

# SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## Recent Success

Following a recent early morning call, four persons were arrested for theft of domestic heating oil from Spaldwick and the seizure of 2 specially adapted vans with oil tanks/pumps secreted in the rear following an 8 mile track by a police dog and various police departments working together.

## Other Incidents

Copper cabling was stolen from land at Ellington on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Two youths of Eurasian origin, slim build, in their late teens or twenties, were seen acting suspiciously in Catworth. The police were alerted and responded very promptly but without finding them. Although seen on foot they probably had a vehicle somewhere. So please be on the lookout in case they come to our village.

## Crimestoppers - is an independent charity working to fight crime

Anonymous - means that your name is not made public should you call  
We create a report from the information you give us. Our call handlers will check that this report contains no information that might identify you, e.g. if the call is about your neighbour we will not mention this. We don't even make a note of your gender.

**Report suspicious activity to the Police** - 0845 4564564  
**Crimestoppers** - 0800 555 111

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

For internet users more information is available at:

[www.mynhw.co.uk](http://www.mynhw.co.uk)      [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)      [www.cambsnhw.org.uk/](http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk/)  
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# SPALDWICK NEWS May 2010



32 Rolls Royce and Bentley owners stopped for lunch at the George on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This photo was taken by Graham Leach and is shown on the village website [www.spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com) where you will find lots of news and views of the village.

## 100 Club Winners in April

Numbers were drawn in the George on 21<sup>st</sup> April. The winners were No. 75 Liz Holland-Hicken £40; No.92 Adelaide Turnill £20, both of the High Street. The next draw will take place in The George on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. At 8 o'clock



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## DIARY DATES

May 24th Open House at Threeways,  
The Green 1.30pm-3.30pm  
June 12th Church Garden Party, 43 High Street  
July 17th Village Fete

### Waste Bin Collection Dates

Wed May 5th Green Sat May 8th Blue Tue May 11th Grey  
Tue May 18th Green Fri May 21st Blue Tue May 24th Grey  
Wed Jun 2nd Green Sat Jun 5th Blue Tue Jun 8th Grey



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30 mins £20      45 mins £28  
60 mins £38      90 mins £50

Hot Stone massage and Sports massage also on offer.  
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## St James Church Services

May		
2nd	6.00pm	Evensong
9th	9.30am	Eucharist
16th	11.00am	All-age Service and Eucharist
25th	9.30am	Eucharist
30th`	10.00am	Group Service at Grafham

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

**Church Cleaning** Maureen Vickers has voluntarily been cleaning the church for many years but has now had to give this up. It is largely a dusting and vacuuming task, is there anyone, perhaps a group, who could pick up this work? If so please contact John Blatch tel. 890853 or Rosemary Good tel. 890287.

Our grateful thanks go to Maureen for doing this in the past and we wish her well in her new position as Chairman of the Welcome Club

## NATURE NOTES

Brian Davis



There have been several reports of a Red Kite in Easton recently, and John Blatch has seen a pair over Spaldwick too. So this morning I was delighted to watch one myself circling over the central field at Easton. For a long time kites were restricted to Wales but they were saved from national extinction by one of the world's longest running protection programmes, and have now been successfully re-introduced to England and Scotland by the RSPB. They feed on carrion, small mammals and worms and there are now over 1600 pairs in Britain. They are breeding at Holme Fen and in Northamptonshire, and there is no reason why they should not colonise one of our other local woodlands in the next few years.

Apart from the Buzzard, which is also well established locally, the only other large breeding raptor in the county is the Marsh harrier, which breeds at Fendrayton Pits, and which I saw last year. There, too, you will hear or see a large selection of song birds, including Yellow hammer, White-throat, Lesser whitethroat, Blackcap, Garden warbler, Reed and Sedge warblers, as well as Cuckoo. Don't forget our own "Spring Listen" walk around Easton on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May starting at Brook House about 6 a.m. and finishing with breakfast at the Bells, 4 Broadweir.



## Forthcoming Events at Your Village Pub



**BBQ & Jazz Afternoon**  
Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 2pm to 5pm  
A relaxing afternoon with good food, great company & the superb 'Take 6' local jazz band

**Our Homemade Sunday Roast Lunch**  
From Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 & Every Sunday  
2 courses only £14 per head  
(children £7.50 per head)

**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 Take-Away / Delivery Service**  
Available everyday 6pm to 9:30pm

**Local Farmer's Market**  
Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010  
10am to 4pm – free entry  
Celebration of local producers & produce!

