

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH November 2012

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There has been a small number of burglaries around parts of the rural area. Patrols have been conducted in and around Hammerton/Winwick and the Giddings.

Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when you are inside the house.

Always check and lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door.

Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.

Never leave items such as keys, bags and money on show through a window, as these can prove a real temptation for an opportunist burglar.

Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.

Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house.

Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.

We are a part of the Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Community for more information see: <http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk/>

### Waste Bin Collection Dates

#### February

|           |          |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Tues 5th  | Fri 8th  | Tues 12th |
| Tues 19th | Fri 22nd |           |

From 25th February collection days will be changing. We should receive details by 20th Feb. For further information go to [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuseandrecycling](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuseandrecycling) or telephone 0800 3896613

## SPALDWICK NEWS February 2013



Snowman by Trevor and Bunta Cooper, Stow Road  
Photo by Mark Heath

Until a few years ago the Huntingdon area was usually snow free. Snowstorms from the south west would peter out in Northampton whilst easterly winds would drop their load of snow on Norfolk. This is the third year running that we have had a heavy fall and is perhaps the pattern for the future with global warming.

### 100 Club Winners in January

The January winners were £40 No 7 Elizabeth Smith of Stow Road and £20 No.20 Rosemary Good, High Street. See page 7.



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### LAWN CARE IN FEBRUARY

**Mowing** If conditions allow get out the mower and lightly cut the lawn; long grass harbours dampness which encourages disease. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened. Call ProLawnCare if you would like us to do this for you.

**Moss** Moss has been a real threat to lawns this winter, and may be affecting your lawn. Apply a specific moss treatment now, or get ProLawnCare to spray with their special industrial strength Moss Control Treatment; moss dies in front of your eyes. It is best to do it now before the Spring.

**Don't Slip On Your Patio/Path (Moss/Algae)**

Patios too, can become slippery during the damp winter days. We now have a new product to remove the slime which causes that slipperiness. To really spruce up your patio why not have it pressure washed once it has been treated? It will be like having a new patio. Ask for details.

#### Actions Required in Early Spring

- ◇ Mow lawn lightly when dry enough
- ◇ Treat Moss
- ◇ Service Mower
- ◇ Treat slippery, slimy and dirty patios



Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; others may need professional intervention. For more information about lawn care and the services that ProLawnCare Ltd offer call

Deborah, Simon or Richard on **01480 812393**

Ask the Lawn Ranger for advice online:

[www.prolawncare.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger](http://www.prolawncare.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger)

Lawn fact: "250 m2 of lawn absorbs Carbon Dioxide from the atmosphere and releases enough Oxygen for a family of 4 to breathe"

#### February Special Offer:

Buy 1 Treatment (Moss Control) and get a 2<sup>nd</sup> Treatment Free Of Charge  
Existing Customers entitled to a Free Treatment too

### PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 OTD  
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 OTA  
Phone: 890065 email: [davidstowell@onetel.com](mailto:davidstowell@onetel.com)

**The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 21st February commencing at 7 pm (Please note new time). Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

### COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

Cambridgeshire Care Network are looking at setting up a Community Car Scheme in Spaldwick.

You are invited to join them for tea/coffee and a chat to find out how this would work on 5th February 1 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. Further information may be obtained from Heather Corbishley on 01480 425085 or [heather.c@care-network.org.uk](mailto:heather.c@care-network.org.uk)

### SPALDWICK CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2012

| <u>Income</u>    |                 | <u>Expenditure</u> |                |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid         | 4208.00         | Parish Share       | 3400.00        |
| Tax              | 917.25          | Deanery Quota      | 10.00          |
| Loose Giving     | 1001.54         | Vicar's Expenses   | 1117.59        |
| Fees             | 286.00          | Heat and Light     | 296.33         |
| Donations        | 1050.50         | Organ Maintenance  | 240.00         |
| Harvest Festival | 1014.00         | Insurance          | 3063.01        |
| House Parties    | 500.00          | Fire Precautions   | 31.32          |
| Bingo            | 200.00          | Tear Fund          | 144.00         |
| Easter Fayre     | 340.81          | Help For Heroes    | 166.00         |
| Carol Party      | 476.00          | Harvest Festival   | 500.00         |
| Jubilee Party    | 210.86          | Grass Cutting      | 795.00         |
| Booklets         | 144.70          |                    |                |
| Plant sale       | 400.00          |                    |                |
| Interest         | 95.46           |                    |                |
| Parish Council   | 752.00          |                    |                |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>11622.12</b> | <b>Total</b>       | <b>9763.25</b> |

# Spaldwick Church

## February Services

3rd No Service Sunday Worship at  
Ellington 9.30am

10th 9.30am Eucharist

17th 4.00pm Sunday Worship

24th 9.30am Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Vicar) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

### CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night was well attended with 50 people and 11 teams. There was a wide spread of scores, from a possible total of 134 points the best score was 92 and the least 30. The latter team named themselves No Idea and lived up to their name. The Soup and Roll with Coffee and Cakes was voted a very good alternative to the Fish and Chip van used on previous occasions.. £400 was raised for church funds.

