

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Pedestrian Safety:

- ♦ Wear bright clothing, preferably high visibility clothing, to ensure that you can be seen.
- ♦ Stay alert and aware of what is going on around you.
- ♦ Obey the High way Code.
- ♦ When walking on a road, always walk towards traffic.

Driving safety:

Remaining alert and driving to the conditions of the roads plays an important part in reducing the number of collisions on the county's roads. Driving within the limits of your ability and adhering to the conditions of the roads reduces the risks of becoming involved in a collision.

To reduce the chance of being involved in a collision:

- ♦ Adapt your driving to the weather conditions, if there is heavy rain, reduce your speed.
- ♦ Drivers should remain alert and aware of cyclists and pedestrians at all times.
- ♦ Keep lights, mirrors and windows clean and clear of obstructions.
- ♦ Ensure your tyres have enough tread and the pressure is correct.
- ♦ Always wear a seatbelt.
- ♦ Never use a hand-held mobile phone while driving

More information is available at: www.mynhw.co.uk and www.cambs.police.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

David Henrick - 01480896556

david.consult@btinternet.com

Report suspicious activity to the Police

- 0345 456 4564

Crimestoppers

- 0800 555 111

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

SPALDWICK NEWS

MARCH 2011



1977, 2002 What do we do for 2012?

Ideas please to the Parish Council.

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100 Club Winners in February

The February numbers were drawn in the George on 23rd February. The winners were No. 44 Margaret Armer, Mount Pleasant and No. 40 Alison Ainsworth, Ivy Way

ROYAL WEDDING GARDEN PARTY

In Aid of St James Church

Starting at 3 o'clock at 43, High St. on 30th April you will be welcomed with refreshing Pimm's followed by Tea and Sandwiches and then a Final Toast with English Sparkling Wine
Undercover seating with chairs and tables.
Hats and Suits
Tickets, Adults £10, Children £2 will be available nearer the date

SHROVE TUESDAY 8TH MARCH PANCAKE DAY

Freshly cooked pancakes on sale in the church from
12 to 2
Also Tea and Coffee
Please call in

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Tue Mar 1st Grey	Tue Mar 8th Green	Fri Mar 11th Blue
Tue Mar 15th Grey	Tue Mar 22nd Green	Fri Mar 25th Blue
Tue Mar 29th Grey	Tue Apr 5th Green	Fri Apr 8th Blue



We've had growing attendance at our fortnightly Youth Nights by young people from Spaldwick, Ellington, Stow Longa and surrounding villages.

We've even had a visit from two backpacking American youngsters who followed directions shown on posters on the Spaldwick Green. A Big Big thanks to all young people for coming!

We are now planning to hold a **Red Nose Day** event. All welcome March 18th at Spaldwick School hall. There might even be some red sweets in the tuck shop!

Don't forget to put your name on the list for a **FREE** paintball event hosted by Commando Elite (at Monks Wood Paintball Park Abbots Ripton). But hurry because places are filling fast by Youth Night members for first 25 names!

On Youth Nights (held at Spaldwick School) we allow youngsters to 'let their hair down' and have fun with friends. There's a wide range of activities including multipurpose games tables, popular Wii, Xbox and Playstation games as well as plenty of musical instruments including keyboards and electronic drum machine. We've also got graffiti paper by the mile, board games, radio-controlled vehicles and helicopter! And it's a good chance to make new friends! You just need to bring some money to make a donation for entry and for the popular tuck shop!

We are not a charity-registered organisation, but ESCAPE Youth Group does require funds to run activities and hire of rooms throughout the year. If you think you can help us in any way please please e-mail spaldwickyouth@btinternet.com or ring anytime.....0777 6174950 (chair Kit Lee). Thank you to everyone for their continued support. Your donations are gratefully received and will mean we can keep the youth nights running as well as hosting more events like the Connections Bus visits.

Diary Dates: Youth Nights: March 11 and 25.
Red Nose Day event: March 18

PS. The brilliant ESCAPE brand-name logo was designed by a group of our youngsters. There is certainly a lot of young talent!

St James Church Services

March

6th 6.00pm Evensong

13th 9.30am Eucharist

20th 11.00am All-Age Service

27th 9.30am Eucharist

On April 3rd there will be a Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30am

LENT ARRANGEMENTS

On Fridays in Lent, starting on 18th March, there will be a service at 12.00 noon followed by a Frugal lunch. Places as follows:

March 18th	Grafham	March 25th	Easton
April 1st	Ellington	April 8th	Spaldwick
April 15th	Barham		

On Tuesdays at 7.30pm there will be Bible Study Meetings in Ellington. To help with organisation please tell the Rector (891695) or Sarah Woodruff (891496) if you will be attending.

BIRTHS

There have been several births in the village over the past 2 years,. Few of them have been reported in the News due to forgetfulness or simply not knowing.. We hope to do better in future, here are the most recent ones.

To Graham and Mikaela Titheridge of High St a son, Albert Finlay (Bertie) 13th January

To Matthew and Rachel Nimmons of Ferriman Road a son, Caleb.

