

## Village Dates:

:: **St James Church Services (November)** - Sunday 5th, 9.30am; Sunday 12th, 10.40am (Remembrance); Sunday 19th, 9.30am. Details on page 3.

:: **Spaldwick Santa Visit** - Sunday, 17th December from 4pm. Route and exact timings to be confirmed in next month's edition.

:: **Spaldwick Carpet Bowls** - Thursdays, 7.30pm - Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

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# SPALDWICK NEWS

## Extra speed awareness measures for Spaldwick

Following on from the installation of new 40mph "buffer zones" on all three approaches to Spaldwick, a new MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) has been installed on Stow Road, close to the junction with Ferriman Road.

This is in addition to the MVAS already in place on the High Street, to help slow traffic coming off the A14; and 30mph stickers on recycling bins for homes on routes where there's a high volume of cars, vans and lorries.

Spaldwick Parish Council, which is responsible for the new sign, said: "We hope this will have some affect on the speed that occurs in this area".

## Planning application for 15 homes submitted for land east of Ivy Way

Another planning application has been submitted - this time for 15 new homes, access and car parking - on the field to the east of Ivy Way. Previous plans for houses on the site have been declined.

You can read the details and comment on the application on the Huntingdonshire District Council website. If you don't have access to the internet, you can view the details, via appointment, at Pathfinder House.

Items which can be taken into account, include highway safety issues, impact on the countryside, parking, trees and landscaping, risk of flooding, smells and impact on listed buildings/conservation area. What can't be taken into account includes loss of a private view, loss of property value, or religious or moral objections.

**Comments must be received by 13th November 2023.**



Right: One of Spaldwick's Squirrels, playing with friends in a tree, at the front of the village primary school.

(Photo courtesy of Kitluen Lee)

## SANTA'S VISIT TO SPALDWICK: SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 4PM!

*Father Christmas has sent a message to say he will be visiting Spaldwick with his Elves on Sunday 17th December from 4pm.*

*Please save the date and look out for more details in next month's newsletter!*

*Best wishes,*

*Spaldwick Social Group*



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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.**

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### Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick

Over a third (39%) of Neighbourhood Watch members in England and Wales believe cybercrime is now more of a threat than community-based crime such as home burglary.

This is based on research carried out on behalf of Cyberhood Watch, a joint initiative between Neighbourhood Watch and Avast.

Avast has teamed up with Neighbourhood Watch to create the UK Cyberhood Watch initiative that will help people in Britain learn more about the cybersecurity risks that exist every time we go online, and discover which regions of the UK are the most at risk.

From phishing to viruses to ransomware, this community-led awareness programme looks at the impact cybercrime can have on our everyday lives, and provides simple tips on the steps we can take to protect ourselves, our friends and family, and our local community.

#### 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.
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Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our food bank collection, which was gratefully received by Godmanchester Foodbank. The charity provides three days' of balanced emergency food and support to local people, who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of food banks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Floral Project, which so kindly leaves vases of flowers on the doorstep of villagers. During our harvest service, the secret flower fairy left these gorgeous vases of flowers (pictured left) inside the porch.

**Christmas Carol Party** - 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 could 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 would 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. If you'd like to help decorate the church for Christmas, we'd love to welcome you along, so just get in touch to find out more.

**Could you help us?** We are a very small church council, so we'd always welcome new members who could spare a little time to help us. Get in touch with any member of the PCC: Amba Harbour - Threeways, The Green, Spaldwick; Denise Brown; Julia Rutherford - 2 High Street (01480 890203) or Elaine Woolward.

Email: [stjamesspaldwick@aol.com](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.com)

#### St James Church - Services in November/December:

- **Sunday 5th November, 9.30am** - Morning Service with Rev Sarah West.  
**10.15-11am** - Jimmy's Breakfasts: Join us for a bacon butty, croissant and hot brew. Open to everyone in our community. Come along and catch up with others.
- **Sunday 12th November, 10.40am** - Join us on the Village Green for a Service of Remembrance.
- **Sunday 19th November, 9.30am** - Communion Service with Rev Pamela Soult.
- **Sunday 3rd December, 9.30am** - Morning Service with Rev Sarah West, followed by **10.15-11am** Jimmy's Breakfasts. Open to everyone.
- **Tuesday 19th December, 7pm for 7.30pm start** - Carol Party.
- **Sunday 24th December, 4pm** - Crib Service with Rev Phillip Howson.
- **Sunday 31st December, 10.45am** - Benefice group service with Rev Phillip Howson.

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for November/December 2023:

Grey		7th Nov	21st Nov	5th Dec
Blue		14th Nov	28th Nov	11th Dec
Green	2nd Nov	16th Nov	30th Nov	13th Dec

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 Parish Council - Footpaths

The Parish Council would like to remind residents to make sure that all footpaths are kept clear.

There are some shrubs and trees that are encroaching/overhanging and are causing issues for pedestrians. So, please check any verges/ boundaries that you are responsible for.

### Ellington WI (Open to members from Spaldwick)

Ellington Village WI will be hosting Martine and her guide dog, Willow, at the November meeting on Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Visitors from Spaldwick are always welcome at a cost of £5 to help towards the hire of the hall and the speaker. This price will include refreshments and a raffle ticket.

On the following morning, Wednesday 8th November, we will be having a coffee morning from 10am-12pm in the hall, which is open to all.

Our meeting in December is on Tuesday 5th December, when our speaker is from Diamond Hampers for those in need. We will also be enjoying some festive food, drink and entertainment.

This will again be followed by a coffee morning on Wednesday 6th December 10am-12pm.

### Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club - by Andrew Vickers

After beating Alconbury at home last month, it was with confidence that the club made the short trip for the return fixture.

The match consisted of 30 ends, with each of the club's teams playing 15 ends. Just like the previous match, this was another close encounter, with our opponents gaining an early slender one-shot lead.

As the match entered its final stages, we had turned the deficit into a two-shot lead. Everything pointed to a close and nervy finish. Alconbury soon drew level and opened up a small lead, with the club hitting back by scoring 11 shots in 3 ends resulting in a 33-26 victory.

We were hoping to continue our good home form when Renhold were due to visit The Mandeville Hall, but unfortunately our opponents had to cancel this match. Our final friendly fixture this year will be a home match against Gransden.



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