

#### Village Dates:

:: **St James Church Services (December)** - Sunday 3rd, 9.30am; Sunday 17th, 9.30am; Sunday 24th, 4pm; Sunday 31st, 10.45am (Details on page 3).

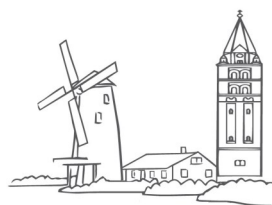
:: **Spaldwick Santa Visit** - Sunday 17th December from 4pm.

:: **Spaldwick Christmas Carol Party** - Tuesday 19th December, 7.30pm

:: **Spaldwick Carpet Bowls** - Thursdays, 7.30pm - Mandeville Hall,

Dec 2023/Jan 2024

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**SPALDWICK**  
NEWS

#### Remembrance Sunday in Spaldwick



(Photo: courtesy of Chloe Rutherford)

Around 40 Spaldwick residents gathered at the village green on 12th November, to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to St James Church for organising the short service, and to everyone who attended this special occasion.

#### Spaldwick's Santa Sleigh Ride: SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER



***Santa will be arriving in Spaldwick on Sunday, 17th December.***

*His sleigh will travel around the village from 4pm, stopping at:*

- The junction of Burton Way/Ferriman Road\*
- Corner of Ferriman Road/Stow Road
- Littlecotes
- Ivy Way\*
- The George for carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

*(Stops marked \* will have a delicious hot drinks and cookie stand).*

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*[lisa@creativeteamevents.com](mailto:lisa@creativeteamevents.com)*

*A collection will be made on behalf of HCCN (Huntingdon Community Cancer Network).*

**SPALDWICK**

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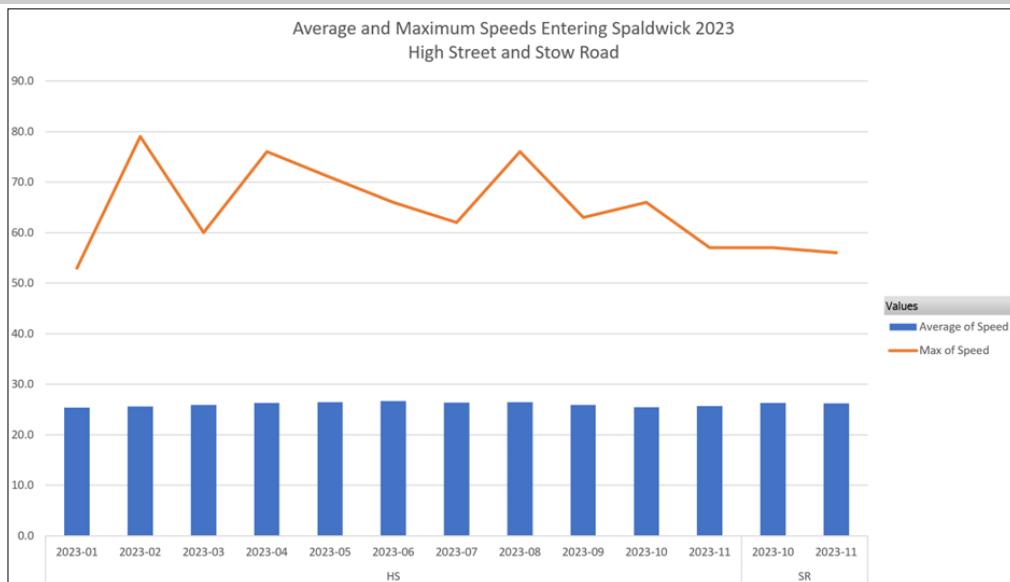


## Spaldwick's Speed indicator signs - by Parish Cllr Greg Rice

The Parish Council has been trying to minimise the speed of vehicles driving through Spaldwick. We are keen to make drivers aware of the speed limit and encourage them to stay within the legal limits.

In June 2022, the first of the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) electronic signs was installed on the High Street and in October 2023, a second MVAS was installed on Stow Road.

The MVAS have recorded over half a million vehicles entering the village this year. On average, motorists are driving at just over 26 mph and over 85% of them are driving below 30mph. In fact, less than 1% of drivers are driving over 40mph. As you can see, there are some drivers that do drive at excessive speeds through the village, the worst case being 79 mph in February, but the trend is decreasing over time.



The Parish Council is currently seeking funding for a third sign to be situated on Thrapston Road, which will then cover all entry points to the village.

