

St James Church

Supper with Meerkats

(Or in the House if Wet or Cold)

In Aid of the Church Roof Fund

43 High Street Spaldwick
Saturday 5th Sept
6pm for 7pm

Free Pimm's on Arrival

Shepherd's Pie Chicken Casserole
Tickets £10 Children Free

Tombola • Draw • Champagne Draw

For tickets see enclosed card.

Return to:

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SPALDWICK NEWS

August 2009



Global Warming?
A family of meerkats has taken up residence in a Spaldwick garden



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Reflexology - 45 mins £22

Reiki - 30 mins £15

Japanese Face Massage, Neck & Shoulders - 60 mins
£35



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Gardening Notes by Roger Haines

I have started the marathon of the pyracantha which takes place here twice a year. When the house was built, every available piece of soil in front of a wall had a pyracantha planted in it (I think the landscaper must have got a cheap job lot) so the house is now ringed with these thorny beasts. They provide a marvellous nesting ground for a good variety of birds and then plenty of berries for winter feeding. The last blackbirds have now vacated their nest so it is time to get my secateurs out and get them looking neat and tidy once more.

Since my last article, I am pleased to say that the water butts have been filled up at least twice and the lawn is beginning to green up. We have one very brown patch that is close to our large eucalyptus and this obviously sucks any available moisture

The borders have filled out nicely and I have been harvesting seeds such as lupins, delphiniums, foxgloves and hollyhocks. Some of these seeds have been planted into pots and as soon as the seedlings are big enough, they will be planted into individual pots and over-wintered in the cold frame for filling gaps next year. It is still not too late to sow wallflowers and sweet williams in drills and then transplant to their permanent flowering position in October when your summer bedding has been cleared.

Have a go at taking cuttings from plants such as pinks as these root quickly. Remove several non-flowering shoots, strip off the lower leaves, cut the stem below a leaf node, then insert several into a pot of gritty compost. Cover with a clear plastic bag and place in the greenhouse, coldframe or on a windowsill. They will have rooted in about six weeks and then can be individually potted until large enough to plant out.

I have been writing these garden notes for the last year and hope some of you have enjoyed them (there has been very little feedback) and I have decided to make this my last article.

Keep enjoying your gardening and don't forget to order those bulbs for autumn planting.

Roger Haines

St James Church Services

2nd August 8.00am Eucharist
 9th August 9.30am Eucharist
 16th August 9.30am Eucharist
 23rd August 6.00pm Evensong
 3.00pm Sunday Worship

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
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NATURE NOTES 50

Brian Davis

At the end of May this year Beth and I spent a week in Teesdale enjoying the magnificent threads of Marsh-marigolds along the riversides, carpets of Globeflowers in some meadows, and a few bright blue Spring gentians around Cow Green reservoir. A month later we were transfixed by the richness of the alpine meadows in the eastern Pyrenees, where we found all these in profusion in several places with dozens of other plants including White and Scottish asphodels, Bird's-eye primrose, Wild narcissus and Fragrant, Frog, and Marsh orchids - all present but local or rare in Britain now. Interesting to think that much of Britain might have looked like this after the retreat of the Ice Age some 15,000 years ago, before arable agriculture and sheep 'reclaimed' the land; though even the poet Clare would have walked through meadows around here burgeoning with wildflowers in a way that would astonish us now. The shy Frog orchid was last recorded in Hunts in the early 20th century but still occurs at Barnack Hills & Holes near Stamford. Talking of frogs, my garden has been hopping with young froglets (progeny of the Brook), and I have also found a Toad, and Smooth and Great-crested newts this past week. However, another pond in the village must claim this month's local prize for nesting Moorhens, a visiting Kingfisher and the first record of Horned pondweed in this part of Huntingdonshire since 1972.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Jul 28 th Green	Fri Lu 31 st Blue	Tue Aug 4 th Grey
Tue Aug 11 th Green	Fri Aug 14 th Blue	Tue Aug 18 th Grey
Tue Aug 25 th Green	Fri Aug 28 th Blue	Wed Ser 2 nd Grey
Tue Sep 8 th Green	Fri Sep 11 th Blue	Tue Sep 15 th Grey

Forthcoming Events at The George

Freshly Prepared Homemade Pizza Night

Every Tuesday - 6 to 9:30pm
Choice of Toppings
Served with Salad or Handcut Chips
£5.95 per head

Gourmet Spanish Night Friday 21st August

An extravaganza of Spanish cuisine
£22.95 per head - 4 courses

Live Acoustic Music Night

Last Friday of every month
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 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

21st Century Blues Brothers In the Garden

Sunday 23rd August With Hog Roast

Sunday Quiz Night

Tapas menu available every Quiz Night 8.30pm

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
Coach Party to The Proms.....and More

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With such a great location and the full use of the school field there was space for everyone and casual observation may have estimated a relatively small number of visitors. In fact we sold out of programs and had over 750 visitors during the day with in excess of 450 people enjoying the event at any one time. Not bad for a village with less than this amount of people in the whole community.

