

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH November 2012

There is still a steady stream of pedal cycles being stolen in Huntingdon, both in the town and in the residential areas. Many of the bikes are being stolen from people's gardens. In most cases the stolen bikes have been left unlocked. When these crimes are being reported the owners of the bikes are not able to offer good descriptions of the bikes. If we find someone on a suspected stolen bike it is very hard for us to bring offenders to justice unless we can prove the bike is stolen

We need your help to reduce this type of crime so please:

- ◇ Always lock your bike with a good quality lock even if left for a short time to something immovable
- ◇ Lock your bike even if it is in your garden
- ◇ Take a photo of your bike and record the frame number (usually this is stamped underneath the frame) and a description of the bike.
- ◇ Remember the more details we get the more chance you have of getting the bike back and an offender being brought to justice.
- ◇ Finally - It is your bike, please take responsibility for making it hard for the thieves to steal your property.

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STOP PRESS

A burglary happened along Stow Road on 30th October, entry was gained by smashing the kitchen window and various items stolen. A white Transit Van was seen earlier in the day.

Please report any suspicious vehicles hovering around the village.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

November

Fri 2nd	Tues 6th	Tues 13th
Fri 16th	Tues 20th	Tues 27th
Fri 30th	Dec Tues 4th	Tues 11th

SPALDWICK NEWS November 2012



Spaldwick and Barham war dead will be remembered with a wreath laying service at the War Memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 11th November. Stuart Dixon of Fuller's Close has compiled some notes about the men commemorated on the memorial. These can be seen on the village web site, he will also have copies of his booklet with him on Sunday.

100 Club Winners in October

The October winners were £40 No 65 Bob Dearman of Stow Road and £20 No. 36 Bernard Plummer, High Street.



**RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES,
BOOKS AND DVD's TO HELP
RAISE FUNDS FOR SPALDWICK-
SCHOOL**

The next collection is:

Wednesday 7th November 9:00am

Please help us to raise funds for school. Now is the time to have a clear out and ask family and friends too.

As usual we would ask that you use your own bags.

WHAT WE CAN TAKE:

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and DVDs (in separate box / strong bag)

*Please deliver your donations to school
on the morning of 7th November*

*If you are not able to do this please deliver your items to Keren Pope
at 11 Ivy Way before the 7th November or contact Claire on
(01480) 896210 before the 7th November to arrange collection.*

Thank you for all your support

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 OTD
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 OTA
Phone: 890065 email: davidstowell@onetel.com

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Spaldwick School (not in the Community Room which will be in use for an election) on Thursday 15th November commencing at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Local Highway Improvement Scheme

If you would like to recommend a highway measure or improvement that you consider to offer benefit to the local community, please inform the Clerk of your proposal highlighting the benefits that it may provide. Any such proposals will be taken into consideration by the Parish Council in preparing a bid or bids for inclusion in the 2013/14 jointly funded County Council scheme on the understanding that if any bid is successful the Parish Council will pay 10% of the cost.

Winter pavement gritting

Cambridgeshire County Council is looking for volunteers to spread grit on the pavements in or around your street. Equipment and insurance cover will be provided on condition that volunteers are formally trained by them. Instructions on when to treat will be issued on a dedicated website and treatment must be carried out within 24 hours. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for details.

Currently there are bins in Littlecotes Close and Royston Avenue which were provided by the Parish Council. Would you please inform the Clerk if the people in your street wish to have one. Ideally a trained volunteer should spread the grit, so please consider who might be that volunteer.

Speedwatch

In Spaldwick we have 3 volunteers who have been trained to use the Speedwatch equipment which from time to time you will see around the village. In order that sessions can be operated more frequently with a view to driving home the message that the majority wish to see the 30 mph limit observed so that pedestrians and cyclists are safer, two or three more volunteers would be helpful. Please contact David Henrick (896556) or David Stowell (890065) if you are able to help.

Spaldwick Church

November Services

- 4th No Service Sunday Worship at Ellington 9.30am
- 11th 10.00am Eucharist
10.50am Wreath Laying at the War Memorial
- 18th No Service Services at Easton 9.30am, Ellington 11.00am
Deanery Evensong at Godmanchester 6.30pm
With the Bishop of Ely
- 25th 9.30am Eucharist
Jonathan Young (Vicar) 01480 891695
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

CHURCH NEWS The Harvest Supper on 21st October was a great success due not least to David Watson who did the Auction of Produce. With a mixture of mispronunciation, misidentification and misinformation he persuaded the diners to pay £270 for a motley collection of fruit and veg. Thanks also to Steve at The George who provided an excellent meal and contributed to the auction by both giving produce and by buying, locally grown vegetables were on the menu for the following week. In all 66 people attended and £534 was raised for the church. Many thanks also to members of the Gardening Club who served teas and cakes and sold plants in the church on 6th October. This resulted in £400 being given to Church Funds.



