

SPALDWICK NEWS July 2010



A view of the church usually seen only by dog walkers or others who choose to walk from Easton to Spaldwick across the fields.

100 Club Winners in May

Numbers were drawn at the Church Garden Supper on 12th June The winners were No. 41 Mick Ager £40 and No 48 23 Louise Smith £20, This was the second win for Mick who gave the money back, as did Adelaide Turnill and Mike Robinson after earlier draws. The next draw will take place at the Fete on 17th July.



GET TO WORK NOW AND DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

If you look carefully some scarecrows have already appeared.

DIARY DATES

July 15th Connections Bus (See p 6)

July 17th Village Fete

Aug 26th Open House, 45 High St.

Sep 18th Hawaiian Hoedown

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Fri Jul 2 Blue Tue Jul 6 Grey Tue Jul 13 Green
Fri Jul 16 Blue Tue Jul 20 Grey Tue Jul 27 Green
Fri Jul 30 Blue Tue Aug 3 Grey Tue Aug 10 Green



St James Church Services

July

4th 6.00pm Evensong

11th 9.30am Eucharist

18th 6.00pm Songs of Praise

25th 9.30am St James's

Day Eucharist

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)
Father Martin Kettle (Curate)

01480 891695 01480 890284

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden)

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Church Garden Supper

The Supper at 43 High Street on 12th June was well attended by about 60 adults and children, the weather was kind and the company generous. £757 was raised for the church. Many thanks to all of those who helped with the lasagnes, casseroles and the great variety of succulent puddings.

Church Cleaning Thank you very much to Anne Weaver of Royston Avenue who has now taken over the church cleaning. 10

Nature Notes

Brian Davis



Summer is i-comin in/ Loudly sing cuckoo/ Groweth seed and bloweth mead/ and springs the wood anew.

Cuckoos may not have been heard in Spaldwick but one at least has been heard in Easton, also two turtle doves, but they haven't set up territory at the end of our garden this year for the first time that I can remember. And nobody seems to have had nesting

spotted flycatchers this year. All three species are in national decline and we are noticing the effects here. Luckily, little owls seem OK as some have been seen on the church.

Butterflies seem very sparse this year, apart from orange tips and speckled woods, but meadow browns have just started to appear and early painted ladies. The prize this month must go to Marilyn and Denis Jolly who have sent me this magnificent photograph of a humming-bird hawk moth in their garden, possibly a very early migrant from the Continent, although I kept one in my garage over winter a few years ago.



Forthcoming Events at Your Village Pub





Our Homemade Sunday Roast Lunch Now only £10 (children £6.95)

Homemade Stonebaked Pizza Night Choice of toppings with salad or handcut chips £6.95 per head

Gourmet Stonebaked Pizza

Takeaway/Delivery Service Available everyday 6pm to 9.30pm



Quiz Night Every Sunday From 8.30pm

All New Blues Brothers Revue Performing in the garden Sunday 15th August 2010 From 2pm



Mark, Louise and all the team look forward to welcoming you to your local village pub, the traditional hub of every community.

www.georgeofspaldwick.co.uk



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Shonah Wakefield has been co-opted as a member, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Brown.

The Council now has a full complement of members again, namely: Richard Johnson, Grahame Leach, Bernard Plummer, Greg Rice, Graham Smith, Shonah Wakefield and Robert Wooddisse.

Some of you will have noticed that the minutes of meetings of the Council published on the village website have not been updated recently. This is due to the work involved becoming too much for Mark Heath, who has kindly provided a Parish Council section on his website in the recent past. Steps are being taken to provide an alternative website in the near future, but in the meantime printed copies of the minutes will be posted on the notice board on the Village Green. Copies may also be obtained from the Clerk on request.

The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 22 July at 8 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 OTA

COFFEE OPEN HOUSE Next Open House coffee afternoon is on August 26th at 1.30pm until 3.30pm in the home of Rosemary Balchin, 45 High Street.

