

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fraud Advice

This advice is issued by Cambridgeshire Police and is intended to assist the public in identifying fraud and to protect them from the fraudsters.

At this present time there are numerous schemes by fraudsters to obtain money and personal details from the public - these generally are mailed, faxed or sent by email, they originate from a number of countries. They are sent by professional fraudsters who make a living from this and at all times may seem plausible - but don't get hooked - ask yourself

'IS THIS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?'

If it is then its more than likely a scam.

Lotteries

You may be contacted by email/phone/letter. You will be informed that:

You have won a considerable amount of money on a lottery.

If you reply, you will be asked to send money to claim your win. **Don't reply!**

You will lose money if you get involved.

Report suspicious activity to the Police - 0845 4564564

Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

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www.cambsnhw.org.uk/

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Another Spaldwick bench mark. This one is easy to identify, if not its grid reference is TL 1273. The mark shown last year is on the wall of the Old Dairy in Thrapston Road.

100 Club Winners in March

The numbers were drawn at the Church Quiz on Saturday 20th March. The winners were No. 41 Mick and Sue Ager, Ivy Way £40; No. 53 Sheila Watson, Stow Road £20. **The April draw will take place in The George on Wednesday 19th.**



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DIARY DATES

April 20th PCC AGM 7.30pm in Church
June 12th Church Garden Party, 43 High Street
July 17th Village Fete

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Wed Apr 7th Green Sat Apr 10th Blue Tue Apr 13th Grey
Tue Apr 20th Green Fri Apr 23rd Blue Tue Apr 26th Grey
Wed May 5th Green Sat May 8th Blue Tue May 11th Grey



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HOT STONE MASSAGE COMING SOON !!!



All members of the public are welcome to attend but, should any motion be put to the vote, only those whose names are on the current Electoral Register for Spaldwick will be able to vote. Formal notice of the meeting will be posted on the notice boards 7 days before it is due to take place.

LITTER PICKING

The responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire revealed that a number of people were interested in helping with a litter pick. Right now would be a good time to collect the litter from the hedgerows and ditches around the village. If you are interested in taking part or, better still, in helping to organise a litter pick could you please contact the Parish Clerk, David Stowell on 890065 or davidstowell@onetel.com as soon as possible.

St James Church Services

April

4th	8.00am	Easter Day Eucharist
11th	9.30am	Eucharist
18th	11.00am	All-age Service and Baptism of Isabelle Scarlett Baker
25th	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

NATURE NOTES

Brian Davis



What a long winter it has been! But at last - *Look at the grass, sucked by the seed from dust,/ Whose blood is the spring rain, whose food the sun/...* The first symbol of Spring for me was a Brimstone butterfly on 16th March, on ex-

actly the same date as last year! Followed immediately by the big, buff-tailed *terrestris* bumblebee and the pink-tailed *pratorum* bumblebee, which is a particularly important pollinator for soft fruit. And then, on the 21st, I spotted a large clump of frogspawn in the Easton Brook, some thirty yards downstream from the footbridge where it was last year. There seem to be several clusters together and a couple slightly apart. Female frogs like to combine their efforts and this mass is clearly the product of several frogs. Frogs spawn in shallow, often temporary pools such as water-filled wheel ruts, to avoid predation by fish, so garden ponds with goldfish won't do. They don't usually use running water but the Brook is so shallow and by June usually ceases to flow altogether. Tadpoles here run the risk either of being swept away in a sudden downpour, or dying from drought before their legs have grown and they are ready to hop out. But it only needs three or four frogs to survive to maturity from this mass of spawn to keep the wheels of life turning. And they have managed to do this for millions of years, so the gamble must work.



Forthcoming Events at Your Village Pub



Great British Homemade Pie Night

Every Tuesday 6pm to 9:30pm

Choice of fillings, with mash or handcut chips & gravy
£6.95 per head

Gourmet Homemade Pizza

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Available everyday 6pm to 9:30pm

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Live Acoustic Music Night

Last Friday of every month

French Gourmet Night

Friday 16th April 2010

An extravaganza of authentic French cuisine

£23.95 per head for 4 courses



The All New Blues Brothers Revue

Sunday 15th August

Sunday Quiz Night

From 8:30pm



Mark, Louise and all the team look forward to welcoming you to your local village pub, the traditional hub of every community.

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Secondly, the proximity to both Playtimes and the School will make the hall useful to those stakeholders. The site is also centrally located in the village, so will be accessible to the whole community.

The biggest issue that faces us in the short term is the planning process. We have started a conversation with the District Planners and are awaiting an initial visit from the traffic department.

We have also been talking to local architects and builders to start scoping the build requirements. We aim to look at several different types of design, from conventional to eco-friendly. Our aim is to get the best building for the money we have collected.

If you have any questions then please contact any of us on the committee. Apart from running up to us in the street and shouting at us, the easiest way

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 22nd April in the Community Room at Spaldwick School commencing at 8 pm.

