

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



There was a Panel meeting held in Ellington on Tuesday 10th March, many people attended and all concerns have been listened to, the priorities are as follows:

- 1 - Speeding in all villages
- 2 - Anti social behaviour in Sawtry & Stilton
- 3 - Reducing the fear of burglary and providing crime prevention to the vulnerable

Protecting your property Peace of mind while you're away

Almost half of all burglaries happen when a flat or house is empty. Most burglars get in through a back door or window - make it difficult for them by locking all side or back gates and adding trellis to the top of walls or fences. Fit lights that come on at night to cover the sides and back of your house. **It's a good idea to get help from your neighbours.**

Smartwater, see [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)

**Report suspicious activity to the Police** - 0845 4564564  
**Crimestoppers** - 0800 555111

David Henrick - 01480896556 [david.henrick@virgin.net](mailto:david.henrick@virgin.net)

For more information see [www.mynhw.co.uk](http://www.mynhw.co.uk) and [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

## SPALDWICK NEWS

April 2009



Wordsworth's daffodils "fluttering and dancing in the breeze" were presumably wild ones. There are said to be 26 varieties of wild daffodils and about 100 varieties of cultivated flowers. One variable is flowering time; these two pictures show a variety that has been in bloom for several days whilst those in the other photograph, taken at the same time, look as though they still have a week to go.



## ST JAMES' CHURCH SERVICES

5 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Palm Sunday Service
9 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30am	Maundy Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Easter Day Eucharist
19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am	Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	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)	01480 891695
Father Martin Kettle (Curate)	01480 890284
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden)	01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden)	01480 890853

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The Parochial Church Council AGM will take place in the Church at 7.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. All are welcome to attend.

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A May Fair will take place on May Bank Holiday in the garden of Alconbury Vicarage. Spaldwick will be running the Tombola stall and any gifts to go on the stall will be most welcome. They can be given to Rosemary Good, Ivy House, High St, John Blatch, 43, High St. Liz McCue, 10 Ivy Way or left in the church

## Gardening Notes by Roger Haines

### Who Says March Comes in Like a Lion and Out Like a Lamb?

March traditionally comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb but this year it has been in reverse. Those glorious sunny days of mid March have been replaced by gusty winds and heavy rain showers; even some of my heaviest planters have been blown over and the daffodils have been dancing madly. The warm weather has speeded everything on so listen for warnings of frost and protect your tender plants with fleece.

Be on the lookout for the dreaded red lily beetle on your fritillaries and early lilies as this pest seems to appear earlier each year. Deadhead daffodils as soon as they fade and give a couple of good liquid feeds before the leaves yellow. Don't let winter pansies form seed heads and pick off old soggy blooms to prevent mildew. The hard winter has given us a marvellous show of early spring bulbs and I don't think I have had a better display of hellebores and polyanthus soon to be followed by wallflowers (yes, I am a traditionalist).

My potatoes have chitted well, so will be going into their pots in the first week of April.

I am also going to try carrots and beetroot by this method along with salad leaves. Runner and French bean seed will be pot-sown in the middle of April ready to be planted out in early May after the frosts have finished.

The birds are making merry in the garden and don't seem to have reduced in numbers over the hard winter. The rookery opposite Ivy Way has been slow to get going this year as all nests were destroyed by the bad weather and so far only two pairs have taken up residence. Our garden blackbirds were seen finishing their first nest on March 14th but they have not yet moved in so perhaps they knew about the return of winter before we did!

## Forthcoming Events at The George

### **Great British Homemade Pie Night**

**Every Tuesday - 6 to 9:30pm**

Choice of two different fillings,  
served with mash or handcut chips & gravy  
£5.95 per head

### **Live Acoustic Music Night**

**Last Friday of every month**

Performance by Steve Pilkington-Foster  
Tapas menu available

### **Ladies Night – Hosted by The George & Calmer Beauty**

**First Wednesday of every month from 8pm**

Purchase a bottle or large glass of wine and receive a free nail paint that evening  
by the ladies of  
Calmer Beauty in the Hemingway Suite.  
Also receive a 10% voucher for any treatment at  
Calmer Beauty redeemable before the next Ladies Night.  
Tapas menu available

### **Gourmet Italian Night**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

An extravaganza of the finest Italian cuisine  
£20.95 per head for 4 courses

### **Sunday Quiz Night**

Tapas menu available every Quiz Night

#### **Still to come....**

'Tea at The George' - Cream tea afternoons, The Ritz style  
Race Night in aid of Help for Heroes; A Jolly Boys Outing

## **Spaldwick Summer Fete**

July the 11<sup>th</sup> will be the day of our Summer Fete to be held in the grounds of Spaldwick School,  
For many years this was a yearly feature and the Spaldwick Social Group will be working hard to return this to an annual event. We are delighted to be able to announce that FOSS the PCC and Playtimes will be working with us to make this an event to remember, with something for everyone throughout the day.