**The World Cup!**  
All England games will be screened in the bar

**Mexican Gourmet Night**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010

An extravaganza of authentic Mexican cuisine  
£20.95 per head for 4 courses  
Booking advisable

**Quiz Night Every Sunday**  
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.  
[www.georgeofspaldwick.co.uk](http://www.georgeofspaldwick.co.uk)



This year I was running to support the Bone Cancer Research. This is a cancer that affects teenagers. The five year survival rate is only 50% after difficult painful treatments such as amputations and chemotherapy. I ran in memory of Bradley who after three years of treatment finally lost his fight and died in October 2009 at the age of 19yr. If you can support this very worthwhile charity please do:

<http://www.justgiving.com/David-Irwin>

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Room at Spaldwick School starting at 8 pm. This is the Annual Meeting of the Council at which, amongst other business, will be the appointment of the Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. The formal notice of the meeting and the agenda will be posted on the parish notice board nearer the time.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Minutes of meetings are published on the notice boards and on the village website [www.spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com)

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

## London Marathon 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April I ran the London Marathon. I had been running around the streets and tracks of Spaldwick for the last three months in all weathers. You may well have seen me running in my bright yellow jacket in the early morning or late at night. This winter has been hard to train in the rain, cold and even the snow! Suddenly the weather improved and we had a hot few weeks before the London.

I caught the coach locally at 05:30 to get to the start line in time at Greenwich. Typically despite the forecast the heavens opened and we were all soaked just as the gun went off. The crowds and supporters were fantastic all the way round with bands playing up-beat music round every corner. I was overtaken by a fairy and a gorilla but stuck to my plan. This is my 12<sup>th</sup> marathon so I know that it is not how you start this run but how you finish the last six miles that really matters. The sun came out and suddenly we found ourselves baking as I hit the last few miles running down the embankment. I overtook the fairy and the gorilla with a few miles to go. My time was 3hr and 50min which is a good average for me.



David Irwin of Ivy Way ran the London Marathon last weekend. Here is his report.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

**COFFEE OPEN HOUSE** Another successful Open House event was held recently at the home of Chris Saynor. The next event will be at 1.30 on 24th May at Threeways, High Street, the home of Amba Harbour. There will be a Bring Buy Cake Stall and a raffle in aid of Church and Village Hall funds. All are welcome - please come along and support your village.

**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

**St James Church**  
**Evening Garden Supper**  
**6.00pm on 12th June**

**At**

**43 High Street**  
**Free Pimm's on Arrival**  
**Covered Seating for a**  
**Two Course Meal**

**Children Welcome**

**Tickets Adults £10, Family £25**  
**From any PCC Member or contact**

**John Blatch Tel. 890853**

**Email john@blatch.com**

# Spaldwick School

## Growing News from Spaldwick



As you can see from the photograph, the garden areas in our school grounds are now full of colour.

In the Foundation and Key Stage One area the flowers are lovely, and the children

have been closely watching the birds as they come to feed from the feeders we have placed in this area.

The Key Stage Two growing zone has been prepared for vegetable planting, with salads, potatoes, pumpkins and beans planted for eating later in the year.



**Spaldwick School has reached the final nine in the Homebase Makeover Competition!**

**We will need your votes and those of anyone you know! Please go to <http://uktv.co.uk/home/dgiped/kw/210> and click on Vote Now. Help us win a £10,000 makeover for our outside areas**

There are many more pictures and articles on the school website [www.spaldwick.school.org.uk](http://www.spaldwick.school.org.uk)

**Free support for Carers, and Adults or Parents with a Disability**

**SpeakingUp**  
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Speaking Up is an independent advocacy organisation, based around Cambridgeshire and offers free advocacy services to help you with understanding your rights or helping you to make informed decisions. Advocacy is supporting people to speak up about the things they want. As an independent organisation Speaking Up can work with people to put their views forward without the constraints often imposed by statutory organisations such as Social Services. Advocates do not tell their clients what to do, they work with people to explore options/possibilities and support them in the choices they make.

**Carers Advocacy** It is thought that 1 in 10 people in Cambridgeshire are unpaid carers. Many people don't even realise that they are carers; it's just something that they do in their daily lives. Looking after elderly relatives or friends who need help can be extremely rewarding, but many unpaid carers do not realise that they also have rights and can access a support network themselves.

**Community Advocacy** Speaking Up's Community Advocates support people with learning, physical or sensory disabilities to have their say and get their views heard. They can provide support with issues such as housing, care, health and complaints as well as general queries on your rights and support options.

**Family Advocacy** Our Speaking Up for Families Advocates work with parents with a learning difficulty to ensure they are aware of their rights and get the right support to perform their parenting role.

If you would like an advocate, Speaking Up advocacy services can be contacted on:

Tel: 01223 555800

Email: [info@speakingup.org](mailto:info@speakingup.org)

Address: Mount Pleasant House Cambridge CB3 0RN