

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

From latest E-Cops bulletin

Please be aware of several Burglaries across Huntingdonshire that may affect you area.

Suspects are travelling across the area most recently in Yaxley and Spaldwick entering insecure properties or insecure gardens both during the day and at night.

It is apparent that properties with high boundaries and fences, visible security lighting, alarms and secure gardens are not being targeted therefore we ask that you look at your own property and consider or take advice on how you might make it safer and less appealing to criminals.

Please remain vigilant in the current warm weather and lock your doors and windows even if you are only going out for a short period of time.

When you are at home with windows and doors open to enjoy the warm weather, make it as difficult as possible for offenders to target your address and we are happy to speak to anybody who would like further advice as every home is different.

Last week the occupant of a house in Littlecotes came out of a bedroom and surprised an intruder at the top of the stairs. He and an accomplice had entered through an unlocked side gate and back door.

For more information see: <http://www.cambsnhw.org.uk/>

REMEMBER to dial **101** for all non-emergency calls.

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August Waste Bin Collection Dates

Grey

Fri 2nd

Fri 16th

Sat 31st

Blue/Green

Fri 9th

Fri 23rd

Sept Fri 6th

SPALDWICK NEWS August 2013



Paul Hall and family at Buckingham Palace where he was honoured as MBE for his work coaching the British National Gymnastics Team, particularly medal winner Louis Smith

100 Club Winners in July

The July winners were £40 No.35 Gavin Lessing-Caller, Stow Road and £20 No. 28, Sylvia Black, Stow Road



Celebrating a successful year at our AGM

Escape celebrated a successful year at its annual general meeting at The George recently.

Chair Mark Sturdy paid tribute to the committee for their hard work

and dedication over the past year and the youth committee who have provided invaluable feedback and inspiration for us to take on board and use to improve the youth group.

Mark also thanked youth workers Trish and Tony for their professional support and advice and all the parents who have helped over the past 12 months. The number of parents helping this year has increased and we have an excellent group of parents to call on.

"Your support is very much appreciated," said Mark at the AGM, "and I hope to enrol the help of more parents when we return in September."

"We are all busy people and the time given by all, committee members and parents alike, enables us to provide a safe, friendly environment for local children to come together, interact with each other and enjoy themselves.

"After three years, Escape has gone from strength to strength. We continue to attract children from local villages and numbers have continued to grow beyond our expectations with sessions since Easter averaging 48 attendees, with a record attendance of 54 youngsters.

This year we recruited a professional youth worker, supplied through Huntingdon Youth Services, part funded with thanks by a donation of £900 from the Hinchbrooke Foundation.

"Our strategy to integrate Year 6 children into the youth group worked well, ensuring that numbers have grown at a manageable pace and that we have been able to cope with the gradual introduction of a new batch of 11 year olds across the academic year instead of en-masse in September.

This has enabled them to integrate with the older children and to appreciate the relaxed atmosphere we provide away from school."

We plan to adopt the same policy again with the new Year 6 children in September.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street,
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Phone: 890065
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Spaldwick School on Thursday 18th September at 8 pm.

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

War Memorial. With the cleaning of the War memorial it has become more apparent that the lettering is very degraded. Re-cutting or replacement of the lettering is now being considered.

Archives The County Archivist has asked for copies of previous year's Parish Council Minutes. Those prior to 1959 are missing, the Parish Clerk would like to hear from anyone who has knowledge of them.

Spaldwick Welcome Club

We are holding an evening of entertainment at The School Hall on 7th September from 7 pm-10pm, we will be entertained by Billy Keys. It will be an evening of music, songs, funny stories and audience participation.

Tickets will be £10 per person which will include a luxury Ploughmans Supper (Please bring your own drink and glasses)

For tickets contact Derek Relf on 860669.

Spaldwick Church

August Services

4th	No Service	Sunday Worship at Grafham 11.00am, Open Air Service Barham 3.00pm
11th	9.30am	Eucharist
18th	6.00pm	Evensong
25th	9.30am	Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

The Church now has its own page on the Spaldwick web Site at spaldwick.com/church

Church Roof. There two applications "in the post" at the moment. One for £12000 to Amey CESPAs, and one to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust for £3000. Both organisations have accepted the need but the final decisions rest with assessment committees which are due to meet in the next few weeks. If successful, with £5000 from our own funds and £5000 insurance, we will be able to get the roof attended to before next winter.

