

with very many thanks for thinking of donating to us

#### Food Donations please:

- Fresh vegetables
- Instant coffee
- Tea bags
- Multi packs of crisps
- biscuits
- Squash
- Granulated sugar
- Fray Bentos pies, canned meats
- Table sauces
- Pot noodles, or quick microwave single meals

#### Other items:

- Anti bac wipes
- Strong black bin bags
- Toilet roll or Kitchen roll
- Floor cleaner
- Washing powder/tablets
- Sleeping bags

Suggested items for residents moving on to their own accommodation:

- Tin opener
- Curtain poles and or Curtains
- Tea towels

The Beacon has also requested the following meat items which would not be suitable for bringing to, or leaving in, the Church:

- Bacon
- Chicken thigh/breast (fresh or frozen)
- Mince (fresh or frozen)
- Stewing beef (fresh or frozen)
- Sausages

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.

## Bridge Lessons

Several Sparsholt people already take the courses set out below and love every moment, and the bridge club, based at Winchester Racquets club in Bereweek Road, is very handy and are keen to encourage potential new bridge members who progress from these courses.



### **BRIDGE LESSONS**

**FOR BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS,**

**INTERMEDIATES & REFRESHERS**

**ONLINE & FACE TO FACE**

It's never too early or too late to learn to play the best card game in the world or to improve your bidding and playing techniques. Bridge enables social interaction, bringing individuals together in a fun, engaging and stimulating way. As a game that starts out with incomplete information, it develops players' deductive, analytical and reasoning skills.

**Courses for Beginners, Improvers, Refreshers & Supervised Play**

**In a relaxed and supported environment**

**COURSES TAUGHT BY QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED TEACHER,**

**ACCREDITED BY THE ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION, TO TEACH THEIR**

**"BRIDGE FOR ALL" LEARNING PROGRAMME**

**NEW COURSES SCHEDULED AUTUMN 2023**

**Enquiries: Margaret Blewett on 01962 734797**

**Email: [bridgewisembl@gmail.com](mailto:bridgewisembl@gmail.com)**



# SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Parish Councillors

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## County Councillor

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## Member of Parliament

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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 Croutear – 07976962677

PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351

The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team email address is [winchester.rural.police@hamphire.police.uk](mailto:winchester.rural.police@hamphire.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.downsbefice.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 Andrew Osmond. 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.

## 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 **27<sup>th</sup> October 2023** please submit all items to [sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)