

# Spaldwick News

November 2008



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# WELCOME

## Welcome to the November Edition

I must apologise for another late edition; I appreciate that a number of people are naturally concerned with the late arrival of the News, especially considering the need for timely communication of events and dates.

I have to admit that my growing business commitments mean that I am not able to devote the time that I would like each month to continue with the News. To co-ordinate, chase, edit, pull together and print each edition takes around 10-16 hours each month. It is therefore with a little sadness that I must stand down and pass the baton on to someone else.

I must admit that although I have enjoyed the last eight months, I must recognise what I can realistically commit to in the foreseeable future. I would ask if anyone is interested in taking the News forward to its next phase, please contact John Blatch on 01480-890853.

In my final edition we have latest news from Spaldwick School, the Five Parish Advent Fair, Spaldwick Social Events Group, along with the usual diary dates, etc.

I wish you all well - bye for now...

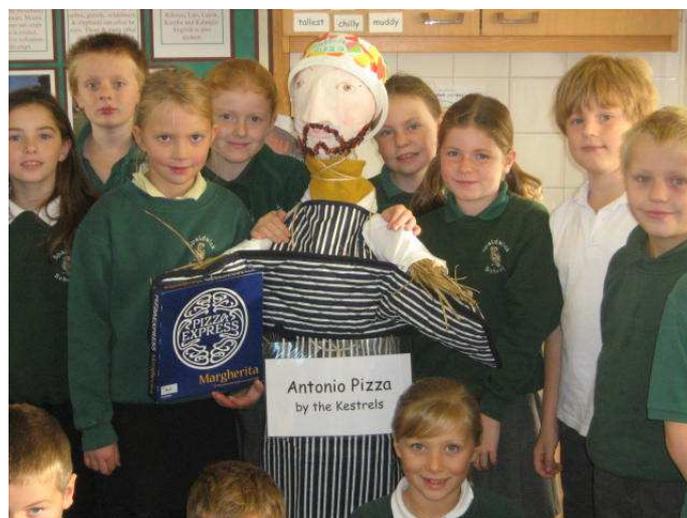
Michael.



## SPALDWICK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Harvest Celebrations at Spaldwick School

Each class created a scarecrow for display in the school; they include Angelina Ballerina, Charlie the Chimney sweep and an Egyptian Mummy.



Over 70 pupils and 15 members of staff enjoyed the Harvest Day school dinner. To accompany Mrs Grindley's ploughman's meal, we enjoyed a serving of the winning soup in the recent school soup competition.

To end our day, there was an assembly for invited parents and guests from Hill House, Ellington. Thank you all parents who were able to attend the assembly, where we learnt that a pizza, with luxury toppings could have travelled over 2,000 miles to reach you as well as the role played by yeast in the making of bread.

## Super Soup News

There were 20 entries for the Spaldwick soup competition, and after a secret tasting session by the Tooty Fruity's [our healthy eating Group] Robert Burton's soup was declared the winner.



Mrs Leaver organised a group of chefs [a group of pupils from each class, and teaching assistants] to cook enough of Robert's soup for our Harvest Lunch.

## More Super Soup News

Congratulations to Angel Howarth for being awarded second place in the Winter Warmer Soup challenge organised by the East of England Agricultural Society from East of England Showground.

## THE FIVE PARISH ADVENT FAIR

The five parishes of Spaldwick, Ellington, Grafham, Easton, Barham and Woolley are holding their advent fair in Ellington Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please think of anything you can do to help. Can you make items for the craft stall or provide materials for someone else to do so? Could you find bottles for the bottle stall, large or small, or provide raffle prizes? Can you make pickles, chutneys, jams or freeze items for the cake stall in advance? Can you look out gifts and presents, candles, toys, children's tombola items and 'white elephant' treasures? Could you organise a game or competition?

We would welcome and new ideas and more offers of help to Sue Young on 455080. The main collection point from now on can be the Rectory, 1 Parson's Drive, Ellington, or please feel free to contact individual stall holders:

Refreshments	Ellington WI	455080	
Cake stall	Romi	890287	
Honey, pickles, etc	Peter	891043	
Gifts & presents	Sarah	891496	
Craft stall	Jill	810157	
Candle stall	Val	812390	
Toys	Amba	890565	
Children's tombola	Sylvie & Muriel	891964	
Bottle stall	Jonathan	891695	
Raffle	Marian	890561	
Treasures & white elephant	Doreen or Ann	891452	or
		891372	

## **SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **Useful Numbers**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Contact details:

Emergencies Telephone 999

Non-Emergencies Telephone 0845 456 456 4

Website [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

Crime Stoppers Telephone 0800 555 111

Confidential anti-terrorist hotline Telephone 0800 789 321

### **Update on Crimes**

There have been four burglaries in the Spaldwick area during the last couple of months. Please be extra vigilant.

