

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - DECEMBER

What to do if you see something suspicious

Make a note of what you have seen - for example - vehicle registration number - this is very important and can help the police identify a vehicle & owner/driver/place of registration.

Phone the police on **0345 4564564** and report the incident. The police receive thousands of incident reports every day - the reports are graded. Your call may be the one that helps lead to an arrest so please do not be afraid to make the call.

Burglary in Spaldwick

Following information received from our Cluster Group on 17th November, I sent a message to some of the other NHW Coordinators in the village. I also visited houses on the Ferriman Road, Burton Way estate to advise occupants of this incident.

I would really like to have a contact email or phone number of someone in Ivy Way & Littlecoats so that I can quickly inform these estates within our community of any future incidents.

If you would like to register as a member of the Spaldwick NHW group please send me your email and/or telephone number I will record this information in a protected file on my computer and use it only to inform you of any priority incidents.

Christmas...is approaching...holidays...presents...parties...shopping

This is also a time when criminal activity **peaks** - there are some people who do not buy their presents - they try and steal from honest, hard-working folk!

Please secure your Christmas goodies - especially in the car.

For more information see www.mynhw.co.uk and www.cambs.police.uk
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Fireworks at The George

A big thank you to the George for providing the village with a great firework display. This is one of several photos provided by Mark Hunter and Mark Heath, who are enthusiastic amateur photographers in the village. More photos of the event (in high resolution) can be seen on the Spaldwick website (www.spaldwick.com).

Read about the Spaldwick Website on page 9

Dame Norma Major

Invites You To

A Celebration for Advent and Christmas

In Godmanchester Church

On Saturday 5th December 2009 at 7.30pm

In aid of Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire

An Evening of Readings, Carols and Music

Readers include

Susie Fowler-Watt Patricia Hodge

Norma Major Alan Titchmarsh

Tickets £22 from John Blatch, 43 High Street

Tel. 890853 email john@blatch.com

Valentine Ball

February 13th 2010

Alconbury Village Hall

A few tickets left, call Liza on 896996

Spaldwick Social Group Christmas Carols

Our annual Christmas Carol Procession through the village will be on Sunday 20th of December - The route will be as follows

4.00	Village School Stop	4:10	Ferriman Road Stop
4:20	Stow Road Stop	4:30	Royston Avenue Stop
4:45	Burton Way Stop	5:00	Church Lane Stop
5:15	Littlecoats Close Stop	5:30	High Street Stop
5:45	Ivy Way Stop	6:00	The George Stop

We will have Santa signs at each stop and Santa's sleigh will stop at each point for carols. No doubt he will be giving the children that have been good small prizes of chocolates

Carol Party

22nd December at 7.15pm in the Church

Mulled Wine, Cider, Soft Drinks

Sandwiches, Tasty Bites, Mince Pies

With Carols and Readings

Tickets £5 Adults £1 Children

John Blatch 890853 Rosemary Good 890287

Edie Adams 890991 Amba Harbour 890565

Or just come along and pay at the party

St James Church Services

December

6th	6pm	Evensong
13th	9.30am	Eucharist
20th	9.60am	Eucharist
24th	5pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight mass
25th	9.30am	Easton
	11.00am	Barham
27th	10.00am	Group Service Alconbury

January

3rd	6pm	Evensong
10th	9.30am	Eucharist
17th	11.00am	All-age Service
24th	9.30am	Eucharist
31st	10.00am	Group Eucharist

"MILKO" Some of us are old enough to remember that call, when milk was delivered straight from the cow and measured out into your own jug. Things have moved and now Heigham and Jenny Jarvis are giving up the milk round, which their family has been delivering from the dairy in Thrapston Road since those days. Best wishes to them for a future in which they can get up with the rest of us instead of 4 o'clock in the morning.

