SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH November 2012

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Beware Fake Home Security Calls.

Cambs Police are warning us about a company calling itself 'Home Security' has been cold calling in the area of South Cambridgeshire for security systems. They may also have been in the Peterborough area for we have received information on two strange phone calls made by a company to elderly householders there. In these cases, fake reference numbers and contact telephone numbers were offered. The best advice is to be aware of who you are talking to on the phone should you receive a call.

Avoid Being Caught Out (on Telephone Cold Calls)

The simplest way of avoiding convincing cold call threats is to monitor your incoming phone calls and only pick-up those from known or expected callers (caller ID facility on your phone of course assists and is a helpful means of filtering).

Leave all other calls to go onto the answer phone. "Cold Callers" do not proceed with any message onto an answerphone, it wastes their time and money, and so they just move on quickly to the next telephone number. on their urgent job list (and it is usually a computer conducting random search and selection for, making the cold calls)

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/

May Waste Bin Collection Dates

Blue/Green Grey
Fri 3rd Sat 11th
Fri 17th Fri 24th

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This photograph was taken by Jane Watson near Woolley. The deer are Sika, descendants of escapees from Woburn Park who, together with Muntjac also escapees, have now joined Red, Roe and Fallow deer in our countryside. (And, some say, becoming destructive pests)

100 Club Winners in April

The April winners were £40 No. 58 Alan Barnden, Thrapston road and £20 No.38 John Lock, Fuller Close



Lawn Care in May

Mowing

Mow at last once a week now. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened. Mow at 1".

<u>Fertiliser</u>

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.

Weed Control

Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad leaved weeds such as dandelions, daisies and clover within the grass can be applied.

Patio/Driveway Weed Control- Ask about our Special Extra Strong Treatment Weeds can look unsightly at this time of year in patios and driveways. We can spray a total weed killer to kill them and keep weed free for up to 6 months.

<u>Irrigation</u>

If hot and dry, water once per week and soak grass to prevent it turning brown.

Actions Required in May

Apply Spring Feed

Spray Weeds in lawn with Selective Herbicide

Spray drive/path/patios with total herbicide to keep weed free for summer Irrigate lawn in dry spells

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; other tasks may need some professional intervention

www.prolawncare.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

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 Annual Parish Meeting of electors will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 9th May at 8 pm. This will include reports on the activities of the Parish Council during the past 12 months. Representatives of other village organisations will also be invited to speak about their activities. Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the meeting during the Open Forum. All electors and other members of the public are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 23rd May at 8 pm. This is the Annual Meeting of the Council at which Officers for the coming year will be elected.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

More Choice in Social Care

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

If you need social care the County Council will arrange your care for you, but they now have a duty to offer and provide Direct Payments. Direct Payments are an alternative way of getting the care and support you need. They are cash payments made directly into a Direct Payment bank account so that you can use the money to make your own social care arrangements.

With a Direct Payment you have more choice, control and independence about how your care is organised. If you would like to find out more about Direct Payments visit the Your Life, Your Choice website at: www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk, pick up a leaflet from your library, phone adult social care enquiries on 0345 045 5202, or contact the Cambridgeshire Direct Payment Support Service on 0845 6000 684.

Spaldwick Church

April Services

5th No Service Sunday Worship at Easton at

9.30am and Grafham 11.00am

12th 9.30am Eucharist

19th 5.00pm Pentecost Praise

26th 9.30 Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

CHURCH NEWS

EASTER FAYRE

This year's Easter Fayre was another great success with about 80 visitors. The Gardening Club did well with its stall and draw, contributing £118 towards a total of £488 raised. Thanks also to all of the contributors with their baking, knitting, painting, photography and flowers which demonstrated the talent in the village.

Many thanks to those who helped to clear the church path last month. Without major professional attention the path will never look great but it is now as tidy as can be hoped for.

For those who use it to tell the time, please do not count on the Church Clock this month. It will be out of service for maintenance work for several days.

To those who enjoyed Bingo last year we are planning another evening in June. The date will be in the June News and on the village website.



A big Escape welcome to Tony

Our new youth worker Tony Evans joined us in time for our first session after Easter. Tony replaces Trish Finnimore who left us in February to take up another post.

