

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### COURIER FRAUD SCAMS

Please be aware of a growing scam where fraudsters are posing as bank staff or Police to dupe people into withdrawing and handing over cash. Fraudsters often target older and more vulnerable members of the community - many victims have lost their life savings!

The scam begins with a phone call. Fraudsters pose as bank staff or the Police and use various stories to trick people into thinking they're a victim of bank account fraud. In most cases a courier is sent to collect cards or money. Sometimes people are duped into transferring money to a fraudster's account, believing they are moving money to a safe account in their own name.

To add authenticity to the story, the victim may be asked to hang up and call the police control room or the bank to confirm what the caller is saying. However, the caller doesn't hang up the phone at their end and so the victim unknowingly remains on the line with the fraudster. Reassured that they have verified the story with the Police or with their bank, the victim then follows the fraudster's instructions.

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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**.

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May/June Waste Bin Collection dates			
Blue/Green	Fri 2nd	Fri 16th	Sat 31st
Grey	Sat 10th	Fri 23rd	June Fri 6th

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Photo by Mark Heath

St George's Day Supper  
The Chef bringing in the Beef  
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## LAWN CARE IN MAY

### Organic Fertiliser for a Great Looking Lawn

The fertiliser we use is organic which means we are feeding the soil to help it feed the lawn, and benefit the environment, and give you great looking lawn.

### Weed Control

Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to reduce 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.

### Irrigation

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

### **Actions required in May**

Mow lawn at least once per week	Apply Spring Feed
Spray weeds in lawn with Selective Herbicide	
Spray drive/paths/patio with total herbicide	Irrigate lawn in dry spells

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

### **Reader Offer**

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply a Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE."(existing Customers will receive an additional treatment free of charge too)

Call Deborah, Nikki or Richard on **01480 812393**  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Phone 890534  
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Phone 890065  
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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 8th 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 15th May at 8 pm. This is the ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL at which Chairman and 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.

### STREET LIGHTING

Balfour Beatty will be starting work shortly on upgrading and renewing the street lights in parts of the Village. A summary of the proposals relating to Thrapston Road, Ferriman Road, Ivy Way, Royston Avenue and Stow Road will be posted on the Parish Council notice boards and website. If you have any questions or concerns would you please contact the Clerk as soon as possible and at the latest by 13th June so that any problems can be resolved before work starts.

## Spaldwick Church

### May Services

4th 9.30am	Morning Worship
11th 9.30am	Sunday Eucharist
18th 9.30pm	Sunday Eucharist
25th 9.30am	Sunday Eucharist

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792  
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287  
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

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

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

In conjunction with the **Open Gardens** being organised by the **Gardening Club** there will also be a **Flower Festival** in the Church

**Interested?** Please come to a planning meeting  
at 1. Stow Road (Chris Saynor) at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 30th April



### Escape Youth Group - Spaldwick News May 2014

Youth club is now open to all current year 6 pupils, and accepts members up to and including year 11.  
Admission is just £1 per person.

The Youth Club runs from 7-9pm in the Spaldwick School hall, community room and playing field (weather permitting). Our standard facilities include table tennis, table football, XBOX and PS3 consoles with various games including Guitar Hero and Dance Central, board games and occasional craft activities.

This month's sessions are: Friday May 9th  
Friday May 23rd

Special activities are to be confirmed for the above dates, and will be added to our Facebook page (Spaldwick Escape) shortly.

Finally, thanks to the parents who volunteered to help in the tuck shop in April, your help is very much appreciated.

Mark Sturdy.

## Spaldwick Gardening Club

At the time of writing we are looking forward to this Sunday's Pudding Event and Plant/Preserve/Cake Sale at the Church. Many thanks to all those who will have donated items for sale. As always we appreciate your continued support.

The Club's plans for the Open Gardens Event are well advanced and the day looks to be full of varied events. If anyone is able to provide a few plants for our stall or suitable items for the raffle, we would be very pleased to receive them on the day of the event - Sunday 22nd June.

Date of our next meeting is Wednesday 14th May at 8pm (please note later time) at 1 Ivy Way, Spaldwick. New members always welcome.

Roger Haines

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](http://www.spaldwick.com/open-gardens)

Open House will be hosted by Rosemary Good, Ivy House, High Street on Monday 19th May

Dates for Your Diary  
May 19th Open House  
June 22nd Open Gardens and Flower Festival  
29th Scarecrow Week  
July 12th Fete

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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY REUSE AND RECYCLING NETWORK (CCORRN)



. Cambridgeshire Community RePaint was launched in January 2011 and involves the collection of paint from household recycling centres which is then sorted and any reuse-able paint is offered for sale at low cost (significantly less than it would cost from a DIY retail supplier). For example, the RRP of 2.5 litres of Crown or Dulux coloured emulsion is currently £17.99 whereas the CCORRN price for the same product is just £4.00.