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - June 2010

Fighting Doorstep Crime

"I'd never heard of "distraction burglary" before, until one day a chap called at my house saying he needed to turn my water off as there was a leak down the road. There was no leak of course, he was what they call a "distraction burglar" trying to lie his way in to my home to steal.

How do they operate?

- Some work alone, but often they work in groups of two or more, usually one person will knock at your door with a convincing excuse that seems genuine or urgent
- The talker will persuade you to let them into your house and keep you occupied whilst others sneak in and search your house to steal cash and valuables
- They can be men, women or children and sometimes a combination, smartly or casually dressed.

Remember

A genuine caller will happily wait outside while you check on them by calling their organisation and or calling a family member or neighbour.

Age UK is the new force combining Age Concern and Help the Aged. Their mission is to promote the well-being of all older people and to help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. For further information and advice, call 0800 00 99 66 or visit www.ageuk.org .uk.

Report suspicious activity to the Police Crimestoppers

- 0345 456 4564

- 0800 555 111

http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

GOOD HOME NEEDED FOR HEDGEHOGS



KATHY LESSING-CALLER found these abandoned babies on Stow Road (she did observe them for a day or so until she was convinced that mummy hedgehog was not coming back) She is now caring for and feeding them every hour on the hour, night and day. If Gavin wants any supper he calls in Macdonald's on the way home.

Just two weeks to go now until Fete Day.

We are still looking for contributions the Tombola and Toy Stalls.

Also there will be a Cake Stall and a Tea Stall. Both would be pleased to get homemade cakes, large or fairy. If you can help please deliver to:



Tombola and Toys-Playtimes, 3 Ivy way or 53 Stow Road

Cakes- 45 High Street, Ivy House, High Street or The Chestnut Tree Guest House

Or call 0845 260 3131 to arrange collection.

All aboard! Youth Bus visits Spaldwick!

Young people in Spaldwick are invited to come along for a fun evening aboard the Connections Bus Project when it visits the village on Thursday July 15 from 7 - 9pm outside Playtimes Playgroup on Ferriman Road.

Organised by Spaldwick Youth Group Committee, the bus offers a range of activities guaranteed to appeal to everyone aged between 11 and 18, including games consoles, music, karaoke, crafts, sports, tuck-shop and internet access. You can find out more by visiting the website at www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk

To book yourself a place, please e-mail spaldwickyouth@btinternet.com
The bus visit is one of a series of activities being organized by the Youth Group Committee, following an inaugural event at Spaldwick School in March which brought 30 young people and their parents together for a fun evening to share their views and ideas about forming a youth group.

The evening was hosted by Mark Hunter of Drumpulse who kitted everyone out with drums and brought all of us together by the end of the evening into a powerful drumming orchestra!

The young people had a great time and in between their drumming, brainstormed some ideas for what they'd like the new youth group to offer and also a suitable name!

Spaldwick called for a youth group in the survey of residents for the Parish Plan in 2008 so the Youth Group Committee has now been set up and we are working with the County Council to organise a series of arts/crafts and sports activity days during the summer holidays.

We will be at the Spaldwick Village Fete on July 17, where we'll have photographs on display taken during the Connections Bus visit, a Treasure Hunt game, Play Your Cards Right and a Guess the Weight of the Handbag game. We'll also choose a name for the youth group from all the brilliant suggestions made by the young people.

A big thank you to Spaldwick Fundraisers and Spaldwick Parish Council for kindly sponsoring the bus visit. Connections will be bringing the bus back to the village for another visit later this year.

The Youth Club Drummers







Yacht Racing

Last year Brian Appleyard, who lives in The Pound and spends much of his free time sailing on Grafham Water, came second in the Round the island race (Isle of Wight). This year he came first and won the Gold Roman Bowl. Congratulations to Brian and his crew, a picture of his boat, Nordic Bear, is shown here.


