

Dates for your diary:

:: **St James Church Christingle Service:** Sunday 6th February, 9.30am.

:: **Jimmy's Breakfast Club:** Sunday 6th February, 10.15-11.15am - Stroll along to St James for a bacon butty or croissant, and a hot brew to start your day.

:: **Playtimes Spring half-term holiday club:** Monday 14th - Friday 18th February (see page 3).

:: **Spaldwick Runners:** Monday evenings, 7pm.

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SPALDWICK NEWS

New Year Honour for Spaldwick resident Dr Ian Campbell



Congratulations to Dr Ian Campbell, who has been awarded an OBE for Services to Innovation in the New Year Honours list.

Dr Campbell is the former Interim Executive Chair of Innovate UK, having joined as Director for Health and Life Sciences in 2016. He joined LifeArc as Chief Business Officer in 2020.

Ian told Spaldwick News: "I am absolutely delighted and humbled to have been honoured. The number of congratulatory messages have been overwhelming. This recognition owes so much to the endless love, patience and support of my family. I have been privileged to work with magnificently talented colleagues over the years and this award is also a recognition of their endeavours.

I am especially grateful to my former colleagues at Innovate UK, who worked heroically over the initial months of the pandemic to support the innovation ecosystem with £500m of support to SMEs in just over four months, saving several thousand jobs and preserving the innovation ecosystem."

UKRI Chief Executive Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser said: "Many congratulations to Dr Ian Campbell for his thoroughly deserved recognition. He has made outstanding contributions to the research and innovation system through his leadership as interim Executive Chair of Innovate UK, including in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Ian, whose family has lived in Ivy Way for 10 years, is due to have his investiture later this year.

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The visiting Santa Sleigh was a lovely evening for families, in the company of Father Christmas and his helpers! £290 was raised for Hunts Community Cancer Network. A special thank you to Lisa and her band of merry Elves for making this annual visit to Spaldwick possible.

The Spaldwick social group is a registered charity and now down to two active members, which means we are unable to continue putting on great events for the village.

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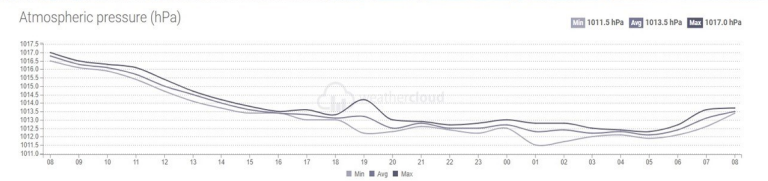
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In recognition of this milestone and to celebrate our rich history we are thrilled to have launched a special-edition logo for 2022 (pictured above).



The above is the Weathercloud plot from our new weather station in Ivy Way. There, at 7.10pm on the evening of Saturday 15th January, is the atmospheric pulse passing over Spaldwick.

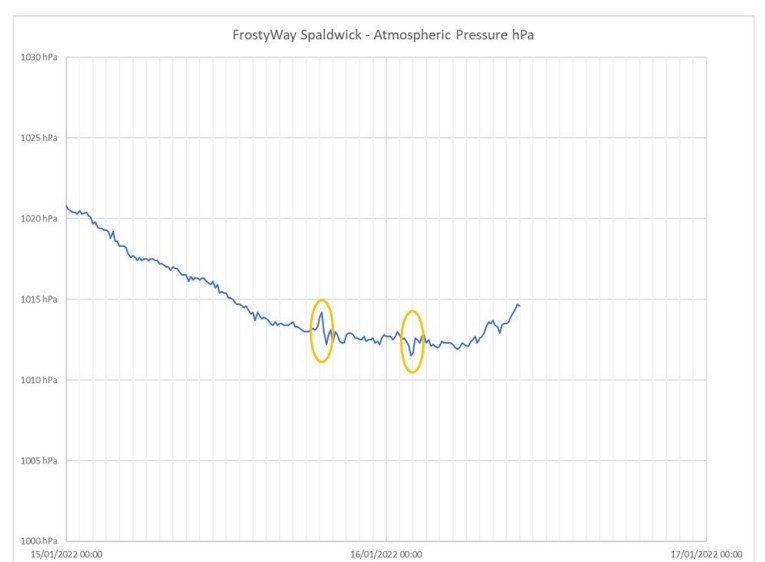
If you imagine a blast wave spreading out in a thin layer of air that is wrapped around a globe, you can conclude two routes to us here in the UK. The shortest begins at Tonga in the South Pacific and runs up over the North Pole and then down across us in the UK. Sure enough, our UK-based weather stations register it to have travelled North to South at around 1080 km/hr. A tad short of the speed of sound.