## **SPALDWICK OIL BUYING GROUP**

Thank you to all those who have completed the questionnaires. I am in the process of pulling together the analysis and negotiations with the oil companies. I should be able to confirm arrangements fairly soon. If you have any queries or if you would be interested in joining the Group, please feel free to call Michael on 01480-891920.

## **SPALDWICK ROSE FOR CHRISTMAS**

As a result of the success of our lovely scented village rose 'Simply Spaldwick' at the Open Gardens Day, we have been asked to order more supplies in time for Christmas as they will make an excellent gift.

These will be pruned potted plants at a price of £7.00 each and all profits will go towards helping to set up allotments in the village.

Closing date for orders will be Sunday 30th November for delivery mid December. Please place your orders with Roger at 1 Ivy Way, phone number 891683. Payment will be required when ordering.

*Roger*

## **ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

We are still waiting to hear from the National Lottery regarding our application for a grant so we will keep you informed.

*Roger*

## ST JAMES' CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2008

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	6.00pm	Evensong
9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Eucharist followed by a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 10.45am
16 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	Eucharist
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.30am	Children's Eucharist
30 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Group Eucharist

There is usually a service at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday

For more information about the church - services, activities, baptism, weddings, Holy Communion, 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

### November Waste Bin Collection Dates

4<sup>th</sup> Green, 7<sup>th</sup> Blue, 11<sup>th</sup> Grey,  
18<sup>th</sup> Green, 21<sup>st</sup> Blue, 25<sup>th</sup> Grey.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Quiz Night**

We are having a Quiz Night In aid of Church Funds on Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm in the Village School. Soft drinks and nibbles will be provided. Glasses will be provided but please bring your own wine or beer and more food, if you wish.

A half case of wine will be awarded to the winning team and there will also be a Raffle. Tickets £3 will be available from any member of the PCC, also Norman Vickers, Liz McCue, Hilary Shuker and Jean Bradshaw.

### **Decades! New Year's Eve at the George**

7:30pm till late. One hour will be dedicated to a different decade; opening with the 1940's going through to the present day.

For each decade, there will be a tribute Live show by a couple of the most entertaining & energetic performers in the County, coupled with more music from the era, news headlines & many surprises.

The Live shows will be performed in the barn with a live broadcast throughout the building via plasma TVs. The opening live show will start at 8pm prompt! Complimentary hog roast & associated buffet. Tickets £15.00 per head. Ticket numbers are limited to only 200, buy now to avoid disappointment!

Optional: Come dressed in your favourite decade for a chance to win champagne & a meal for two. This really will be the party of the decade and rest assured one you truly will not want to miss.

**The George opening times for Christmas & the New Year:**

**Christmas Eve** - 12pm until 12am

**Christmas Day** - 12pm until 5pm

**Boxing Day** - 12pm until 5pm

**New Years Eve** - 12pm until 6pm / 7pm until late!  
(Ticket only)

**New Years Day** - Closed

## **SPALDWICK SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP**

The Spaldwick Social Events Group will be working over the next twelve months to provide a number of events that encourage the whole village to come together. A brief summary for the next few months can be seen [here](#)

**Christmas Carol Singing, Sunday 21st December**  
*4:00pm-6:00pm.*

This event will be a repeat of last year's successful Christmas Carol Singing. Father Christmas will be visiting the village on his sleigh. During his visit he will be giving out gifts to all the children and hoping they will join him in singing some well known Christmas carols. Finally he will end his journey at the George Pub where children and adults can join him for squash, mulled wine

and mince pies. There will be a collection during the event with a donation going to 'Dreamdrops' - a local charity supporting children and their families during their stay in hospital.

**Fish and Chip Supper and Dance (adults only) *Saturday 21st March.***

During the evening there will be music from a well known local DJ and Fish and Chips (veggie options available) together with a chance to win some great prizes. Proceeds will go towards the main event of the year.

**The Long Awaited Summer Fete, *Saturday 18th July.***

This will be our main focus for the year and our group is committed to making this an annual occurrence. There are some very exciting plans for this event and details will be released over the coming months.

There is a committee meeting regularly to work towards these events and we would be very grateful for any help with any of these activities and suggestions for any you would like to see included in the future. Please contact Gavin Lessing-Caller on 07881-960810 or [glcaller@aol.com](mailto:glcaller@aol.com).

## SPALDWICK WEB SITE

Mark Heath has set up an excellent web site for the village. It is very well designed and contains some useful and interesting information. You can view it at [www.spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com).

Mark is also keen to develop a section on Spaldwick history. He is still appealing for old photos of Spaldwick, like the ones exhibited at the Church at the Open Gardens. Please contact Mark on 01480 891797 or [mark.heath@spaldwick.com](mailto:mark.heath@spaldwick.com) if you are able to help him.

## LOCAL ADS

**Armoirette** - Beautiful piece of furniture, French made, classic design, crafted in cherry wood, ideal feature and storage for dining room. Call Michael or Martina on 891920.

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