

## Village Events:

**St James Church, Spaldwick: Services** - Sunday 5th, 19th & 24th February. See page 3 for more details.

**Fake News: first gig of 2023** - Saturday 4th February, 8pm. The George, High Street, Spaldwick.

**Easter Activities, run by "The Common Ground" group** - Saturday 25th March, 1-4pm, St James Church, Spaldwick. More details on page 4.

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# SPALDWICK

## NEWS

### The King presents OBE to Spaldwick resident Dr Ian Campbell

Congratulations to Spaldwick resident Dr Ian Campbell, who has been awarded an OBE for Services to Innovation by King Charles at Windsor Castle.

He was joined by his Wife Angela, sisters Myra and Rona, and twin brother Neil, before meeting the King in the Grand Hall.

Ian's described it as "a truly memorable occasion made all the more special by sharing it with those closest to me and remembering my parents and brother, Craig who we have sadly lost."

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

UKRI Chief Executive Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser said: "Dr Ian Campbell has made outstanding contributions to research and innovation systems through his leadership as interim Executive Chair of Innovate UK, including in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic".



### St James Church Carol Party - by Julia Rutherford

After the Covid lockdowns of recent years, it was great to see the return of the Carol Party at St James Church.

Thank you to everyone who supported our party in any way - by purchasing tickets, providing raffles prizes, helping on the night, or most importantly by taking part in the fabulous entertainment.

We can only apologise to those who came along looking forward to a glass or two of mulled wine and to be entertained, who found themselves taking part in David Watson's mini panto - you were all great sports and we applaud you! (Photo courtesy of [harrybrownphoto.com](http://harrybrownphoto.com))



### Spaldwick Santa Sleigh

This year's Spaldwick Santa Sleigh was another resounding success - delivering presents to 90 very happy children in the village, and raising £632.55 for Target Ovarian Cancer.

Many thanks to Santa and his Elves from Spaldwick Social Events for their efforts!



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**Spaldwick acorn branches out!**

An oak tree grown out of a fallen acorn from the grounds of Spaldwick Primary School has been planted within the parkland of the National Trust's Belton House, near Grantham in Lincolnshire.

8-year-old Dylan collected the acorn in 2019 and has nurtured it ever since. Having outgrown numerous pots in the garden, time came for a permanent home to be found.

After making the necessary arrangements, Dylan delivered his oak tree to the rangers at Belton in August 2022, who placed it in quarantine in their tree nursery.

On Saturday 14th January 2023, ranger Sacha arranged a very special tree planting attended by Dylan, parents Heidi & Chris and Dylan's grandparents.



The location means so much to the family, because it's where Chris and Heidi got married in 2011.

Excited Dylan said: "I can't believe my oak tree is planted in the grounds where Mummy and Daddy got married. I'm so happy!"

The tree, which replaces a recently deceased oak, is positioned near the historical Lion Gates, next to two oak trees each estimated to be over 150 years-old, and is protected by rabbit and deer proof fencing.

Belton House was built in the late-1600s by Sir John Brownlow. The stately home is surrounded by formal gardens and a series of avenues, leading to follies within a larger wood park. It was handed to the National Trust in 1984.

**Celebrating the King's Coronation**



Spaldwick Parish Council is in the process of organising a village event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles on Sunday 7th May. More details will follow closer to the date.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact [sharan.jackson-rimmer@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:sharan.jackson-rimmer@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)



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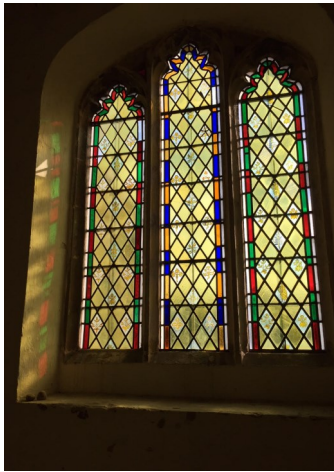


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Services:

- Sunday 5th February, 9.30am - with Jill Dighton. From 10.15am, we will be serving Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew). Due to rising costs in 2023, we will be raising our suggested donation for your butty and cuppa to £3 - still great value.
- Sunday 19th February, 9.30am - Communion and Baptism with Rev Phil Howson.
- Wednesday 22nd February, 7am - Holy Communion and ashing with Rev Phil Howson.



Regular Giving:

Thank you to all those who donate via our parish giving scheme. These regular standing orders, which can start as low as you like, help us to keep the church running in these difficult times of rising costs.

Please get in touch if you would like to find out how you can support the church using this simple, secure and confidential scheme. The church will not know how much you choose to donate, as the scheme is administered by the Diocese of Ely. We just get a payment representing all regular giving donations.