## Other news from Spaldwick Parish Council

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING** - Defibrillator training will be held on Saturday 10th February at 2pm in the Community Room. If you would like to attend please email: [clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS PAYMENTS**- Every year the Parish Council make small payments to Spaldwick residents who are of pensionable age. If you would like to apply or would like to nominate someone for a payment, please email: [clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

**COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - The Parish Council would like to express our thanks to Steve Fane de Salis and Uwe Braun for all their hard work and support during their time on Spaldwick Parish council. Steve has been on the Parish Council since 2015 and for most of that time held the position of Chair. Uwe has only been with the Parish Council for a short time, but his support has been invaluable. If you would like to be considered for either of the vacancies please contact [clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)



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## St James Church News

**Christmas Carol Party:** We are still very keen to hear from anyone who would like to participate in any way. If you have any vocal or musical skills, could read a Christmas-related reading or poem, please do get in touch. If you have a child who would like to showcase their Christmas talent, we'd welcome them and can give them an earlier slot if they don't want a late night.

**Celebration or in memoriam?** If you'd like to donate a bunch of flowers to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or have the church bells rung in your honour, please get in touch with your preferred dates. If you'd like to help decorate the church for Christmas, we'd love to welcome you along so just get in touch to find out more.

**Could you help us?** We are a very small church council, so we'd always welcome new members who could spare a little time to help us.

Get in touch with any member of the PCC: Amba Harbour: Threeways, The Green, Spaldwick; Denise Brown; Julia Rutherford: 2 High Street (01480 890203); Elaine Woolward.

Email [stjamesspaldwick@aol.com](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.com)

## St James Church - Services in December:

- **Sunday 3rd December, 9.30am** - Morning Service with Rev Sarah West, followed by...  
**10.15-11am, Jimmy's breakfasts** - Join us for a bacon butty, croissant and hot brew. Open to everyone in our community, come along and catch up with others.
- **Sunday 17th December, 9.30am** - Communion with Rev Pamela Soult
- **Tuesday 19th December, 7pm for 7.30pm start** - Carol Party.
- **Sunday 24th December, 4pm** - Crib Service with Rev Phillip Howson.
- **Sunday 31st December, 10.45am** - Benefice group service with Rev Phillip Howson.

## Spaldwick Primary School

The Autumn term is flying by and with Christmas on the horizon, Spaldwick Primary School is beginning to get a festive buzz! Our reception class and KS1 are working hard putting together the nativity which is, as always, set to be a wonderful performance.

The children have enjoyed swimming lessons this term, football fixtures at Kimbolton Prep School, and Spaldwick Primary has run interactive Maths mornings with parents invited along to share in a range of maths activities with the children, this was a huge success!

The whole school enjoyed a 'Positive Noticing day' where adults and children shared and recognised the positive things that children were doing. It was great to see the children being recognised for their positive interactions.

We wish all of our children, families and community a very happy and peaceful Christmas and can't wait to embrace new learning opportunities at Spaldwick School in January 2024.

For information on current vacancies at Spaldwick Primary School, please visit: [www.acesacademies.co.uk](http://www.acesacademies.co.uk)

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## Halloween fun in Spaldwick



Above are a couple of creations from Spaldwick School's Forest School, where 26 pumpkins were carved. The village's "Mystery Crafter" also did another excellent job in October, decorating the Ferriman Road post box!

Well done to Veronica and Misha for their brilliant Halloween creations/pumpkin heads! (pictured left).

## Spaldwick resident writes Anon



Spaldwickians,

It is the season of goodwill as I write to you as a long-standing member of your community. Historically we have been a wonderful team of Spaldwick Residents with outsiders seeing us gather socially in wide ranging groups at the church, school, garage, pub and in the streets.

Social events used to be run regularly and great village fundraisers have been well supported. Some of this teamwork has been dwindling, committees in the village are less supported and will benefit from refreshed energy. Events need volunteers to plan and lots of attendees to enjoy, so they can continue.

With 2024 soon to arrive it would be beneficial to all if you could become involved in your community, meet some amazing people, and feel good about giving a few hours to keep Spaldwick great. There are many committees that need extra volunteers and/or support to hear your views and needs, to enable more good to happen.

People's actions within the community during Covid brought out the very best of us, let us make this a part of our 2024.

Become involved in social events, music concerts, barn dances, quiz nights and fetes or have your say in developments within our village, the Church and Common Ground, community ideas and the Parish Council.

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- **CYBERHOOD WATCH STICKERS** - Please place one of the enclosed stickers (provided by our Parish Council) in your window, as a reminder to beware of cybercrime.

Lots of information is available at: [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk)

- **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR WATCH by signing up here:** [members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join](http://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join)  
I would like to increase the number of Spaldwick residents in the scheme.

- **Reporting a crime:**

- If it's an emergency and the crime is still taking place, call 999 and ask for the police.

