

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The dark evenings can provide perfect cover for a sneak-in burglar who spots an open window in an unoccupied room; sees your valuables through open curtains or blinds; or tries their luck with an unlocked door.

The noise and distraction of bonfire celebrations also present an ideal opportunity for thieves to break into homes and each year we remind people to make their home secure and put lights on before heading out - even if they are only holding a display in their own rear garden.

Some simple tips to reduce your home becoming a target -

- * Always lock your doors and accessible windows
- * Use a timer switch to turn lights and radios on to give the impression that some is home
- * Close curtains or blinds after dark so that your valuables cannot be seen from outside
- * Install a burglar alarm and set up before leaving the house
- * Register your valuables for free on the national property register www.immobilise.com so that if your property is lost or stolen and recovered by Police you are more likely to get it back.

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please **call 999**. For all non-emergencies, general enquiries and to report crime please **call 101**.

To give information anonymously, about crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

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November Waste Bin Collection dates

Blue/Green	Grey
Fri 1st	Fri 8th
Fri 15th	Fri 22nd
Fri 29th	Fri 6th (December)

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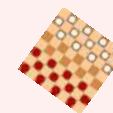
**GAMES NIGHT
SATURDAY
2ND NOVEMBER
START 7.00PM**

In the School Hall

Switch the television off and polish your skills of hand and mind by playing Whist, Dominoes, Draughts and Darts

Tickets £5 From
**Amba 890565 Liz 891537 John 890853
Stuart 891837 Edie 890991**

Full Instruction Given
Supper provided



100 Club Winners in October

The October winners were £40 No.41 Mick Ager, Ivy Way and £20 No. 75 Liz Holland Hicken, High Street

Wicked - The Musical

Spaldwick Welcome Club is organising a trip to see the touring production of the very successful West End musical, Wicked, at Milton Keynes Theatre on Wednesday 26th February. This is a matinee performance and the price is £40 including the coach. There are just two tickets left so allocation is on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis. If anyone would like to buy these final two tickets, please contact Nina Wilson on 01480 896444.

Spaldwick Community Primary School Admissions, September 2014.

We will be holding an **Open School** event for parents who will have a school aged child in the next academic year [the child will be five between Sept 1st, 2014 and 31st August, 2015]

The event will be on **Saturday 9th November, 10.30am – 12.30pm**, 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 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

After twelve years as your parish priest, I shall be retiring in February when I reach the age of 70. This brings very mixed feelings. Older friends tell me that retirement is highly recommended. But for clergy it means moving away from a place which has become the most important thing in our lives. Sue and I have greatly enjoyed being part of the community in the five parishes and it has been a privilege to share with many of you in the joys and in the sadnesses of life.

Spaldwick, Barham, Woolley and Easton have shared a succession of priests since 1950 - Spaldwick and Barham for centuries before that.

This long partnership will probably continue, with Stephen Bowring, the Rector of Kimbolton, likely to take over these parishes, while Ellington and Grafham will probably be linked with Brampton. The details of the new arrangements will be finalized after my retirement. In the mean time I hope to enjoy my remaining few months as your Rector, before Sue and I move - only a few miles - to Godmanchester.

Jonathan Young

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Phone 890534

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Phone: 890065

email: davidstowell@onetel.com

The next meeting is at 8 o'clock on Thursday 14th November in the Community Room.

Spaldwick Church

November Services

3rd No Service (9.30am at Easton
11.00am Grafham, 11.00am Barham)

10th 10.00am Sunday Eucharist
10.50am Act of Remembrance at
The War Memorial

17th 6.00pm Evensong

24th 9.30am Sunday Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

For up-to-date information on Church activities see spaldwick.com/church

CHURCH ROOF

We have finally raised the £25000 required to repair the church roof. The money has come from insurance £5000, own fund-raising £5000, a loan from the Cambridge Historic Churches Trust £3000 and a grant from Amey CESP, the local landfill operator, of £12000.

We have protected bats in the roof (not in the belfry), pippistrelle and long-eared, and unless we can prove that they are no longer resident, we cannot start work until April 2014. We have only now been told that an inspection will cost an un-budgeted £500.

The original estimate for the work has been held for 2 years now, whether it will hold for another 6 months until April is being investigated by the church architect.

The replacement material will be "Terne coated stainless steel". This resembles lead but potential thieves will find that, unlike lead, there is no market for stolen panels.



It's hard to believe the first half-term is already over this autumn, but we've got lots more fun planned at youth group after the week's holiday.

Please can all our young people remember to bring back their registration forms next time? So far only 16 have been returned. Unfortunately, we will not be able to let people in unless they and their parents have completed the forms. Thank you.

Thank you!

We'd like to say a big thank you to the Parish Council for their donation of £450 towards the cost of providing a youth worker to run our sessions.

Reminder of year 6 entry policy

We have slightly revised our policy for the entry of young people in year 6. These are as follows:

If 11th birthday is between 1st Sept and 31st Dec, then entry from 1st Sept.

If 11th birthday is between 1st Jan and Easter, then entry from 1st Jan.

If 11th birthday is after Easter then entry is from Easter.

Help needed!

