

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Covid Uncertainty Continues

Covid-19 restrictions with some small modifications were continued until at least July 19th. New Delta variant Covid-19 infections are sweeping the country but are not resulting in the same level of hospitalisations and deaths as seen in the previous waves. The remarkably successful vaccine programme seems to be working. People are returning to a new sort of normal, but many will remain reluctant to socialise as Covid can still be caught even if you have been vaccinated twice. It can still be a very unpleasant experience and there is still the risk of Long Covid for those not vaccinated.



There are events planned for the village in the weeks ahead, but these could be subject to change at short notice so please check with the Village Calendar <http://sparsholtparish.org/Calendar> for the latest information.

Village Clean-up

Perhaps the reluctance to socialise was behind the low turnout at the Village Clean-up in June.

However, thanks to those that did volunteer, we were able to clean the roads through the village if not all the footpaths. Many thanks to Year 6 at Sparsholt School for litter picking around the school area. Thanks also to many of you out walking your dogs who collect litter as and when you see it.

Litter pickers reported very little to pick and suggested that the vegetation on the roadsides was too well advanced and hiding the litter. So next year we will return to the clean-up being earlier in the year. This year's had been timed to fit in with the Keep Britain Tidy which was remarkably successful exceeding its target of litter picking a million miles.



Messy Church

Messy Noah Saturday 10th July 2021 4 - 6 pm Sparsholt School field (or Sparsholt Memorial Hall if wet). Numbers are limited and places must be booked at <http://bit.ly/MessyNoah>

NOTE: Bookings close Saturday 3rd July

Winchester Hat Fair

Not strictly a village event but, the popular Winchester Hat Fair is taking place from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th of July – details available from:

<https://www.hatfair.co.uk/>

Events in July

Saturday 3 – Ham Green Volunteers Work Day

Saturday 10 – “Messy Church” at Sparsholt

Monday 12 – School Inset Day

Thursday 15 – Parish Council Meeting

Friday 16 – School Sports Day

Wednesday 21 – School Summer Showcase

Friday 23 - School Summer Term ends

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 15 August – Music Concert

Monday 30 August – Summer Bank Holiday

Saturday 4 September – Village BBQ & Hog Roast

Monday 6 September – School Autumn Term starts

Sunday 10 October – Music Concert

Friday 22 October – School breaks for Half Term

Saturday tba October – Village Autumn Clean Up

Sunday 31 October – Summer Time ends & Halloween

Please send updates or new event information to

sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

Shop

Sweetie Friday 8am-4pm continues during school term time.

Parish Council Meeting

The next regular Parish Council Meeting is on **Thursday 15th July 2021** at 7.30pm.

Council meetings will take place in the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you need help the support group remains available and can be reached on: **07595 967259**

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 August Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the June edition is **Friday 23rd July 2021** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org