There were plenty of treats in store for the youngsters at Escape this month!

The village youth group hosted a special evening with hot chocolate and toasted sandwiches on the menu! Toasties included cheese and ham, chosen by the young people themselves. A big thank you to our helpers Julie Lee and Jane O'Dwyer for making the hot chocolate and toasties! Everyone agreed they were delicious!

Forthcoming attractions!

Plans are now underway for a special cinema evening on Friday December 21. The Youth Committee is putting together a short list of films for others to vote on in the session prior to film night. The Youth Committee has also put forward ideas for an indoor karting event and a trip to Wicksteed Park in the summer. Watch this space for all the news about these exciting activities and more!

Seeing new members for the Youth Committee

The Youth Committee is looking for young people who might be willing to join the committee. George Sturdy produced a flyer to give out at youth club to ask anyone interested to get in touch. Two people have come forward so far. If any other young people are interested, please let George know.

Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who've volunteered so far to help out with the running of the sessions. But we still need more people to help – even if it's just one evening per term. It all helps! If you can, please contact a member of the committee. Thank you. To get in contact, please contact escape@spaldwick.com Thank you!

Late autumn sessions

Youth club dates to the end of the year are on the Spaldwick.com website, dates up to Christmas are:

Friday 9 November - 7-9pm Friday 23 November - 7-9pm Friday 7 December - 7-9pm. Friday 21 December - 7-9pm - Special film night!

Please watch the Spaldwick website at <http://www.spaldwick.com/escape> or follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SpaldwickEscape> for regular news! If we are forced to cancel any sessions at short notice, we will post it on Facebook and the Spaldwick website.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

The Gardening Club had a very successful Coffee Morning/Plant Sale & Raffle on 6 October in the church and we were able to donate £400 which we raised at the event towards the church roof and other improvements.

A very big thank you to all those who gave of their time and considerable talents in producing and selling the teas, donating a vast array of plants and home made goodies, plus the amazing generosity of those who donated raffle prizes. Many, many thanks. We had a good turn-out for the event which was on a lovely Autumn day so we were very lucky with the weather.

Given the wonderful support we received, our Spring 2013 event will be an even bigger affair with plenty of publicity around the village and, weather permitting, we may decide to hold the event on the green.

Early next year the club is planning a trip to Anglesey Abbey to visit the winter gardens at their most beautiful. This will be a real treat for everyone.

The club has also arranged to have our Christmas Dinner for members and partners at The George on Friday 7 December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 November at 18 High Street at 7.30pm where our speaker will be a garden designer who will be giving us some useful tips on garden planning.

The next OPEN HOUSE will be : Monday 26th November 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Ivy House, High Street. Do come along for a chat.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Nov. 6th Save the Children Day
Nov 10th Open School
Nov 11th Remembrance Sunday
Nov 26th Open House
For up-to date news see the village

For items in the News email john@blatch.com

For items on the website email mark.heath@spaldwick.com

Progress with superfast broadband in Spaldwick

Thank you to everyone who has supported, and signed up to, the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign. The 219 registrations (representing over 84% of premises) firmly place Spaldwick in the top three of Cambridgeshire parishes.

If you have not already registered, or if you have a second line in your house, it is not too late to register at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.



Mark Heath has been actively involved in the Connecting Cambridgeshire initiative. This photo was taken at a meeting of Broadband Champions across the county, and Mark is pictured with the Connecting Cambridgeshire project team. Currently, the formal procurement process is underway, with a decision expected from Cambridgeshire County Council in **December 2012**.

We can only hope that Spaldwick, which is served by the Woolley exchange, will be included in the superfast broadband plans. Given that the BT street cabinet in Spaldwick is already equipped with an optical fibre connection from the Woolley exchange and we have demonstrated clear demand, we hope that these will be enough to secure superfast broadband for our village.

Mark continues to be in regular discussion with the Connecting Cambridgeshire project team as well as many Broadband Champions across the county. For those wanting to understand more about superfast broadband developments in Cambridgeshire, Mark has produced the following information page, which is regularly updated:

www.spaldwick.com/superfast-broadband-cambridgeshire



Charity Coffee Morning
And Christmas Card Sale
Tuesday 6th November
10am-1pm
39 High Street Spaldwick
Do come along and support this worthy charity



See page 5 for a short history of Save the Children and come along to give your support on Tuesday

Spaldwick Community Primary School

Admissions, September 2013.

For parents who will have a school aged child in the next academic year
[the child will be five between Sept 1st, 2013 and 31st August, 2014]

We will be holding an 'open school' event on **Saturday 10th November, 10.00am – 11.45am**, during which we hope parents and pupils for admission will come and look around the school. Members of our Pupil Employment Project look forward to showing you round our 'outstanding school.'

