

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been an increase in rogue trader activity! Rogue traders have called on elderly victims and said they were going to do repair work on their house, cleaning gutters, replacing broken roof tiles, garden work. They agree a price initially and then increase it dramatically when they tell the victim that they have completed the work. Recent incidents have occurred in Warwick Court, Eaton Socon, St Neots - Park Drive, Little Paxton, St Neots and St Peters Road, Huntingdon but offences have been reported across the County.

If you are approached by any person offering to carry out repairs to your property turn them away; report the matter to [Trading Standards on 03454 040 506](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk). If they persist call the police on 101 or 999 if you feel threatened by them.

- Don't believe all callers are genuine
- Don't believe the 'scare stories' a salesman may tell you - they are rarely true.
- Don't believe genuine tarmac companies have loads left over - they don't!
- Don't sign anything or pay for anything until you are sure about it.
- Don't believe special deals, 'today only' - it's high pressure selling.

Don't allow strangers to have access to your property.

DO

- Do check the identity of the caller by asking to see an ID card.
- Do challenge anyone looking over your property - did you give permission?
- Do consider if you really need the work done, check with a friend or neighbour or contact Safe Local Trades on 0800 014 1832 if you need a second opinion from a trustworthy tradesman.
- Do ask the caller to leave you with information to study at your leisure.

Do remember you often have a short time to cancel a contract after cold call.

October /November Waste Bin Collection dates

Blue/Green	Oct Fri 3rd	Fri 17th	Fri 31st
Grey	Oct Fri 10th	Fri 24th	Nov Fri 7th

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Church Harvest Festival will be at 6 o'clock on Sunday 5th October followed at 7 o'clock by Supper and Auction of Produce in the George. (All tickets now gone)

We will be grateful for Gifts of Produce both for decorating the Church and the Auction.

Please leave in the Church beforehand or bring to the service on Sunday.

OCTOBER LAWN CARE

Autumn Feed

This feed is a very important part of any lawn care programme. Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look.

Aeration + Over Seeding To Improve Grass Quality

Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion so we recommend aerating in Autumn/Winter; over sow with seed to help any bare areas re-establish before weeds and moss do!

Worm Casts

This month will probably see the appearance of worm casts (small mounds of earth brought to the surface by worms). Treatments can be applied to stop the casts occurring in the first place.

Actions required in Autumn

Autumn Feed/Moss Control	Improves colour and controls moss
Aerate (Deep Spiking) of lawn	Relieves compaction and prepares soil for sowing extra seed
Worm Casts	Brush off when dry or treat with a pesticide

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

For more information about ProLawnCare Ltd services on offer, call Deborah, Nikki or Simon on 01480 812393
e-mail- info@prolawncare.co.uk
www.prolawncare.co.uk

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

www.prolawncare.co.uk/ask-the-lawn-ranger

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Greg Rice, 14 Ivy Way, Spaldwick PE28 0UN

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick school on Thursday 16th October at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Independent Living Fund (ILF) closure, June 2015

The Independent Living Fund (ILF) aims to support long term, independent living for severely disabled people by helping them to live at home instead of in residential care. In March 2014, the Government announced that it will be closing on 30th June 2015 when the County Council will take over responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users. The County Council and ILF are working closely together to make sure the transfer of responsibility for funding arrangements takes place as smoothly as possible. The ILF website www.dwp.gov.uk/ilf includes more information about the programme's closure, or you can phone the County Council's Customer Services on 0345 045 5202 with any questions. The ILF is no longer accepting any new applications.

Spaldwick Church

October Services

5th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
12th	9.30am	Eucharist
19th	9.30pm	Family Service
26th	9.30am	Sunday Eucharist

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

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

Looking forward to Christmas. This year's Carol Party will be on Friday 19th December. Carols, Songs, Readings, Food and Mulled Wine.

The Crib Service will be on Christmas Eve. More details about both of these days next month.

Father Christmas will be distributing presents from his sleigh on Sunday 21st December.



Escape Youth Group – Spaldwick News September 2014

Hope you had a great Summer. It's been a fantastic start to the new term!

Plenty of smiley children attending the start of many sessions planned. Thank you to all who attended the first of many sessions, and keeping our professional youth-worker Tony busy busy busy!

We have plans for plenty of exciting events to be held this year. Starting off with Grafham climbing/archery event on the evening of November 14th. Please sign up for interest, first come-first served for an exciting event. Limited numbers. We'll try and provide details for other events through ESCAPE Facebook & Spaldwick website ESCAPE group page. Keep watching.....

On funding we would like to thank No.12 village shop for looking after our collection tin, and customers for being so generous for £33.10 and 5 cents collected!!!

Next Dates this year:- Oct 10th, Oct 24th, Nov 14th, Nov 21st, Dec 5th, and Dec 19th. Refer to webpage www.spaldwick.com/escape for any changes.

Our Youth committee is very active and planning activities. Please support this group of inspirational children in any way you can into the year. Many thanks.

It would still be tremendous into the new term if you could spare an occasional Friday manning the tuck shop
email escape@spaldwick.com.

Great start may it continue.

Escape Youth Group

Mark Sturdy

Spaldwick Gardening Club

This month's Gardening Club news has an international flavour as we are enjoying a short break in Northern Cyprus. The bougainvillea are in full bloom with displays of cerise pink, white and orange blooms cascading over every stone wall. The pomegranates are changing from dusty yellow to a beautiful damask pink and we have enjoyed a lovely glass of their ruby coloured juice.

The flowers that I know only as 'Peruvian daffodils' are in full bloom with their white cups and long tassels. Hibiscus in shades of white to dark red seem to adorn every building; the blooms lasting but a day.

The agricultural land here at this time of year is very dry and dusty but the plains have already had their rocky soil turned to plant a crop of winter wheat.

Next month we will return to all things English with our October meeting being scheduled for Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 pm (note earlier time for our winter meetings) at Joyce and Grahame's Chestnut View. We will have an opportunity for a plant swap at this meeting so please start splitting your perennials. Also, don't forget our first garden visit on Sunday the 12th.

Roger Haines

Club now has its own page on the Village Web Site managed by Mark Heath.

For all news go to www.spaldwick.com/open-gardens

Open House in October will be at 43 High Street at 1.30pm on Monday 27th October

Dates for Your Diary
Oct 5th Harvest Supper
Oct 27th Open House
10th Nov Remembrance Day
Dec 19th Carol Party
Dec 21st Sleigh Ride

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Dear Parents,
After much negotiation we are delighted to announce that Playtimes and S Club have merged as of Monday 1st September 2014.

We believe this merger will be of great benefit to both groups and trust that you will bear with us through these first few months of transition. This change means that we will only have one Committee, and all invoices will now be issued by Jacqui Dawson the joint administrator.

All outstanding invoices for S Club prior to 1st September 2014 need to be paid into the S Club bank account as soon as possible. New after school club invoices will be sent out shortly for September with the new bank details.

Playtimes/S Club will be holding the **AGM on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at 2.30pm**. All are welcome to come along and join the new Committee as we need parents to get involved and help shape the future of Playtimes. This is vital to ensure the future availability of both playgroup and out of school care facilities.

We will be holding a competition for families to name the new setting so watch his space!

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Levin
Playtimes Chair

Sharan Jackson-Rimmer
S Club Chair

