

Village Events:

St James Church Services - See page 3 for more details, including Spaldwick's Service of Remembrance.

Wine, Cheese & Music Evening - run by "The Common Ground" group, Friday 18th November, St James Church, Spaldwick.

FOSS Christmas Fayre - Friday 2nd December, 3.40 - 5.15pm, Spaldwick Primary School.

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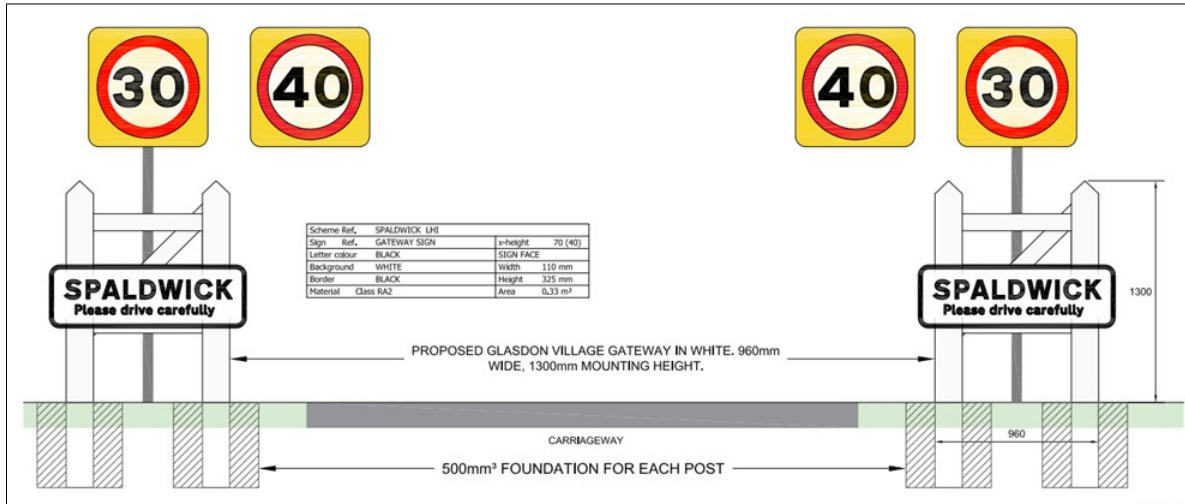
Designs confirmed for Spaldwick's new 40mph Buffer Zone

Designs have been approved for three new 40mph buffer zones, on the approaches into Spaldwick village (pictured right).

They have been made possible by the Parish Council's recent successful bid for funding via the Local Highways Initiative.

All being well, the zones have a completion date for the end of April 2023.

It comes after the introduction of a new speed indicator sign, for traffic approaching the village from the A14, near Ivy Way.



Proud moment for Spaldwick family at HM The Queen's Funeral - by Lisa Haynes

Jacob Haynes grew up in the village of Spaldwick from the age of 3 and attended Spaldwick Primary School. He now lives and works in London and joined the Army Reserves around 18 months ago - balancing his duties as a reservist with a full time job and running his own business.

Jacob (pictured right) is proud of his position as Tpr Haynes in the Honourable Artillery Company, a reserve regiment in the British Army. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was their Captain General from 1952-2022.

The Thursday after the announcement of the death of the Queen, Jacob was called to a meeting and asked if he would be available to be part of the Queen's funeral procession, representing 1 of 24 from his regiment. He was extremely honoured to be chosen and also realised what a huge event this would be. Jacob attended Pirbright barracks on the following Tuesday for a week of training everyday, alongside other British Army regiments and also Commonwealth regiments. On the Thursday evening of that week, training took place all through the night with all military and service personnel in London, practising drill and marching the route to be taken on the day of the funeral.



The Honourable Artillery Company were the only reservist regiment to be part of the funeral procession and were leading the army contingent. Jacob commented that the sight of the flags and crowds down The Mall as they turned the corner was spectacular. There was complete silence other than the sound of the military bands and the very loud artillery guns. He said that at that moment the realisation of being part of something so huge in the history of our country meant there was a lot of pressure to perform perfectly and was also quite overwhelming. However, the drill training took over and having to concentrate so hard marching in reverse arms position meant that you were so focused and duty became the priority.

When the Queen's funeral procession left for Windsor, the military and services stood guard at Wellington Arch for an hour-and-a-half until everyone had left. Jacob said that it took a few hours to get the feeling back in his arms, but it is a time in his life he will never forget and always cherish, very special and such an honour to carry out his duty to Queen Elizabeth II.

SANTA'S VISIT TO SPALDWICK: SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER!



Santa and his Elves will be arriving in Spaldwick on Sunday, 18th December.

His sleigh will visit the High Street; followed by Burton Way, Ferriman Road, Littlecotes and Ivy Way.

There will be stops for children from the village at the Burton Way/Ferriman Road junction and Ivy Way. This will be followed by a sing-along of some well-known carols.

