

## LOCAL ADS

### HELP NEEDED!

St James' Church is always open to the public, and we get many comments from passers by and visitors who have been able to spend time in the church. The church is always clean and presentable thanks to a very small and dedicated team of helpers. If you could spare a little time each month to support the cleaning of the church, please could you contact Amba on 890565 - thank you.

### SPONSORSHIP

**A big thank you to Ian Harbour for printing the News this month - this is a big help and is very much appreciated.**

*If you would like to know more about how your business or organisation could sponsor or advertise, please call Michael on 891920.*

# Spaldwick News

## September 2008



Harvest

## WELCOME

### TO THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF SPALDWICK NEWS

We have quite a variety of content this month - hopefully something for everyone!

Sporting achievement is high on the agenda with the success of Louis Smith, who won a bronze medal in the pommel horse gymnastics event in Beijing. Louis is trained by our very own Paul Hall. I must extend my congratulations to Paul, Louis and indeed the whole of Team GB for their magnificent achievements this summer.

There are numerous dates for the diary, including the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service & Festival Supper. It's also "back to school" of course, so it is also an opportunity to catch up with the latest news from Spaldwick Community Primary School.

Roger Haines continues with his regular feature on gardening, this time looking at getting the harvest in and tidying up before the full force of autumn is with us.

I am still keen to encourage any budding photographers out there to make a contribution; please send me your local seasonal photos and we will aim to use them in the forthcoming editions.

Please keep your contributions coming in: feel free to send your latest ideas & thoughts to me at [mtownsend@earthshinesolutions.com](mailto:mtownsend@earthshinesolutions.com), or drop them in directly to me at 16 High Street, or just call me on 891920. The deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

As ever, thank you for all the contributions this month and I hope you all have an enjoyable September.

Michael.

## CHURCH ROOF

The church roof has now been repaired after the theft of the lead last year. We have been informed by the insurance company that, in future, they will pay a maximum of £5,000 towards the replacement of stolen lead roofing (the recent replacement cost £15,000) unless we install a movement detector connected to an automatic telephone dialler. This will cost about £4,000 and the church simply does not have the money for it. There is a movement activated floodlight mounted on the spire, pointing at the roof. Due to the daylight cut-out this will not normally operate whilst the tower floodlighting is on but, if it is seen after midnight, this may be evidence of somebody on the roof. If anyone sees this please telephone John Blatch, 890853 or, if actual movement is seen, dial 999 and inform the police. The roof has been painted with *SmartWater* to aid identification should the lead be stolen again. Also, Paul and Kim Hall, who live in Church Lane, will be parking their cars to stop vehicle access to the church path. This will normally only be at night; if they happen to be there during the day they will be happy to move them if access is needed.

## DIARY DATES

**Quiz night** - in aid of the Church will be held at Spaldwick School on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Carol Party** - will be held in the church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Spaldwick Social Events Group** - just a reminder that the Spaldwick Social Events Group will be holding its next meeting on Thursday 11th September 2008, at 7 Fuller Close. Please e-mail Alexandra Baker on [simonandalex baker@btinternet.com](mailto:simonandalex baker@btinternet.com), if you would like to attend the next meeting. Alternatively, please drop a note to Alexandra at 7 Fuller Close.

## ST JAMES' CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2008

7th Sept	8.00 am	Eucharist
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 am	Eucharist
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	6.00 pm	Evening Service
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 am	Children's Eucharist (adults also welcome)

There is usually a service at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday.

Please note that from October onwards the evening service will be on the first Sunday in the month, with the 8.00am service on the third Sunday.

