

## Dates for your diary:

**St James Church Services for March:** Sunday 6th and Sunday 20th, 9.30am.

**Jimmy's Breakfast Club:** Sunday 6th March & Sunday 3rd April, 10.15-11.15am - Stroll along to St James for a bacon butty or croissant, and a hot brew to start your day.

**Playtimes Easter holiday club:** Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th April (See page 2 for a full list of activities).

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

March 2022



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# SPALDWICK NEWS

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - by Shayne Parfrey, Spaldwick Parish Council

Spaldwick Parish Council will be marking the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a gift of a commemorative mug for all children at Spaldwick Community Primary School (pictured right).

The mugs will also be available for purchase by anyone else in the village, who would like to mark the occasion, at the subsidised price of £5 each.

You can order a mug on the Parish Council website: [www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

There is also the purchase of a commemorative "The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022" bench seat for the village, which will be placed between the trees by the Jubilee plaques near The George.



## How will London Luton Airport's airspace change affect Spaldwick?

London Luton Airport's arrival flightpaths were on track to be changed at the end of February.

A new holding area has been created near the A1-A14 junction at circa 9,000ft over Grafham Water. There are minimal changes from today's flight paths below 5,000ft.

The Civil Aviation Authority says "the holding stack will only be used during the busiest periods or if aircraft are prevented from landing immediately." The aim is to simplify arrival routes for flights into the UK's fifth busiest airport and separate them from Stansted's.

The CAA said: "It will end the current situation where a delay at either airport can also mean a delay for the other as aircraft queue in the same hold."

## JUMBLE SALE Saturday 2 April



**Spaldwick  
Community Room (tbc)**

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- Shopping 2-4pm
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- If it's an emergency and the crime is still taking place, call 999 and ask for the police.
- 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.
- If you have information regarding a crime and don't want to talk to the police, contact Crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111. You will remain 100% anonymous. Always.

**Spaldwick Village Hall Committee AGM**

The Spaldwick Village Hall Committee is due to hold its first in-person AGM since the start of the pandemic next month.

It will be held on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Community room.

An agenda will be available closer to the date.

**Playtimes Spaldwick**

# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!

Lots of EGG-citing activities planned for our Easter holiday club! Don't forget to reserve your place – all 2-11 year olds welcome.

morning		afternoon
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> NATURE LOVERS	Seed Planting	Butterfly Printing
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> BAKE AND COOK	Home made hot cross buns	Easter egg cookies
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> MAD SCIENTISTS	Invisible Ink	Puffy Slime
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> EASTER CRAFTS	Finger print crosses	Easter baskets
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> EASTER CRAFTS	Peg Easter eggs	Footprint chick cards
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> EASTER CRAFTS	Pompom Chicks	Paper daffodils and tulips
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> MAD SCIENTISTS	Lava Lamps	Ink Rainbows
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> MINI EXPLORERS	Forest School Morning – leaf art	Bug Hunt Walk
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> BAKE & COOK	Mini carrot cake cupcakes	Chocolate nests
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> GREAT OUTDOORS	Nature walk	Egg Races

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Jimmy’s Breakfast Club – Sunday 6th March and Sunday 3rd April, 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.

**Community events coming up:** We have a whole host of events for 2022 - full details will be circulated to all homes in the village in due course, but a taster for now:

- 2nd April – Jumble Sale in Spaldwick Community Room, Ferriman Road (tbc): Clothes, quality gifts and children’s toys. Drop off 10am-12 noon, shopping 2-4pm. There will also be tea, coffee and a raffle.
- May to August – Summer garden events: Cream teas, evening drinks and BBQ supper around the village.
- June – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations kick off.
- St James Day celebrations
- September - Dog show
- October – Garage/garden ramble sale

Services for March and April:

- Sunday 6th March and Sunday 3rd April - 9:30am - Morning Worship followed by Jimmy’s Breakfast Club.
- Sunday 20th March and Sunday 17th April - 9:30am, Spaldwick Parish Communion.

Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club

We play every Thursday from 7.30pm-10pm at The Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

The bowls club welcomes anyone who would like to try this fun, friendly and challenging game. No experience is needed. We offer free no obligation taster sessions where you can try the game and meet the members before deciding if you wish to play on a more regular basis.

This year the club will once again be playing home and away friendlies against other local clubs. During these matches refreshments are served, and there is also the chance to win a prize in the raffle.

Throughout the year, members play in singles and doubles competitions with trophies been presented at the club’s annual dinner.

If interested, pop in on a Thursday - or for more details call Andrew on 891201.

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](mailto:stuart@ainsworth.uk.com).

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for March/April 2022:

Grey	1st March	15th March	29th March	12th April	26th April
Blue	8th March	22nd March	5th April	19th April	
Green	10th March	24th March	7th April	21st April	

### Help needed to secure future of Spaldwick Book Exchange



A big thank you to Shirley and Cliff Lansley, who've been taking care of Spaldwick Book Exchange for the last few years.

They're soon off to pastures new and we'll need someone else to pop in occasionally, to keep donations tidy and have a quick wipe/dust around.

The Book Exchange, in the old phone box on the corner of Royston Avenue, opened in September 2017 and has been a well-used facility. It would be a shame if we were to lose it. It's very well stocked with a wide selection of titles for all ages.

If you can spare a few minutes every now and then, please contact [spaldwicknews@gmail.com](mailto:spaldwicknews@gmail.com)

Thank you!

### Calling Burton Way residents

We're also very grateful for the efforts of Shirley and Cliff in delivering Spaldwick News to Burton Way.

If you live on Burton Way/Ferriman Road and wouldn't mind a short monthly walk posting copies to each house on the street, please email [spaldwicknews@gmail.com](mailto:spaldwicknews@gmail.com)

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