

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Christmas crime prevention advice

Christmas is a busy time of year for everyone, **including the criminal**.

**Don't let the criminal enjoy Christmas at your expense. Top tips for a crime free Christmas**

#### Your car

Don't leave presents in full view on the back seat when out shopping

Always lock your car and make sure windows are closed

Don't leave valuables in the glove compartment

Make sure you park in a **well-lit** area or in an attended car park.

#### Your home

Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even when you are in the house.

Keep presents out of sight

Make it look like someone is at home - leave lights on and close the curtains.

Set your burglar alarm.

If you are going on holiday over the festive period, ask someone to keep an eye on your house.

#### Your property

Mark all valuable property. Use an ultra violet pen, or a forensic marking solution such as Smartwater.

Register bike frame numbers, mobile phone IMEI numbers and other identifying details on **Immobilise**, **the free, national property registration scheme**.

The police recover hundreds of stolen items every year, and it's much easier to prove that an item is stolen and return it to the rightful owner if it's been registered with **Immobilise** or security marked.

Don't carry large amounts of cash when you go out.

Be alert, and make sure your purse or wallet is secure and hidden from view.

Don't keep your chequebook and card together. Keep your PIN confidential

#### December/January Waste Bin Collection dates

Grey	Dec Fri 5th	Fri 19th	Jan <b>Mon</b> 5th
<b>Blue/Green</b>	<b>Dec Fri 12th</b>	<b>Mon 29th</b>	<b>Jan Sat 10th</b>

## SPALDWICK NEWS December 2014



### CAROL PARTY IN THE CHURCH



carols



readings



music



mulled wine  
and food

Tuesday 23rd December  
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FOSS invites you all to its

## Festive Fair

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Doors open at 3.40pm



### Spaldwick Community Primary School

#### Stalls and Activities include

*Wheel of Fortune*    *Cake Stall*    *2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Toys*

*Guess the number of sweets in the Jar*    *Tombola*

*Nerf Range*    *Christmas bags*    *Wine and water*

*Christmas Stockings*    *Raffle*    *Face painting*

*Refreshments & Hot Dog*    *Christmas Basket*

*Name the teddy*    *Bean bag snowman*

*Hook a Cracker*    *and many more...*

*Ideas for Christmas gifts including: Number Twelve, Jewellery Gifts/Making, Soft furnishings, Usbourne Books and Hair Accessories.*

**AND OF COURSE A VISIT FROM  
FATHER CHRISTMAS!**

## PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Greg Rice, 14 Ivy Way,

Spaldwick PE28 0UN

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

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 18th December at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Members of the Parish Council are

Greg Rice (Chairman), 14 Ivy Way

Bernard Plummer (Vice-Chairman), 41 High Street

Sharan Jackson-Rimmer, 7 Littlecotes Close

Richard Johnson, 41 Stow Road

Grahame Leach, 8 High Street

Graham Smith, 3 Stow Road

Shonah Wakefield, 36 Ferriman Road

# Spaldwick Church

## December Services

7th	9.30am	Morning Worship
14th	9.30am	Eucharist
21st	9.30am	Family Service
23rd	7.00pm	Carol Party
24th	4.00pm	Crib Service
28th	9.30am	Eucharist

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792  
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

For up-to-date information on Church activities see [spaldwick.com/church](http://spaldwick.com/church)



## Escape Youth Group

This month, 20 of our members had an evening of indoor climbing and archery at Grafham Water Centre, great fun



was had by all. They were split into two groups across the activities. Tony (our youth worker) commented on the positive encouragement and support given by all to those taking part in the activities. Thanks again to the Spaldwick Social Group

for donating £100 towards this event.

In addition we had our usual youth club session to end the month with 34 youngsters attending, which included T shirt painting and Christmas tree decoration painting. Some of our members came in Christmas jumpers and hats as you can see above!

We received excellent news this month that we have been awarded £1,000 by Cambridgeshire County Council for rural youth work. We will use this to replace some of our existing equipment which has been in use for over 4 years, to purchase additional equipment, and to help fund additional activities in 2015. We have a number of plans and ideas and look forward to announcing them next year.

### Dates in December:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Youth Club 7-9pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Youth Club 7-9pm - last session before Christmas.

In 2014 we've received donations from The Spaldwick Social Group, Spaldwick Gardening Club, PSA Peugeot Citroen, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Foundation of Hinchingsbrook School, and Number 12 Deli collection tin. Your continued support is very much appreciated, and without which we could not continue to provide our service to the youngsters from Spaldwick and surrounding villages.

Finally, the Escape Youth Group committee and young members would like to thank everyone for their support in 2014, and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark Sturdy.



