

## Dates for your diary:

**St James Church Community Festival:** Events and activities on 24th & 25th July (see page 3)

**Harvest Festival:** Sunday 26th September, 11am harvest service - followed by Ploughman's lunch.

**Spaldwick Parish Council:** Meetings held monthly. Contact the Parish Council for details if you wish to attend: clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com

**Spaldwick Runners** - Meet on the Village Green, Monday evenings at 7.30pm

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# SPALDWICK NEWS

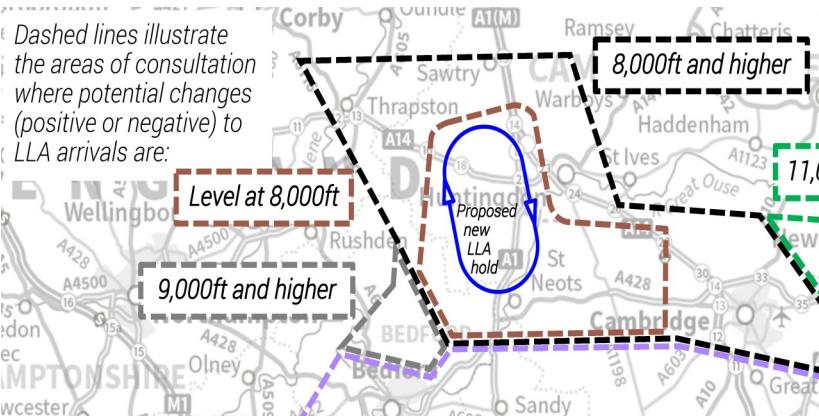
## Luton Airport 'hold area' consultation - and its impact on Spaldwick

Nearly 2,500 people and organisations have responded to a consultation on the future of flight paths into London Luton Airport.

The aim is to simplify the arrival routes for flights and segregate them from Stansted's, to improve safety.

Since the plans were revealed, concerns have been raised locally over the noise impact of a new hold area, which would pass over Spaldwick, Huntingdon, Alconbury and St Neots (pictured below).

Dashed lines illustrate the areas of consultation where potential changes (positive or negative) to LLA arrivals are:



Air traffic control provider NATS is now reviewing the feedback to help shape the final design.

The next step is to complete a final design report, and subject to Civil Aviation Authority regulatory approval, the proposal is planned for implementation no earlier than February 2022.

More than 11,000 people visited a virtual exhibition during the consultation period and 10 live interactive broadcast webinars were held for the public to ask questions directly to subject matter experts.

Neil Thompson, Operations Director at London Luton Airport, said: "We believe that the digital consultation resulted in greater engagement than would have been possible with more traditional methods, such as town hall meetings".

Neil continued: "Over 2,400 people and organisations were able to express their views and input into the proposal, which will duly influence the final design; and which we believe will prioritise safety as well as balancing the needs of the community and the environment".

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Spaldwick School is now a local drop off point for a number of recycled items.

This means residents can do their bit for the environment, whilst raising money for 'Friends of Spaldwick School' at the same time.

There are 3 collection bins for the items pictured on this page - including tumble dryer sheets, electric toothbrush heads and dental floss containers.

**The drop-off points are at the far right of the school, at the back of the staff carpark.**

Please collect as much as you can and do your bit for the planet.

If you have mobility issues and would like someone to collect your items, please call Lisa on 07769 646131.

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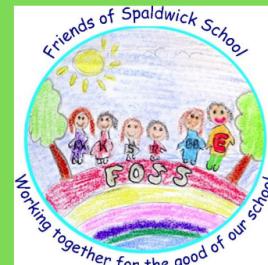
Electric flosser nozzles

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## St James Spaldwick

Here is a list of the summer festivals which are taking place locally in July and August. You are welcome at all these events but we'd particularly love to see you at our own St James Community Festival on 24th and 25th July.

Sunday 4th July - 10.45am, Easton

Sunday 11th July - 10.45am, Kimbolton

Sunday 18th July - 11am, Tilbrook

### Sunday 25th July – Community Festival: 9.30am Communion, then 10.45am all age service

Sunday 1st August - 10.45am, Covington

Sunday 15th August - 10.45am, Barham

Sunday 22nd August - 10.45am, Stow Longa



### Dates for your diary:

#### Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th July – celebrating St James' day with a Community festival

Saturday - traditional mini village fete with BBQ, stalls and fun family activities. Get in touch if you would like to have a stall, or be involved – the more the merrier!

