

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Recent crime reports

Black Discovery vehicle stolen - Catworth on 22 January 2010

There have now been a number of vehicle related incidents in our area so please ensure that you take precautions to protect your vehicle. Be vigilant and report anything which seems to you to be suspicious. Eg-

Suspicious vehicle - white transit van type - registration similar to FD56

MDX, seen in the Old Weston area. The occupant is asking for old batteries. He seems to be targeting farms and industrial premises but if you see this van please alert the police on 0345 456 456 4.

Telephone scam

Police are urging residents never to give out personal information, particularly bank details, after at least three older people fell victim to a scam phone call from a man claiming to work for a telephone company.

Keep your plastic cards safe

Treat your cards like cash.

Always check your bank and credit card statements carefully.

For more information see www.mynhw.co.uk www.cambs.police.uk
www.cambsnhw.org.uk/

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Ski School in Spaldwick, see over

!00 Club Winners in January

The numbers were drawn in the George on Wednesday 13th January. The winners were No. 14, Mike Robinson of Thrapston Road, £40 and Diane O'Connell of Fuller Close, £20



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Spaldwick Ski School

The recent Snowy conditions have prompted the opening of Spaldwick Ski School. Subject to appropriate Piste conditions Spaldwick Ski School will be operating at 10.00am on Sundays. Piste for beginners can be found in the Village.

The Red Run down Beltons Hill is available for the more experienced. The first Carbon Neutral Ski Resort in Cambridgeshire, features Free keep fit sessions which are included (whilst walking up the hill). Investors are invited to assist in the cost of installing a lift system driven by a water turbine in the stream.

The mini digger team will be starting work on the Ski Jump and improvements to the Green run. Possible improvements include removal of the barb wire fence. Consideration is being made to train sledge Dogs and Hens to piste bash. A promotional slide show and video are available.

Income

Giving	3441
Fees	77
Fundraising	2024
Interest	184
Parish Council	605
Donations	500
Total	<u>6831</u>

Expenditure

Contribution	
To the Diocese	3010
Expenses	1257
Maintenance	1240
Insurance	2263
Charity	144
Total	<u>7914</u>

Church Finances

The church accounts show a loss for last year, as they have done nearly every year since 2002, when we spent most of our accrued capital on repairing the spire at a cost of £17000, and we now have just £1400 in the bank. We have maintained our annual obligation to contribute as much as we can to the Diocese, for providing us with a priest and for the general running of the church at large, but this year, unless fund raising is greatly improved, we will have to reduce this contribution to a token amount.

Last year the bulk of our income came from straightforward giving and from fundraising events, the Harvest Supper, Carol Party, a Tombola Stall and a Garden Party, we also had donations from the Social Group and the Parish Council. This year we will have the Harvest Supper and Carol Party as usual and also a Garden Party. This will be similar to last year's but we hope to combine it with a Race Night (not the film version, but with model horses moved down a track to the throw of a dice).

We are grateful to all those who have supported the church, both through individual giving and through fundraising and we hope that everyone, and a few more, will give their support this year.

John Blatch, PCC Treasurer

St James Church Services

February

7th	6pm	Evensong
14th	9.30am	Eucharist
21st	11.00am	All-age Service
28th	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:

All Age Service - 3rd Sunday every month at 11am

Our next service is Sunday 21st February.

We particularly welcome children and families to this service. We will gather together to listen to stories, sing and involve all in other activities. At the end we hope you will stay for refreshments. At this next service there will be no Eucharist and we hope to involve children who come along. If you or your child play an instrument please let me know as we can involve you that way also looking for readers, please call Amba for more information 890565

DIARY DATES

Feb 13th	Valentine Ball Alconbury VH
Feb 24th-27th	Pantomime, Hansel and Gretel in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton
Mar 27th	Quiz School
June 5th	Church Garden Party, 43 High Street
July 7th	Village Fete

NATURE NOTES

Brian Davis



Those of you who have cats are probably used to receiving little furry or feathery 'gifts' on your doorstep. Although we don't have a cat, we are still the occasional recipient of such fauna, and on the 23rd of December we received a Water shrew. This is the largest and least common of the three British species of shrews and I have only ever seen one once before, but it is quite distinctive because of its blackish back and whitish underparts. The feet have long hairs to help swimming, and the tail has a dense line of hairs on the underside to act as a rudder. The front lower incisors are also distinctive. How nice to think that our village Brook has such creatures. In the hope that it might also harbour the now nationally rare Water vole ('Ratty' of *The Wind in the Willows*), I would welcome specimens of all small mammals, in reasonable condition and *with head*, especially from anyone living near the Easton brook; I will send all records to the British Mammal Society. The other interesting record this month is of a Woodcock seen skulking along the hedge in The Lane by both Gill and Richard Burton. Did anyone else see it? Although this species is quite often put up during shoots it is essentially a secretive woodland bird so this is quite an unusual sighting near habitation.

