

:: St James Church Sunday Services: 3rd April, 1st May and 29th May, 9.30am - Morning Worship and prayers for Ukraine, followed by Jimmy's Breakfast Club.

:: St James Church Easter Sunday Service - 17th April, 9.30am

:: Playtimes Easter holiday club: Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th April (See page 2).

:: Spaldwick Village Hall AGM: Wednesday 20th April, 7.30pm, Spaldwick Community Room.

:: Spaldwick Runners: Mondays, 7pm, Village Green.

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SPALDWICK NEWS

Spaldwick sends 100 boxes of aid for Ukrainian refugees - by Diana Sands

When the news of war and spiralling numbers of refugees started to fill our news, we all watched and felt hopeless and helpless. It was really difficult to watch the drama unfolding for millions of people in Ukraine.

Spaldwick responded wonderfully to a call for donations that I put on the Facebook village page. I was hoping to gather enough content for 10 boxes to send to Romania. Instead, we raised upwards of 100 boxes containing bedding, towels, personal care products, food and baby care items. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone in the village.

The amount of donations raised meant that we had to scale up the transport too. The initial 10 boxes that I started collecting for were sent to Lasi, my home town, to a charity that encourages pregnant mums and women with infants to take refuge there. The remaining boxes were transported to London and Hertfordshire to be loaded into bigger lorries bound for Romania and Poland.

I would like to thank everyone in the village who helped in collecting, sorting and transporting the donations - it turned into a massive operation with a time limit to achieve it. It couldn't have been done without the help of everyone who stepped up: a group of volunteers to create drop off points; other people helped packed boxes and loaded the packages into vans. Agrovista played a key role in the success of the operation by giving us a space to store, sort and pack the goods donated.

Many good things came out of this process. The refugees are not the only ones who benefitted from our donations. Donating made us feel that we can do something to help. The crisis also brought together people from different groups in the village and strengthen Spaldwick's community spirit. I for one feel very lucky to live in such a wonderful place!



Spaldwick School's efforts for Ukraine

Spaldwick Primary School's been busy raising money and sending support for the people of Ukraine.

A day where pupils dressed in blue and yellow - the colours of the Ukrainian flag - managed to raise more than £200 for the First News Ukraine Appeal.

Friends of Spaldwick School organised a clothing collection (pictured right). Donations from parents and staff are now being taken to help refugees in Poland, who have fled the war.



Spaldwick Jubilee Special

As a part of Spaldwick's Jubilee celebrations, and to make our village look gorgeous, we are inviting everyone to decorate their homes and gardens with Union flag bunting by 22nd May.



There will be a prize for the best-dressed home!

If you don't already own any, we have special bunting available to buy:

- £2.50 for Plastic triangular bunting (7m & 25 flags)
- £4.00 for polyester rectangular flags (9m & 30 flags)

Please contact Lisa Hunter for more details on: 07769 646131.

Spaldwick Village Hall Committee AGM

In April, Spaldwick Village Hall Committee is due to hold its first in-person AGM since the start of the pandemic.

It will be held on Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm in the Community room.

An agenda will be available closer to the date.

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- **Do you play a keyboard, piano or organ?** The church organ is not being used very often at the moment, but we'd love it to be used again. If anyone has any keyboard skills and would like to come along to play the organ, we'd love to hear from them. We are not looking for anyone to play at services, etc unless they'd like to, but more to enjoy this historic organ.
- **Jimmy's Breakfast Club** – Sunday 3rd April, Sunday 1st May and 29th May (instead of 5th June bank holiday), 10.15-11.15am. Why not join us for a social Sunday morning? Stroll along to St James to start your day with a bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew with the chance to catch up with fellow villagers.

Community events coming up:

We have a whole host of events for 2022, full details will be circulated to all homes in the village in due course but a taster for now:

- 2nd April - Jumble sale in community room POSTPONED! In view of the crisis in the Ukraine and the many collections of clothing going towards that, we have decided to postpone this event until later in the year.
- May to August - Summer garden events: cream teas, evening drinks and BBQ supper around the village – dates and venues coming soon.
- September - Dog show.
- October - garage/garden ramble sale.

Services for March and April:

- Sunday 3rd April, Sunday 1st May and Sunday 29th May (instead of 5th June bank holiday), 9.30am - Morning Worship and prayers for Ukraine, followed by Jimmy's Breakfast Club.

At the April service, we will offer prayers to all those affected by the situation in the Ukraine and light a candle for reflection on the crisis. Both during and after the service you'll be welcome to tie blue and yellow ribbons in our prayer tree (or to take your ribbons home).

- Easter Sunday, 17th April, 9.30am – Join us in this Celebration with children's activities during the service and an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards, with refreshments for all.
- Sunday 15th May, 9.30am.

You may have heard and seen our clock is back in working order, thanks to the ministrations of a local clock historian and enthusiast.

He gave his time and skills freely to get it going again, and instruct a volunteer in the workings to keep it right.

Our wonderful clock is 400 years-old, and needs daily attention in the cold weather, but be assured the clock-keeper will try and make sure it's never too slow or too quick.



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Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for April/May 2022:

Grey		12th April	26th April	10th May	24th May
Blue	5th April	19th April	3rd May	17th May	31st May
Green	7th April	21st April	5th May	19th May	

Young cancer patients to benefit from wig, thanks to Heidi's hair donation



Spaldwick resident Heidi has been growing her hair for 20 months to donate to Little Princess Trust, who turn real hair donations into wigs for children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

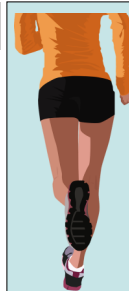
On 9th March, Heidi had her hair cut to donate 8.5 inches to the charity. She said: "I have never had my hair this short before and wouldn't ordinarily choose to go this short, but it is worthwhile if it makes a difference to a child or young person going through a tough time".

Little Princess Trust has been helping young people since 2006. From receiving hair donations at their office, through to fitting and styling a bespoke wig, it costs the charity from £550 to provide a real-hair wig free-of-charge, to their wig recipients. They currently supply over 150 wigs every month. As well as donating her own hair,

Heidi has set up a Just Giving Page and hopes to raise £550 to help cover the cost of creating and fitting the wig for the child or young person who will receive it.

If you would like to support Heidi, you can donate via her Just Giving Page before 9th April.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heidimh or by scanning the QR Code.



Spaldwick Runners

A group of runners/walkers meets up every Monday at 7pm by the village green for 30-40 minutes of gentle exercise.

Everyone is welcome to join and there will be someone who will match your level.

Couch to 5K:

A person from the group will lead aspiring runners through the C25K course starting Monday 4th April.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Stuart on 07974139485 - or email: stuart@ainsworth.uk.com



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