Getting Involved:

We would love to hear from anyone that goes to church who would like to get more involved by considering joining the PCC (Parochial Church Council). This is a friendly and small group of us who meet a few times a year to agree what happens in the church; and to arrange fundraising activities such as the Carol Party, to keep it running.

For more info, email [stjamesspaldwick@aol.com](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.com) or visit the Parish website: [www.kymchurch.org.uk](http://www.kymchurch.org.uk)

Playtimes  
Spaldwick

## Spring Half Term Club

All 2-11 year olds are welcome with breakfast and snacks included.

Don't forget to reserve your place!

February 2023	Morning activity	Afternoon activity
Mon 13th	Pompom Animals	Spring Slime
Tue 14th	Baking Valentines Cookies	Valentines Cards
Wed 15th	Cress Heads	Planting Daffodils
Thur 16th	Bird Feeders	Butterfly Printing
Fri 17th	Bug Hotels	Flower Pot Craft

9am-5pm £30 or £4.50 per hour with min 3 hours bookable.  
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Activities and events subject to change. Many other activities will also be available throughout the day.

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**Playtimes children meet the Police**

Playtimes had a very exciting visit in December, with Cambridgeshire Police stopping off to speak to the children about the day-to-day role of a police officer.

Some of the youngsters also had the chance to look inside the police car and turn the blue lights on!

(Photo: Policing Huntingdonshire)



**Who is Spaldwick's Mystery Knitter?!**

In the weeks before Christmas, a fantastic knitted winter display appeared overnight on top of the postbox in Ferriman Road!

The woollen scene featured a beautifully-crafted snowman, Christmas tree and presents and proved very popular with villagers, both young and old.

As yet, Spaldwick News hasn't learned the identity of the "Mystery Knitter"...whose latest work has now appeared. Take a look when you next walk by!



# WHERE CRAFTERS & EGG HUNTERS FIND COMMON GROUND

A fun filled afternoon of early Easter activities.

Egg painting, basket making, Easter egg hunting and teddy parachuting!

We would love to see you and your families for the afternoon and to share our plans for the Common Ground project.

25th March  
13:00 – 16:00  
St James Church, Spaldwick

**FREE ENTRY**

Please let us know if you can make it:  
[hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk](mailto:hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk)

**Upcoming events at The George, Spaldwick**

A number of events are planned at The George in February, including a pub quiz, live music and Valentine's meal.

- **Saturday 4th February, 8pm - Fake News, First gig of 2023.**

Come along and support this local 5-piece band (pictured right), who are joined by a new member. They will be performing songs from the likes of Oasis, Pulp, Stereophonics, U2, The Killers and Kings of Leon.

- **Monday 6th February, 8pm - Quiz Night.**

The entry fee is £2 per person, with a maximum of 6 people to a team. There will be a CASH PRIZE for the winners!

- **Tuesday 14th February - Valentine's at The George.**

Book now for Valentine's and spoil your loved one with an evening to remember. Love Songs will be performed by Ellen, from 7-9pm.







Christmas was a busy fundraising time for Friends of Spaldwick School (FOSS).

Not only did the children's Christmas Disco raise more than £350 for the school, lots of fun was had at the busy Christmas Fayre, to which villagers were also invited.

Craft, food and toy stalls were complemented by games and the ever-popular Santa's Grotto.

FOSS said: "Special thanks to all the staff and parents who gave up their time to help run and organise the event. We simply could not have done it without you!"

Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by coordinator David Henrick

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system will be live early this year, and you should receive a test message. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.

It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding. Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

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Reporting a crime:

If you are unlucky and have been a victim of crime you can report it in several ways:

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- If it's not an emergency, do not call 999. This doesn't mean the crime is not important – it just helps the police to make the best use of their resources. Many police forces use the 101 non-emergency number, so you can ring that number instead.
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Green	9th Feb	23rd Feb	9th Mar	23rd Mar

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Spaldwick Community Room.

Refreshments available.

Come and join us for an informative evening with Mick Matthews, Chairperson for Cambridgeshire Self-Sufficiency Group who is giving a talk on:

## Sustainable Allotments

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Ellington WI will be meeting on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Our speaker this month will be giving us anecdotes and stories taken from the diaries of a World War II RAF pilot. In March, we will be having our AGM where we elect the new committee and outline the year's programme of events before enjoying a lovely supper.

Visitors from Spaldwick are very welcome, with no obligation to join the WI at your first visit.



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

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

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## Enjoy local walks around Spaldwick

With Spring on its way, you might be thinking about finding new and interesting walks. Walking in Cambridgeshire ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cambridge](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cambridge)) has lots of local routes to download and print out for free, ranging from 1/2 to 12 miles long.



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