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July 2009

Round the Island Race Success

Brian Appleyard of Pound Close (third from left) and his crew with the Silver Roman Bowl presented by Ben Ainsley CBE, World and Olympic Sailing Champion

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Yacht Racing

A Spaldwick man, Brian Appleyard of Pound Close was runner up in the Annual J P Morgan Round the Island race. (Isle of Wight), winning the Silver Roman Bowl.

The Island Sailing Club in Cowes Isle of Wight has run an annual yacht race round the island since 1931. This has become an institution and a huge event. Serious sailors and many not so serious make the significant effort to sail in this event, which must be unrivalled for spectacle.

This year over 1700 boats had entered. Starts for various classes are staggered over a couple of hours.

The most prestigious prize for the winning boat, is a Gold Roman Bowl, a copy of one dredged up in the City of London. This award is raced under IRC handicap rules, which try to level the relative performance of offshore boats from 20 to 100ft in length using a secret formula.

The conditions on the day will sometimes favour large boats (normally very strong) and on others favour smaller boats. As much of the course is sailed against the tide, many boats stay in shallow water to keep in the slower tidal rates that are found there.
This by definition means careful navigation and sometimes taking liberties with the depth you are sailing in. In areas such as Ryde, running aground becomes common. If you get it wrong, your race is over and you will be there till the tide comes in. Get it right and substantial gains can be made.

Brian Appleyard, Grafham Water S C and Royal Lymington SC, and crew, Bruce Hill and Tim Hemsley .Both members of Frensham Pond SC, Surrey, sailing Nordic Bear a Danish built glass fibre version of a 1940's designed boat, achieved second place behind a similar boat on 20th June 2009

The 25ft long Nordic Folkboat is a strict one design class, designed in the 40's by a Scandinavian committee as a family racer. In the post war years the design proved very popular having been constructed in wood in many countries. Glass fibre versions were permitted being moulded from a wooden boat and appear to be clinker built, i.e. overlapped planking in the Viking manner.
The design is widely respected as a heavy and fast and wet boat, with good sea keeping ability. A design classic that has crossed the Atlantic single handed on many occasions.

The start was light and fluky, then a squall came through as we approached the Needles. On rounding the Needles by the inside route picking our way between a submerged rock and a wreck we were able to assess the competition.

Three of the boats known to have a similar handicap to us were seen in front and slowly pulling away. In spite of our best efforts to wring more speed out of the Spinnaker and sail in shallow, close to the shore we could not hold on. By St Catherine's Point the Sun was out and a strong westerly was making an exciting and rolly sail. However we concluded any prospect of a good place had gone.
At Bembridge Ledge the turning mark on the East of the Island we found ourselves battling for water and clean wind amongst a mass of bigger boats. On rounding the buoy we immediately found ourselves in a new wind pattern, light and very variable. We then had a long beat against the tide in as shallow water as we dared. Hitting the bottom at Ryde and spinning off by heeling the boat.

On finishing it was several hours before it became apparent that many boats we watched leave us than came in behind. Our elapsed time was 10hrs 54 min. It was not till 10pm we became sure we had really got a very good place

SPALDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the 25th June 2009 Spaldwick School's Eagles (Year 6 class) went back in time to the 60's and 70's when hippies were at the height of fashion. They dressed up in the clothes style of the 60's and 70's and arrived to school with big wig hair, long boots, head bands and more, to the amazement of the other pupils, parents and onlookers.

Everyone wondered how the Eagles had got such a realistic look; did they scout through their parents wardrobes and manage to find flared trousers, hippie head bands?

The Eagles Fashion Show

During the day the Eagles tried a number of 60's and 70's games, with help from the Eagles teacher Mr Canavan. The Eagles had a go at hopscotch, twister, hide and seek and kick the can. Thefavourite was kick the can. At the end of the day the Eagles got a try at some 60's and 70's food with black jacks, fruit salads, strawberry laces, arctic rolls and more.

All the Eagles enjoyed the day and would happily go back in time to do it again.

