

## LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

**Window Blinds.** Do you realise that window blind cords kill children every year? They can get caught in the looped cords and not have the strength to free themselves. Make sure that the cords are fastened up out of their reach.

**Nappy Sacks.** Do you store nappies in baby's room? Several babies have been suffocated simply by falling asleep on top of a plastic sack, the thinness of the plastic makes it cling to the face as they breath in and small babies are unable to pull it away.

**Button Batteries** Small children and babies instinctively put things in their mouths. All types of batteries contain acid which can be fatal if swallowed. If you save batteries to re-cycle make sure that they are in a container out of reach of your children.

**Liquitab Detergents.** These tablets, used in washing machines, look very much like sweets to small children. Store them out of reach and out of sight.

### August September Waste Bin Collection dates

Grey	Aug Fri 1st	Fri 15th	Sat 30th
Blue/Green	Aug Fri 8th	Fri 22nd	Sept Fri 5th

## SPALDWICK NEWS August 2014



Dad's Army  
The winning scarecrow in last month's  
competition.  
More pictures by Mark Heath inside and on  
the village web site  
[spaldwick.com](http://spaldwick.com)

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### SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2014

10am 'TIL 6pm



Cycle, Drive or Walk around  
Cambridgeshire's Churches or Chapels  
to raise money for the  
Church or Chapel of your choice



**Local Church or Chapel listed below:**

SPALDWICK CHURCH

More information from John Blatch.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

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There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick school on Thursday 11th September at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

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## SPALDWICK AT THE GAMES



This photograph of Paul with his head cut off is NOT by Mark Heath

Paul Hall of Church Lane in his official Commonwealth Games dress. Paul, who was awarded an MBE for his coaching of Olympic Medal winner Louis Smith, is now coach for the Scottish Gymnastic Team but still coaches English gymnasts. The tally for Paul's protégés, English and Scottish, up to Thursday 30th July is 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 bronze with more expected on Friday

## Spaldwick Church

### August Services

3rd	9.30am	Morning Worship
10th	9.30am	Family Service
17th	9.30pm	Sunday Eucharist
24th	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](http://spaldwick.com/church)

### FAMILY SERVICE

The Family Service will be a children friendly service complete with Keyboard, Power Point and join in activities.

Do come along for an enjoyable and informative hour.

### HARVEST SUPPER

Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 5th October at 6 o'clock followed by Supper and Auction of Produce in The George at 7 o'clock

### A third of Spaldwick households flock to superfast broadband in just three weeks!



Last month, we announced the arrival of superfast broadband in Spaldwick - ahead of many much larger towns and villages in the UK. The first installations commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Within three weeks, a third of Spaldwick households had already subscribed to fibre broadband. We're now rapidly approaching 40% take-up - with more than 240 residents accessing high-speed fibre broadband already!

Feedback has been very positive. Don't take our word for it. You can find lots of information about fibre broadband and comments from villagers who have already upgraded on the village website: <http://www.spaldwick.com/broadband>

Broadband Champion Mark Heath said, "Initial take-up has been phenomenal and many people have told me that they expect to upgrade in the next few weeks. I'm a bit surprised that some residents suffering the worst speeds in the village speeds with conventional broadband - sometimes less than 1Mbps - haven't upgraded yet as they will see the biggest gains. They are currently paying such a lot of money for broadband for so little."

So far, the greatest download speed improvement has been achieved in Fuller Close, where the download speed for one resident increased from 1Mbps to 43Mbps!

There is only a small price premium if you upgrade to fibre broadband with your current provider and, if you are prepared to change provider, you could actually pay less than you do now for a superslow broadband service.

If you want any advice, or you are suffering any type of broadband issue (before or after migration), please email [mark.heath@spaldwick.com](mailto:mark.heath@spaldwick.com)

## **Spaldwick Gardening Club**

The Gardening Club had a very successful day at the Fete where Silje Jackson and her team had a busy time selling plants and tickets for our amazing raffle.

A big thank you to everyone who donated plants and raffle prizes, to all those who bought plants and tickets and to our band of cheerful helpers who manned the stall on the day.

We were able to donate £100 to Spaldwick Social Group towards the funding of future events.

The Club is now looking to arrange another garden visit for the autumn and suggested venues are

The Old Rectory Gardens, Sudborough, Cambridge Botanical Gardens or Elton Hall.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th August at Silje Jackson's,

The Limes, High Street, commencing at 8pm. New members always welcome.

