

Village Dates:

- :: **Village Quiz** - Friday 15th March, 7-9pm (Community Room)
- :: **Spaldwick Parish Council** - Next meeting: Thursday 21st March (Community Room)
- :: **Easter Picnic Party** - Saturday 30th March (Details TBC)
- :: **Spaldwick Carpet Bowls** - Thursdays, 7.30pm (Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton)

March 2024

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SPALDWICK

NEWS

St James Church News & Activities, by Julia Rutherford on behalf of Spaldwick PCC

We are sad to report that the Horse Chestnut Tree in the southwest corner of the church yard needs to be removed.

Following the removal of a large branch last year, a recent survey has shown the trunk is diseased and the tree is at risk of falling, causing damage to the church yard and/or visitors.

Permissions have been sought and the tree will be removed on 12th March. The brush (finer twigs, etc) will be burnt on 16th March, so don't panic if you see a bit of smoke.

Village Silent Auction

Do you have a skill or item to donate to a village silent auction in aid of St James Church development of the community space?

Please let us know if and what you are able to donate. Here is the auction list so far:

- An evening babysitting in Spaldwick, or a day's dog sitting
- Indian Head massage for you or Reiki (for you, your dog or cat!)
- 2 sacks of well rotten horse manure
- Bottle of Champagne
- 2 Hours gardening
- Half a day's labouring
- Lift to Stanstead Airport for 2/3 people
- Hamper

To get in touch, message our Facebook page or email stjamespaldwick@aol.com
A Village Quiz will be held in the Community Room on Friday 15th March, 7-9pm.

Village Quiz

Tickets are £5 per person; teams of 8 – or just come along and we'll make up teams. They're on sale now, and include soup and a roll; bring your own snacks and drinks. Tea and coffee available.

Email stjamespaldwick@aol.com - or leave a message on 01480 890203.

Easter fun!

Jimmy's Easter breakfast club, Teddy Tower parachute jump and a Silent Auction of Promises are being held on Sunday 7th April, 10.30am-Midday.

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.

Children are invited to make a parachute for teddy and see how far he can fly from the tower.

Find out who won the items in the silent auction.

At the 9.30am service, we will be thanking volunteers from around the village. If anyone would like to suggest people, or groups to be thanked, get in touch with St James Church.



Village Quiz

Community Room Spaldwick School

15 March 7-9pm

£5 per person

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Email stjamespaldwick@aol.com,

messages on 890203,
or see PCC members

Julia Rutherford, Amba Harbour,
Elaine Woolward & Diana Sands

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Opens March 6th midday Closes April 6th midday



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- Bottle of Champagne
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Please let us know if you are able to donate. A full listing will be available on our Facebook page, and in next month's village news. To get in touch message our Facebook page, email stjamespaldwick@aol.com or see the PCC (Julia

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Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick

There is an increase in scam emails and messages. It is important to know how to report these emails/messages.

How to protect yourself from scam emails and texts:

- Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
- Forward suspicious text messages to 7726 (it's free)
- Your provider can find out where the text came from and block or ban the sender
- If you have lost money or provided personal information as a result of a scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to action fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

Stop Scams UK and Global Cyber Alliance have launched the UK-wide 159 call service, which is designed to guarantee consumers a safe route to contacting their banks. 159 works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. It's the number you can trust to get you through to your bank safely and securely, every time. So, if you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details - stop, hang up and call 159 to speak directly to your bank.

Reporting a crime

- 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, so you can ring that number instead.
- 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.



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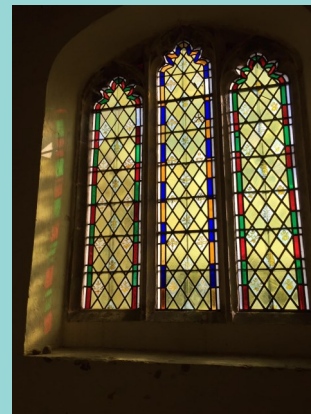
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St James Church Services:

- **Sunday 3rd March, 9.30am** - Morning Service followed by Jimmy's Breakfasts.
- **Sunday 17th March, 9.30am (St Patricks Day)** - Parish Communion.
- **Sunday 7th April, 9.30am** - Morning Worship followed by Easter breakfast club, Teddy Tower parachute jump and Silent Auction of Promises
- **Sunday 21st April, 9.30am** - Spaldwick Parish Communion

For more information about St James Services or any other Church events, please email stjamesspaldwick@aol.com, leave a message on 01480 890203, or see PCC members (Julia Rutherford, Amba Harbour, Elaine Woodward and Diana Sands).