NATURE NOTES 51

Brian Davis

'Butterfly'. What a strange word! The origin of the name is unknown, though the OED lists several older English variants such as botyrflye. Shakespeare says "Men like butter-flies, shew not their mealie wings



Painted Lady

but to the summer", and I like the 1726 quotation "And what's a Butterfly? At best He's but a caterpillar drest." Each language has its own distinct word: French has 'papillon', German has 'schmetterling' and Spanish has 'mariposa'. It has, indeed, been the summer of the Painted Lady in Britain, "estimates putting the number in the UK as

high as a billion", according to my Magazine of Butterfly Conservation. (Thank goodness the larvae feed only on thistles.) They started from the foothills of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco and swept through France during April and May, Geoff Carefoot recording 130 per minute passing through his garden, "all moving unerringly north-east". They arrived in Britain on an 850 mile wide front, and volunteers counted 20,000 in two hours at 180 sites between Cornwall and Skye on 30th May. Some were seen returning south in the autumn, but one must wonder if this urge to fly north represents some 'folk memory' of a long distant interglacial period when Britain was warm enough for winter survival? And may yet be so again!

DIARY DATES

Dec	20th	Carols Round the Village	(Social Group)
Dec	22nd	Church Carol Party,	(PCC)
Feb	14th	Valentine Ball	(Social Group)

Forthcoming Events at The George

Great British Homemade Pie Night

Every Tuesday - 6 to 9:30pm £5.95 per head
Choice of fillings with chips or mash and gravy

Celebrate Christmas Day at The George

Christmas Party Lunch Menu
Christmas Party Dinner Menu

A Traditional Christmas Eve

Carol Singing in front of the fire and complimentary
homemade mince pies and mulled wine
From 8pm

New Years Eve at The George

'Viva Las Vegas'
7pm until late

Live entertainment, casino tables and
lots of glitz & glamour

Tickets available now £15.00 including hog roast and buffet
Dress code: Black tie (or Elvis!)

Chinese Gourmet Night Friday 15th January 2010

An extravaganza of authentic Chinese cuisine
£22.95 per head - 4 courses

Live Acoustic Music Night

Last Friday of every month Tapas Menu Available

Gourmet Pizza Take-Away/Delivery Service

Full details available on the website [www,thegeorgeofspaldwick.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeofspaldwick.co.uk)

Sunday Quiz Night

General Knowledge, Picture and "Live" Music Quizzes

Tapas menu available every Quiz Night

The Spaldwick Website

www.spaldwick.com

Be sure you have a look at the Spaldwick website, as new content has been added. The website now hosts:

A Spaldwick Diary, listing forthcoming events, which will be regularly updated

Information about the Spaldwick plan and implementation projects (which will be updated as the projects progress)

A variety of recent local photographs, including photos of local firework displays, such as the display at The George

Information about local clubs and groups, including the Spaldwick Social Group, Spaldwick Welcome Club, Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club, Spaldwick Bell Ringers and Spaldwick Community Room Users Association help to get the most of broadband in Spaldwick.

The recent Parish questionnaire identified the need to improve communications within the village, and our village website is one way we will do this. Over the next few months, the website will be further developed, and will provide information on the history of Spaldwick with old photographs.

If you would like to see specific content on the website, or you have information or news that could be put on the website, then please contact mark.heath@spaldwick.com.

Sign up for email alerts and never miss a village event again!

As part of the ongoing Spaldwick website developments, an email system has now been introduced for Spaldwick residents. You can sign up on the website by going to www.spaldwick.com and clicking on "Click here to sign up to receive Spaldwick news by email".

The service is completely free. Once signed up, you will receive emails on forthcoming events in the village and news alerts. We are using a professional, and secure, system. Please encourage all members of your household to register.

The service is managed by Dr Mark Heath of Spaldwick, who runs the Spaldwick website. This system will only be used to alert you to news for Spaldwick residents from a limited number of Spaldwick organisations, such as Spaldwick Social Group, Spaldwick clubs, Spaldwick School, Play-times Playgroup, The George, Spaldwick Council and Spaldwick Church.