Last year a total of £11622 raised. See opposite. Thanks to all those who helped or attended the several fund raising evenings organised by the church committee or by others who wished to help, particularly Roger Haines and the Gardening Club, Stuart Dixon with his church booklets and the many house party hosts. Unfortunately most of the funds were taken up by running costs, £4500 as our share of the Vicar's stipend and expenses and £3063 insurance so our underlying funds increased by just £1834.

This will go towards the cost of re-roofing the church but the bulk of the money will still have to come from English Heritage. Our application last August was turned down but another one will be submitted before the February deadline this year..



## Fun in the snow - and at Escape!

It's been a very snowy start to the year! But in between going sledging and building snowmen, our young people have also

found time to enjoy two sessions at youth group this month. Activities at the sessions included mug and plate painting, which proved very popular.

### A fond farewell to Trish

We're very sad to announce that our youth worker Trish Finnimore will be leaving us after the February 8 youth group session. Trish is leaving to take up another post, but leaves with all our best wishes and thanks for everything she's done for us at Escape.

Escape chairman Mark Sturdy said:

"I would like to thank Trish for the work she has done so far with the Escape Youth group. She has been a real asset to our group and the children have benefitted from her input in our sessions. They have clearly interacted with her in a way they wouldn't with us as parents and have really enjoyed her time with us.

"Everyone at Escape wishes Trish well in her future and new job." We are now working with Cambridgeshire County Council to recruit a replacement for Trish for sessions beyond February 8.

### Forthcoming youth club dates

Our next sessions between now and Easter are:

February 8 -- 7-9pm

February 22 - 7-9pm

March 8 - 7-9pm

March 22 - 7-9pm

## Spaldwick Gardening Club

The meeting of the 9th January was Barbara's last meeting as host as she and Vince are shortly moving to Nottinghamshire. We wish them every happiness in their new home and thank Barbara for all her support and enthusiasm over the past year. The club will continue to meet at members' homes and will also use the church as and when appropriate.

Anita Hughes has kindly volunteered to take over as Secretary and Treasurer.

The club has decided to support the Church Easter Fair again this year, which takes place on 13th April and we will be manning a plant stall plus providing a raffle with some excellent prizes.

The club's first outing for 2013 will be a visit to Anglesey Abbey on Sunday 10th February - meeting outside The George at 9.30am.

The club's next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 20th February at Orchard House, 39 High Street, the home of Maggie Lincoln where members will be discussing house plant care and small shrubs for small spaces followed by a demonstration of how to plant and care for an indoor terrarium.

New members always welcome.

Roger Haines

The next OPEN HOUSE  
will be : Monday 25th  
February 1.30pm -  
3.30pm at 1 Stow Road,  
hosted by Chris Saynor

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 25th Open House  
Apr 13th Easter Fayre

For up-to date news see the village  
website [spaldwick.com](http://spaldwick.com)

For items in the News  
email [john@blatch.com](mailto:john@blatch.com)

For items on the website  
email  
[mark.heath@spaldwick.com](mailto:mark.heath@spaldwick.com)

## TALKING INTERIORS

Tuesdays in March 2013, 7.00 - 8.30pm



05 March  
12 March  
19 March  
26 March

The George, Spaldwick, PE28 0TD  
with local Interior Designer, Yasmin Chopin

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You are invited to come along and join in the conversation. It is a free evening, all welcome, 7.00 - 8.30pm. We will chat about everything and anything to do with house and home interiors, and will cover specific subjects as you choose.

I will share my expertise and can guarantee a pleasant and relaxed hour or so. This isn't a formal talk, more of a social evening, and we will have some fun and make new friends too!

The George is a lovely pub and bistro so if you haven't visited recently it's worth a trip; the surroundings are very pleasant indeed. It's an historic former coaching inn, which dates back to 1679 and the property retains the rustic charm and character of its heritage, but offers sophistication and comfort too.

Spaldwick is just off the A14, junction 18, five miles west of Huntingdon. The George is easy to find situated

by the village green in the High Street. I hope you can join me for one of the sessions, or all four if you can make it! Each evening will take a different course shaped by those who are there.

If you can email me in advance to say you are coming that would be really helpful, but don't worry if it's a last minute decision - just come along - and bring your friends.

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The last seven Jubilee Mugs are now available in No. 12, the Village Shop, price £5. Receipts will go to the Spaldwick Social Group for distribution to village charities etc.

