

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - August 2010

LEAVING YOUR HOME UNOCCUPIED

Everyone needs a holiday, but unfortunately almost half of all burglaries happen when a flat or house is empty. By following these simple **tips**, you can help to make your home secure while you are away:

1. Make sure your home looks like someone is living in it. Don't close your curtains - in daytime this shows the house is empty. Think about getting automatic time-switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark.
2. Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
3. Ask a friend or neighbour to look after your home. Don't leave valuables, like your TV, hi-fi or video, where people can see them through windows.
4. Mark any valuable items with your postcode and house number using an 'invisible' pen that you can get from DIY shops. If your property is stolen, this will help the police to identify it if it is found.
5. Make sure that you have up-to-date contents insurance.
6. Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
7. Lock the garage and shed with proper security locks, after putting all your tools safely away so they cannot be used to break into your house.
8. Finally, lock all outside doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.

Report suspicious activity to the Police - 0345 456 4564

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

For internet users more information is available at:

www.mynhw.co.uk www.cambs.police.uk www.cambsnhw.org.uk/

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Would you dare to be part of this gang? We are looking for new members to the Spaldwick Social Group, who want to get involved in the community and have ideas to make the 2011 Fete even better than this year's. (See page 9, also www.spaldwick.com) Please Ring Gavin on 07785 392568 or 896143 if you can help.

100 Club Winners in July

Numbers were drawn at the Village Fete on 17th July. The winners were No. 46 Sue Young, the Vicar's wife and No. 18 Carolyn Traynor of Thrapston Road.

Spaldwick Social Group
Presents

Hawaiian Ho-Down

A Fusion of Tropical Paradise
&
Dancing to a Live Band

Alconbury Memorial Hall
Saturday 18th September
7:00pm – 11:30pm

For tickets
Call Gavin
07785-392568
01480-896143

DIARY DATES

Aug 16th and 23rd Youth Club fun at Spaldwick School
 Aug 26th Open House, 45 High St.
 Sep 18th Hawaiian Hoedown

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Fri Jul 2 Blue	Tue Jul 6 Grey	Tue Jul 13 Green
Fri Jul 16 Blue	Tue Jul 20 Grey	Tue Jul 27 Green
Fri Jul 30 Blue	Tue Aug 3 Grey	Tue Aug 10 Green

With Cowes Week, the world's premier yachting event, just starting, here is Brian Appleyard's report on his win in the Round the Island Race, pictured last month.

Some readers may be aware that we won the premier trophy in the prestigious Round the Island Race. Isle of Wight to the uninitiated. The trophy is probably the most sought after by the weekend yacht racer in the UK. The Gold Roman Bowl is a great trophy of historic note, many of the great and good of the sailing world are on it including Edward Heath with Morning Cloud.

In the run up to the race I thought it unlikely we would do well even though we did well last year when we won the Silver Bowl. I was unsure if the boat was fully tuned. Our crew of three, Bruce, Tim and I had not sailed together this year due to other commitments and bereavement. I had done 2 minor races in light wind with her with unfamiliar crew and in spurts she seemed competitive. A new suite of sails had also just been made that should be good but you are never sure till you go boat to boat. We had tried the Spinnaker the back end of last season and we knew that it had given us a bit more speed downwind but the Mainsail and Jib were unproven.

The weather forecast did not seem to favour us either, being predicted as a lightish Northerly for a week ahead. This was an unusual direction; normally you would expect a West or Sou'westerly.

The Northerly, potentially took away the advantage a small boat has of being able to sail in very shallow water on the long bash down the South side of the Island that is against the tide. By going shallow close inshore you minimise the tide against you as it is slower in the shallows. However in a Northerly wind, the cliffs that run round most of the South of the island will tend to shelter you.

To cut a long story short we had a great start at 06.00 off the Royal Yacht Squadron line, Thanks Tim! A wonderful run away from the dawn, down to the Needles, a stationary bit just round the corner under the highest cliffs. Then we picked a line that was farther out than we would have liked to keep in the breeze that seemed OK but disturbed. The last half of the race we had a bit of a battle with about four boats of similar handicap and known to be competitive. We beat them by a small amount on the water. We finished in an elapsed time of 8.52.37 historically, quite a fast race. We have taken more than 11 hours.



Forthcoming Events at Your Village Pub



Our Homemade Sunday Roast Lunch
Now only £10 (children £6.95)

Homemade Stonebaked Pizza Night
Choice of toppings with salad or handcut chips
£6.95 per head

Gourmet Stonebaked Pizza

Takeaway/Delivery Service
Available everyday 6pm to 9.30pm



Caribbean Gourmet Night
Friday 20th August 2010
An extravaganza of authentic Caribbean cuisine
£20.95 per head for 4 courses
Booking advisable

Quiz Night Every Sunday
From 8.30pm



All New Blues Brothers Revue
Performing in the garden
Sunday 15th August 2010
From 2pm



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

The village fete is here to stay so we begin planning for 2011. this type of event can only work with the support of the community so any feedback on what could be done to improve it for next year would be most welcome as would any volunteers (please shout loudly now).

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

Spaldwick Social Group Next Event

So following on the success of last years complete sellout "The Bollywood Hodown" (a fusion of Indian food and Barn Dancing) this year we have decided on a Hawaiian Hodow - a fusion of Hawaiian clothing and Barn Dancing (why change a winning idea!!). This will be held on the 18th September between 7:00 and 11:30pm at Alconbury memorial village hall.