There are many benefits of the Community RePaint scheme including:

- \* Prevents reuse-able paint from having to be disposed of (which is expensive and not very environmentally friendly)
  - \* Low cost paint is made available to all and particularly benefits community groups and those on low incomes
  - \* Provides employment and volunteering opportunities at CCORRN (developing real work-related skills and boosting the confidence of the volunteers, making them more employable).
  - \* Community groups, charities and schools can apply for the monthly award of 'Get Painted' which gifts up to 240 litres of paint to improvement projects, breathing new life into tired buildings (which often enables them to increase participation in and usage of the community's facilities).
- \* Community buildings and homes can be well-maintained for less, building relationships and developing a sense of community cohesion.

You may like to visit the website [www.communityrepaint.org.uk](http://www.communityrepaint.org.uk) for more information



## SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

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 a few 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 AND PLANT SALE 27TH APRIL

**We had a successful day in the church with about 50 visitors to our Pudding Table and Plant Stall. About a million calories were consumed and global warming was set back by the number of CO<sup>2</sup> consuming plants taken home. Many thanks to all who provided the scrummy puddings and to Roger Haines and the gardening Club for the Plant Stall.**

**£153 was raised from donations and £85 from plant sales**

## Roast beef and a song for St George

Following on from the successful Burns Night, with its Scottish flavour, the Spaldwick Social Events Group was asked to lay on another supper and on this occasion it was very English. It's the first time I've been to a meal celebrating St George's Day and how very fitting we should hold it in our own local, The George!

St George's Day was celebrated on 23 April 2014 and guests quickly filled the barn restaurant. Once everyone was seated we were treated to live music from Poppy Hall (violin), Naomi Longhurst (flute) and Fergus Moran (drum); They played 'Roast Beef of Old England' as chef paraded the beef into the dining room. And that was just the start of the jollifications! Between courses Lisa Hunter performed 'Elizabeth's speech' from 1588 with gusto and panache, John Lock read an historic piece by Winston Churchill that took us back to 1933 and, finally, we were treated to a quaint and funny monologue about George and the Dragon from Stuart Dixon.

We participated in a table quiz organised and marked by John Lock, with the winning team, the Dragons Den, knowing more about Prime Ministers and Cockney rhyming slang than the rest of us. Raine Thompson and Alison Heath got busy selling raffle tickets (boozy prizes of course) and then, you might not be surprised to hear, we all got singing! John Blatch had prepared backing music and song sheets so we had no excuses. With much hilarity, as even the most timid of singers were in voice (not necessarily in tune or in time), we enjoyed a chorus or two of Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory.

Amongst all the banter and excellent conversation we ate a very good meal of roast beef with all the trimmings. It was probably the largest Yorkshire pudding I've seen in a long while and it topped a magnificent plate of tasty beef. And the surprises kept coming; dessert was a delicious jam roly poly, cunningly disguised as a treacle sponge, that filled any remaining corners.

Lucy Frain, Chair of the group, kept the full house of 60 guests under control ensuring we all had a superb evening and it was indeed a very pleasant way to raise funds for Scarecrow week and the Spaldwick Fete!

By Yasmin Chopin, Publicity Co-ordinator.



.Photo by Mark Heath

## Spaldwick Social Group

The Spaldwick Social Events Group (SSG) has a formal constitution and is set up to "initiate and organise social events to enhance the social life of the whole village community".

The AGM took place in March and, in April, committee members got together for a photo (taken by Mark Heath).

Who's who from left to right:- Lucy Frain:Chair, Trevor Cooper, Yasmin Chopin, June Dixon: Treasurer, Alison Heath: Secretary, John Blatch, Raine Thompson, Lisa Hunter, Bernard Plummer.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive "thank you" to committee members who have recently left after many years of service to the Group:-

John Lock - took over the Chairmanship temporarily last year and did an excellent job.

Caroline Lock - a top organiser especially in regards to raffle prizes.

Jutta Fiford - a diligent Secretary to the committee.

Neil Ritchie - a voice of reason, whose help with site checks has been invaluable.

The next big Spaldwick double extravaganza is Scarecrow week (29 June - 6 July) and the Spaldwick Fete on Saturday 12 July 2014. If you are interested in joining us on the committee, please get in touch with any of us for an informal chat; we also welcome your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. We bring together enthusiasm, experience and skills that we hope will contribute to making the social life in Spaldwick a pleasure for everyone for many years to come.

Our email address is [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com)

our website is [www.spaldwick.com/social-group](http://www.spaldwick.com/social-group)

On the website, at

[www.spaldwick.com/spaldwick-fete-2014](http://www.spaldwick.com/spaldwick-fete-2014)

you will find up-to-date information about this year's Fete.

We still need volunteers for the Fete. There will soon be a chart on the website where you can put your name down to help on the stall of your choice for an hour or so. If you do offer help you will not be tied to a stall all day!