

Dates for your diary:

:: **A14 Eastbound essential maintenance work:** Ongoing until Friday 4th February (see page 4).

:: **Spaldwick Santa Visit:** Sunday 19th December, starting at 4.30pm (approx).

:: **St James "Famous Carol Party":** Tuesday 21st December, 7.30pm.

:: **St James Church Services:** December 5th, 19th, 24th; January 2nd, 23rd; February 6th (see page 3).

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SPALDWICK NEWS



Spaldwick Remembers - photos by Mark Heath; words by Julia Rutherford



More than 90 people gathered next to the war memorial on the village green for Spaldwick's Remembrance Sunday commemorations. The service, which was held on Sunday 14th November, was a chance for local people to pay their respects. A huge thank you to The George for very kindly hosting us for tea, coffee and fabulous selection of cakes.

Spaldwick's Santa Sleigh Ride: SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

In support of Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN)



Santa will be arriving on his sleigh in Spaldwick on Sunday, 19th December.

Guide times for Santa stops:

4.30pm Burton Way - 5pm Corner of Ferriman & Stow Road - 5.20pm Littlecotes - 5.45pm Ivy Way - 6pm The George for carols

Please let us know if you would like your child to receive a gift (chocolate selection box) from Father Christmas by emailing their name and address to the Head Elf:

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There will be refreshments with mulled wine, hot chocolate & cookies en route!

ST JAMES



famous Carol Party

Tues 21 Dec 7.30pm

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Thank you for your support!

As the end of 2021 draws ever closer, I would like to thank our faithful group of contributors, advertisers and distributors for their help and support in putting Spaldwick News together in 2021.

The challenges of Covid-19 have made getting each month's edition out tricky at times, but we've pulled through!

Our next copy will be in February 2022, after all of the festivities.

Wishing you a happy & healthy New Year!

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Spaldwick Community Primary School recognised the start of Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks.

This year the message is "One Kind Word" and we've been thinking about all the ways we can show kindness.

(By Louise Worrell, Headteacher)

Spaldwick Community Primary School needs you!

We are looking for Governors to join our hard working team!

If you're interested in getting involved, supporting the school and helping to shape the futures of our young people, then please give us a call.

We love showing people around our fabulous school and would welcome the opportunity to explain more about the role.

Please contact the school office by emailing: office@spaldwickschool.org.uk or calling 01480 890371.



Ellington WI

Ellington WI's December meeting will be on Tuesday 7th December, starting at 7.30pm in the village hall. Visitors are most welcome for our speaker from Help the Aged, who will be talking about their work around the country and what help they can offer. In January, it will be our annual dinner on Tuesday 11th at a local hostelry.

Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - December's News

Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch is coordinated by David Henrick.

23 million people used '123456' as a password.

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers.

Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password.

Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club

In the last couple of months, members have been competing for 2 trophies, played for in memory of long serving and founder members of the club.

The Tom Jackson Trophy is now in its 16th year, while The Jean Bradshaw Rosebowl has been held for the 8th time. Due to a reduction in membership, 11 players competed for The Tom Jackson Trophy and 12 in The Jean Bradshaw Rosebowl. Despite the reduced numbers both competitions were hard fought. Norman Vickers was victorious in The Tom Jackson Trophy; the family connection continuing with Andrew Vickers winning The Jean Bradshaw Rosebowl.

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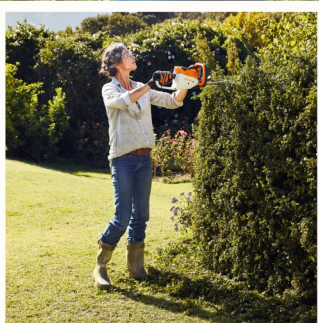


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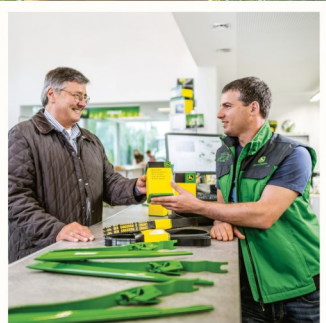
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Festive wine tasting: We'd like to thank Amps, Simon and Abbie Richards for hosting our recent SOLD OUT wine tasting, and Liz and Bill McCue for providing us with cheese and mince pies.

