

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Extending the Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Please consider registering with **eCops** - the email messaging system brought to you by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and powered by Neighbourhood Alert.

Go to <https://www.ecops.org.uk/>

Then join the Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch scheme to receive updates and information.

The more members we have - the better coverage around our village!

THANKYOU!

Shed Burglaries

Shed burglaries are increasing across Huntingdonshire. Apart from a couple of insecurities the most common method of entry is by forcing the padlock or hasp, various items being stolen including tools, garden equipment and cycles all of which were not secured within the shed.

There have been 18 offences reported in January, 12 of those in the last 11 days. Please click the link below for security advice in relation to sheds.

<http://cambs-police.co.uk/crimeprevention/advice/advice.asp?ID=168>

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please **call 999**.

For all **non-emergencies**, general enquiries and to report crime please **call 101**.

To give information anonymously, about crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

February Waste Bin Collection dates

Blue/Green	Fri 7th	Fri 21st	Mar	Fri 7th
Grey	Fri 14th	Fri 28th	Mar	Fri 14th

SPALDWICK NEWS February 2014



Jonathan and Sue Young with a farewell gift as they are leaving our area after xx years of Jonathan being Rector of Spaldwick, Ellington, Easton, Grafham and Barham. They have not gone far, only to Godmanchester where they have a house on The Causeway.

Throw off your cob-webs, and
watch the newest Band grown in
Spaldwick perform live!



LIVE LOCAL BAND
All Whales Go To
Heaven

The Mermaid pub
High St., Ellington
PE28 0AB

Feb 6th Thursday

Free Entry
Starting 9pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Phone 890534
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Phone: 890065
email: davidstowell@onetel.com

Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is at 8 pm on Thursday 13th February in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. Members of the public are welcome to attend and to speak on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Tree Planting in Spaldwick

The Parish Council will shortly be planting some small trees at selected sites within the Parish. The sites are normally covered with weeds and undergrowth. We have been advised that the best way to sustainably suppress the weeds is to place hessian-backed carpet round each young tree. If anyone has pieces of unwanted hessian-backed carpet please inform the Chairman (mbplummer@btinternet.com or 01480 890534) or any member of the Council who will then arrange to collect it.

CARERS

Do you give unpaid care to a friend or family? How can we support you to stay healthy and well?

Carers make a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of the thousands of people they support. It is equally important for carers to stay healthy and have a good quality of life themselves. Health, social care and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire are working together to look at what support carers need to stay healthy and well. We would like to hear from anyone who looks after family, partners or friends because they are ill, frail or have a disability. If you can help and are happy to give your views please complete our survey in one of the following ways:

On-line at www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Carers or
Call Sue Hall at Cambridgeshire County Council on 07508 916976

For advice and support call 08452 410954 or 01480 499090

Or go to www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org

Spaldwick Church

February Services

2nd	11.00am	Easton, final service to be taken by Jonathan Young
9th	9.30am	Sunday Eucharist
16th	4.00pm	Licensing Service for our new Vicar Stephen Bowring
23rd	9.30am	Sunday Eucharist

On Sunday 2nd February everyone in the five parishes is invited to Jonathan Young's farewell service as our Rector at 11.00am in Easton church.

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

Our new Vicar, Stephen Bowring takes over from Jonathan Young on Sunday 16th February with a special Licensing Service in Spaldwick Church at 4 o'clock.

The Licensing will be conducted by the Venerable Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech and will be for Spaldwick, Easton and Barham.

Stephen will then have added these three parishes to the four for which he is already responsible, Kimbolton, Stow Longa, Tilbrook and Covington. From March the Sunday services in Spaldwick will all be at 9.30am



Escape Youth Group February 2014

We've had a number of new members join us in January from year 6. Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy the Youth Club.

As a reminder, Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend if they are already aged 11 or their 11th birthday is before Easter 2014. The remaining year 6's can join us after Easter.

Tony (our professional youth worker) has set a schedule of special events for the Youth Club sessions. In January our youngsters, using specially designed 'beer goggles', had a chance to experience the effects of alcohol on their senses and how it affects their driving ability (Playstation!) and their spacial awareness. And on our second session they competed in teams against each other in the 'Team Tower' themed events.