Finally, Mark gave a special thanks to Alison and Mark Heath for all the hard work they have done to support Escape. Alison has decided to step down from the committee, having been with us from the start. She and Mark have played a very large part in making Escape youth group such a huge success.

New committee

Mark Sturdy was re-elected as chair for 2013/14. Also re-elected were Lorraine Sturdy as treasurer, Sharan Jackson-Rimmer as secretary, Kit Lee as fundraising officer and Jeremy Blackmore as communications officer.

New committee members elected were: Nick Thompson and Paul Gibson as joint vice-chairs and Mark Hunter.

Forthcoming youth club dates

The first youth group of the new school year will take place on: Friday 6 September - 7-9 pm at Spaldwick School

Charity Ride

Chris Ager is taking part in the Ride London Surrey 100 on 4th August 2013 to raise money for **Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research**. The RideLondon Surrey 100 is a **100 mile cycle ride** following a similar route to the 2012 Olympic road race route. It will be a tough ride and he has been training hard for it. He aims to complete in under 6 hours, more like 6 days if I did it.

Please sponsor him to raise even more money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma research.

Visit Just Giving at <https://www.justgiving.com/ChrisAger100> or you can donate to Chris's page by Texting AGER88 £2/£5/£10 to 70070.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

I would like to thank everyone who donated plants and a very big thank you to Garden Club members who manned our stall at the Fete. The Club was able to donate £100 from the proceeds of our plant sales and raffle to the Fete Organisers.

The Gardening Club is in its final discussions to confirm the date of next year's Spaldwick Open Gardens Day which we think will be in the month of June. We would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to join us in opening their garden, whether their gardens are large or small. Also, any other groups or societies who would like to organise a display or exhibition in conjunction with the open gardens day would be welcome. Attractions so far include a tea room, a plant stall and a flower festival in the church.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30 at 18 High Street. This will be our last meeting at Barbara's home so please bring a drink and nibbles with you and, **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, a pair of secateurs!
Roger Haines

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SCARECROWS

21 Scarecrows appeared in Spaldwick in the weeks before the Fete and 140 people voted online for their favourites. The clear winner was the Cow and Maid in Thrapston Road, Bill and Ben, Burton Way were second and Mole and Poppy, Ivy Way third. Many thanks to Mark Heath for the photos and for setting up the voting site at spaldwick.com



Cow and Maid



Bill and Ben



Mole and Poppy



S Club helpers.

Norman and Maureen Vickers who for many years have run the Wine and Water Stall, one of the most popular. They are now sitting back and we will be looking for replacements for the 2014 Fete.



Not everyone was having a good time



SPALDWICK FETE

Photos by Mark Heath



The day arrived at last after hours of planning meetings, phone calls and emails. Everything in place, stalls booked and refreshments purchased. All we needed now was the perfect weather - and we got it!

At 7am the school playground begins to get busy and slowly the familiar structure of the gazebos start to appear. More importantly so do the wonderful volunteers who help every year to assemble the layout of this annual event. (We couldn't do without you!) The sun is getting warmer, the eager stall holders arrive and the volunteers get a tea break



A few last alterations to the plans and almost everything is done. Everyone assembles at the entrance as our reigning Queen Olivia wears the crown and gown for the last time and graciously opens the Fete at exactly 11am!





Five hours seemed to flow by so smoothly and with ease. So much to do and see from golf or archery for the sporty enthusiasts, to the enjoyment of tea and cakes or juicy strawberries and cream for those who just want to chat and catch up with each other.

Our new Queen Aine was crowned in the afternoon and wished well by the former Queen. The winners of the Scarecrow competition were announced as the online voting came to an end with marvellous success. Many other winners received prizes or medals for their achievements and also for just "having a go" especially on the Go Carts!



So there are many people to thank for the success of the Spaldwick Village Fete 2013. Our team of the Spaldwick Social Group of only 15 people who volunteer to organise these events to raise funds for charity and our own community. Our thanks to the stall holders for providing such great activities and items to purchase. Finally to the 540 people who joined in on the day and maybe also attended our Hog Roast in the evening too! Thank you for coming to the Fete and we hope you enjoyed it too



Stageworks from Alconbury



Cars by Simon Farrant-Parker, Mount Pleasant,



Garden Club



Welly Wanging

