

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH November 2012

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**Neighbourhood Watch** isn't just about watching out for and ensuring possible incidents and crime are reported to the police or other appropriate authorities. It's also about looking out for your neighbours, making sure that no one feels alone, scared or vulnerable in the place where they live. Please consider your neighbours who may be at risk from the cold.

**Rogue Traders.** Rogue Traders are gaining access to people in their homes in order to pressure sell Home Security Equipment and perhaps other in-house systems (broadband TV etc.)

**Cashpoint Crime** It is very easy for 2 or 3 thieves to team up and, by employing distraction techniques snatch your cash in broad daylight without you being aware. Click on the link for the video Cashpoint Crooks.

[http://www.essex.police.uk/news\\_features/video\\_audio/audio\\_video/warning\\_over\\_cashpoint\\_crooks.aspxLoading...](http://www.essex.police.uk/news_features/video_audio/audio_video/warning_over_cashpoint_crooks.aspxLoading...)

We are a part of the Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Community for more information see: <http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk/>



Sat April 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHAT are YOU  
making for the village Easter competi-  
tion?...**

### April Waste Bin Collection Dates

Blue/Green

Sat 6th

Fri 19th

Grey

Fri 12th

Fri 26th

## SPALDWICK NEWS April 2013



Rose Hunter Age 2 hours

Lisa and Mark Hunter are very pleased to announce the early arrival of their baby, Rose Mackenzie Hunter, 6lbs 1oz, born Wednesday 27th March. Mark and Lisa would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for their family.

### 100 Club Winners in March

The February winners were £40 No 89 Marion Watson, Stow Road and £20 No.81 Krista Alves Ferriman Road



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## **LAWN CARE FOR APRIL 2013- See Special Offer below**

### **Mowing**

Mow at least once a week now. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

### **Fertiliser**

This is the time to feed and weed (preferably in that order). The fertiliser is predominately Nitrogen in a slow release form, but it may also need Phosphate and Potassium as well as vital trace elements to promote a vibrant lawn.

### **Actions required in April**

- ◇ Mow Lawn At Least Once Per Week
- ◇ Apply Spring Fertiliser To Produce Vibrant Green Lawn
- ◇ Spray Weeds In Lawn With Selective Herbicide
- ◇ Spray Drive/Path/Patios With Total Herbicide To Keep Weed Free For Summer

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Ask the Lawn Ranger for advice (we promise he will reply within 24 hours)

**[www.prolawncares.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger](http://www.prolawncares.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger)**

### **Reader Offer**

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply the Spring Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE (existing Customers will receive an additional treatment free of charge too)"

Call Deborah, Simon or Richard on **01480 812393**

"for that lawn you've longed for....."

## **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](mailto:davidstowell@onetel.com)

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 25th April commencing at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

### **VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY July 13th**

Members of the Spaldwick Social Group are now planning this year's Fete and would very much like some more help, not just on the day but in preparation for the day.

Meetings are held in the congenial surrounds of The George with drinks on the table, are quite informal and start late (8 o'clock) for the benefit of those who commute.

Many committees have a rule that members can serve for three years only, there are good reasons for this, as members can get too set in their ways and there is always a need for some fresh thinking and ideas. We would be very pleased to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday 17th April. (and AGM on 8th May)

Please come and join us.

Bernard Plummer, June Dixon, Jutta Fiford, Caroline Lock, Neil Ritchie, Lucy Frain, Amba Harbour, John Blatch and Lisa Hunter (baby permitting)

## Spaldwick Church

### April Services

7th No Service Sunday Worship at Easton at  
9.30am and Grafham 11.00am

14th 9.30am Eucharist

21st 5.00pm Easter Praise

28th 9.30 Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

### CHURCH NEWS

Another set back for the church roof, both English Heritage and the Lottery Heritage Fund have said that they are unable to offer any funds. Fortunately the "temporary" repair was well done and is still doing its job.

We are now preparing applications to Amey CESPAs and to the Garfield Weston Fund for help.

We ended last year with £5350 in the bank, an increase of £1800, but even with £5000 insurance money and perhaps £3000 from Cambridge Historic Churches Fund, we still have a some way to go. (And day to day running expenses to meet)

### Spaldwick Easter Fayre

Saturday 13th April 2-4 pm In the CHURCH.

Teas and cakes! Local craft stalls.

Gardening and book stall.

Bring your teddy with a parachute.....

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Who will find the Golden Egg?

Climb the Tower!



### Escape goes from strength to strength!

Escape continues to be the focal point for young people in the village.

We have had a fantastic turnout over the last few sessions leading up to Easter, with numbers exceeding 40!

Thanks to all those parents that have helped over the past month. We've been at full capacity and couldn't have managed without their support. If you can help at any future sessions, please let us know. Thank you.