For more information about the church - services, activities, baptism, weddings, Holy Communion, ministry to the sick or funeral services contact one of the clergy or churchwardens:

Father Jonathan Young (Rector)	01480891695
Father Martin Kettle (Curate)	01480890284
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden)	01480890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden)	

### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be a "Songs of Praise" at 6.00pm on Sunday 5th October. This will be followed by the Harvest Supper at The George from 7.00pm. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children. There will be an Auction of Produce in aid of church funds. Tickets will be on sale from:

Rosemary Good, Ivy House, High Street, tel. 890287;  
Liz McCue, 10, Ivy Way, tel. 891537; John Blatch, 43 High Street, tel. 890853; Jean Bradshaw, 31, Thrapston Road, tel.890353; Sue Appleyard, 3, Pound Close; Edith Adams, 45, Stow Road, tel. 890991; Norman Vickers, 58, Stow Road, tel. 891201; Amba Harbour, 4, High Street, tel. 890565.

## FIRST OLYMPIC MEDAL FOR SPALDWICK?!!?



Olympic team coach Paul Hall, of the Old School House in Spaldwick, is returning from Beijing with an Olympic Bronze Medal, awarded to his gymnast Louis Smith who came joint second on the pommel horse. Louis and Daniel Keating were the youngest male gymnasts competing in Beijing, with Daniel, still a junior, the first Britain to make the all around final. Both gymnasts are coached by Paul at Huntingdon Gymnastics Club and were joined by female gymnasts in the women's team, also from the club. Well done Paul and the team!

### ON YOUR BIKE!

#### Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Anybody can enjoy the day with family and friends. Choose your own route cycling between churches. Some churches will be open and offering refreshments - St James in Spaldwick will be. Why not cycle to Catworth church and back again? Alternatively head to Huntingdon and enjoy a ride along the river to Hartford church? If you enjoy your time in the countryside it would be great if you could be sponsored, forms should be available at churches you visit. If you nominate St James Spaldwick on your form we shall receive 50% of your sponsorship money/donation.

## 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. At the present time these are available for public use free of charge on Monday afternoons in term time from 1.15pm to 3.00pm, 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. If you are interested in using this facility would you please speak to David Stowell, one of the volunteer tutors, to ensure that a tutor is present and to book a slot?

### Contact details

Address: 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick, PE28 0TA

Phone: 01480 890065

Email: davidstowell@onetel.com

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 8 pm, in the Community Room at Spaldwick School, although details should be checked with the information displayed on the notice boards a few days before the meeting.

All members of the public are invited to attend. For copies of the latest minutes, please feel free to refer to <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/spaldwick/>

## SPALDWICK OIL BUYING GROUP

Following the item in last month's Spaldwick News, I have received enquires from a number of people interested in the potential to reduce the cost of oil through combining our buying power. Although it is unlikely that we could impact much on the oil commodity price, with our combined bulk order we could be able to reduce transport & delivery costs.

Just in case anyone missed the opportunity last month, I will be keeping the book open until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone else would like to put their name on the list, please give Michael a call on 891920.

A brief questionnaire will be sent out to all participants to confirm their requirements and to gather the data we need to establish a robust framework. Please note: you will not be committed to anything at this stage.

The aim will then be to engage with a range of oil companies for further talks and negotiations and to arrange a suitable deal some time in October.

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Useful Numbers

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Contact details:

Emergencies	Telephone 999
Non-Emergencies	Telephone 0845 456 456 4
Website	<a href="http://www.cambs.police.uk">www.cambs.police.uk</a>
Crime stoppers	Telephone 0800 555 111
Confidential anti-terrorist hotline	Telephone 0800 789 321

### Update on Crimes

Spaldwick Petrol station robbed - Cigarettes and money stolen in the early hours of 23 August 2008.

### Immobilise

Immobilise is a national property database that allows you to protect your possessions for free. Any valuables that have a unique serial number, such as mobile phones, can be registered online. The process is free, quick and easy to do.

Immobilise not only allows police to reunite people with their stolen property but it also assists in prosecutions. The service is supported by the Home Office, the Mobile Industry Crime Action Forum, Transport for London, the National Mobile Phone Crime Unit, and all 43 police forces.

