

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - January 2014

### Extending the Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Please consider registering with **eCops** - the email messaging system brought to you by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and powered by Neighbourhood Alert. Go to <https://www.ecops.org.uk/>

Then join the Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch scheme to receive updates and information.

The more members we have - the better coverage around our village!  
THANKYOU!

### Burglary

Burglary is the single biggest problem within the district. High-visibility patrols and concerted effort with the district's pubs have meant that there has been little in the way of night-time-economy-related crime and disorder. Other thefts, such as shop-lifting and cycle thefts have reduced as compared to previous months, so, our single clear focus is on dwelling burglaries; seeking to prevent them from happening and detecting those that have.

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please **call 999**.

For all **non-emergencies**, general enquiries and to report crime please **call 101**.

To give information anonymously, about crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

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### January Waste Bin Collection dates

Grey	Mon 6th	Fri 17th	Fri 31st
Blue/Green	Sat 11th	Fri 24th	Feb Fri 7th

# SPALDWICK NEWS

## January 2014



Father Christmas and his helpers in Spaldwick  
Did you see him? If not he will be back in a  
year's time

### 100 Club Winners in December

The December winners were £40 No.25 Mark Sturdy,  
Thrapston Road, £20 No. Graham Leach, High Street

BURNS NIGHT  
IN  
THE GEORGE

The Haggis will be addressed in  
the vernacular by a genuine

SCOTSMAN

24th January at 7.30pm

Tickets £12.50

From Social Group Members

Lisa Hunter, Lucy Frain, Alison Heath,  
Trevor Cooper, Jutta Fiford, John Blatch,  
June Dixon, Neil Ritchie, Caroline Lock,  
Bernard Plummer, Amba Harbour  
Or email [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com)

Vegetarian option available

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Phone 890534  
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Phone: 890065  
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The next meeting is at 8 o'clock on Thursday 16th January in  
the Community Room at Spaldwick School.  
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Road Closure.** The A14 will now be closed overnight on Friday  
17th January for the recovery of equipment used for recent  
maintenance. (Earlier notified as 20th December)

Cambridgeshire Future Transport

The CFT team, which is working with communities to design  
local transport solutions in those areas of Cambridgeshire  
that receive subsidies from the County Council, invite you to  
drop in to the Community Room anytime between 3 - 5 pm on  
Thursday 16th January to learn more about the project and  
share your views. If you are unable to attend you may give  
your views on line at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambsFT1>  
or by obtaining a paper copy of the questionnaire from a Par-  
ish Councillor or the Clerk and returning it by 17th January.

## Spaldwick Church

### January Services

5th	No service	
12th	9.30am	Sunday Eucharist
19th	6.00pm	Evening Service
26th	9.30am	Sunday Eucharist

On Sunday 2nd February everyone in the five parishes is invited to Jonathan Young's farewell service as our Rector at 11.00am in Easton church.

For up-to-date information on Church activities see [spaldwick.com/church](http://spaldwick.com/church)

**CAROL PARTY** Our Carol Party on 17th December was a great success with over 70 adults and children attending.

Many thanks to Molly and Poppy Hall who, with their friends, performed musical and dance pieces. Also thanks to Poppy Hunter and Isy James for their dance and to Ben Rice for his reading.

Mark Sturdy and Eddie Roughsedge entertained with their guitars whilst Mark Hunter taught us all how to make music with Handbells.

Thanks to those who contributed food, we got it about right with just a few mince pies left over, now long consumed. The mulled wine will keep until next Christmas. £450 was raised for church funds.



### Escape Youth Group - Spaldwick News January 2014

Happy New Year to all our members, their families, and all Spaldwick residents. 2013 was a fantastic year for Escape, with highest recorded attendance since we started in 2010, peaking at over 50 and averaging over 40. We ended 2013 with a special film night, showing 'Despicable Me 2' in fantastic HD in the school hall, thanks to Mark Heath and the Escape Group committee for putting this on.

We start 2014 with youth club sessions from 7pm to 9pm on the following dates:

January 10<sup>th</sup>

January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Admission is just £1 per person.

**New members welcome** - Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend from the first session listed above if they are already aged 11 or their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday is before Easter 2014. All new members are asked to fill in a registration form and return it completed by their parents. If you've been before but haven't returned your form, just pick up a new one next time you join us.

If you/your child haven't been before, we offer a relaxed and safe environment, with computer games and table games in the main school hall (table tennis, snooker and table football), craft activities and board games in the community room, and a very reasonably priced and well stocked tuck shop. Youth club sessions are run by our professional youth worker - Tony Evans, assisted by members from the committee.

We are searching for parents to help Tony and the committee with running the youth club. We need additional help each week to run the tuck shop - a very important job, just ask any of our members! If a parent for each child attending youth club volunteered to help just once, we would have enough helpers to cover 2 years of youth club sessions. Unfortunately we don't have this many volunteers, but if we have more parents willing to help just once, they would make a big difference to the running of the club. If you can help, please either email [escape@spaldwick.com](mailto:escape@spaldwick.com) or speak to one of the committee members at the youth club.