Green Bin Changes



The Green Bin Subscription Charge comes into effect from 1st April, 2024. The cost will be £57.50 per annum. For a second green bin, it will be £30. If you've signed up for the service, you will receive a sticker to pop on your bin.

Residents who aren't subscribed, will still be able to take their garden waste to the Alconbury Household Waste Collection Centre, and dispose of it free of charge.

Spaldwick Parish Council

Richard Johnson - The Parish Council would like to express our thanks to Richard Johnson for all his hard work and support during his time as a Councillor on Spaldwick Parish Council. Richard has been on the parish council for over 30 years, his support has been invaluable.

Councillor Vacancy - The Parish Council has a councillor vacancy. Parish Councillors have a dual role: we represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and through it, to the district, county or unitary authority. We report back to residents on issues affecting the parish. Please contact clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk by 19th March if you would like to be considered for the vacancy.

Annual Meeting - Spaldwick Parish Council will be holding the Spaldwick Annual Parish meeting on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7pm. The meeting is open to the public and any village organisations.

Missing Plaque from Belton Hill Bench - The Belton Hill bench is missing it's plaque; the Parish Council were wondering if anyone knows anything about it? If anyone has any information, could you please email clerk@spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk

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Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for March/April:

Grey		12th March	26th March	9th April
Blue	5th March	19th March	2nd April	16th April
Green	7th March	21st March	4th April	18th April

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

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

Spaldwick Carpet Bowls, by Andrew Vickers

Last year, the club had a successful friendly campaign against other local teams, winning six of the nine matches played and remaining unbeaten at home. These results were even more remarkable considering our small membership.

30 years ago, the club introduced both singles and doubles competition. These, along with a variety of others, have been competed for ever since. Unfortunately, due to a lower than normal attendance level, recently it has meant none of these competitions were competed for.

At this year's AGM, the members committed to ensure that the competitions would continue, along with friendly matches. It was also decided that fees would remain at the current level, Annual membership of £10 and weekly subscriptions of £2.50.

The club has two events planned this year: the annual barbeque will be in late June and the club dinner in October. More news and updates on club activities will follow in the coming months.

Can you help Playtimes with waterproofs?

Do you have any unwanted waterproof all-in-ones that your children have grown out of?

Playtimes would like to provide a new home for them, so that youngsters can be kitted out during wet weather.

Please let them know if you can help by emailing playtimesoffice@gmail.com - or calling the office on 01480 890077. Thank you!

SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS

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Easter Holiday Club

All 2-11 year olds are welcome with breakfast and snacks included.
Don't forget to reserve your place!

2024	Morning activity	Afternoon activity
Tue 2nd April	Planting Seeds	Egg Hunt
Wed 3rd April	Making Pizzas	Invisible Ink
Thu 4th April	Footprint Chicks	Paper Daffodils and Tulips
Fri 5th April	Chocolate Nests	Cress Heads
Mon 8th April	Easter Egg Cookies	Easter Masks
Tue 9th April	Puffy Slime	Butterfly Printing
Wed 10th April	Fruit Kebabs	Nature Walk
Thu 11th April	Ink Rainbows	Bug Bunting
Fri 12th April	Forest School Leaf Art	Forest School Bug Hunt
Mon 15th April	Spring Shortbread	Easter 'Snow' Globes

Open 9am-5pm £35 or £5 per hour with min 3 hours bookable.
Packed lunch available for £1.75. Hot Tea served at 4.30 for an extra £1.75.

Email: playtimesoffice@gmail.com or call **01480 890077** to book your place

Activities and events subject to change. Many other activities will also be available throughout the day.

At Playtimes, we are passionate about empowering our children to become independent learners who have the confidence to explore their environments and embrace everyday challenges with determination. We ensure the children have a caring, stimulating and challenging environment to do so.

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