PLAYTIMES,

SPALDWICK



Winners of gold taste award

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Making delicious puddings for over 20 years.

LUXURIOUS TRADITIONAL PUD (1LB)	£5
LUXURIOUS TRADITIONAL PUD (2LB)	£8
BELGIAN CHOCOLATE MELTING PUD	£5

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AND ORDER EARLY!
WE CAN ALSO DELIVER! (SPALDWICK AREA)
Please call 01480 896996

Spaldwick Social Group Recipe Book.

We have had some real stunners amongst the 60 recipes so far sent in but we do need more to make a book, so please get your recipes out and send them now

Please include your name and address and, if the recipe has a family history, a short note about this would be very welcome

You can drop your recipes off at 53 Stow Road, email them to Gavin at lessingcaller@gmail.com or give them to any member of the Social Group.

Gavin will be happy to collect any originals written on scraps of paper and photo-copy them. Contact him on 07785 392568 or 896143

PARISH COUNCIL

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 December in the Community Room at Spaldwick School commencing at 8 pm.

Please see notice boards for the agenda and confirmation of the date.

Minutes of meetings are published on the notice boards and on the website

<http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/spaldwick/>. They can also be viewed on a link from the village website www.spaldwick.com.

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA
davidstowell@onetel.com Phone: 890065

FOR SALE

Offers are invited for the swings which were formerly installed at the old Village Hall children's play area and which are not considered suitable for public use, and hence will be sold at buyer's risk. There are two sets, a higher block of 2 with flat seats and a lower block of 3 with cradle seats. They can be viewed at West Lodge Farm by arrangement with

Robert Wooddisse on 07976 418921.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Dec 1st Green	Fri Dec 4th Blue	Tue Dec 8th Grey
Tue Dec 15th Green	Fri Dec 18th Blue	Tue Dec 22nd Grey
Wed Dec 30th Green	Mon Jan 4th Blue	Wed Jan 6th Grey
Tue Jan 12th Green	Fri Jan 15th Blue	Tue Jan 19th Grey
Tue Jan 26th Green	Fri Jan 29th Blue	

Spaldwick School ..setting up new enterprise companies.

This term, some of the classes at Spaldwick school have set up their own companies as the children work together to solve separate enterprise problems.

The Blackbirds, our Year Two class have linked their work with their class charity, 'Vision for Rainbows - Vision for Africa. The children are actively collecting disused spectacles so that they can send them to Uganda. Just by doing this simple act they aim to change the lives of many people. We have set up a company and the children requested that we split up into departments:



Advertising
Logistics,
Travel Agent,
About Africa,
Packaging
Oceans

All departments have been given many tasks, from science experiments - testing packaging, to building airports and measuring runways. They have researched types of suitable aircraft and other forms of transport. We have found out many things about the Oceans and the animals that live in them. We have made African mud huts. We have written letters to companies asking if they will put up our advertising posters.

The world seems to be our oyster!!!!

This is a wonderful project and the children just love 'Company work.

Spaldwick News Costs

With the exception of The George and occasionally Kelly's Massage, thank you very much Louise and Kelly, the News has attracted very few advertisers and is being privately funded

We would like to run a 100 Club to cover the cost and we are asking 100 people to support this by paying £12 for a years' membership. (£1/month) Each month 2 prizes of £40 & £20 would be paid out and the balance of £40 would go towards the Parish News printing costs. The winners will be notified and details printed in the following month's edition.

If you would like to support our publication's cost in this way please get in touch with Sue Appleyard before Christmas
Tel 01480 896089 (after 5pm weekdays)

We do need to have 100 participants to proceed.

The first draw will take place in January at a suitable public venue.

Please help us to continue producing this publication.

Rules of the SPCC News 100 Club

No Refunds

Participants must be over 18

All members must either live in the village or have an association with someone who does.

Winners will be notified by phone and displayed in the following month's News.

The draw will take place in the first week of each month