Please contact Miss Prior, if you would like further details about this event or Spaldwick School.

www.spaldwickschool.org.uk rprior@spaldwickschool.org.uk

To apply for you child's place in September, you can apply online www.cambridgeshire.go.uk/admissions.

Samaritan's Purse

An easy way to have that warm glow that comes from giving!

See the enclosed leaflet. All you have to do is fill a shoe box with small children's presents and deliver to the School, Chris Saynor 1 Stow Rd. or Amba Harbour, 4 High St. Some unpleasant people have put nasty things in their boxes so please wrap lid and base separately and secure with string or elastic band so that the contents can be checked before distribution. (Put £2.50 in the pocket of the leaflet.) The deadline is now 25th November.

Save The Children - Then and Now

As we are shortly to have a fund raising event on behalf of Save The Children, I thought I'd have a look at the history of the charity and find out what projects they are currently involved in.

I didn't even know that the charity was founded by an Englishwoman, Eglantyne Jebb, (now there's a name to conjure with) as a result of hearing about the plight of children who were on the losing side after the First World War.

After the war ended, the British government kept up a blockade that left children in cities like Berlin and Vienna starving. Tuberculosis and rickets were rife. Amazingly, Eglantyne was arrested in Trafalgar Square and fined for distributing leaflets highlighting the plight of these children. How times have changed!

Eglantyne and her sister Dorothy Buxton decided that direct action was needed as well as campaigning, so The Save the Children Fund was set up at a public meeting in London's Royal Albert Hall in May 1919.

During the decades that have followed, the charity has helped children, initially in the UK and Europe (notably during the Second World War), but then latterly in Africa and Asia who, due to famine, corruption, religious intolerance, war or political recklessness have suffered terrible deprivation.

To add further 'clout' to their efforts, Princess Anne became president of the organisation in 1970 and the first national Save the Children Week was held in 1974.

In 1984 the famine in Ethiopia was headline news. TV coverage of this and other disasters caught public attention. Donations to Save the Children increased and they were able to work more widely around the world. But the news coverage had a damaging effect as well. It perpetuated negative stereotypes of people in developing countries, who were seen as dependent and helpless. This has led in recent years to instances of 'compassion fatigue' where (usually) generous people have felt that perhaps their money isn't doing the good they hoped it would. But better publicity and communication of what terrific work is being carried out by Save The Children during the 1990s and up to the present day has meant the charity has been able to continue to work with deprived children, notably in Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Angola and the Balkans. As recently as last month, the charity launched a new appeal for funds to help children in Syria who have escaped to Jordan and Lebanon, many of them young and unaccompanied - a situation that we cannot begin to imagine.

We do hope you will come and support our small effort to raise funds for Save The Children by attending our Coffee Morning and Christmas Card sale at the home of Maggie Lincoln, 39 High Street, Spaldwick on Tuesday 6th November from 10am to 1pm.

You will be most welcome.

Jean Haines

**To enlarge on last month's list of plastic recyclable items
here are lists for all bins**

GREEN BIN

Garden Waste, Including;

Grass Cuttings & Leaves Untreated Wood & Sawdust Flowers and Weeds

Windfall Prunings from Hedges, Shrubs and Trees Straw

Shredded Paper (providing it's mixed with green waste)

Kitchen Waste including:

Bread Fish Vegetable and Fruit Peelings Meat Bones Dairy Products

All Cooked and Uncooked Food

(food can be wrapped in newspaper to keep odour to a minimum)

NO plastic bags NO other domestic rubbish Nothing that will not rot

BLUE BIN

Glass Bottles and Jars Cans, Tins and Foil Jam Jar Lids Envelopes

Junk Mail and Flyers Cardboard Egg Boxes Biscuit and Sweet tins

Plastic - Bottles, Yoghurt pots, Margarine or spread tubs, Ice cream tubs, Trays from chocolate and biscuit boxes, Trays from meat, vegetables and fruit, Clean plant pots, Bottle tops, lids and triggers,

Sandwich packets, Cream and custard pots, Soup pots, Instant Noodle pots, Tubs for dishwasher and laundry tablets

Newspapers and Magazines Holiday Brochures and Directories

Tetra Packs (milk, juice and squash cartons) Cardboard and Packaging Card

NO black sacks or carrier bags NO clothes, textiles, or shoes

NO paint tins NO broken toys NO batteries NO shredded paper

NO cling film or polystyrene NO polystyrene & plastic egg boxes

NO Food Waste

GREY BIN

Domestic Waste that cannot be recycled, composted, reused or disposed of by other means.

The wheeled bin should not be used for hot ashes, heavy materials or liquids.