February sessions will be as follows (7-9pm):

February 14th - Mad Science - Calamitous Chemistry

February 28th - Rocket Races.

Admission is just £1 per person.

Many thanks this month to the Spaldwick Social Group who have kindly donated £63.86 raised on Santa's trip around Spaldwick before Christmas.

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We've had 1 parent volunteer to help Tony and the committee with running the youth club. We need additional help each week to run the tuck shop - a very important job, just ask any of our members! If a parent for each child attending youth club volunteered to help just once, we would have enough helpers to cover almost 2 years of youth club sessions. Unfortunately we don't have this many volunteers, but if we have more parents willing to help just once, they would make a big difference to the running of the club. If you can help, please either email escape@spaldwick.com or speak to one of the committee members at the youth club. Mark Sturdy

Spaldwick Open Gardens

At the January meeting, the Gardening Club put together their ideas for this year's Open Gardens Day on Sunday 22nd June 2014.

We are pleased to announce that, once again, we will be selling the Hybrid Tea Rose 'Simply Spaldwick' as part of our fund raising for local charities. This lovely scented rose with glossy foliage will be available as a potted, established plant at £11.95.

Members of the Gardening Club are already placing orders so if any non-members would like to order one or more of these plants then you will need to get your name down as soon as possible by contacting Roger on 891683.

We are pre-ordering a reasonable number from the growers and we will, of course, be selling this rose on the Open Gardens Day as well, but we suggest that you reserve your plant to avoid disappointment.

Other activities that have been finalised are:

Afternoon Teas with home-made scones and cakes

Flower Festival in the Church

Plant Stall Fantastic Raffle

Number Twelve's home-made ice cream

Children's Treasure Hunt

This event is sponsored by Watsons Electrical of Kimbolton

The next full meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday
12th February

at Joyce and Grahame's, Chestnut View, High Street at 7.30pm

New members always welcome

The Gardening 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 will be on 24th
February hosted by Chris
Saynor 1, Stow Rd. 1.30pm

Dates for Your Diary

Feb 24th Open House

April 25th St Georges Supper tbc

April 27th Pudding Club

June 22nd Open Gardens

July 13th Fete

For items in the News email
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RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, TEXTILES, BOOKS AND DVD'S TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SPALDWICK SCHOOL

The next collection is:

Tuesday 4th February 9:00am

Please help us to raise funds for school.

*Please take your donations to school on the morning of
4th February.*

*If you are not able to do this please deliver your bagged/boxed
items to Keren Pope at 11 Ivy Way before the 4th February or
call Claire on 896210 for collection.*



January's rundown of church events missed off the wedding
of Tori and Marc of Thrapston Road on September 14th.
Here they are leaving the church.

Photo by Barnaby Aldrick

BURNS SUPPER

"The sound of bagpipes emanated from The George on Friday night, 24 January 2014, as the Haggis arrived and was presented by the chef to the gathering of Spaldwick residents, their friends and relatives. The Burns Night Supper, organised by the Spaldwick Social Group, proved a popular event and the 60 tickets were sold very quickly.

Guest toastmaster for the evening was Alan Robertson who joined us for the formalities. He gave the 'Address to a Haggis' and ceremonially sliced it with a dagger. The drama was best enjoyed by those seated nearby but as I sat the furthest away I only saw the dagger raised above Alan's head before being brought down with purpose. Then came lots of applause so I knew it was well aimed.

The traditional main course of Haggis, neeps and tatties was followed by a scrumptious Chocolate torte but before we placed a morsel in our mouths Bill McCue offered the Selkirk Grace with fine voice. We were treated to an impromptu reading and review of Robbie Burns' life by Alan Robertson then we sang one of The Bard's best known compositions, Auld Lang Syne.

Two members of the Social Group, Caroline and Raine, provided a warm welcome as everyone arrived at the pub and also managed the raffle. The prize draw rounded off the splendid evening very nicely and the proceeds of £306.00 will help towards making the summer Fete, on Saturday 12 July 2014, Spaldwick's biggest and best yet!"

SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Having completed a reasonably successful season in 2013, the Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club has begun its programme for 2014. The club programme comprises club nights at 7.00 pm in the Spaldwick School Hall every Tuesday evening during term times, club competitions and social events, and friendly matches with other village clubs.

Carpet bowls is a gentle, skilful sport played in a competitive, yet friendly and sociable atmosphere, and can be played at any age.

There are currently vacancies for new members so come along and give it a try one Tuesday evening or just contact an existing member or **B. Plummer on 01480 890534**. No experience is necessary and you will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

PUDDING CLUB

27TH APRIL 2.00PM—4.00PM

Have your Roast Beef Sunday lunch and then come along to the church for your Pudding. A wide variety will be available, have one, have all. Baked by ladies of the village (and some men). Tea and Coffee also available.



100 years of Spaldwick, and we need your help!

World War 1 began in 1914 – 100 years ago this year. During this time, Spaldwick has undergone many changes with significant contrasts, from the start of the First World War to the (forthcoming) modern day intro-

duction of superfast fibre broadband. Throughout the years, many people have lived and worked (in a range of occupations) in the village.

The photo above shows Walton House when it was the village Post Office and a shop. Previously, it was the Bell Inn (and before that the Blue Bell Inn) – one of three pubs in the village!

The Spaldwick website in collaboration with clubs and groups within the village are marking this important year with a range of special events and information to share Spaldwick's rich history with others. Here's what's planned already, with even more to come!

Spaldwick Gardening Club is holding its 2014 Open Gardens event on Sunday 22nd June from 12 noon to 5pm. In addition to having lovely gardens to visit, St James Church will be holding a special flower festival themed around 100 years of Spaldwick history.

The annual Spaldwick Scarecrow Competition will be taking place at the end of June, and the special theme for this year's competition is '100 years of Spaldwick'. As there have been so many developments and events over 100 years, the theme should provide you with lots of ideas! You'll have your chance to vote on your favourite (historical) scarecrow with our online voting.

Spaldwick Social Group is holding the 2014 Spaldwick Fete on Saturday 12th July, and through the many events, stalls and activities throughout the Fete, the village will be remembering and celebrating its interesting history. With the support of Stuart Dixon, Spaldwick Welcome Club and many other residents, and helped by local museums and libraries, the Spaldwick website will be providing lots of information on the history of Spaldwick (illustrated with photographs, drawings and videos). In particular, a timeline will be developed throughout the year, identifying key developments and events for each of the 100 years

All our material – as well as information on Spaldwick from 1000BC – will be published on the following page, so please keep checking back for developments:

www.spaldwick.com/history

We need your help! Many villagers have lived in Spaldwick for many years, with memories and photographs of Spaldwick in the past. We would love to hear from you so that this information can be permanently recorded, and shared with other residents now and in years to come. Please get in touch with Stuart Dixon or Mark Heath, or email info@spaldwick.com.

The Last Post, a mass participation music project for 300 communities

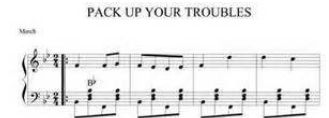
Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has announced the launch of the Last Post, a mass participation music project for 300 communities in each year of the Centenary from 2014 to 2018.

For a fortnight either side of Remembrance Sunday, 300 communities across the country will research their own local First World War heritage and hold musical recitals in schools, libraries, places of worship and community centres, where they will share stories, local memories and testimony.

Volunteers at each event will play the Last Post on new arrangements of the traditional bugle and trumpet call. 'Last Post songbooks' will also offer traditional music from the era including the widely known trench songs such as 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'Keep the home fires burning' and 'Take me back to dear old Blighty.'

2014 will mark 100 years since the start of the First World War. To honour and remember the lives of those who served in and were affected by the war, the government is leading a national centenary programme of ceremonial events, cultural activity and education.

A number of communities are planning Last Post musical events next month.



For more information on the Last Post see www.superact.org.uk

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