

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - October 2010

Shut the door on high pressure selling

High pressure selling is something that we all want to avoid, and whilst it is quite easy to say 'no' to salespeople that call you on the phone, it is far harder to say 'no' to people once they are in your home.

At Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we frequently come across people who have been pressured into having work done or buying products having been called on out of the blue. It can relate to anything from tree felling, driveways, roofing and fascias and soffits, to mobility aids, home alarm systems and beds.

Typical high pressure sales techniques include calling through to their manager for 'the very best price', saying that that price is only available on that day, and overstaying their welcome, all used to put extra pressure on you.

We want you to avoid such problems, so below we offer a few tips:

Where possible, when looking for a trader, go on recommendation from someone you know
Get three quotes so that you know the price you are paying is reasonable and fair.

Always get quotes in writing and make sure they set out what exactly you will receive for that price

If a trader needs to visit you in your home and you will be alone, see if you can arrange for someone else to be there for extra support in case the trader puts pressure on you.

If the contract is signed in your home and is for over £35, make sure you are given a 7 days cancellation notice - you will almost certainly be entitled to this in law and means that you can change your mind up to 7 days after signing the agreement.

If you are given terms and conditions, make sure you read them before signing the contract. Be careful if you are asked to sign something to say that work can start there and then - this will impact on your right to cancel the contract.

If possible, look for a trader that is a member of a Trade Association as many of these will operate a Code of Practice for their members and some also offer a mediation scheme in case of problems.

In addition, you can get a free 'We're not buying it' sticker for your front door to discourage salespeople from calling on you at home in the first place. Simply contact Consumer Direct for one of these (details below).

You can also reduce the number of telephone sales calls you receive by registering with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707 or online at www.tpsonline.org.uk.

If you need advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact our partner organisation, Consumer Direct, on 0845 4040506 for free, impartial and confidential advice. Calls cost no more than 4p a minute for BT customers - other networks may vary.

For more information on Trading Standards visit our website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consumer

Report suspicious activity to the Police - 0345 456 4564

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

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

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LAST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

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| Home | 18th |
| Ireland | 19th |
| Europe | |
| | Letters 18th |
| | Parcels 13th |
| Rest of World | |
| | Letters 13th |
| | Parcels 6th |

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

100 Club Winners in November

The November numbers were drawn in the George on 17th November. The winners were No 38 John Lock of Fuller's Close and No 37 Jean Bradshaw, Thrapston Road



FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO
 SPALDWICK WITH HIS
 ELVES & CAROL SINGING
 SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER
 STARTING AT THE SCHOOL 4 O'CLOCK
 ENDING UP AT THE GEORGE
 COME ALONG AND JOIN HIM
 PARENTS SEE BELOW

Parents, would you like Father Christmas to give your children a Christmas Present? If so, please provide a wrapped and clearly labelled gift (max spend £5) and deliver it to the village shop 'No. 12' by Weds 15th December. Father Christmas will deliver it on Carol Singing Night (19th Dec) ...just listen out for the bells...and the magic of Christmas will begin!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO

Name

Address

LOVE FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS.....XXX.



ESCAPE Newsletter

The first night ever for the ESCAPE Youth Group on the 26th November was a fantastic success at the Spaldwick School Community room from 7 to

9pm. A big thanks to the attendance of so many young people from both inside and outside the village.

There was plenty to keep them occupied such as the table football and hockey, which was popular and often occupied, as well as competitive dance play on the Wii. For those who wanted to exercise their brain-power there were board games, and for the musical a full electronic drum kit connected to MP3 music, and lots of colourful inflatable guitars to practice those chords.

We found the tuck-shop to be very popular to keep our youngsters going for the two hours we were open. At one point we had fun juggling with money change as a young customer at the beginning wanted to purchase a 10 pence item with a ten pound note. Fortunately, we managed to cope with this.

