

## Dates for your diary:

**St James Church:** Services are on 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th June - see page 3 for details.

**Community Festival:** St James Church is planning a programme of events and activities on 24th & 25th July.

**Spaldwick Parish Council:** Meetings are held monthly. Contact the Parish Council for details: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com)

**Community Room Cleaner Needed:** See page 5.

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# SPALDWICK NEWS

## Community Festival celebrations for St James Day

Much is being planned by the church to get the village together and celebrate St James Day in Spaldwick.

**Saturday 24th July** - 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 25th July** - 10.45am: Summer Festival all age post-lockdown celebration service for villagers and families, followed by "bring your own picnic" for a lazy Sunday afternoon; relaxing to music on the church lawn and catching up with friends.

See page 3 for more details about upcoming events organised by St James Church.

## Spaldwick Community Room reopens



The Spaldwick Community room is back! It is a self-contained facility that is attached to Spaldwick Community Primary School.

The Community Room is a large heated carpeted room, with kitchen, disabled toilet, and access via a ramp - ideal for clubs and meetings (subject to current Covid-19 restrictions).

Availability is from 8am to 11pm, 7 days a week.

### Hire:

- £2.50 per Hour for Spaldwick Residents and Groups
- £5.00 per Hour for others

### Booking:

Please check the calendar at [www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk) - if there is availability please contact the Parish Council Clerk to make a booking: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com)

## ST JAMES Community Festival

### 24 & 25 July - fun for all

Saturday	Sunday
12 noon - 3 pm	9:30 am
BBQ, beer and cake stall	Communion
Children's fancy dress & race	10:45 am Summer Festival all age celebration service for villagers and families followed by music and picnic social get together on the church lawn!
Wonky veg competition	
Traditional side stalls: face painting, wine/water, bat the rat, candyfloss & coconut shy	
Independent stalls:	
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The term at Spaldwick School started with first aid training for staff and ended with first aid training for our children. Our PTA, FOSS, paid for all the children in year 5 and 6 to receive a full day of training, in recognition of the importance of equipping all children with the life skills to help themselves and others.

Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick



Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

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- 3. SEARCHABLE** (to support quicker recovery if they go missing keep them microchipped, tagged and up to date photos)

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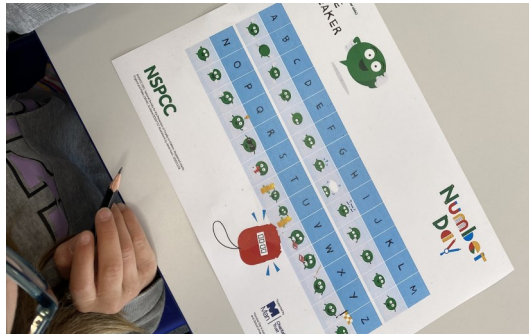


We have also taken full advantage of the opportunity to be outside. The whole school took part in, 'England Does the Daily Mile', children have joined in with lots of after school clubs and our youngest children have had great fun on the balance bikes.

It has been an absolute pleasure watching the children joining in with activities outside of the classroom.

NSPCC benefits from Number Day

Children and staff at Spaldwick School had a fantastic day completing lots of number activities and games. £108.80 was raised for the NSPCC charity.



Bag 2 School clothing collection

A massive pile of clothes have been donated by local residents and families, to help boost funds for Spaldwick School.

The Bag 2 School collection was successfully organised by FOSS for the end of May.

The bags have now gone off to be weighed, before we find out how much has been raised.





## St James Spaldwick

Here is a list of services taking place here in the village in June, and 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.

### Spaldwick:

- Sunday 6th June, 9.30am - Morning Worship
- Sunday 13th June - no service
- Sunday 20th June, 9.30am - Parish Communion
- Sunday 27th June, 4pm - Family worship

### Summer Festivals around the villages:

- Sunday 4th July, 10.45am - Easton
- Sunday 11th July, 10.45am - Kimbolton
- Sunday 18th July, 11am - Tilbrook
- Sunday 25th July, St James' 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:

- Sunday 1st August, Jimmy's breakfast club – 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. We plan to hold these on the first Sunday of every month and look forward to seeing you.
- Watch out for wine tasting, concerts in the church/grounds, jumble sale, Children's light party and harvest festival.

### Bells in memory:

In May, we had two sets of Commemorative Bells which you may have heard pealing out across the village. The first was a Birthday Compliment on 17th May for Brian Appleyard. The next day, an Anniversary Compliment was rung for Mr & Mrs John Hutton in celebration of 25 years.

Traditional short peals are available to mark your own special occasions (in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary) for a donation of £10 – get in touch for more details by emailing: [spaldwickbells@gmail.com](mailto:spaldwickbells@gmail.com).

We'd also like to hear from you if you are a lapsed ringer who would like to join us.