Sunday - 10.45am Summer Festival all age post-lockdown celebration service for villagers and families, followed by Strawberries and Cream and/or bring your own picnic for a lazy Sunday afternoon. Relax to music on the church lawn and catching up with friends, giving us all the opportunity to socialise again.

**Jimmy's breakfast club** – first Sunday in the month - starting on Sunday 1st August (then 5th September and 3 October). 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.

**Harvest Festival - Sunday 26th September, 11am:** Harvest service followed by traditional Ploughman's lunch.

**Blue in the pews – NEW DATE: 16th October, 7.30pm.** Now featuring Jeff Rich drummer from Status Quo (with Vocals - bluesy songstress Stella Hensley, Guitar - Chris Newman, Bass - Sam Roberts and Keys - Colin Hazel). Tickets purchased for our postponed event will be carried over to this event. Tickets will be available from 24th July priced at £12/person.

**29th October - Light party 5.30pm:** Join us for games and refreshments, all children welcome (accompanied by parent/carer), to join our pre-halloween celebration.

**Wine tasting – back by public demand!** Beat the Christmas rush by joining us on 19th November.

### Communion at Home

The vicar is able to offer communion at home to those not able to attend church. So if you or someone you know is continuing to shield, please get in touch.

### To contact Rector Rev Philip Howson:

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### St James Church - Bells News

This month the chimes were rung out for an anniversary for Kim and Paul Hall - congratulations!

**Weekly Practices:** Six nominated ringers are now allowed to ring full circle for a 45min practice, with masks and all Covid security in place. Spaldwick was hoping to get 6 ringers together for their first full circle ringing on the big bells (not the chimes) on Wednesday 21st June.

**Ellacombe Bicentenary Celebrations:** Speaking of chimes, Ellacombe Chimes as they are properly known, have their Bicentenary on Saturday 26th June. Churches around the world that are equipped with chimes will ring at Noon, local time, starting in New Zealand and working its way round the globe.

Curate Henry Thomas Ellacombe invented the mechanism in 1821 at St Marys Church, Bitton, Gloucestershire, as he was fed up with the competing antics of the local bellringers, thus church wardens took back control of the bells without the need of a team of beer swigging, raucous bell ringers! They did have a bad reputation in the olden days!



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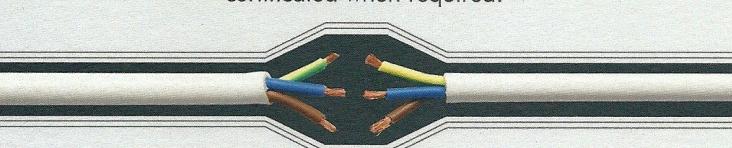
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# Summer Holiday Club!

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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept\***

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**Forest School**

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Baking shortbread	Making sock puppets	Candle light holders	Making fruit salad
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Making stress balls	Nature walk wander	Biscuit decorating	Table tennis games
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Making stick wands	Leaf bracelets	Camp fire fun	Nature rubbings
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp fire songs	Kite construction	Roasting marshmallows	Making stick mobiles



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Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Cooking on a camp fire	Wiggly worm farm	Nature trail	Coloured sand pics
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Den building	Nature art collages	Making mud pies	Trip to the park
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaf printing	Stick raft building	Mud faces	Village walk and explore
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Pebble art creations	Hama bead fun	Peg chicks	Obstacle course
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Salt dough shapes	Ice block building	Races and Games on the field	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Petal perfume potions	Paper puppets	Loo roll robots	Colourful eggs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Petal pictures	DIY watering cans	Insect rings	Hula hoop catch & race
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Story stones	Pom pom making	Mermaid spoons	String butterflies
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Colourful tile painting	Door sign designs	CD dream catchers	Catapult creations
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Plate painting	Straw blow painting	Window art fun	Sock bubble snakes
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Slime	Grassy head figures	Peg planes	Dream catcher
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Spray painting fun	Spring paper flowers	T-shirt designing	Table football
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Rice cake owls	Bingo fun	Fruit & choc kebabs	Tennis & ball skills
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Cheese straw baking	Snooker/ Pool skills	Ping Pong practice	Water play splash
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Rainbow cakes	Cake decorating	Make a butterfly	Loom band competition

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## Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by coordinator David Henrick

Scams (a slang term for personal fraud) are crimes where the perpetrator tries to swindle the victim out of money, or out of personal information with a view to stealing their money later.