With the intense cold of early January, we have been hard pressed to keep our nut and seed feeders topped up for birds. The seed tray on our kitchen window received a constant stream of Great and Blue tits, with an occasional Robin, Chaffinch and Greenfinch. I counted the number of visits over six 3-minute periods taken on three successive days, and obtained an average of 16 per minute or more than one every four seconds. For each individual bird is that equivalent to our eating a whole packet of muesli for breakfast



Forthcoming Events at The George

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Friday 12th March 2010

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MELODRAMATICS

A number of Spaldwickians are members of Melodramatics and this year they are presenting **Hansel and Gretel** in the Mandeville hall, Kimbolton. Children, bring parents along for an exciting, thrill packed evening as the Evil Witch chases Hansel and Gretel. Performances will take place on:

Wed. 24th Feb at 7.00pm-Tickets £5, Concessions £4
Thurs. 25th Feb at 8.00pm- Charity performance- Tickets £8
Fri 26th Feb at 7.30pm-Tickets £7, Concessions £4
Sat 27th Feb at 12.30pm & 4.00pm-Tickets £6, Concessions £4
Sat 27th Feb at 8.00pm Final Performance-Tickets £7

Logs for SALE

My name is Kallum Harbour and I go to Bishop Stopford school. Our year 8 Community homework project is to turn £5 into as much money as you can for charity. To do this I am going to be selling logs by the wheelbarrow full. These logs come from my Granddad's farm woods in Cambridge and I will be helping to chop the wood. The wood will be available for delivery on the week commencing 15th February at £4 a full wheelbarrow. If unsure please call to look at the wood at Threeways on the High Street, Spaldwick. Please call Kallum on 890565 to order your logs and book delivery. All proceeds will be going to Cransley Hospice in Kettering. Thank-you.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Next Meeting

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The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25th February 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 village website www.spaldwick.com.

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) 2010/11 Following the appeal in last month's Spaldwick News for a volunteer to take the lead in running this project locally, there was one response - from John Saynor of 1 Stow Road. As a result, the Parish Council is applying to join the scheme. Information on how YOU can help will be available shortly.

Dog fouling

We have a lot of dog walkers in the village, most of whom put their dog's poo into bags and take it home or to one of the four black litter bins which carry the dog waste symbol. However there is still an unacceptable amount left on the pavements etc. which is a health hazard, particularly to children and spoils the appearance of the village.

If you are one of the offending owners, will you please help maintain the village as we would all like to see it by using a poop scoop and taking the waste home or putting it a litter bin.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Mar 2nd Grey	Tue Mar 9th Green	Fri Mar 12th Blue
Tue Mar 16th Grey	Tue Mar 23rd Green	Fri Mar 26th Blue
Tue Apr 2nd Grey	Tue Apr 9th Green	Fri Apr 12th Blue

Spring Term at Spaldwick School.

January was a very busy time at school, as you can see from the photographs and information below:



The Eagles have completed their Life Saver First Aid training.

The training involved all the year six pupils learning to deal with a casualty. They first found out whether casualty was conscious and breathing, if they

weren't breathing they then commenced CPR and if they were breathing, they put them in the recovery position. The Eagles also learnt how to deal with cuts and breaks to a casualty ensuring a competent bandage with adequate support was applied.

The Puffins, year five, started an environmental project by visiting Coldham Wind Farm near Wisbech.

They spent the day getting up close to the turbines, making their own working model and discussing renewable energy.



Two of our classes have taken a journey back in time and have been involved in a history day.

The Kingfishers, our Year 3 class, transformed into Vikings. Cathy Murphy who is a member of a Viking re-enactment group joined the children for the day. Everyone dressed in Viking costume (including adults) and had a Viking name for the day. such as tools, toys, clothes and jewellery. Afterwards they looked at what Vikings would have grown and eaten

They looked at Viking artefacts such as tools, toys, clothes and jewellery. Afterwards they looked at what Vikings would have grown and eaten. In the afternoon they played Viking board games and wrote in Viking ruins. However, the highlight of the day was a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings which was preceded by looking at replicas of Viking weapons followed by weapon training (using our own homemade Viking swords and shields).Great fun was had by all!



Finally a Tudor day in Peterborough was enjoyed by our Year Four pupils, the Kestrels. Catherine of Aragon's maid servant treated them to a variety of 'Tudor' activities including the chance to perform their own Tudor dance, imagine they were working in a hot Tudor kitchen, and making candles and apothecary cures for illnesses. The class really enjoyed themselves.