Neighbourhood and Home Watch
Looking out for the community

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – January 2009

Keep informed about local police activity and crime by visiting the web site maintained by our local police team at www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood

You will find out who our local police are, their priorities (speeding in villages and other nuisances caused with vehicles), dates and venues of regular public/police meetings, where and when the Mobile Camera Unit will be operating and how to have your say.

Car Crime

Please remain vigilant during this time of year, ensure presents, and valuables are not in view. Ensure all doors are secure and windows closed if your home is not occupied. If you are leaving your vehicle unattended please remove all belongings from view, this will ensure the temptation is removed from potential thieves.

Report any suspicious activity to the Police on - 0845 4564564

or Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

January Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Jan 6th Grey	Tue Jan 13th Green	Fri Jan 16th Blue
Tue Jan 20th Grey	Tue Jan 27th Green	Fri Jan 30th Blue
Tue Feb 3rd Grey	Tue Feb 10th Green	Fri Feb 13th Blue

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Elle Danse, a painting by Mark Holland-Hicken, The Old Manse, High Street. The original of this painting and others are available from Mark.

SPALDWICK VILLAGE NEWS

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My apologies for the late delivery of the January News. The office where it is printed was closed from the 22nd December until 5th January so there was no way of getting this edition out on time. The good news is that the we are now on a sound footing with a number of local businesses who have agreed to finance the printing through advertisements or sponsorship. If anyone else would like to advertise or sponsor please let me know.

John Blatch
Tel. 890853 Email john@blatch.com

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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

The year that has just come to an end has been a difficult one for many. The troubles of the financial world are affecting most of us; some have lost their jobs, those with mortgages may have negative equity, the retired find the value of their savings or pensions greatly reduced. Environmental issues and fighting in the Middle East also concern us, yet governments (including our own) seem reluctant to do anything to reduce the effects of modern living on the future of the planet.

So we are generally worried about what the new year will bring. Will the rest of the world be overwhelmed by the troubles in the Middle East? Will the whole structure of society as we know it come crashing down around us?

Of course nobody can give a totally reassuring answer to any of these questions, but I hold onto two positive teachings of one whose birth we have recently celebrated at Christmas, Jesus Christ himself. One is that worrying does not help anybody. He told those who worried about where the next meal might come from, "Trust in God, who knows all your needs". The other idea from Jesus is that we all ought to do everything we can to help others in their troubles. Being a good neighbour to others is a first duty, not an optional extra. We may not be able to solve each other's problems in every way, but we can stand alongside each other to share the burden.

Tom Jackson

Tom Jackson of Royston Avenue, one of Spaldwick's oldest residents, died on 30th November aged 92. Tom was born in Yorkshire in 1916 and lived there, except for war service in the RAF, until 1960 when he moved to Spaldwick. He came with his wife, Vivian who he had met and married in Peterborough in 1947, and three children.

He worked in the old garage for many years but also, in his spare time, as a woodworker. He did many jobs for the village, re-furbishments in the church, toys for sale at Fetes and help with the Fetes. He was always willing, always good humoured and was a leading member of the Bowls Club and the Welcome Club until ill-health curtailed his activities.

His Yorkshire accent had softened after nearly 50 years in Spaldwick but never completely went. He is missed by his family and his many friends.

ST JAMES' CHURCH SERVICES

4TH January	6.00PM	Evensong
11th January	9.30am	Eucharist
18th January	8.00am	Eucharist
25th January	9.30am	Children's Eucharist
1st February	6.00pm	Evensong

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

The Carol Party on 22nd December was well attended, about 70 adults and children came and £394.65 was raised. We are very grateful to The St Andrew's Worship band and Singers who led the carols.
£192 was also raised by the Carols Around the Village organised by the Fundraisers. This money will go to Dreamdrops, a children's charity at Hinchingbrooke School.

SPALDWICK SCHOOL

December Festivities

The FOSS Christmas Fayre
£370 was raised

The Choir Concert

Christmas Lunch

The Welcome Club at the
Christmas Performance

Space reserved for
Jason Pope

Electrician

KILIMANJARO

David and Charlotte Irwin of Ivy Way are off to climb Kilimanjaro in February to raise money for Leukaemia Research. They are doing this in memory of a friend from Kimbolton, who died recently from leukaemia, and also to follow Charlotte's father who climbed the mountain in the 1950's. They are funding the expedition entirely themselves and all money raised will go to charity.
Please help them; donations can be made at the Buckden Surgery, where David is a doctor, at Landin's in Kimbolton or online at justgiving.com/davidcharlotteirwin.

SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Having completed a highly successful season in 2008, the Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club is about to begin its programme for 2009. The club meets at 7.00 pm in the Spaldwick School Hall every Tuesday evening during term times.
Carpet bowls is a gentle, skilful sport played in a competitive, yet friendly and sociable atmosphere. and can be played at any age.
Club games comprise those played informally on Club nights, internal competitions and matches with teams from a number of local villages.
There are currently a few vacancies for new members. Just contact an existing member or **B. Plummer on 01480 890534** and give it a try. No experience is necessary and all ages will be most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

Matters discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 4th December included the removal of the old bus shelter base, the replacement of the disintegrating flower troughs at the approaches to the village, renovation of the War Memorial and the provision of an area for Allotments. Hopefully all of these items will be concluded in the next few months.

The next Council meeting open to the public will be on 15th January at 8.00pm in the School.
The full minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the notice boards and may also be viewed on http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/spaldwick/

Your Parish Council Members are:
Keith Armer Chairman
Richard Johnson Bernard Plummer
Richard Woodisse William Brown
Jason Pope
David Stowell Clerk to the Council

DIARY DATES

February 25th-28th Pantomime, Mother Goose, in Mandeville Hall Kimbolton by Melodramatics. Tickets from Watsons of Kimbolton.

March 21st Disco in the School Hall organised by the Fete Committee.

July 18th Village Fete on the School Playing Field

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