To protect your property visit <http://www.immobilise.com> and register your valuables free, today.

Would all Spaldwick neighbourhood watch coordinators please contact me so that I can update my list. Many Thanks.

David Henrick - 01480 896556  
[david.henrick@virgin.net](mailto:david.henrick@virgin.net)

## HARVEST IN & TIDY UP

Here we are in September and another year has not so much slipped by but galloped, and those winter catalogues are popping through the door. This year I planted up containers with summer flowering bulbs to fill in the spaces in the border where there was little colour or where plants had under-performed, and found this to be a successful way of plugging the gaps. I am going to plant up plenty of pots with daffodils and tulips for the same effect next spring. By the way, don't believe all you read in those glossy catalogues about new varieties, as one is plugging a 'new' *plumosum muscari* - feather *hyacinth* which I have found in Telkamps catalogue for 1937!! (Yes that's what I spend my lonely evenings doing)!

Now is the time for one more good blitz on lawns. I am going to scarify my lawn before the end of the month and give it a good dressing of autumn weed and feed. Although the summer has been quite damp I have not had a build up of moss and therefore I am mainly getting out the thatch. My back lawn is never treated with any sort of weed killer as our friends' dogs who visit for their holidays like to sunbathe. As a result, I have a few patches of daisies which have replaced the grass, so I shall dig these out and re-seed shortly as the nights are starting to become damp. This is also a good time to cast a few grass seeds over any bare patches.

I have also let my sweet peas go to seed and will be harvesting these as soon as the pods have turned brown, at which point they will be dried, taken out of the husks and stored in brown paper bags ready for next spring.

Looking round the borders, now is the time to save those seedlings that nature has given us around mature plants by transferring them to pots or a nursery bed to use next year or give away to friends. This summer has mainly benefited our fruit crops with apples, pears and plums being plentiful and we have made some very nice Victoria Plum Jam and have also enjoyed some delicious crumbles.

Spaldwick Allotments Project: I hope to have some news next month about the allotments. Things are progressing regarding a site and I have a meeting with Anglian Water concerning a water supply and this is looking quite promising. More news next month.

**Roger**

## SPALDWICK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Music News

Instrumental pupils at Spaldwick have been busy taking grade exams this summer on flute, clarinet, piano, saxophone, descant recorder and guitar. In all twenty pupils took exams ranging from preparatory test to grade 4, and all passed with flying colours. This is particularly impressive considering that the vast majority of pupils have been playing their instrument for less than a year. There were 8 prep tests, 9 grade 1s, one grade 2, one grade 4 and a guitar debut grade. This is addition to several piano prep tests earlier in the year. One pupil managed to take grade 4 saxophone having only started in September, along with grade 4 treble recorder and grade 1 piano outside school, and all at the tender age of just 9!

Spaldwick continues to raise standards in music through instrumental lessons, specialist class music lessons and a full wider opportunities programme enabling each year group to learn an instrument for a year such as ocarina, tin whistle, keyboard, samba and African drumming.

This year we hope to be successful in achieving a gold Sing Up award which is part of the national initiative to get primary schools singing. The new Spaldwick Sound Squad is a team of children who will help to lead singing throughout the school within class time and on the playground in order to fulfil the criteria for the gold award. Enthusiasm for singing is clearly high with over seventy percent of the school applying for a place on the squad!

Thanks to a major fundraising by FOSS [Friends of Spaldwick School], we have also been able to purchase two new pianos for the school. FOSS received donations from pupils, families, our school catchment villages, many local businesses and beyond!! We look forward to the arrival of the pianos and the continued enjoyment of music at Spaldwick School.

### September Waste Bin Collection Dates

2nd Grey, 9<sup>th</sup> Green, 12<sup>th</sup> Blue,  
16<sup>th</sup> Grey, 23<sup>rd</sup> Green, 26<sup>th</sup> Blue,  
30<sup>th</sup> Grey.