Our main aim is to provide a safe environment for all of our youngsters to meet up, make new friends, develop new skills, and simply have fun. Judging by the smiley faces during the night there was plenty of fun had by all. Big thanks to committee members of ESCAPE, Mark, Jane, Sharan and Alison for their help on the night. Also a special thanks to John for help supplying table football and television. Thanks to Suzie and Robinsons for their equipment donation.

If you were unable to come during this session we will definitely run additional ones in the New Year.

Lastly, thanks to the brilliant efforts recently of young George, Paddy, and Mark Sturdy in making a presentation to the board at Young Lives (to which we are affiliated to), ESCAPE has been awarded a small fund for exciting activities into 2011. Please watch this space, and newsletter for more information. Kit Lee

For more on Escape see the village website www.spaldwick.com

St James Church Services

December

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| 5th | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| 12th | 9.30am | All Age Eucharist |
| 19th | 10.30am | Christingle |
| 21st | 7.15pm | Carol Party |
| 24th | 5.00pm | Crib Service |

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:

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| Father Jonathan Young (Rector) | 01480 891695 |
| Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) | 01480 890287 |
| John Blatch (Churchwarden) | 01480 890853 |

Birth Announcement

"Martina and Michael Townsend are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Charlotte Martina on 4th November, weighing in at 8lb 5 1/2 oz. A big thank you for the help received from our friends and family and to the nurses and staff at Hinchingbrooke Hospital for their excellent care and support."

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

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| 19th Christingle in the Church | 11.00am |
| 19th Carols Round the Village | 4.00pm-8.00pm |
| 21st Carol Party in the Church | 7.15pm |
| 24th Crib Service in the Church | 5.00pm |

SCRUMMY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS ARE HERE AGAIN



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
BY ENJOYING
DELICIOUS PUDDINGS



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| LUXURIOUS TRADITIONAL PUD (1LB) | £5 |
| LUXURIOUS TRADITIONAL PUD (2LB) | £7 |
| BELGIAN CHOCOLATE MELTING PUD | £5 |

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AND ORDER NOW!

We can also deliver (Spaldwick, Grafham and Buckworth area)

Call Lisa on 01480 896996

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PLAYTIMES NURSERY

Registered Charity 1032237

SPALDWICK SOCIAL GROUP

You will have known about, and may have supported, Spaldwick Social Group in the many enjoyable events organised in the past two years. Do you know where the funds raised have gone?

SSG has made donations to

Spaldwick Church ♦ Dream Drops ♦ MagPas,
Hinchingbrooke Hospital Children's Ward
Spaldwick School ♦ The Owl Sanctuary,
Alconbury Stage Stars

and has purchased a PA system for use, at low cost, by anyone in the village (To hire telephone John Blatch 890853)



Forthcoming Events at Your Village Pub



Great British Homemade Pie Night

Every Tuesday 6 to 9:30pm
Choice of fillings with mash or handcut chips and gravy
Only £6.95 per head

Christmas Eve "Sing-Along"
With Spaldwick's own 'Twilight Jammers'
From 7pm

Complimentary Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



Christmas Day
Open 12pm to 5pm
Lunch Available 12pm to 2.30pm
(Booking Required)

Boxing Day
Open 12pm to 5pm
Lunch Available 12pm to 2.30pm

New Year's Eve Disco and BBQ
Free Entry
From 7pm to Late

New Year's Day
Closed
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



PARISH COUNCIL

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held on Thursday 16 December in the Community Room at Spaldwick School commencing at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please see notice board on the Village Green or view the website www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk for the agenda and confirmation of the date.

Amongst the items on the agenda will be
PLANNING APPLICATION 1001741FUI,
Proposed Woolley Hill Wind Farm

Spaldwick Parish Council has received a copy of this application which can be viewed between 1.15 pm and 3.15 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Mondays 6 December and 13 December.

