

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime Prevention

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. It is a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country:

Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.

Everyone knows that the police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job. Neighbourhood Watch is all about an active partnership with the police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in the area

Distraction Burglaries

Police have issued a warning following recent incidents in which bank cards have been stolen from women returning to their cars at Supermarkets. Two such incidents took place at Tesco in Bar Hill.

Please be vigilant and aware of where your valuables and handbags are when loading the car with your shopping. The Police believe that criminals are spying on their victims while they use their cards at machines and then using their PIN numbers to withdraw cash once the card has been stolen.

Report suspicious activity to the Police - 0845 4564564

Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

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

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Spaldwick Social Group Valentine Workers
Jutta, Liza, Diane, Caroline, John, Sandra,
Caroline, Gerry, Gavin

100 Club Winners in February

The numbers were drawn in the George on Wednesday 10th February. The winners were No. 94 Graham Leach, High Street £40; No. 61 Trevor Cooper Stow Road £20. The next draw will be at the Quiz Night in the School on 20th March



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EASTER GARDEN

This annual event is fast approaching; on Good Friday - 2nd April join us between 10-12pm to make an Easter Garden in the Churchyard. Families welcome, come with simple gardening tools and small flowering plant eg primrose or a pansy. Activities will also take place in the church. This is a family event with refreshments - a lovely opportunity to socialise. Children who have attended the FRIDAY CLUB and have completed contact forms may be left in the charge of Amba and Martin.

CRANSLEY HOSPICE

I very big thank-you to all who supported me with my community fundraising project. I raised £207 for the Hospice as the wood, chainsaw blades, fuel and time to get the wood was all donated so all the money paid for the wood has gone direct to the charity. Sorry it arrived wet and covered in snow! Kallum

Spaldwick PCC

QUIZ NIGHT

For Adults and Children

Spaldwick School

Saturday 20th March

7.00pm

Tickets £5 and £2

Fish or Chicken and Chips £4.50

(Please Bring Own Drinks)

St James Church Services

March

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

KIDS FRIDAY CLUB - GETTING READY FOR EASTER.

Come and join Martin and Amba for a social time of games, activities, music and refreshments.

This will be a fun club held in the church with Christian elements (talk and quiet reflection time).

Time 5.30 - 7pm in Spaldwick Church for ages 7 to 18.

Dates: March 12th, 19th and 26th March. (No further dates planned as yet)

Feel free to turn up to any session.

Martin and Amba are CRB checked to work with youngsters and First Aid Qualified. Parents can stay but will a contact details form will need to be completed for any child 16 and under attending on their own. Forms can be completed on the night or ask for one in advance from Amba tel: 890565.

Easter Services

There will be a service at 7.00pm on Maundy Thursday 1st March and a Eucharist at 8.00am on Easter Day 4th March

DIARY DATES

Mar 20th	Quiz Night, School
June 12th	Church Garden Party, 43 High Street

NATURE NOTES

Brian Davis



We made our (almost) annual visit to the Welney Wildfowl Trust reserve on the Ouse Washes on 15th February to see the swans and ducks gathered there outside the (beautifully warm) bird hide waiting for the 12 o'clock feed when the water would be churned to froth by a *wild white welter of winnowing wings*. The sun shone on a huge vista of flooded land between the New and Old Bedford Rivers, cut during the 18th century between Earith and Downham Market. There was the usual mass of male Pochard by the hide, but only 2-3 females, the rest having sensibly decided to spend the winter socialising in the Mediterranean! A count the previous weekend over the whole Ouse Washes gave totals of 3151 Pochard, 2977 Coot, 1140 Tufted duck and 24,175 Wigeon. There were also a few dozen Whooper Swans from tundra Finland by the hide though most were out feeding on the adjoining fields like the smaller Bewick Swans from northern Siberia. Back at home people report seeing an overwintering Blackcap. When it starts to sing in early May perhaps we should have a 'dawn chorus' walk to see what else is around. Now is also a good time for seeing the Scarlet Elfcup fungus at Shepherds Close and the ring of Giant Funnel in Picton's Spinney, both near Easton

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

French Gourmet Night

Friday 12th March 2010

An extravaganza of authentic French cuisine

£22.95 per head - 4 courses

Live Acoustic Music Night

Last Friday of every month

Gourmet Pizza Take-Away/Delivery Service

Full details available on the website

www.thegeorgeofspaldwick.co.uk

Sunday Quiz Night

General Knowledge, Picture and "Live" Music Quizzes

Tapas menu available every Quiz Night

Missing a chance for a Cuppa and a Chat?

Announcing the revival of the regular Spaldwick Coffee event, but with a few differences.

On the last Monday of each month we will get together over tea and coffee in a different location each time. Funds raised from the activity will go to the Church and Village Fundraising. To find out more come along to the first one on Monday 29th March at 10 Ivy Way between 1.30pm and 3.30pm

Volunteers to host subsequent months are neededplease

capacity for the rest of the evening. But all too soon for almost all the guests the taxi's started arriving and they began to depart and, as the last few finally gave in trying for "just one more song", the evening was over. The small but very tough team from the SSG spent the next 2 hours clearing everything away and dragged themselves off home to recover.