Finally, we have a vacancy in our committee for a Communications Officer. Jeremy Blackmore has decided to stand down from this post due to work commitments, we thank Jeremy for all the work he has done in his time with us, and wish him all the best for 2014. If you have a literary flair, and want to help with monthly articles for the Spaldwick News, and website/facebook articles please contact me at [escape@spaldwick.com](mailto:escape@spaldwick.com)

Mark Sturdy.

## Spaldwick Gardening Club

We had a varied and enjoyable December with two very different activities. Firstly, the club's annual Christmas get-together, this year at Maggie Lincoln's home. We thank Maggie for providing the venue and thanks to everyone who brought delicious goodies to eat plus our very popular Secret Santa draw when everyone brought a suitable present, all of which proved very popular. The intellectual highlight of our evening was an excellent quiz prepared and presented by John Lock. Some easy, some hard and a very tricky famous faces round had us scratching our heads.

Thank you John for organising such an enjoyable quiz.

The second activity was our Christmas arrangement workshop in the Church, attended by members who all produced a festive offering for home or to decorate the Church. Thanks to Lindy for bringing the mulled wine - most appreciated.

The club looks forward to 2014 when we will be arranging, amongst other things, the Open Gardens Day on Sunday 22nd June and will be confirming arrangements for this event at our January meeting.

The January meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January at Roger's, 1 Ivy Way commencing at 7.30pm. Existing and new members always welcome.

Roger Haines  
01480 891683

Open House will be on  
27th January hosted by  
Liz McCue at 10 Ivy  
Way 1.30—3.30pm

Dates for Your Diary  
Jan 24th Burns Night  
Jan 27th Open House

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## RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, TEXTILES, BOOKS AND DVD'S TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SPALDWICK SCHOOL

The next collection is:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am**

Please help us to raise funds for school. Ask family  
and friends too.

As usual we would ask that you use your own bags.

### WHAT WE CAN TAKE:

**Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets,  
sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and  
DVDs (in separate box / strong bag)**

*Please take your donations to school on the morning of  
4<sup>th</sup> February.*

*If you are not able to do this but would still like to donate  
please deliver your bagged/boxed items to Keren Pope at 11  
Ivy Way before the 4<sup>th</sup> February.*

*If you are unable to deliver your donations please contact  
Claire on (01480) 896210 before the 2<sup>nd</sup> February to arrange  
collection.*

***Thank you for all your support***

## An unusually active year for Spaldwick Church

with two weddings and four funerals. Zoe Dixon of Fuller Close was married in June and Charlotte Taylor, Mount Pleasant, in December. She is seen below with her husband Patrick and parents, Rob and Margaret. Paul and Kim Hall also celebrated their wedding anniversary with a church service.

Funerals were sadder occasions for friends and relatives of Ken Read, Tonee Lilley, Anne Weaver and James Southerington.

Other events were the Easter Fayre, Carol Party and the church was also used by the Garden Club for a flower arranging workshop.

The church can be available for suitable events. Please contact any PCC member.

## Free and confidential advice about support for adults with long-term needs and carers

A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help.

The drop-in sessions are being held on the first Monday of the month during 2014 at Hartford Village Hall, Main Street, Hartford, Huntingdon, PE29 1XU. Come along any time between 10am and 1pm for a cup of tea and to find out about the support available to you.

For more information phone 01480 377616 / 01480 373220, email [Drop-insessions\\_asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Drop-insessions_asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit



**Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cycle Legacy Small Grant Fund**

**Information and Application Form**

**ANY IDEAS?**

Please see opposite. The Social Group Committee think that there should be something that could be done at the Fete to earn the £500 on offer and are thinking hard.

If you have an idea please contact the group via [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com)

There are three dates for applications, January 17th, March 7th and April 4th. Most people will find the January deadline a bit tight and those who can meet it will have a better than average chance of acceptance, so get thinking fast.

**Background**

Cambridge is known across the country as the UK's capital of cycling and the county as a whole has a high usage of bikes for sport, leisure and commuting.

Next July, the third stage of the Tour de France will start in Cambridge on Monday 7 July. Competitors will leave Parkers Piece to cycle through the City streets before travelling to London via the beautiful countryside of South Cambridgeshire.

This will be an exciting time for the County with many groups and organisations hosting cycling linked events throughout the summer.

**Helping you celebrate the race coming to Cambridgeshire in 2014**

To celebrate one of the biggest annual sports events in the world coming to the county in 2014, Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to provide small grants to assist local groups and organisations create linked activities or events.

Your celebration event must be inspired by cycling or the race.

We would like you to design and deliver activities within your community that involve and inspire people to help create a lasting and positive legacy.

Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected.

Events and activities could be inspired by:

- The history of the race
- The changing design of bicycles over the years
- The use of bikes in everyday life
- The design of the modern racing bike and the materials used
- The diversity and range of different cycle competitions
- The culture of France