# WOOLLEY HILL WIND FARM

## Community Liaison Group Meeting

Ellington Village Hall, Ellington, PE28 0AB  
Tuesday 12 February, 7:00pm

This meeting will include an introduction to the Community Benefit Fund and introduce the Fund Administrator, as well as providing an update on general progress towards construction of the wind farm. All members of the public are welcome. Attendance is free.

[www.woolleyhill.co.uk](http://www.woolleyhill.co.uk)

Please check the Woolley Hill Wind Farm website closer to the proposed date of the meeting for final confirmation of the date and location, as this may be subject to change.

Background information about Woolley Hill Wind Farm and the Community Liaison Group can be found at: [www.woolleyhill.co.uk](http://www.woolleyhill.co.uk)

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## Superfast broadband status

In December 2012, the Connecting Cambridgeshire team announced a slight delay in the superfast broadband procurement process. This is because the remaining bidders were given a small extension to mid-December for their bid submissions to ensure the highest quality bids.

The Cambridgeshire superfast broadband procurement process to appoint a supplier to roll out better broadband across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is on track to conclude in **February 2013**. As the lead authority, Cambridgeshire County Council Cabinet will be asked to approve the contract award to the preferred supplier at its meeting on Monday 4th February 2013. A public announcement will be made shortly afterwards.

The announcement will be reported here in the Spaldwick News next month. You can get in-depth up-to-date information from the Spald-

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or call 07860 410075



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



The next collection is:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 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 28<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 27<sup>th</sup> February.

If you are unable to deliver your donations please contact Claire on 07789 390655 before the 27<sup>th</sup> February to arrange collection.

# Spaldwick Out Of School Club

## Level 2 or equivalent Playworker

Job type: Part Time (maternity cover)  
Responsible to: Spaldwick Out of School Club Manager  
Location: Spaldwick  
Salary: Dependent on qualification and experience  
Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013

This is an exciting opportunity, for a Level 2 Playworker or equivalent, to join our existing team as an Out Of School Club Assistant from February 2013 until December 2013. The successful candidate will work as an effective member of Spaldwick Out of School Club team delivering a flexible, high quality, education and care centred service that meets the need of the young children, aged 4-12 years and their families. The Out Of School Club runs 5 days a week 3pm to 6pm term time. We also offer a holiday club 8.30am to 6pm - all half terms, all Easter Holidays, all teacher training days, 4 weeks in the summer and 1 week at Christmas. There is also the possible opportunity of more holiday club hours.  
12.5+ hours per week over 5 days (term time) and flexible hours during holiday club.

In line with the local safeguarding Children's Board guidelines the successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

For more information please call Gemma Chapman on 07758 364502 or email: [sclub\\_sclark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sclub_sclark@yahoo.co.uk)

Spaldwick Out Of School Club, Playtimes Building, Ferriman Road, Spaldwick, HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, PE28 0TQ

## CHURCH CLEANING

**Windows** Many thanks to those who came along on Friday 25th February to help clean the church windows. It was a good start but there is still a long way to go. With 5 inches of snow on the ground it is surprising that anyone came at all. Stuart Dixon, who organised the effort, will be doing this again, hopefully in better weather.

**Interior** Thanks also to Anne Weaver of Stow Road who, despite carrying her own oxygen pack, has been looking after the church interior for the past few years. Is there anyone, or any several, who could relieve her? It is not a big job, just an hour or so every two weeks dusting and vacuuming the carpets. If you can help please call Anne on 896528 or John Blatch on 890853. Thank you.

'George's Girls' would like to say a huge thank you to all those who took part in the Santa dash before New Year.



We all gathered for a glass of something warming and alcoholic and changed into our fabulous lycra outfits...and set off through the village before ending up in the pub.

The surprised faces were a picture, and we broke last years record and raised an amazing £115.00

Thank you to all those who supported us on our crazy quest to raise awareness and funds for SANDS.

('George's Girls' was formed in April 2011 by Keren Pope, Vicky Wakefield & Lisa Hunter

to raise funds in George's name to try and stop the same terrible thing happening to other families, friends & communities)

## 100 Club

The 100 Club is actually an 80 Club at the moment but is still open to old or new members. If you are into internet banking the details are [Spaldwick 100 Club Sort Code 30-94-47 Acc. No. 26573468](#).

Just transfer £12 per entry required using as reference either your name or a user name and email [john@blatch.com](mailto:john@blatch.com) with the identity. Or Call John Blatch on 890853.

The Spaldwick News, which the 100 Club pays for, will break even this year and, with the occasional advert, can remain so. So this may well be its last year unless it carries on for a different purpose and with a different organiser. Any volunteers?