Almost 500,000 cases of consumer fraud were recorded in the UK over the last 13 months with a reported loss of £2.5 billion. Scammers are becoming more sophisticated and using a wide range of platforms, so more and more people are being caught out – especially via online shopping, personal banking, and investment fraud scams.

As lockdown eases, ticket and holiday fraud are now particularly prevalent. Another recent scam sees victims contacted via email and/or text after receiving the Covid-19 vaccine and being asked to take a fake post-vaccine survey with the promise of a cash prize. There's also been a significant increase in delivery company branded 'smishing' (SMS fraud), with scammers asking customers to click a link to reschedule deliveries or pay incomplete shipping charges.

### Don't become a scam victim!

**ALWAYS REMEMBER: IF SOMETHING SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT USUALLY IS** - Never respond to emails, text messages, letters or social media that look suspicious, or that have bad spelling or grammar.

- A genuine bank will never contact you out of the blue asking for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. If you receive a message like this, report it.
- If you are even a tiny bit suspicious, check with someone else before responding to the communication. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected text or email.
- Make sure you use strong passwords on all your online accounts and change them often.
- Always have anti-virus software and a firewall installed on your computer and update all software as soon as new versions become available

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**A big "thank you" to Spaldwick School's green-fingered hero!**

Spaldwick Primary School's teachers say they're really grateful for the recent support and kind help of a resident, who voluntarily cut the hedges along the front of the site – thank you from the village too!

 Spaldwick Community Primary Sc...  
@SpaldwickPrima1

I've just arrived at school and found one of the FABULOUS Spaldwick residents cutting the hedges along the front of school, such a kind thing to do. Thank you 😊

School staff are benefiting from a new mental health "wellbeing area" where they can sit and reflect.

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## Spaldwick Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee would like to ensure that any newcomers to the village are aware of the history and subsequent activities of the village hall committee as well as to update residents who are following its progress.

The Village Hall committee was formed in 1980 when there was a consensus to sell the village hall which was, at that time, not considered fit for purpose. The funds gained from the sale of the hall was held in a bank account and a group of trustees was formed as an administration body according to the conveyance and trust deed set out at that time (a copy is available on the website). The Village Hall committee is registered with the Charity commission and files returns annually.



The Village Hall Committee do not have control over the funds or how they are spent, they are merely the Trustees of the funds, and the village decides on how to use them and for many years they were trying to find some land on which to build a village hall. This was proven impossible and now the funds are insufficient to sustain this ambition and the Spaldwick residents have acknowledged that a village hall is no longer required or feasible.

Should anyone wish to make suggestions, enquire about joining the committee or ask any questions, please email [villagehall@spaldwick.com](mailto:villagehall@spaldwick.com).

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to schedule an AGM since the cancellation on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 due to COVID restrictions, however the committee resumed meetings recently to see how we could progress the investment of the funds as agreed at the AGM in 2019. Concern was raised recently by the treasurer about the decreasing interest rates, depreciating the funds in real terms.

We are now in discussion with Brewin Dolphin (their charity division) and we hope to have secured investment of the monies very soon. The monies will still be available to withdraw if the need arises.

We trust this is in accordance with the village wishes (as recorded in the last AGM minutes) and we look forward to seeing as many residents as possible whenever the restrictions allow us to meet again.

### Auctioneers toast successful day at Spaldwick farm

Auctioneers from Brown & Co are celebrating a "fantastic day" during a modern farm machinery dispersal sale at Upthorpe Farm in Spaldwick.



Top lots at the auction on 10th June included a 2011 John Deere 8245R tractor which went under the hammer at £68,400!



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## Spaldwick Parish Council

Spaldwick's Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 6th May by video conference, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Attending the meeting were: Chairman S Fane de Salis, S Jackson-Rimmer, S Parfrey, W Burcham, S. Cardwell (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Here is some of what was discussed, based on the draft minutes:

- Cllr S Fane de Salis was elected as Chairman, before signing the "acceptance of office".  
The election of a Vice Chairman was deferred.

### Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc.