Escape chairperson Mark Sturdy said:

"We are pleased to welcome Tony in to our team. He has been in youth services for over 20 years, works at Spring Common School, and helps run the youth club at Brampton. "Tony has a wealth of knowledge. He has lots of ideas to help Escape move forward and support the committee and the young people who attend. He will be a real asset to our youth club."

Hot chocolate and toastie evening a big success!

Back by popular demand - our hot chocolate and toastie evening on April 19 attracted a full capacity attendance of 45 young people.

With lighter evenings and the sun finally making an appearance, we were able to open the outside area during the session too.

Forthcoming youth club dates

May 3 - 7-9pm May 17 - 7-9pm June 7 - 7-9pm June 21 - 7-9pm

Please watch the Spaldwick website at:

www.spaldwick.com/escape for regular news! If we are forced to cancel any sessions at short notice, we will post it on the Spaldwick website.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

At our April meeting we had a demonstration by Lucy of how to make inexpensive paper pots from newspaper so that the whole plant and pot can be planted into the soil where the paper will compost into the surrounding soil as the plant roots.

Roger showed the group how to divide perennials by splitting clumps of established plants and then potting them on in order to increase people's stock. (We sold every one we split so added muich needed funds to the club).

The club ran a raffle and plant and preserve stall at the Easter Fayre and were able to donate £118 to the funds raised on the day.

In May the club will be visiting Lucy Boston's garden at Hemingford Gray for a tour of the house and garden which we are very much looking forward to.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 May at 7.30 at 18 High Street. New members always welcome.

Roger Haines

The next OPEN HOUSE will be: Monday 27th May 1.30pm -3.30pm, venue to be arranged

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 1st SSG AGM
May 2nd County Election
May 27th Open House
June tba Bingo
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



RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, BOOKS AND DVD'S TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SPALDWICKSCHOOL

The next collection is: Wednesday 5th June 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 5th
June.

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 4th June.

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

Thank you for all your support



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Use Your Vote

County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May, our polling station is the Community Room at Spaldwick School, it will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Huntingdonshire sends 19 councillors to the County Council out of a total of 69. Sawtry and Ellington, our ward, covers all of the villages north of the A14 and west of the A1 and has about 7500 voters, of whom half live in Sawtry, and elects one Councillor. Spaldwick has 300 voters.

All voters will have been sent a Poll Card. This is really just a reminder, if you have mislaid it you can still vote.

Candidates are:

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Viv McGuire

Mary Howell (Labour)
Rupert Moss-Eccardt (Lib-Dem)
Simon Bywater (UKIP
Viv McGuire (Conservative) who is
the sitting Councillor, a business
Woman who lives in Sawtry. She has
represented the ward since 2009.

In 2009 42.9% of the electorate voted, let's see if we can top the 50% this year



SCARE-CROW WEEK 30TH JUNE-6TH JULY

FREE ENTRY

- ♦ Judging will take place on July 6th
- Prizes awarded at the Fete on July 13th
- ♦ Bring your Scarecrows to the Fete for display
- ♦ Please register your entry by July 1st

Email: scarecrow@drumpulse.com or tel. 896996 to register.

Spaldwick Social Group, which organises the Fete, is holding its AGM on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm in the Playtimes room. The Group has distributed over £10000 to village activities, come along and find out where the money has gone.

SPALDWICK FETE 2018 SATURDAY 18TH JULY

WANTED

- § BOOKS Deliver to Amba Harbour, Threeways, 4, High Street or bring on the day.
- Street or bring on the day
- § TOMBOLA ITEMS Call, Lisa 896996, John 890853 for collection
- § PLANTS Please bring on the day or call Roger Haines Tel. 891683
- § BOTTLES Empty but complete with CAPS.

 Deliver to Norman Vickers 58 Stow Road

If more convenient any item can be delivered to any of the above, also to Jutta Fiford, 4 Fuller Close and Lucy Frain 4, Littlecotes Close

Again this year there will be an Evening Party with Hog Roast from 6.30pm to 11.00pm

More details in the July News