We're always on the lookout for parents who might be able to volunteer to help out with the running of youth group, particularly serving in the tuck shop. If you're able to help, please contact a member of the committee or email us at escape@spaldwick.com Even if you're only able to help occasionally it all helps and would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Facebook

We've recently refreshed our Facebook page with regular updates, including dates of all sessions. Please 'friend' us and follow our news!

Diary dates

The youth group sessions between now and Christmas are as follows:

Friday 8 November - 7-9 pm at Spaldwick School

Friday 22 November - 7-9 pm at Spaldwick School

Friday 6 December - 7-9 pm at Spaldwick School

Friday 20 December - 7-9 pm at Spaldwick School

Spaldwick Gardening Club

At our October meeting, we finalised the arrangements for our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the church.

We were very lucky that, on the day, the weather was overcast but dry.

The morning proved to be a great success and we raised £382.10 for charity.

We would like to thank everyone who donated cakes, plants, raffle prizes etc plus their valuable time which made the whole event go very smoothly.

The Club's members have been thinking about Christmas and we have decided to have an informal get-together on the first Friday evening in December. We will be having a general knowledge quiz and also a 'Secret Santa' lucky dip! Members will be providing food and drink for a buffet style evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13 November at Margaret Plummer's home, 41 High Street, at 7.30pm. We will be putting together the components needed to make a Christmas wreath/garland and Roger will be demonstrating this technique.

Old and new members always welcome.

Roger Haines

In Aid of Spaldwick Church Comfort Fund JEWELLERY DAY

Why not pop in for a cuppa, chat and browse the beautiful hand-crafted jewellery on display - just in time to buy those little extras for Christmas.

20% of all takings will be donated to the Spaldwick Church Comfort Fund.

*1. Stow Rd 20th November
11am to 4-30 and 7pm to 9pm*

The October Open House will be at 43, High Street, hosted by John Blatch
28th October 1.30-3.30

Dates for Your Diary

Nov 2nd Games Night (P1)
Nov 6th Clothing Collection (P7)
Nov 9th School Open Day (P2)
Nov 20th Jewellery Sale (P9)
Nov 25th Open House
Dec 7th Save the Children (P5)
Dec 17th Carol Party
Dec 22nd Christmas Parade

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email john@blatch.com

For items on the website
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Message from Lyndy Pullan....

I would like to thank everyone in Spaldwick who has kept me smiling throughout my recent incapacity! This includes those who have helped gardening, pushing me round and giving me lifts, accommodating my Zimmer frame (especially the George!) and generally keeping my spirits up! Thank you all!
Lyndy

Local residents reminded to Choose Well this winter

Residents in Huntingdonshire are being reminded to find the right health service for their illness or injury this winter.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who commission health services in the area are asking local residents to familiarise themselves with the range of local health services and which illnesses and injuries they can treat. Last year it cost the local NHS £2million treating people in A&E when they could have used a different service. This could have treated 500 heart attack patients or bought 250 hip replacements.

Here's a reminder of what local NHS services can treat.

- Pharmacies can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, and help with stopping smoking.
- GPs can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away. There's also an out of hours GP service which can be accessed by calling your usual GP practice number and following the instructions.
- The Walk-in Centre in St Neots at 24 Moore's Walk can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and stings and strains and sprains.

Or you can look after colds, coughs, sore throats, hangovers, stomach upsets, grazes can all be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Dr David Irwin GP from Hunts Care Partners Local Commissioning Group, who lives in Spaldwick, said, "Winter brings more coughs, colds and flu so it is a good idea to be prepared and to make sure you have a supply of remedies at home to help care for you and your family over the holiday period. If you need a regular prescription for a long term condition, please check now to make sure that you have enough to last you over the holiday season, and go to your GP or pharmacist to collect any prescriptions in good time before the holidays." For more information please visit www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/choosewell



Save The Children Coffee Morning and Card Sale

We will be holding our annual coffee morning and Christmas card sale in aid of Save The Children on **Thursday 7th December from 10am -12.30pm** at Maggie Lincoln's home, Orchard House, High Street, Spaldwick. Please, do come along and join us for coffee and a chat and support this worthy cause. There is always a lovely range of

BAND NIGHT FEATURING 2 LOCAL ROCK BANDS

Steve's Band



Tickets £5.00
on the door
Under 14's half price

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A Fundraiser Event
For the
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and
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7.30PM SATURDAY
2ND NOVEMBER
NEWTON SCHOOL
ELTISLEY PE19 6TL
Bar & BBQ

Russell's Band
NO DIRECTION

**Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change
the lives of local children
and young people.**

Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The shortage of Foster Carers means that children and young people are placed with independent foster carers or residential units some outside of Cambridgeshire they may also be looked after within the county children's homes. We need to recruit more Foster Carers in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster Carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. It may be that you have your own children or you may have worked with children before. You may have no experience of children or possibly considering a career change?

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers, if you can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In a same sex relationship
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24 hr support and full training.

Call our freephone number on **0800 052 0078** or email **fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**



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

The next collection is:

Wednesday 6th November at 9:00am

Please help us to raise funds for school. 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 take your donations to school on the morning of 6th November

If you are not able to do this but would still like to donate please deliver your bagged/boxed items to Keren Pope at 11 Ivy Way before the 5th November.

If you are unable to deliver your donations please contact Claire on (01480) 896210 before the 4th June to arrange collection.