Outdoor Twister

Article written by Rebecca Heath [Y6 pupil]

SPALDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Spaldwick Primary School Fundraise all year enabling additional equipment to be purchased for the children or school trips to be subsidised. One of our Fundraisers is Bags 2 School. This involves asking school families and members of the local villages to donate old clothing, shoes, handbags, soft toys in fact anything fabric based. Items in good condition are re-cycled and old fabric off cuts or stained fabric is shredded for industrial fillings, an environmentally sound process supporting our local children.

When a blue bag arrives on your doorstep in the first week of July we would be grateful if you could fill it with suitable items and take it to Spaldwick Primary School by 9am on Friday July 10th. Please support each other and help your neighbour deliver them to the school - every bit helps as we are paid per tonne collected. If you require any help or further information please contact Amba on 890565. Thank-you in advance for your support.

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DIARY DATES

July 11th	Village Fete	(Social Group)
July 12th	Songs of Praise	(Church)
Sept 5th	Garden Party, 43 High St.	(Church)
Sept 26th	Barn Dance	(Social Group)
Oct 2nd	Harvest Supper	(Church)
Nov 21st	Quiz	(Church)

SPALDWICK VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 11th July 11am - 4pm @ Spaldwick Primary School

Events programme for the main arena

11:00	Fete opens
11:00	Egyptian Dancing
11:30	Egg and Spoon, Sack & Obstacle races
12:00	Fire Brigade
14:00	School Singers
14:30	School Drummers
15:00	Fancy Dress Parade
15:30	Tug o' War Final
15:45	Prize giving
16:00	Fete closes

Stalls include – Bouncy Castle, Giant slide, FOSS BBQ, Tug-o-war, Europe's largest football goal, face painting, traditional stalls, pirates and princesses fancy dress competition and a miniature steam engine collection - to name but a few.

Helpers will still be welcome, particularly for the Tea Tent (Contact Joyce Leach, Tel. 890216)

St James Church Services

5th July	11.00am	Sunday Worship
12th July	6.00pm	Songs of Praise
19th July	8.00am	Eucharist
26th July	9.30am	St James Day Eucharist

NB. On 5th July there will be an Open Air Service at 3.00pm on the site of Woolley Church, followed by eta at New Manor Farm

There is usually a service at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday

For more information about the church – services, baptisms, weddings, ministry to the sick, or funeral services contact one of the clergy or churchwardens:

Father Jonathan Young (Rector)	01480 891695
Father Martin Kettle (Curate)	01480 890284
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden)	01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden)	01480 890853

Gardening Notes by Roger Haines

Drought Stress - Plant and Human

My water butts are empty and I have had to invest in a quality *up and over* water sprinkler. My lawn has stopped growing and is looking brown in patches but this will soon recover when the rain returns. I use my sprinkler only on my flower beds as there is no point in planting perennials such as Delphiniums (which have put their best show on this year) without keeping them watered. The best time to water is early morning or late evening but never when the sun is out at midday.

Evergreen shrubs such as Photinia *red robin* will have shed some of last year's leaves now that they have new mature ones, so clear them up as this stops water getting to the roots which is a natural breeding ground for slugs and snails.
Roses have now had their first flush of flowers and need a good tidy up so remove any dead heads and diseased leaves. Mildew has been a problem this year on older varieties so you may need to spray with a fungicide to get rid of that white powdery look.
We were lucky enough to have a couple of weeks holiday at the beginning of June but just before we went away, I noticed that my viburnum *snowball* had the start of viburnum blight (this shows up as leaves that only have their veins left). I did not have time to spray before we left and on my return found that I now had a 12 foot, very dead-looking tree with not a leaf left on it. I had not had time to do the deed of digging it out and, to my amazement, this week, I have noticed the green shoots of recovery (nothing to do with Gordon Brown)!! The viburnum has now gone into Intensive Care with extra watering and a good feed and I will not be so slow to spray it next year.
It is very important to keep the garden as tidy as possible and keep pulling out those odd weeds that seem to appear overnight and I really must practice what I preach! Water and feed sweet peas and keep cutting the flowers so that they don't set seed.
Tomatoes need to be watered regularly to prevent blossom end rot (those horrible black patches). Containers of flowering plants are at their peak so need constant dead-heading and regular feeds.
On a positive note, perhaps there is a rain god since sitting down to write this article, it has started to rain so there might be something in the water butts after all.