We have already had some very kind feedback from many of our guests, including "Following the excellent barn dance we had high expectations but tonight has far outreached any we had imagined" ♦ "Simply an amazing event, how you have provided so much of such high quality at such a low price is unbelievable" ♦ "Unbelievable what the SSG have done tonight, you should be immensely proud"

These comments are very much appreciated. The SSG are few in number and an event of this kind does take a lot of organizing and is undertaken as part of our goal to help bring our community together. It is only the ongoing support in attendance of these events that makes it all worthwhile.

The next event is the Village Fete and we will be providing a development report on this in future issues.



We have decided to make the Valentines Ball an annual event (12th February 2011 at the same venue) with numbers very strictly limited so, for anyone that is as organized as my wife, you can reserve your tickets now.

The Hawaiian Ho-Down will take place on 18th September at Alconbury Memorial Hall again with numbers strictly limited - this will be a fusion of Tropical Paradise and dancing to a live band We already have had over 20 tickets reserved so delay getting yours at your risk.

Thanks again to the team for your hard work and dedication - if anyone can spare even an hour or so to help events it would be most appreciated - please contact me on 896143



Following on from the success of the Bollywood Ho-Down the Spaldwick Social Group undertook its most ambitious project to date, a Valentine's Ball in full evening dress with a live

band and 3 course meal in Alconbury Village Hall

On the day, February 13th, our team arrived at Alconbury Hall at 9:00am and, together with a some press-ganged helpers and, guided by two committee members who do this sort of thing every working day, transformed the hall into a sumptuous dining room with time to get home and come back dressed in the evening to welcome the guests. Over 90 people came and really dressed for the occasion with dinner jackets and evening gowns.

We had decided to serve Champagne and head barman, John Lock, was overwhelmed with orders so the evening started with a bang (more a pop really). Live music was provided by an excellent band of leading musicians, kept in time by our very own Mark Hunter who had pulled strings to attract the very finest London could offer and topped off by a singer whose voice was just amazing.

Dinner was called at 8:30 and the guests were treated to a sumptuous 3 course meal prepared and cooked by the finest 'very local' chefs. The main course was a rich beef cassoulet with a vegetarian alternative of roasted Mediterranean vegetables prepared by Princess Caroline of Norwich. During dinner the guests were invited to complete a Romantic Quiz.

With the dinner over and the winner of the romantic couples "table Cupid" announced it was time for dancing and the floor quickly filled to



PARISH COUNCIL

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Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25th March 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.

The Spaldwick Social Group - Recipe book

Soups, Main Courses, Deserts, Dips, Cakes or whatever your speciality is please let us have your suggestions without delay.

We have had some real stunners so far and have over 70 recipes already; however we are a long way short of a cookbook (closer to a cook pamphlet at the moment!) so please get out your recipes and send them now! If you have sent one in already then please ask a neighbour or a relative to send one in.

Please include your name and address and if the recipe has a history behind it a short note about this would be very welcome and will be included in the book. It is not often you can get your name in print (without having to commit a crime) so don't delay, send your recipe's today.

You can drop your recipes and notes of to me at 53 Stow Road, email them to lessingcaller@gmail.com or hand them to a member of the Spaldwick Social Group (we are getting everywhere so there is sure to be someone in a road near to you!).

I would be happy to personally collect the original "recipe on a scrap of paper" and photocopy it so you can also contact me on 07785-392568 or

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 Mar 30th Grey	Tue Apr 6th Green	Fri Apr 9th Blue

Spaldwick School

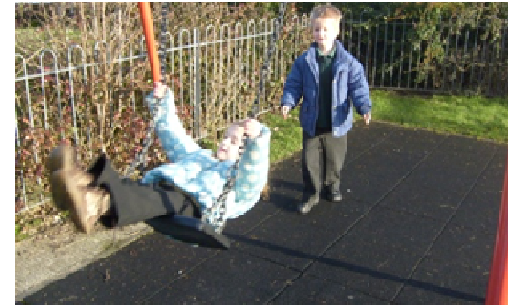


Swifts, Spaldwick's year 1 class, has been having fun in PE practising their multi skills including balancing and jumping.



We learnt how to bounce over an object as well as balance along beams. We even had to sit down with a bean bag on our head without it falling off and get up again!

We have also been looking at toys from the past and forces. We have been looking at pushes and pulls as well investigating how to make a boat cross the water without using our hands.



The year two class at Spaldwick School is called the Blackbirds and we have been having fun in our science work. We have been learning about Forces and Habitats.

We have raced cars down ramps and investigated how we could increase the speed and the distance travelled. Some children went to visit the local park and found out what forces are used to swing, to slide and to ride a bike.



We have been thinking about Habitats and particularly about all the creatures that might live in a tree. We then wrote and performed a short assembly to the whole school and to our Mums and Dads. It was such good fun but a little scary -especially when the fox came on the scene!