One of the best Cailidh bands in the country will be helping us remember our doe's e doe's from our promenades. If you came to last years event then you know just how much fun this is. If you haven't tried this before please come along as it is a great laugh and even if you have 2 left feet like me you will have a great time.

The ticket price includes entry to the event and a hog roast & salad bar (a vegetarian option will be available).

There will be drinks available throughout the evening with a specially commissioned cocktail punch. Dress is optional (well you have to wear clothes, but the choice is optional, from grass skirts, or jeans, boots loud shirts to your every day casuals or fine dining attire)

I know you have heard it all before, but the hall capacity is around 120 and ticket allocations are already at around 50 so please don't delay in getting yours (if you tried to get tickets at the last minute for the Bollywood Hodown last year you will know that this was impossible).

Price is £15 per head (over 16's only please) and tickets are only available from Gavin on 07785-392568 / 01480-896143 (even ticketmaster cant get hold of these)

Spaldwick Fete 2010

For the second year running the Spaldwick fete was blessed with fine weather. Following months of careful planning by the Spaldwick Social Group (SSG), the day of the event started early and this year we had a large group of helpers from across the village turning up to erect the numerous marquees, find tables and chairs, built the food village and blow up castles, goals and prepare the field.

This year we had a group of local car enthusiasts showing some lovely British convertibles and a guest appearance from a local car racer, who brought along his hand made v8 stock car.

We took on board some of the feedback from last year and expanded the food available to include Thai dishes, Fajitas, BBQ (run once again by FOSS) and Strawberry's. The Tea and Cake stall was once again extremely popular and busy all day.



Once again the SSG managed to put on a great event so 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 various groups that attended and

gave performances. As always it is great to see the wide variety of activities covered by our local community.

With the majority of stalls being run by village volunteers we were able to raise almost 50% more than last year with over £2,800 raised on the day. As with everything the SSG undertakes, the money raised will be going straight back into the community. Money pledged so far has purchased a sound system for use by the church, youth group and other village groups (also available for hire at a small cost), Playtimes pre-school group and FOSS also had a successful day raising money for the school.



Autumn Food for Thought

Do you struggle to understand why? We live in a hectic world now where sometimes there seem to more questions than answers and people do not always have time to listen and talk.

You are invited to join us for a meal and discussion

Subjects to be tackled include:

1. Why suffering?- can there really be a God with so much hurt in he world?
2. Why creation?- dinosaurs or made in seven days?
3. Why should I forgive?- so why is it a big thing about forgiving others?
4. Why Jesus?- what is the difference between Christianity and other religions?

We cannot promise to answer all your questions, but we do promise a home cooked meal and some lively discussion. You do not need to attend all four meetings if you are busy. We are not planning "ram God down your throat" but we are a small group of Christians who want try to promote thoughtful discussion. We plan to meet on Tuesday evenings for a 7.30pm start. Dates are Sept 21st and 28th and Oct 12th and 19th. Please book with us so that we have an idea of numbers, (and please let us know any special dietary needs)

Contact for more information; Rob and Jean Clark 01480 890033 or Sarah Woodruff 01480 890496

Summer fun for young people in Spaldwick!

Two summer fun afternoons in Spaldwick this August

"Escape" the youth group for young people in Spaldwick is organising two fun afternoons of games, sports and crafts this summer holiday. Taking place on August 16th and 23rd the sessions are being run for us by Cambridgeshire County Council's Youth Store in the grounds of Spaldwick School.

The fun afternoons are open for everyone aged 8 to 18! So bring a picnic and join your friends at 1pm, followed by a whole host of activities from 2pm until 4pm. Don't forget to bring along a hat and sun cream if it's sunny. There will be juice and bottles of water available throughout both afternoons.

These fun afternoons are the latest in a series of events from "Escape" (the new name for Spaldwick Youth Group). They follow a Drumpulse drumming evening at Spaldwick School in March and the first visit of the Connections Bus in July.

Connections Bus Visit

The Connections Bus offered a range of activities guaranteed to appeal to everyone aged between 11 and 18, including games consoles, music, karaoke, crafts, sports, tuck-shop and internet access. Around 20 young people visited the bus during the evening of July 15 and gave some really positive feedback.

A big thank you to Spaldwick Fundraisers and Spaldwick Parish Council for kindly sponsoring the bus visit. Connections will be bringing the bus back to the village for another visit later this year. We'll post details in Spaldwick News when the date is confirmed!

"Escape" - the new name for Spaldwick Youth Group

The name "Escape" was chosen by young people in a deciding vote at Spaldwick Fete on July 17. They chose the name from a shortlist of ideas suggested at the drumming event in March. The name "Spaldwickians" came a close second, but "Escape" won out in the end! Young people in Spaldwick called for a youth group in the survey of residents for the Parish Plan in 2008 and a Youth Group Committee has been set up to work with the young people to set the group up. For more information, please e-mail spaldwickyouth@btinternet.com



ESCAPE
(the new name for Spaldwick Youth Club)

Two fun afternoons of games, sports and crafts

Free and open to all ages 8 to 18

Bring a picnic and join your friends at 1pm. Games start

Monday August 16th & Monday August 23rd

In the grounds of Spaldwick School

To book please contact spaldwickyouth@btinternet.com