- Funding for signs to prevent motorcyclists using byways during winter months - there was an error in the information provided by Cambridgeshire County Council, which means motorcycles are not in fact banned.
- MVAS Flashing Speed Sign - It was discussed that no other Councils have previously opted for the moveable post and socket system, so Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed that should costings not be available, fixed post costings be sourced instead.
- Speedwatch - Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer updated the Council to say that she will organise a refresher course for Speedwatch volunteers and that additional people will be required to support the scheme.
- Parking issues near the George, raised by residents - It was discussed that there are marquees in the carpark currently due to government restrictions; meaning more people are parking in the road. The Parish Council will monitor the situation as restrictions ease.

### Community Room

The Clerk advised that the Community Room had been cleaned in preparation for polling day, hire agreements for users were updated and the insurers advised of re-opening.

Following discussions regarding additional PPE needed in case of extra cleaning should a Covid case be linked to the venue, Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed the purchase of latex-free gloves, a visor, surgical masks and plastic aprons.



### Village Defibrillator

Cllr S Parfrey updated the Council to say that the funding request was being discussed. The George would be happy to host the defibrillator provided that any conservation requirements can be met.

### Mobile Post Office

Cllr S Parfrey confirmed that Royal Mail have acknowledged the application of a mobile post office coming to Spaldwick, and the request will be considered.

Full minutes of this and previous Parish Council meetings can be viewed at:  
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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for July/August 2021:

Grey	31st Aug	6th July	20th July	3rd Aug	17th Aug
Blue		13th July	27th July	10th Aug	24th Aug
Green	1st July	15th July	29th July	12th Aug	26th Aug

### Speedwatch Volunteers Needed - by Sharan Jackson-Rimmer

On Wednesday 26th May, between 8-9am, myself and two volunteers carried out a Speedwatch session on the High Street.

We monitored 191 vehicles and found 6 to be exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Depending upon our availability we hope to hold more sessions.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please email me at:  
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### Spaldwick Runners

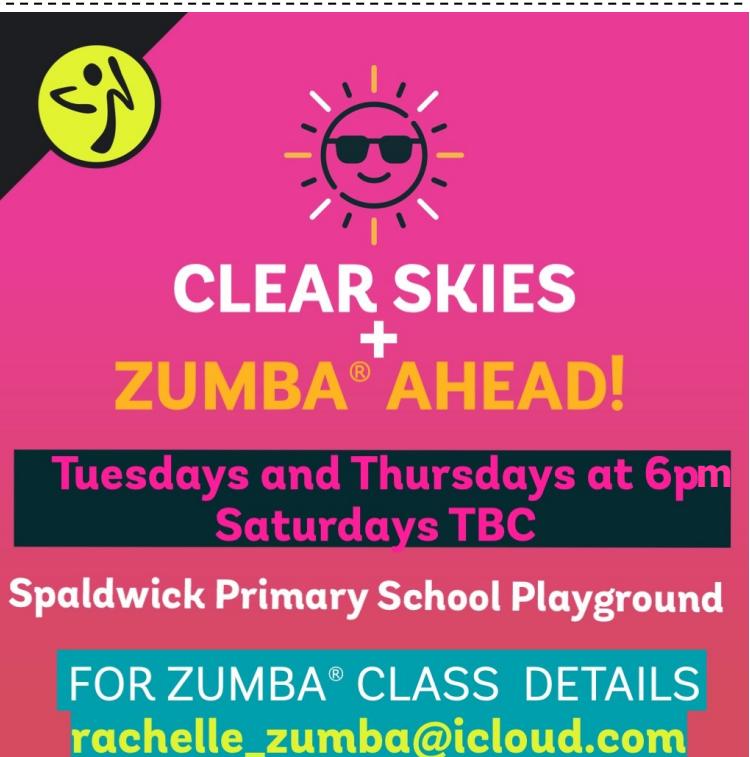
The Spaldwick Runners meet on the Village Green on Monday evenings at 7.30pm for a gentle 30 minute run and chat.

All abilities are welcome and we will run regular C25K sessions for those new to running. We sometimes head to The George afterwards!

### Ellington WI - Spaldwick residents welcome!

Ellington WI is having a barbecue on Tuesday 6th July at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

In August we hope to be going to Carriages for a cream tea or, failing that, a DIY cream tea in the grounds of Burleigh House. Spaldwick residents are welcome to join us as a visitor, to see if they would like to join the WI.



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