

Village Events:

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:: **FOSS Christmas Fayre** - Friday 2nd December, 3.40 - 5.15pm, Spaldwick Primary School. Entry is free and open to all!

:: **Spaldwick's Santa Sleigh** - Sunday 18th December from 4.30pm.

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SPALDWICK
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Spaldwick's Santa Sleigh: SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

A collection will be made in aid of Ovarian cancer charities



Santa will be arriving in Spaldwick on Sunday, 18th December.

His sleigh will travel around the village from 4.30pm, 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).*

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

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SPALDWICK CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY

Traditional Carols with entertainment from local artists.

Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm
(doors open 7pm)

St James Church, Spaldwick, PE28 OUH

£7.50 per person
(to include mulled wine & mince pie)

Primary school aged children go free with refreshments provided



Tickets available on the door

For more information, to enquire about performing or to buy tickets in advance, please contact spaldwickbells@gmail.com or any member of the PCC below:

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Friday 2nd December
3:40-5:15pm, Spaldwick School.
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Huntingdonshire Ramblers enjoy Spaldwick's views



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are a number of walking groups in the area, from small informal groups to planned programmes.

Of the latter, Wellbeing Walks (run by Huntingdonshire District Council) organises outings on weekdays which mostly cover 3 to 4 miles and last approximately 1 hour. Walks are free to join. Pre-booking is encouraged but not required. Further details can be found on the District Council website at: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/wellbeing-walks/

Huntingdonshire Ramblers is part of the national group. Walks typically take place at weekends but many are arranged on weekdays and evenings, particularly in summer. Pictured is one of our recent walks in and around Spaldwick. There is a programme throughout the year offering a variety of routes in the countryside around Huntingdon, across Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area. They are mostly rated leisurely or moderate but the volunteer leaders are always on the lookout for a hill or two to climb.

Distances vary from 4 to 14 miles (7 to 23 km). Booking is not required and the walks listings explain when and where to meet and what to expect. New walkers are welcome to go along and try one or two of the walks for free before taking out Ramblers' membership.

Visit the Hunts Group website at: huntsramblers.org.uk or email huntsramblerpublicity@gmail.com for further information.

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Fri 23 rd Dec	Christmas Cookies	Christmas Cards
Tues 3 rd Jan	Making and Decorating Biscuits	Thank You Cards
Wed 4 th Jan	New Year Slime	Fruit Kebabs
Thu 5 th Jan	Back to School	

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St James Church News - Countdown to Christmas!

This year's Carol Party will be at 7pm on Tuesday 20th December. Tickets are £7.50 (but free for children of primary school age and under). Adult admission includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are available from the PCC (see below).

We can still fit in a few more local acts if you'd like to participate in any way such as singing or playing an instrument, or reading a Christmas-related reading or poem. 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. Please do get in touch asap so we can finalise the timetable.

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.

Services for December

- Sunday 4th December, 9.30am - with Jill Dighton. From 10.15am, we will be serving Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew).
- Sunday 18th December, 9.30am - Communion with Rev Phil Howson.
- Tuesday 20th December, 7.30pm - Carol Party - tickets £7.50.
- Sunday 25 December, 4pm - Crib Service.
- New Year's Day – sorry no Jimmy's today, but we will be back in February.

More info on services in January and at our churches in the parish visit www.kymchurch.org.uk

To get in touch with the PCC, for tickets for the Carol Party, or to let us know you'd like to take part, please email: stjamesspaldwick@aol.com or contact Amba Harbour (07526 382 240), Denise Brown (07789 626 535), Julia Rutherford (01480 890203), Elaine Woolward (01480 890 795) or Sue Appleyard.

Spaldwick Remembers - photos by Keren Pope/Spaldwick School



Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Remembrance service on the village green, especially to David Watson for the sound system (although we could have done without the powercut), and The George for kindly providing refreshments.

Separately, Spaldwick Primary School pupils visited the memorial to learn about sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces. While there, they also shared a poem and laid a wreath (pictured left).

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Spaldwick Parish Council

- Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme:** This offers free holiday scheme places. It is available to eligible primary and secondary school children and young people. It runs during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. The next HAF Programme will run between 22nd December 2022 to 3rd January 2023. Registered holiday schemes will offer up to 16 hours of free attendance. They provide a range of fun experiences, a healthy lunch and snacks.

Eligible families include:

- Families receiving income-related free school meals
- Newly arrived refugee families
- Families struggling financially (subject to referral from school)
- Families in receipt of free school meals will receive an e-voucher by email and/or text on Monday 7th November. This will include a booking code.

Please contact The HAF Team to find out how to get a booking code if you meet any of the other criteria above: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

- Families eligible for income-related free school meals may also be able to access:**

- Supermarket Food Vouchers - During all school holidays
- The Household Support Fund – Providing support to people experiencing immediate financial hardship, to pay for food and household energy bills
- Cost of Living Support - Information for parents about help with childcare costs

- Assisted Bin Collection:** An assisted collection is when the council collects your bin from its normal storage place, empties it into the lorry and then returns it to its storage place. They're available to people who can't take their bins out themselves and there is no other person living at the household who is able to help.

For more details, call Huntingdonshire District Council on 01480 388640.

Platinum Jubilee Mugs

Spaldwick Parish Council still has a few commemorative Platinum Jubilee mugs available. They are available for purchase at £5 each.

To purchase a mug, either complete the order form on the Parish Council website - or contact Sharan at: sharan.jackson-rimmer@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk

Spaldwick Primary School Needs Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers to support in our school. We are always trying to find new ways to promote reading and we hope some of the wonderful members of our local community might be able to spare some time to help us.

We are looking for people to listen to children read, people to become mystery readers and someone very special to organise our library and run library sessions for our children. All volunteers will need to complete a DBS check.

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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. You can read more about it here:

ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security

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- Or use Crimestoppers to make a report anonymously by calling 0800 555 111
- By e-mail at HuntsCops@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Article by co-ordinator David Henrick.



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(<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosscambridgeshire/>)

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Blue		13th Dec	27th Dec	10th Jan	24th Jan
Green	1st Dec	15th Dec	29th Dec	12th Jan	26th Jan

Common Ground Project Launched! - by Common Ground Project Team



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday 18th November for the inaugural Common Ground Project event!

60 locals from Spaldwick and surrounding villages gathered for a fun evening of wine, cheese and live music. Becky from Handpicked Wine Box took us on a journey via 8 delicious white and red wines, providing a little history on the wine makers, the regions and the tasting notes. Although it was a chilly November evening the Rosé was a firm crowd favourite! The evening was rounded off with a great set of toe tapping and sing along favourites from the Electric Einstein trio of Eddie Roughsedge, Mark Sturdy and Mark Hunter.



The Common Ground Project is a community led initiative to modernise St James Church and create a multi-use space that broadens the role this beautiful building plays in the village. We're in the process of gaining charitable status for the group, refreshing the architects drawings and submitting plans to the relevant planning authorities. If you'd like to find out more about the project or even join the team, please drop Guy Player a note at hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk. The project team meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, between 7-8pm, at the church and there's an open door for anyone who wants to get involved. As the project progresses and we've got more details to share, we'll be holding regular events to gather feedback from the village with the aim of developing the church into a space that benefits the whole community for many years to come.

It was great to see the church alive again with people catching up, making new acquaintances and comparing opinions on wine, cheese and tunes. If you missed out this time, then not to worry, the team are cooking up the next event which we hope to hold in the next couple of months, and we would love to see you there! Keep an eye out on the Spaldwick Facebook page and Spaldwick News for details.



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