To James and Claire Shears of Burton Way a son, Zakary Charles 16th January

SPALDWICK VILLAGE HALL - UPDATE

Last October we undertook a survey of all the residents of Spaldwick. We hope that you were contacted and contributed to the overall results. The survey asked which of the two possible sites for a new village hall in Spaldwick was preferred. The options are the open space beside Playtimes or in Bury Field.

The questions in the survey were:

Q1. Do you support the idea of a village hall in the village?

Q2. If the site of the hall was to be immediately east of Playtimes, would you support it?

Q3. If the site of the hall was to be in the field bordered by Stow Rd and the Church, would you support it?

We were very pleased with the response, with 291 residents (we chose residents over 18 years old for the survey) answering the questions:

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Q1	92%	5%	3%
Q2	75%	23%	3%
Q3	75%	24%	2%

The results seem clear, you really want a village hall and the majority of you don't mind where it is sited. Obviously there are a significant number of residents who don't want the hall sited at one, or other, of the sites, which is to be expected.

Currently we are still exploring the legal and technical possibilities for both sites; we have no firm news on which site will be the best candidate. We have planned meetings with planning officers and other interested parties in the near future.

As ever we will report on developments as and when they happen and will have a full, open meeting before a final decision is made.

The Village Hall Committee



IT'S ALL
CHANGE AT YOR
VILLAGE PUB



NEW MENU.....

With an added offer:

2 COURSES £12.95

3 COURSES £15.95

**Our £10 Sunday
Roast Lunch now
available until 5pm**



NEW OPENING HOURS

Visit our website to view our
new opening times



Quiz Night

Every Tuesday from 8:30pm



www.georgeofspaldwick.co.uk

If you have satellite television or are already getting the extra channels beyond the first five BBC/ITV channels this will not affect you, but if you have an old set with just the five channels you will not be able to watch TV once the change-over is made

To continue to watch TV you will have three options.

Buy a new digital television

Get a Digital Box to convert your present TV

Get a satellite receiver installed

Get advice by telephoning 0845 50 50 50. A Help Scheme is available if you are 75 or over, get certain disability benefits or are registered blind or partially sighted. If you are eligible you should have received a letter from the Scheme, but if you are in any doubt, contact the scheme on 0800 4085900.

Dogs and chickens do not mix. Last week my loving and lovable day dog Sam turned into an angry and possessive snapper when I went to rescue one of Jo Corbin's hens that he had caught outside her fence. At the expense of just the one bite I got the hen, which eventually recovered with only a few feathers missing.

Others have not been so lucky and at least one of William Brown's chickens has been killed by a loose dog in Long Lane, whilst the others were chased around the run. For the sake of the hens, and of the wildlife in the area, please keep your dogs under control.

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: David Stowell, 23a, Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA
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March Meetings - in the Community Room, Spaldwick School, commencing 8 pm

Thursday 3rd March

Special Meeting to consider Planning Application 1100210FUL, Alterations to dwelling, 9-11 Thrapston Road

Thursday 24th March

Ordinary Meeting

Members of the Public are welcome to attend both meetings.

Agendas may be viewed on the website

www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk and on the notice board on the Village Green.

Parish Council Election, Thursday 5th May

Nominations open on Tuesday 22nd March and close at noon on Monday 4th April. If more than 7 valid nominations are received by the Returning Officer, an election will be held on 5th May.

Nomination Papers may be obtained from the Clerk or from the Elections Department at Pathfinder House.

Digital Television Switchover

Be Ready! On 30th March, the BBC 2 analogue channel will be switched off in Cambridgeshire, followed by the remaining analogue channels on 13th April. From then on, if you aren't set up to receive digital, you won't be able to watch your television.

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OPEN HOUSE Come and join Edith Adams, 45 Stow Road at 1.30pm on Feb 28th for a friendly chat over coffee and tea.

In March we will be celebrating our first birthday- yes we have been going for a whole year. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th March at 10 Ivy Way. Come and help us blow out the candles on our Birthday Cake.

Quiz Night

In Aid of the Church

In the School

Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 + £2 Food

Baked Potatoes with a choice of Fillings.

John Blatch 890853 Rosemary Good

890287 Amba Harbour 890565 Edie Adams

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues March 3 rd	Pancakes in the Church 12-2
Sat March 19 th	Quiz Night, School
Sat April 30 th	Garden Party, 43 High Street
Sat 2 nd July	Scarecrow Event
Sat 9 th July	Village Fete

LAST MONTH IN SPALDWICK SCHOOL



As part of National Sing-Up celebrations, we started Tuesday 8th February with song - or two.

Children came in to the hall direct from the playground to sing some of our current favourite songs, and learn some new ones

Games Day



Mr John Massey spent a day in school, training our new Games Co-ordinators. Each class was taught new playground games



On 11th February Puffins performed some of their gym sequences in assembly, they were impressive!

On Friday 10th February During Robins Fairy Tale Lunch parents, Grandparents and Pupils shared dishes based around favourite nursery rhyme characters.