### A big thanks!

A big thanks to Darrell & Maud at Number Twelve village shop for having our collection box on their counter and asking local people to support us. All the spare change donated goes to fund our future activities. Thank you to all who have contributed.

### Forthcoming youth club dates

Due to the Easter holidays, we only have one session this month: **April 19 - 7-9pm** By then, we hope to have a new youth worker in place to replace Trish Finnimore who left us in February to take up another post.

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 celebrated its first birthday on 13 March and we celebrated with cake and wine. Many thanks to those who supplied these lovely goodies.

The club will be having a plant stall at the Spaldwick Church Easter Fayre on 13 April where we will be selling plants and running an excellent raffle with planted containers and other garden prizes to be won.

As a group, we are in the early stages of planning the Spaldwick Open Gardens Event for June 2014 and we request that if anyone in the village would like to open their garden for charity next year, please contact Roger on 891683 or [roger@jeanhaines.plus.com](mailto:roger@jeanhaines.plus.com).

The last time we held this event, it was very successful and we raised considerable funds for local charities including the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

We have all been struggling with this dreadful weather and we wonder whether we will ever be able to get into our gardens again! Still, once the Spring does finally arrive, everything will burst into growth and there will be a lot of catching up to do.

The next Garden Club meeting will be on Wednesday 10 April at 7.30 at 18 High Street and new members are always welcome.

Roger Haines

The next OPEN HOUSE  
will be : Monday 29th  
April 1.30pm -3.30pm  
at 43 High Street,  
hosted by John Blatch

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
March 29th Open House  
Apr 13th Easter Fayre  
Apr 17th SSG Meeting  
For up-to date news see the village  
website [spaldwick.com](http://spaldwick.com)

For items in the News  
email [john@blatch.com](mailto:john@blatch.com)

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## Superfast broadband takes a step closer

The formal contract between Cambridgeshire County Council and BT was signed on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, and there was very good news. Cambridgeshire County Council announced that the project would exceed initial aspirations and provide 98% of homes and businesses in Cambridgeshire with access to high-speed fibre broadband by the end of 2015! Cambridgeshire County Council has been able to achieve such a good deal with BT as a result of obtaining 24,000 registrations for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign, thus demonstrating strong demand for high-speed broadband.

The project will involve enabling over 100 telephone exchanges serving many more street cabinets. Ranked in order of premises served, our exchange (Woolley) is 14<sup>th</sup> on the list of exchanges in areas currently without superfast broadband. The Woolley exchange covers Spaldwick, Ellington, Alconbury, Alconbury Weston and parts of Brampton and accounts for about 1,000 of the 24,000 registrations. Thanks to your support, Spaldwick achieved the greatest number of registrations as a proportion of premises.

I am very hopeful that Spaldwick will be included in the roll-out programme. The superfast broadband project team are now working to define a roll-out plan, which should be available in the next few months. The first areas to benefit will see superfast broadband towards the end of 2013. I continue to work closely with the team, and all the latest news about the programme will be reported on the following website page:

<http://www.spaldwick.com/superfast-broadband-cambridgeshire>

Mark Heath (Spaldwick Broadband Champion)

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## Easter Church Fayre Saturday 13 April 2013

All classes will be judged in the following

3 age groups:

Adult: 16 years +  
Children: 5 and under  
6-10 years inclusive  
11-15 years inclusive

### Classes

#### Baking - Adult

- 1) Sausage roll
- 2) Decorated Easter cake
- 3) Savoury scones
- 4) Carrot cake

#### Baking – Children

- 5) Decorated Cupcakes
- 6) Pizza

#### Photography

- 7) Winter
- 8) Easter

#### Painting/drawing

- 9) A still life

#### Recycling

- 10) Art or sculpture
- 11) Practical item

#### Decorated egg

- 12) Any egg (hen, Chocolate etc)

#### Knitting/crochet

- 13) A toy

#### Patchwork/quilting

- 14) A placemat

#### Stitching

- 15) A picture

#### Flowers

- 16) A spring arrangement

#### Poem

17) My family

#### Jewellery

18) Any item

**Prizes** - In each class certificates will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and highly commended placings in each age group. Trophies will be awarded by the judges for “wow” items.

Entry fee – Children 50p per class, Adult £1 per class.

#### Rules

You may make more than one entry in a class.

Entries to be delivered to St James Church Spaldwick between

9am and 10am on day of Fayre.

Judging will take place in private from 11am.

The church will be open for viewing of exhibits and prize winners from 2pm. There will also be tea and cakes, stalls, tours of the tower, parachuting teddies and an Easter egg hunt.

If you wish to donate your exhibit to raise further funds please let us know. All other exhibits will be available for collection from 4pm.

The judge's decision is final. Any disagreement with a show official will lead to disqualification.

Great care will be taken to prevent accidents to exhibits but the committee or officials will not be held responsible for any damages.