We have already had a few people from the village volunteering to arrange a stall or help out but we need even more support. Every little helps from the offer of an hour spent collecting plants or cakes for someone else's stall to taking on the task of organising a stall of your own.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you can spare any time as your help would be most appreciated and essential if we are to make this a success.

### **Contact Details**

You can contact me for tickets or any information on the Spaldwick Social Group at 53 stow Road, Spaldwick or my mobile number 07881960810  
Gavin Lessing-Caller (Chairman)

## **DIARY DATES**

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Alconbury May Fair	(PCC)
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ellington Gala	
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Walk	(Social Group)
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Village Fete	(Social Group)
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise Service	(PCC)
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party, 43, High St.	(PCC)
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Barn Dance	(Social Group)
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival Supper	(PCC)
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz	(PCC)

## Mini Recycling Centres

You may have noticed that the Can Bank has been removed from the Spaldwick site, opposite to the Esso Service Station.

The Head of Operations at Huntingdonshire District Council has explained that since the introduction of kerbside recycling services, the amount of cans that are collected from mini recycling centres has reduced progressively.

The amount now collected is so small that it does not justify the cost of collecting and there is no income generated, nor recycling credits paid for this very small amount of material.

As a result of the above, HDC has begun withdrawing can banks from sites across the district and all will be removed in the coming weeks and months. The bins will be refurbished and reused for other collections requiring this type of bin, such as Schools and Flats etc.

At some sites, where other materials collected need more capacity, Can Banks will be converted to take other materials, but in a majority of cases, where capacity for other materials is sufficient, they will not be replaced.

The Spaldwick site will continue to have bottle banks for clear, green and amber bottles and one bank for mixed paper (including newspapers, junk mail and magazines). Please continue to use these banks. They generate an income of about £1500 a year which currently goes into the Village Hall funds. If you take bottles to the site in cardboard boxes and bottle carriers, please take these carriers home and put them in your blue bin. Please don't put them in the litter bin, as they quickly fill it and cause litter to blow around.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next ORDINARY MEETING of the Council will be held on Thursday 2nd April at 8 pm in the Spaldwick School Community Room. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, which is a meeting of the whole electorate, will be held on Thursday 30th April in the Community Room.

The agenda will include:

The Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report  
Parish Council Financial Report for the year to 31 March 2009  
Reports from other Village Organisations  
Open Forum, when other matters of concern to the electors can be raised.

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/>

The Council comprises:

Keith Armer (Chairman); William Brown; Richard Johnson; Bernard Plummer; Jason Pope; Graham Smith; Robert Wooddisse.

The Clerk is David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick, PE28 0TA  
[davidstowell@onetel.com](mailto:davidstowell@onetel.com) Phone: 890065

### Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Mar 31st Grey	Tue Apr 7th Green	Sat Apr 11th Blue
Wed Apr 15 <sup>th</sup> Grey	Tue Apr 21 <sup>st</sup> Green	Fri Apr 24 <sup>th</sup> Blue
Tue Apr 28 <sup>th</sup> Grey	Wed May 6 <sup>th</sup> Green	Sat 9th May Blue

## SPALDWICK SCHOOL

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March was a busy day for Spaldwick School pupils with over fifty taking part in the Music for Youth Regional Festival at Wootton Upper School near Bedford.

The large audience was treated to performances from the Youth Singers (7-11s), Young Singers (4-7s), Belleplate Band (handbell group), Egyptian Drummers, and finally the Year 6 African Drum Group. Between these performances were items from other schools and music centres which featured students up to the age of 19.

The adjudicators were clearly very impressed with the quantity and quality of the music making at Spaldwick: "a privileged glimpse of what goes on in these valuable learning sessions" (African drumming),

"the fun you have from your singing is quite infectious!" (Youth Singers),

"unusual to hear such young voices articulating words so clearly" (Young Singers),

"the skills displayed here are immense" (Belleplates), and

"the whole ensemble introduced their instruments with confidence and rhythmidity " (Egyptian Drums).

The children now have to wait to see if any of the groups are selected to take part in July's National Festival at Symphony Hall in Birmingham, following on from the success of the Spaldwick Ocarinas last year!

Report by Miss  
Body.

## Hinchingbrooke Multi-Skills Festival

In March , thirteen Year 2 children from Spaldwick School went to Hinchingbrooke School. We went to take part in a multi skills festival and to have a fun afternoon. There were 15 teams in all and Spaldwick had 3 of those teams.

We were amazed at how many people there were at the Festival and that there were so many good activities to take part in. Some of the activities we did were Speed Stacking, running skills, balancing, throwing, bouncing the ball, tapping the cone and running through the ladder. The trickiest activity was balancing the bean bag on your head while trying to run. Our team were very good at this!

Spaldwick School Teams were Team 10, 11 and 12.

Team 10 came 1<sup>st</sup> out of all the 15 teams.

Team 11 came in second position and Team 12 came third in their group.

We all felt very excited about winning and received gold medals and a certificate.

It was such great fun and we would love to go again!

By Lorcan Harbour and Harry Thorpe