The Spaldwick Social Group set down a few objectives for the year, all of which led to the resurrection of the village fete. I would like to say a very big thank you to this amazing group of men and women who have simply made the day possible by giving up their very valuable time. An even bigger thank you should go to the sponsors of the day and the excellent entertainment provided by a number of village groups and the school singers, drummers and Egyptian dancers.

With the majority of stalls being run by village volunteers we were able to raise over £2,000 on the day with the money raised going straight back into the community. Money pledged so far will be going to the Church fund to help with security, Magpas the emergency service volunteers, Playtimes pre-school group and a reserve fund to support a future community project and FOSS also had a very successful day raising money for the school.

With the feedback we have received so far and the kind comments passed on by many people, both from Spaldwick and surrounding villages, this year's fete was better than ever and makes a welcomed return to the summer calendar.

So do we look towards making this an annual event? Absolutely, The village fete can only work with the support of the community so any feedback on what worked and what could be done to improve it for next year would be most welcome as would any volunteers (please shout loudly now).

We are already making plans for next year, so watch this space for more news next month

On behalf of the Social Group thank you Spaldwick for your support
Gavin Lessing-Caller Chairman
Gavin Lessing-Caller
Chairman

Spaldwick Fete 2009

The Spaldwick Fete was a long running tradition in the village and was an annual event up until a few years ago. Unfortunately due to a shortage of people able to give up the time to organise the fete and partial loss of the area used to hold many previous events the fete went missing for a few years. Well now it is back!!

One of the worries in putting together an event of this type is the time it takes to set up in the morning and with an estimate of only 20 people having committed to helping for a 7:00am start, we were all a bit concerned. What a surprise then when almost 50 people from all around the village turned up to help build gazebos and put up tables. So the set up went well, but what about the rest of the day?

The weather wasn't quite perfect, but we could not have wanted a better turn out for the resurrection of this event.

With over 30 stalls and many activities to keep everyone entertained throughout the day, we hoped for a good level of support and we were not disappointed. With so much happening it is difficult to pick anyone out for special attention, but some of the highlights included Europe's biggest Goal (very busy all day), Tony's sidecar (very loud!) The Magpas and air ambulance fly past (watch out for more aerial activity next year) Tea and Cakes (who didn't go back for more?) and the fancy dress competition. There is just not enough room to do justice to all the stalls and activities, but one hotly contested competition did result in a few injuries.....yes that well known competitive sport of wellie wanging resulted in at least 2 trips to the doctors (these southern hemisphere types don't know when to quit!)

What was the best part of the day for you? Well for everyone involved in organizing the event there can be only one answer, the fantastic turn-out from every part of the village. We had great attendance from the very youngest to our oldest

PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 23 July 2009, Grahame Leach, 8 High Street was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Keith Armer. Minutes of the meeting will be published shortly on the notice boards and on the website <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/spaldwick/> or on the Spaldwick Council section on www.spaldwick.com

The COUNCIL now comprises:

William Brown, Chairman	Robert Wooddisse, Vice-Chairman
Richard Johnson	Grahame Leach Bernard Plummer
Jason Pope	Graham Smith

CLERK: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday 3 September 2009 8 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. Please see notice boards for agenda and confirmation of date. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

SPALDWICK COMMUNITY ACCESS POINT

This comprises two computers, complete with scanners and printers, provided by Cambridgeshire County Council, and located in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. They are available for public use free of charge on Monday afternoons in term time from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm, where you can do the following things:

Access council and government information and services surf the net
send e-mails shop on line follow an on-line training course
look at job adverts book rail, bus, plane or cinema tickets
trace your ancestors or long lost friends scan photographs or other pictures write a letter or your CV
If you have never used a computer before and would like to learn, a volunteer tutor will be present during these sessions to assist you.