### Communion at Home:

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

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**Spaldwick Allotments - Looking ahead to warmer and drier weather, by Carmen Martos**

May has been unusually colder and wetter than normal, delaying the planting out of seedlings but encouraging a multitude of weeds to grow. One suggestion to weaken a plant (usually a weed) according to the ideology of lunar planting (a concept stemming back to the ancient Egyptians and Babylonians to grow plants according to the cycles of the waning and waxing moon), is to prune a plant during a waxing moon so any sap does not reach the plant's roots, which would make it rise again.

As we (hopefully) look forward to warmer and drier weather, the month of June and in particular Solstice (21 June), considered to be the longest day of the year, marks the beginning of summer. In the vegetable growing community, an old wives' tale, or should I say, an old gardener's tale is that garlic that was planted out on the shortest day of the previous year (20 or 21 December), is ready to be harvested on the longest day of the following year, 21 June.

Strawberry plants are relishing this weather, firing off their 'runners' to produce more mini strawberry plants. One only has to see our allotmenters' plots to see that almost every plot has at least one strawberry plant flourishing. Fingers and toes crossed for a bumper year of strawberries.



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One allotmenteer, Lisa, contacted Amey Waste Management (a company committed to supporting communities with its environmental ethos of reducing waste and landfill, recycling more and giving back value from leftover waste) to see if they could supply Spaldwick allotments with soil conditioner. Soil conditioner is just that – dug into our clay soil, it helps break down the clay clods and boosts the nutrient content of the soil before planting.

Not only did Amey Waste Management (literally) deliver, but Dan and Jon, based at Amey, Waterbeach, exceeded expectations – they delivered 14 tonnes of soil conditioner to the allotment site for FREE for all of our allotmenters to use!



A huge thanks to them and also to Lisa for charming them and organising the delivery.



In the last month, Spaldwick Allotments welcomed another three families (at the time of writing) to the site, making a total sum of 26 tended plots. We have two new plots available on a first come basis – a larger plot measuring approx. 14m x 10.6m (£29 per year rent) and a smaller plot measuring approx. 10.3m x 8m (£16 per year rent).

If any resident is interested in renting an allotment plot, please email [spaldwickallotments@gmail.com](mailto:spaldwickallotments@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY ROOM CLEANER NEEDED

Spaldwick Parish Council needs a new cleaner for the Community Room, starting 1st July 2021.

The job is for one hour per week at £10 per hour, on a self employed basis.

Applications can be sent to: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com).



April's meeting was held on Thursday 15th by video conference, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Attending the meeting virtually were: Chairman S Fane de Salis, Vice Chairman G Smith, S Jackson-Rimmer, S Parfrey, W Burcham, County Councillor I Gardener, S. Cardwell (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

The meeting began with the Chairman reading a statement about the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and expressing condolences. This was followed by a one-minute silence.

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

- County Cllr I Gardener updated everyone on the latest Covid figures and to provide details regarding the meeting to discuss safety of the A14 junctions, which has resulted in a site visit being arranged.
- M Ager has provided an update regarding the Footpath 16 issue (Stile missing allowing unrestricted entry to A14 East bound carriageway) has been passed to Highways England to investigate and resolve asap.
- Cllr S Fane de Salis confirmed he attended a meeting with Shailesh Vara MP, County Cllr I Gardener and Highways England regarding junction improvements to the A14 near Spaldwick - it was requested that the short slip road on the A14 Westbound be included in the site visits.
- Speedwatch: Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer advised that Speedwatch sessions are now permitted and that there is a new coordinator at Huntingdon Police HQ. Refresher training is to be sourced for Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and two other volunteers; additional volunteers are also needed.
- Local Highway Improvement: Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer has spoken to County Cllr I Gardener. One suggestion was to look at a 20mph speed limit on the roads near the school.
- Councillors discussed the poor condition of speed limit signs in Stow Road - one of the signs is barely legible. The issue has been reported online by Cllr S Fane de Salis to the County Council.
- The Parish Council is waiting for an update on whether the mobile Post Office will add Spaldwick to its rounds - Cllr S Parfrey has contacted Royal Mail Central to see if this is possible.

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for June/July 2021:

Grey		8th June	22nd June
Blue	1st June	15th June	29th June
Green	3rd June	17th June	1st July

A complete list of materials that can be recycled can be found at:

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin)

### Spaldwick Parish Council (Continued from page 5)

- Village Defibrillator: Cllr S Parfrey has spoken to the people who offered to fund the defibrillator. He has also spoken to the landlord of the The George for it to be a potential location.

Following discussions, Cllr S Parfrey has proposed that the pub be put forward as the preferred (central village) location with the Community Room as the alternative. This was seconded by Cllr W Burcham and carried unanimously. Conservation requirements will now need to be investigated in relation to the pub.

The next Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 24th June, 8pm.

It will be held in Spaldwick Community Room, Covid-19 restrictions permitting.



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