Theoretically, at around 2am Sunday morning, there would be a second pulse due to the longer path pulse arriving from the South to the North. Well, the averaged data in the above plot doesn't show that. So I downloaded raw data taken at 10 min intervals and plotted that in trusty Excel. And there it is (below), the second and smaller pulse arriving in Spaldwick at around 1.50am on Sunday morning!

Quite why this second pulse shows as a negative pressure pulse across the country is a stretch for my head – concentric ripples on a pond that is wrapped around globe sure are a challenge to think about – and I haven't seen an explanation of that as yet.

Wonderful Science and a great surprise to us than an event on the other side of the world can be recorded on home based equipment here in Spaldwick.

Interested readers can view the data logged by our weather station in Ivy Way on Weathercloud.com. Our station name is FrostyWay.



Spring half term holiday club!

A fun-filled week planned for our Spring half term holiday club! Don't forget to reserve your place – all 2-11 year olds welcome.

Salt Dough Valentine Hearts

Heart Origami

Finger print family trees

Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb

Foot-print painting

9.00am – 5.00pm → £30
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Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our village church over the past year. Once again it has been quite a tricky time, but we've been encouraged by the community's support and involvement. We look forward to working more closely with the village as we start the process of consulting about the future use of the church building as an inclusive community space.

Jimmy's breakfast club – Sunday 6 February 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.

Christmas Carol Party – We are sorry that due to covid restrictions, and concern for the safety of our community, meant that we had to cancel our Carol Party in December. We hope that 2022's Carol Party will return bigger and better than ever.

Services for February:

- **Sunday 6th February, 9.30am** - Morning Worship, followed by Jimmy's breakfast.
- **Sunday 20th February, 9.30am** - Spaldwick Parish Communion.

For more information about St James Church events, please email: stjamesspaldwick@aol.com

Christingle Service

Join us on Sunday 6th February, 9.30am to make your own Christingle.

We'll supply the oranges, candles and sweets for this lovely traditional late-Christmas joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share a message of hope.

Bacon butties, croissants and coffee will be served after the service.



Spaldwick Runners

Spaldwick Runners are a social running, walking and chatting group which meets on Monday evenings at 7pm for some gentle exercise for about 30-40 minutes.

We hope to start a Couch to 5k (C25K) course in March.

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

Ellington WI

Ellington WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, with outings or meals out interspersed throughout the year.

Visitors from Spaldwick and surrounding villages are most welcome for £5 - or a yearly membership subscription of £44.

In February, our speaker will be Claire Brooker from the Beauty Academy and in March we will be holding our AGM and supper.

For more information, please contact Ann Bentley, President, at nigel.bentley@btinternet.com or Sue Rice, Secretary, at normanrice@btinternet.com



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Grey	1st Feb	15th Feb	1st March	15th March	29th March
Blue	8th Feb	22nd Feb	8th March	22nd March	
Green	10th Feb	24th Feb	10th March	24th March	

Festive Spaldwick at Night - by David Jones



David Jones took these photos over the Christmas period, while visiting family in Spaldwick. You can see more of his photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for: @jonesysdrone



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