Exact timings will be in the next edition of Spaldwick News!

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Please call the school office on 01480 890371 to book a one-to-one tour.

We look forward to meeting you very soon.

Governors

Do you know anyone who would be interested in joining our governing body? We currently have vacancies, unfortunately we have reached our full quota of parent governors so we are looking people outside of school.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to email lworrell@sps.acesmat.uk or give the office a ring on 01480 890371

Christmas Fayre!

Friday 2nd December

Spaldwick School, 3:40pm - 5:15pm

We need your help!

Book a stall
£10

Each stallholder please provide a gift for our hamper raffle

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Countdown to the Christmas Carol Party:

This year's Carol Party will be on Tuesday 20th December. We are very keen to hear from anyone who would like to participate in any way. If you have any vocal or musical skills, or would like to read a Christmas-related reading or poem please do get in touch. If you have a child who would like to showcase their Christmas talent we'd welcome them, and can give them an earlier slot if they don't want a late night.

Celebration or in memoriam?

If you'd like to donate a bunch of flowers to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or have the church bells rung in your honour, please get in touch with your preferred dates.

Poppies:

Thank you to those of you who have so kindly donated poppies ready for the village Poppy Fountain to mark Remembrance Sunday. More are always welcome, as we'd like to make it bigger and better than last year, so please dig out your crochet hooks and knitting needles, and if you can't knit or crochet, any poppies will do - felt, fabrics. Please contact: stjamespaldwick@aol.com

Services for November

- Sunday 6th November, 9.30am - with Jill Dighton. From 10.15am, we will be serving Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew)
- Sunday 13th November, 10.30am - Join us on the village green for the Service of Remembrance
- Sunday 20th November, 9.30am - Communion with Rev Phil Howson

PCC Contacts: Amba Harbour, Denise Brown, Julia Rutherford (01480 890203), Elaine Woolward, Sue Appleyard.

Email: stjamespaldwick@aol.com

Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club - by Andrew Vickers

As we near the end of the year, the members are now competing in various club competitions. These have been close contests in the past and it is expected that this will be no different this year. The winners will receive their trophies at the club's annual dinner, early in the new year.

At the beginning of October, the club was due to play their final friendly of the year against local rivals Kym Valley, who are based in Great Staughton. Unfortunately, this match, like two others this year, was cancelled, due to a shortage of players. Despite only having eleven members, the club enjoyed a successful campaign, remaining unbeaten at home, winning four, losing two and drawing one of the seven games played.

The club, which was established in the mid 1980s, now has its lowest membership and needs new players. If you have enjoyed reading these updates and are interested, we offer free no obligation taster evenings.

For more information contact Andrew on 01480 891201, or come and meet the members on a Thursday night at the Mandeville Hall Kimbolton, where we play between 7.30 and 10pm.

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Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for November/December 2022:

Grey		8th November	22nd November
Blue	1st November	15th November	29th November
Green	3rd November	17th November	1st December

Welcome to Kerry, Simon & Lacey



Wine, Cheese & Music Evening



The Common Ground hosted Wine, Cheese and Music evening has been rescheduled to Friday 18th November.

Come along and try some new wines, from The Handpicked Wine Box company, and a little cheese. This will be followed by a sing-along to live music from a very talented village trio.

Tickets can be booked via Guy Player:
hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk

Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch

Help your friends, family and neighbours to feel safer in their community and protect themselves against local crime. Anyone in Cambridgeshire can sign up to eCops for free at www.ecops.org.uk

- Operation Hypernova: Tackling county lines exploitation and drug supply - one of the biggest operations Cambridgeshire has ever seen to tackle exploitation and illegal drugs.

Operation Hypernova was launched by Cambridgeshire Police in a bid to make the county hostile towards county lines drug dealers, prevent further exploitation of young and vulnerable people and reduce serious street-based violence.

So far, 44 people have been arrested with 39 of those charged with more than 139 drug and human trafficking offences.

It's been happening on a street near you. Officers carried out more than 15 dawn raids across places including Cambridge, Peterborough, Ramsey, March, Yaxley, Haverhill, Luton and London following weeks of intelligence gathering into those bringing class A drugs into Cambridgeshire and exploiting vulnerable people.

33 county lines have been dismantled with crack cocaine, cocaine, heroin and cannabis worth more than £600,000 seized along with hundreds of thousands of pounds in cash and assets including vehicles, jewellery and clothing.

Several weapons including push daggers and knives have also been seized.

The last month or so has seen a flurry of activity at The George, as the pub was prepared for its grand re-opening under Kerry and Simon.

They have taken over the running of Spaldwick's beloved local, with a grand opening on 15th October.

We wish them all the best for their future in the village and hope that they enjoy every success with the running of their business!



Winter Craft and Gift Fair

St Neots Museum

22nd October - 24th December

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