- If it's not an emergency, do not call 999. This doesn't mean the crime is not important – it just helps the police make best use of their resources. Consider calling **101** instead.

#### Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club - by Andrew Vickers

The club hosted Gransden in the final friendly match of the year.

A good start was made when the opening match was won by nine shots. A narrow loss followed, before two hard fought victories. At the interval, we held a lead of 12 shots. Maybe we enjoyed the refreshments too much - losing the first three games after the break, our lead was down to 5.

The first end of the final match was going to be crucial: the 4 shots we scored seemed to settle any nerves and stopped our opponent's comeback. The match ended as it started with another comfortable success, resulting in a 40-21 victory.

Despite having only eight members, which is the smallest of all the local clubs, we remained unbeaten at home and only lost three of the nine matches played this year.

In the next couple of weeks, members will be competing in singles and pairs competitions; as in previous, these games are expected to be close encounters.

Hopefully the insight into Spaldwick Bowls Club has been interesting. If anyone is looking for a new challenge in 2024, then come and try this leisurely, easy paced game. No previous experience is required and free no obligation taster sessions are available. Bring a friend and test yourself against others!

## SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for December/January:

Grey	5th Dec	16th Dec	3rd Jan	16th Jan
Blue	11th Dec	22nd Dec	9th Jan	23rd Jan
Green	13th Dec	28th Dec	11th Jan	25th Jan

The Mobile Library visits Spaldwick and Stow Longa on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Round H10)

Spaldwick : High Street 10.45am to 11.05am  
Stow Longa : The Green 11.15am to 11.45am



# Christmas Holiday Club



All 2-11 year olds are welcome with breakfast and snacks included.  
Don't forget to reserve your place!



	Morning activity	Afternoon activity
<b>Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Baubles and Tree Decorations	Wreath Making
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Cookies	Christmas Cards
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	Making and Decorating Biscuits	Thank You Cards
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	New Year Slime	Fruit Kebabs
<b>Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Back to School	

9am-5pm £35 or £5 per hour with min 3 hours bookable.  
8-9am & 5-6pm subject to availability at £5 each.

Email: [playtimesoffice@gmail.com](mailto:playtimesoffice@gmail.com) or call 01480 890077 to book your place

Activities and events subject to change. Many other activities will also be available throughout the day.

## Friends of Spaldwick School

Friends of Spaldwick School are very excited to announce our new big fundraising project...A BIKE TRACK!

The track will be designed to teach our young children (early years and KS1) vital knowledge about road awareness and safety as well as give them a fun area to play where gross motor skills and core strength can be improved.



Every £1 donated gets us closer to our goal, so we would be VERY grateful for any kind donation you are able to give in support, however small. Please remember, if you pay income tax, by adding Gift Aid to your donation we will receive an extra 20p for every £1 donated:

[www.gofundme.com/spaldwick-school-early-years-bike-track](http://www.gofundme.com/spaldwick-school-early-years-bike-track)

We would also be very grateful if you could help spread the word to any family, friends or local businesses you feel might help us on our quest.

We are aware £10K is a BIG total to try and raise but TOGETHER we can do this and provide a FANTASTIC new opportunity for our children and our wonderful school. Thank you so much for your support.

## Spaldwick Allotments

As Spaldwick's Allotmenters prepare for the 2024 growing season, the Allotment Committee would like to let plot holders know about the opportunity to buy potato and onion seeds at a cheaper rate per kilo than many garden centres.

Cambridgeshire Self Sufficiency Group is hosting 'Potato Day' on Saturday 10th February, 10.30am-1pm (pictured left). They have a wide variety of earlies, second earlies and mains, rather than the large volumes of one variety which you would get in the shops. The event is held at King Edward Community Centre in Chatteris and entry is free.

## Ellington WI - member from Spaldwick welcome!

Ellington Village WI will be meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when our speaker will be from Diamond Hampers, talking about their work providing food and essentials for those in need. Those attending the meeting are asked to bring donations of items for the food hampers. Following our speaker, there will be a Christmas Party with games, carols and refreshments.

Our January meeting is on Tuesday 2nd January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when we will be having a games evening with refreshments. Our WI also has a book club, walking group and craft sessions. The meetings are open to visitors at a charge of £5, to include a raffle ticket and refreshments and, if you would like to join the WI there is an annual subscription.

On the first Wednesday of the month (6th December and 3rd January), we will be hosting a coffee morning from 10am-12pm in the Village Hall. This is open to the public and we welcome those from neighbouring villages.

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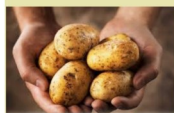


# POTATO DAY

**10th February 2024 10.30am-1pm**

Over 30 varieties of seed potatoes for sale  
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Also onion sets and shallots.  
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