It can also be viewed at other times by arrangement with the Parish Clerk, or online at www.huntsdc.gov.uk/planning.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

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| Fri Dec 3rd Blue | Tue Dec 7th Grey | Tue Dec 14th Green |
| Fri 17th Blue | Tue Dec 21st Grey | Tue 28th Green |
| Fri Dec 31st Blue | Wed Jan 5th Grey | Tue Jan 11th Green |

MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS



A fabulous evening was had by all those who attended the recent show at Kimbolton Castle.

The cast delighted a mixed audience with songs from all the favourite musicals.

Backed by a west end band & beautifully lit by local talent Ed Davidson Smith, the show left everyone grinning....also having raised nearly £6000 for local charities.

Among the charities benefiting this year are; ESCAPE' Youth group, Milton Hospice, East Anglian air Ambulance, Holly ward and Playtimes.

SOME FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS OF OUR AUDIENCE.....

"I arrived at the Magic of the Musicals with great anticipation, after having heard of last year's show being a sell-out and the performing receiving a standing ovation.

I was not disappointed, as the show was superb. For one night, the West End really did come to Kimbolton. After seeing several West End shows myself, I am delighted to say that the show was to an extremely high standard, with the singers coming from hit West End shows, including Les Miserables and the Phantom of the Opera. The singers - Kate Roberts, Helen Patching, Nathan Taylor and Stephen Weller, all performed exceptionally, and there was great chemistry between them. In the interval, we saw a different side to Nathan Taylor, who chaired the Auction of Promises. Nathan was hilarious and entertaining, and

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

ENLIGHTENING YOUTH GATHERINGS

We had a lovely first two sessions in November,, playing a torch game and making two decorative types of candles. We had a log fire outside and melted marsh mallows and drank hot chocolate. We have plans to bake together and go for a walk to set free a lantern into the night sky. If you are in year 7 or above and would like to join us for the last two sessions in December we are meeting at 4 High Street on Monday 6th and 13th December from 6.30-8pm.



CHRISTINGLE MASTERCLASS 10.30am December 19th

Please come along with your own orange to the church at 10.30 for a village Masterclass in making your own Christingle. We will have a creativity table with everything you will need to make your own Christingle to use in

the family service and at the village carols later the same day.

CRIB SERVICE

A service to welcome all into the church to celebrate the coming of Christmas with the travelling Nativity Set. Children please feel free to dress up as a nativity character and please stay after the service for refreshments.

ADVENT FAIR

The Fair held in Ellington church on 27th November raised £680 for our group. Many thanks to all who helped or who braved the weather to come along on the day

SPALDWICK SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to Spaldwick School.

This November we held a 'Saturday Open Morning' for new families to visit the school. We invited the families who will be joining the school next September.

The families were shown round the school by our School Ambassadors and finished their tour by planting spring



Trying out Painting Activities

bulbs in our school groups.

We look forward to seeing more of our new families next term, when they will be invited to visit us during the school day.

Come and Join Us. The admissions period is now open for pupils to join the school next September as Reception Children. If you have a son or a daughter, who will be five years old between Sept 2011 - August 2012, then please contact the school for admissions information. Miss Prior and the School Ambassadors will also show you round our 'outstanding school' www.spaldwickschool.org.uk



Planting Spring Bulbs

The Kingfishers Class [Y3] this term are investigating the Victorians. We have been looking at different aspects of their lives and part of this including a trip to Stibbington Victorian School. The children and adults all had to dress according to the Victorian times and everyone did a fantastic job.



We were able to find out about children who used to be at the school and we even went to the graveyard to look for their grave stones. At play-time we could play with Victorian toys, and everyone had a great time with the

hoops, hobby horses and marbles. Skipping was also a favourite game even with the adults.

In the afternoon we met our Victorian teacher and we had our lessons. Handwriting, arithmetic and spellings were included in the activities using slate and chalk to write our answers. She was very strict and some might say a little scary.

Everyone had a great time; we learnt lots and really enjoyed the day, even the small bread and cheese lunch.