## Spaldwick Gardening Club

The Gardening Club had its last meeting and plant swap for 2014 in November. It was decided that we would do more garden visits in 2015 and also we are hoping to have one of two guest speakers as well as some demonstrations and interesting gardening DVD's.

The group will be getting together for a Christmas Social Evening in December which will include a fun quiz and 'Secret Santa'.

We will be making Christmas Arrangements on Saturday 13th December at Spaldwick Church from 1.00pm to 3pm. If you would like to join us for this event, then do come along with some greenery, Christmas baubles and a pair of secateurs. There will be Oasis and containers available but if you wish to make your arrangement in your own special container, then, please feel free to bring it along.

Next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 14th January, venue to be advised.

Roger Haines

Next Open House will be on  
January 26th at 1 Stow  
Road, hosted by Chris  
Saynor.. 1.30-3.30

Dates for Your Diary  
Dec 21st Sleigh Ride  
Dec 23rd Carol Party  
Dec 24th Crib Service  
Jan 31st PCC Quiz  
Feb 14th Valentine Ball

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The Rotary Club of Huntingdon  
invites you to its

# MEMORY CAFÉ



where people with various forms of memory loss and their carers can visit to support each other and have some fun

Enjoy free light refreshments,  
information,  
entertainment,  
informal talks,  
memorabilia  
music and singing  
all in very pleasant  
surroundings



**ON THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

At the Church Room adjoining All Saints Church in the Hollow  
Hartford, Huntingdon (next to the river, ample parking)

**AND**

**ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

2.30pm to 4.30 pm

At the

Education Department, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

For further information Phone 01480 417001 or  
email [memorycafe@rotary-huntingdon.co.uk](mailto:memorycafe@rotary-huntingdon.co.uk)

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## CRIB SERVICE 24th DECEMBER

A Crib Service is the re-telling of the story of the First Christmas using readings songs and play-acting  
It is for all ages and all can take part and help to build the Church Crib  
4 o'clock on Christmas Eve

## *Valentine's Ball*

*An Evening of Elegance and Romance  
Alconbury Memorial Hall -  
Saturday 14th February 7:30-11:30pm  
3 Course Dinner - Live Band - Formal*

## ANDREW PLUMMER RIP.

Margaret and Bernard Plummer wish to thank everyone for their condolences and expressions of sympathy at the death of their son Andrew. Such support and friendship, at this sad and difficult time for us and the family, is very much appreciated and valued and will always remain with us.

Andrew spent most of his youth in Spaldwick and maintained his interest in Spaldwick matters to the end.

## FATHER CHRISTMAS IN SPALDWICK

On Sunday 21st December as well as handing out presents to children Father Christmas will also give boxes of chocolates to the senior residents of Spaldwick  
To update our list please let us know of any over 70's known to you by leaving an envelope containing names in the Village Shop

## PRINTING PROBLEMS

Some copies of last month's issue and of this month look a bit purple. This is because I ran out of yellow ink and, due to way the printer is programmed, everything stopped. In desperation to get the job done I put a spare blue cartridge in the yellow slot and it got me going again, but prints blue for yellow.

A yellow cartridge is now in place but it is taking time for the blue work its way through the system.

I am surprised that it worked at all, but it is something to keep in mind for future emergencies. John Blatch



## FATHER CHRISTMAS IN SPALDWICK

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2014

START—SCHOOL AT 4.00 PM

FINISH--THE GEORGE AT 6.00PM

CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON THE WAY FOLLOWED BY  
**CAROL SINGING IN THE GEORGE.**

FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE PLEASED TO  
HAND OUT PRESENTS TO CHILDREN ON THE  
ROUTE OR IN THE GEORGE IF PARENTS WILL  
LEAVE THEM IN THE VILLAGE SHOP BY FRIDAY  
19TH DECEMBER

PARENTS, PLEASE LABEL PRESENTS CLEARLY  
AND PUT ADDRESS TO RECEIVE AT HOME OR  
"THE GEORGE" IF AT THE PARTY AFTER-  
WARDS

**THE GEORGE WILL BE SERVING  
A SPECIAL PRICE MEAL. £9.50  
PRIOR BOOKING ADVISABLE**

# **ST JAMES' CHURCH CAROL PARTY**

**Tuesday  
23rd December  
At  
7.00pm**

**Mulled Wine, Mince Pies,  
Sandwiches, Tasty Bites**

**Tickets Adults £5  
Children £2.50  
From  
Rosemary Good, John  
Blatch, Amba Harbour,  
Edie Adams, Liz McCue**