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

Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to the proceedings and, should they so wish, to address the meeting during the period allocated for public participation.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This annual meeting of the electors of Spaldwick is scheduled to be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 29th April commencing at 8 pm. It will include the Annual Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Annual Financial Report. Representatives of other village organisations are invited to report on their own activities, and members of the public will be invited to speak on any matter of concern regarding the village. Where appropriate these can be referred to the Parish Council for consideration

Progress on the Spaldwick Village Hall

By Greg Rice, Secretary Village Hall Committee

Those of you who attended the last meeting of the old Committee last December will recall that the incoming Committee were keen to re-invigorate the project and move towards getting new a hall as quickly as possible.

The Committee spent the early part of January familiarising themselves with the current state of affairs and planning how to move forward. We are very keen to make sure that the villagers are kept aware of what we are doing, so we make sure that minutes of the meetings we hold are published on the www.spaldwick.com website, under the Village Hall tab.

As we are all volunteers, it is not always possible to predict what we will be doing in the future, and as is to be expected, some of the original Committee have had to take a back seat for the time being, but I am pleased to report that we have recruited new villagers to take up the reins.

So what have we been doing since Christmas..? Firstly we drew up a questionnaire that we have been completing with the main stakeholders of the Village Hall. By that I mean people and organisations that intend to make use of the building. We have talked to the School and are talking to Playtimes and S-Club. We will also be contacting other groups soon.

When the new Committee took over there were 9 possible sites in and around the village. In our first meetings we eliminated 6 of them for various reasons. At our last meeting we decided to concentrate on the best candidate we have. This site is the field next to Playtimes.

It qualifies as the best candidate for many reasons: The first is that it is owned by the Parish Council, they have been very positive about our project and we hope that they will be willing to allow the land to be developed.
and are awaiting an initial visit from the traffic department.

VILLAGE EVENTS, PAST AND FUTURE

CHURCH QUIZ The Quiz held in the school on 20th March was a success. Over 60 attended, including children who had their own questions to answer. The winning table, mainly from Ivy Way, received a half case of wine however it was noted that there were eight in their team. Perhaps next year we may introduce a new rule or perhaps a handicapping system.

COFFEE OPEN HOUSE The first of these was held in Liz McCue's house in Ivy Way on Monday 29th March. 20 people and 3 children and had a very pleasant few hours to meet and chat.
The next Open House will be at 1 Stow Road on Monday 26th April. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle in aid of Church and Village Hall funds.

FRIDAY CLUB the three nights we ran for youngsters during Lent on Friday nights was well attended by children aged 6 to 17. We had fun playing many games including a pretend court situation and having a fashion parade. We enjoyed a walk to the sledging area to roll hard boiled eggs down the hill and returned with a piggy-back race! On Good Friday morning we are meeting at the church to make an Easter Garden and other activities in the church, please take the time to come and see our work.

Thank you to all the families who are taking part, we will let you know about the next event in due course. Amba.

VILLAGE FETE This year the Fete will be on Saturday 17th July. Help will be needed both in preparation and on the day, please lend a hand. Contacts are Gavin Lessing-Caller tel. 896143, email lessing-caller@googlemail.com and Lisa Hunter tel. 896996 email lisa@drumpulse.com

Spaldwick School

Music for Youth Festival

On Saturday 13th March over 45 Spaldwick pupils aged 4-11 took part in the Music for Youth Regional Festival held at St Ives secondary school. Six groups performed for the audience and two adjudicators and received feedback and certificates. The comments received were fantastic and the children performed brilliantly. Those taking part were:

Djabba Djembes (year 6) "the introduction heralded a bright and rhythmic feast"

Saxophonic (saxophone sextet) "relaxed musicians – happy to sing, play and entertain. Lovely!"

Blow Away! (wind band) "A real feeling of positivity and confidence and enjoyment clearly for this group and department in general"

Harmonia Youth Singers (KS2) "You ooze musicality and enthusiasm...this group is a real advert for the enjoyment of singing"

Harmonia Young Singers (KS1/FS) *"You do everything that a good choir should do. You sing in tune, in two parts with a good range of dynamics... for your age you are doing wonderful things!"*

Rhythms of Egypt Ensemble 'There was a great musical spark in your performance and you really captured the audience. Everyone was totally absorbed and the content level was huge'

Well done to all and a big thank you to Miss Body and Mrs Hall for preparing the groups.

We now wait to see if any of our groups are selected to go to the National Festival in Birmingham in July!



Harmonia Young Singers

Let's start growing

Members of the Fruity Tooties, our Healthy Eating pupil group have painted their Morrison's Growing Crate ready to plant the tomato seedlings which are growing VERY slowly. We are sending photographs to Morrison as part of the competition, with the final photos in mid April to see whether we are lucky enough to have our crate as part of a special garden at the Chelsea Flower Show. Fingers Crossed!



Each class has been challenged by Mrs Page and Mrs Leaver to grow a giant pumpkin!! We will also see which class has the greatest total of pumpkin weights at the end of the growing season. News of these growing challenges will be posted on the school website, on our 'Lets get growing' webpage

Walking a mile for Sports Relief.

All of our pupils completed the mile by walking the distance around our field. Several pupils ran the distance. It was great to see everyone 'active' and enjoying the fresh air. The school was able to donate £216 to Sports relief as a result of the collected donations.



There are many more pictures and articles from the school and other village news on the Website

www.spaldwick.com