Jimmy's breakfast club – Sunday 5th December 10.15-11.15am: Why not join us for a social Sunday morning? Stroll along to St James for a bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew to start your day. We are now holding these on the first Sunday of every month, but not in January so we look forward to seeing you again on 6th February 2022.

Christmas celebrations:

Tuesday 21st December – “The Famous Carol Party”: Back by popular demand, a variety of talented performers will be entertaining you between some more traditional carols.

Not on the bill? We'd still love to hear from anyone (of any age) who would like to read a poem, sing a song, play an instrument or do a jig!

£10 per person to include your first drink (mulled wine or mulled apple juice) and mince pies. Primary school age children FREE. Entry by tickets only, available online now from Ticketsource (search for Spaldwick) or see Amba, Denise, Elaine, Liz, Sue, Julia or call 890203.

Services for December:

- Sunday 5th December, 9.30am - Start of Advent with Jill Dighton, then join us for coffee and bacon rolls
- Sunday 19th December, 9.30am
- Friday 24th December, 4pm - Crib service, followed by 11.30pm midnight service
- Sunday 2nd January, 9.30am - With Jill Dighton (Sorry no bacon rolls today)
- Sunday 23rd January, 9.30am
- Sunday 6th February, 9.30am - With Jill Dighton, then join us for coffee and bacon rolls

Kelly's Half Marathon Challenge for Playtimes

PlayTimes would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who sponsored Kelly and her Half Marathon Challenge. We were very lucky to have been donated a whopping £245 in total!

This amount of money will make a massive difference to Playtimes, with it already being lined up to pay for a very much needed new light that is required in the entrance hall. We have also popped in our shopping basket some brilliant storytelling sets for the children to enjoy, including The Gruffalo, Room on a Broom and the Three Little Pigs.

In addition, we will be stocking up on craft favourites for our S Clubbers, such as slime making materials and Hama beads!



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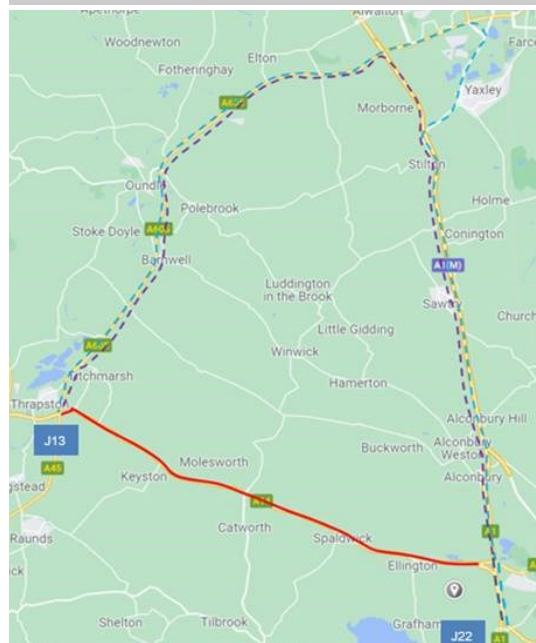
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Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for December 2021/January 2022:

Grey		7th Dec	20th Dec	6th Jan	18th Jan
Blue		14th Dec	29th Dec	12th Jan	25th Jan
Green	2nd Dec	16th Dec	31st Dec	14th Jan	27th Jan

A14 Eastbound Essential Maintenance Work



Essential maintenance work is getting underway to replace the drainage on the A14 Eastbound between junctions 13 (Thrapston) and 21 (Brampton Hut).

Highways England expect to complete this work over approximately 2 months from the end of November to Friday 4th February on weeknights only, between 8pm to 6am. No work will be carried out over the Christmas/New Year period, between Tuesday 21st December to Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Closures and diversions:

To complete the work safely, the A14 eastbound will need to be closed and traffic diverted. An occasional lane closure on the westbound carriageway may also be in place.

How to find out more

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