Spaldwick Allotments
As you may recall I ordered the Simply Spaldwick rose for folk to buy at Christmas time with a view to raising some money for the allotment project which, sadly has had to be abandoned.
The proceeds from that rose sale was £138.72 which I would like to donate to charity.
The charity I usually support is Macmillan Nurses but if anyone who contributed to the rose fund feels strongly about donating the money elsewhere, please let me know on 891683. I plan to send a cheque off at the end of July.
Thanks to all who supported us.
Roger Haines

Forthcoming Events at The George

Freshly Prepared Homemade Pizza Night

Every Tuesday - 6 to 9:30pm
Choice of Toppings
Served with Salad or Handcut Chips
£5.95 per head

Live Acoustic Music Night

Last Friday of every month
Tapas menu available

Ladies Night – Hosted by The George & Calmer Beauty

First Wednesday of every month from 8pm
Purchase a bottle or large glass of wine and receive a free nail paint that evening by the ladies of
Calmer Beauty in the Hemingway Suite.
Also receive a 10% voucher for any treatment at
Calmer Beauty redeemable before the next Ladies Night.
Tapas menu available

21st Century Blues Brothers In the Garden

Sunday 23rd August
With Hog Roast

Sunday Quiz Night

Tapas menu available every Quiz Night 8.30pm

Still to come….

'Tea at The George' - Cream tea afternoons, The Ritz style
Race Night in aid of Help for Heroes; A Jolly Boys Outing
Coach Party to The Proms……and More

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING - 8 pm Thursday 23 July in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. (This replaces the meeting originally scheduled for 15 July).
The agenda will include the co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Armer's resignation. This was deferred from the last meeting as only three councillors were present.
Please see notice boards for full agenda and confirmation of date.
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

The COUNCIL comprises:
William Brown, Chairman
Robert Wooddisse, Vice-Chairman
Richard Johnson
Bernard Plummer
Jason Pope
Graham Smith

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Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Jun 30th Green	Fri Jul 3rd Blue	Tue Jul 7th Grey
Tue Jul 14th Green	Fri Jul 17th Blue	Tue Jul 21st Grey
Tue Jul 28th Green	Fri Lu 31st Blue	Tue Aug 4th Grey

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – July

Speedwatch is a police initiative which uses trained volunteers to help reduce speeding in our local villages. Speeding in villages is a major issue for local residents. The Speedwatch initiative is intended to increase the resources available to combat the problem.

You will know when Speedwatchers are about as they will always put out Speedwatch signs either side of the electronic equipment used to display a vehicle's speed.

The objective of Speedwatch is to encourage a change of behaviour in those motorists who exceed the 30mph limit. The police will send out letters to owners of vehicles whose index numbers have been captured by a Speedwatch check. Should anyone be caught three times then the letter will be personally delivered by the police and a warning issued.

Our aim is to make our villages safer. I have recently completed training on the Speedwatch equipment but would appreciate some help – please contact me if you would like to volunteer?

Holiday time - Please ensure that you advise your neighbours if you are going away and leave them a contact telephone number in case of an emergency.

If you intend travelling to Europe by car, check the latest requirements.
http://www.rac.co.uk/know-how/going-on-a-journey/driving-abroad/countries/france.htm

In France - it is obligatory to carry in all vehicles a **warning triangle** and **reflective jacket** for use in case of a breakdown. Anyone found to not be complying with this requirement could be subject to a fine of 90 Euros

David Henrick – 01480896556 david.henrick@virgin.net

The non-emergency telephone number for Cambridgeshire Constabulary has changed. The new number is 0345 456 456 4. Please save this in your address books for future reference. The old number, 0845 456 456 4, will continue to operate alongside the new number until April 2011.
The move will allow people with call packages which provide free local calls to benefit as 0345 numbers are classed as local calls.
Remember - in an emergency, always dial 999. You should dial 999 if lives are in danger or if there is serious risk of injury, if a serious crime is happening or if a criminal is still at the scene. In all other cases, and for general enquiries, please call us on 0345 456 456 4. This number is staffed by specially trained operators, 24 hours a day, seven days a week including bank holidays.