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)

No Open House in August.  
In September it will be hosted by Sue Young in her house in Godmanchester

Dates for Your Diary  
Oct 5th Harvest Supper

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## **Hog Roast! by Stephen Grundy**

The excellent attendance at the Hog Roast after the Spaldwick Fete was testament to how much the village values such events and indeed values the effort and dedication the organisers make to ensure the success of such occasions.

It was the first time we had been and we had looked forward to the evening as it was an opportunity for people to relax with friends and acquaintances, enjoy the food and drink and listen to 'home grown' live music. Thankfully the weather was kind to us, despite some mixed forecasts, but I'm sure inclement weather would not have dampened the enjoyment one bit.

There was much praise for the food, its preparation the result of some members of the committee 'slaving over a hot hog' for most of the afternoon!

Towards the end of the event there was dancing to the live music, enjoyable for spectators and participants alike, although there was the usual dearth of male involvement!!

I think it's fair to say a good time was had by all so a very big thanks to the organising committee. Roll on next year!!

Some of the Scarecrows who appeared in the village last month.  
By Mark Heath who has posted all of the pictures on the village website spaldwick.com



## Pictures from Fete 2014 By Mark Heath



### FETE DRAW

A prize is yet to be collected from the Fete Draw.  
Would "George" who bought ticket no. 775 (pink)  
please call Lucy on 07903066167



## FETE 2014

The morning of the Fete brought more anticipation than last year due to my first year in the role of Chairperson of Spaldwick Social Group. My delight at seeing no rain at 6.00am gave me an energetic positive vibe that remained throughout the day.

Hour by hour from 7am to 10am the teams of "gazebo builders" arrived and the stalls started to take shape. Great to see so many hours of planning and organising slowly come together like a large jigsaw puzzle. There were new people to meet and familiar faces returning all eager to make the day successful for everyone. I can recall standing in the middle of the ground just before we opened the Fete and saying "yes, we've done it!"

But the best was yet to come. A Town Crier opening the Fete was perfect (thank you David) and got our visitors eager to see what was at the Fete this year.

Activities, performances and local produce for sale; the Fete had something for everyone. I'm very grateful to the hard work and many practice sessions from the younger members of our region. The beautiful ballerinas from Stageworks and the talented children from our local primary school who were either drumming or dancing delighted the crowds and their parents. The Maypole dancing was very fitting to the theme of One hundred years of Spaldwick and I loved the way the public were invited to have a go too!

A new apprenticeship scheme for Year 5 and 6 was fascinating and productive in their innovations and business's ideas with a little competition between the teams!

The Fete provided several additional opportunities such as raising awareness of charities close to our hearts ranging from supporting the emergencies services, specialised medical conditions, rehoming a pet or preserving our wildlife all of which had positive outcomes as the day went on.

People commented on the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere to the Fete and one couple I spoke to had come to the Fete thanks to a new idea from a Committee member to advertise the Fete through eye catching boards from Peter Lane estate agents. That got the residents talking as it looked like the whole High Street was up for sale!

It gave me great pleasure to see everyone enjoying themselves in conversation or with good food and drink continuously throughout the day. The Fete came to a close with many skilled and creative competition winners keen to see who had the best recorded time, design or correct number as well as our raffle prize winners hoping for the Pimms Hamper Basket!

A final important point about the Fete is the way that the event brings together all the clubs and committees in the village. My thanks to those from Escape, S Club, Playtimes, Bowling Club, Gardening Club, Welcoming Club, Parish Council and Friends of Spaldwick School for their support to the Social Group and provisions made by each one.

I would take another page to thank everyone for their help and support in making one day a "day to remember" but to sum it up "you know who you are": stall holders, visitors, family, friends and the Committee members of SSG.

We welcome any suggestions for the Fete and already some people have said to me "next year I could...." If you would be interested in knowing more about Spaldwick Social Group we would be happy for you to join us at one of our monthly meetings so please contact us on

[www.spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com) and visit our web page. Our very grateful thanks to Mark Heath and John Blatch for the way they promote the Social Group and regularly update are news online or in the newsletter.

On a personal note it leaves me to say how proud I am to live in such a beautiful village where our community is supportive and friendly for all age groups.

See you all next year on Saturday 11th July 2015!

Lucy Frain Chairman of the Fete Committee