

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thatch Fires

Detectives investigating a series of fires in our local area have released the following description of the offenders - Police are linking five recent fires in Brampton and the Offords with a stack fire in Hemingford Grey -

They are both white and aged 25 to 30. The first is described as 6' 4" to 6' 6", thin and was wearing a dark hooded-top and dark trousers. The second was slightly shorter, stocky, with brown wavy hair and was wearing a grey hooded-top and black trousers.

The Police are asking anyone with information to call DS Moor on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

'Spreading the Word'

I would like to increase the number of Spaldwick residents who are connected to the NHW system so that more people receive messages regarding incidents in the Cambridgeshire area.

Please contact me for further details - thank you.

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](tel:999).

For all **non-emergencies**, general enquiries and to report crime please [call 101](tel:101).

To give information anonymously, about crime, call Crimestoppers on [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111).

David Henrick 01480896556 david.consult@btinternet.com

August September Waste Bin Collection dates

Blue/Green	Sept Fri 5th	Fri 19th	Oct Fri 3rd
Grey	Sept Fri 12th	Fri 26th	Oct Fri 10th

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Every year the Village Fete organised by the Social Group gets bigger and better. Certainly it is better than the days when we were crammed onto the green outside the Old Manor. Here is a picture from 2003 when the field behind the George was used. The Fancy Dress parade was better supported, let's see if we can match this turnout next year. More pictures from Mark Heath at spaldwick.com You may find yourself, looking younger.

**HARVEST SUPPER
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5TH**

**In
The George
At 7 o'clock**

**Two Course Supper
Auction of Produce**

Tickets £12.50

From

**Amba 890565, Edie 890991,
John 890853, Liz 890537,
Stuart 891837, Frankie 896448
Chris 891404**

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

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.

Steve's Path

Can I please express my thanks to the Parish for allowing the laying of a new stretch of path across the churchyard of St James Church.

The path is in memory of my late husband, Steve Carter who sadly lost his courageous battle with cancer on 27th November 2013. Steve loved to walk our dogs across this right of way and he had great respect for the importance of the church setting as an impressive feature of the village.

The footpath will be a lasting reminder to my daughters, Katy and Vicky, of the strength and determination, to the end, that their daddy displayed in this practice of always giving our dogs a good walk.

With my grateful thanks,
Karen Carter (Littlecotes Close)

Spaldwick Church September Services

7th	9.30am	Morning Worship
14th	9.30am	Eucharist
21st	9.30pm	Family Service
28th	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

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.



New Exciting Term!

It is the start of another round for the children to enjoy our activities.

Mark Study the chair who is staying on as chairman was very upbeat, and able to say that ESCAPE had another great year at the AGM. He thanked all of the dedicated committee members, and would like to also extend thanks to all parent-helpers who made a real difference in the running of these sessions.

It would be tremendous to continue this for the new term especially year 6 & 7 parents. If you can spare an occasional Friday manning the tuck shop email escape@spaldwick.com. The kids will love you especially for this!

Thanks to various donators including the Gardening Club from open gardens, Spaldwick Parish council & Hinchbrooke Trust. Monies which help to keep the group afloat, and hire professional help in the guise of Tony who has been keeping the kids very occupied, and setting tasks to challenge our youngsters.

Policy - Year 6 entrance for those turning 11 before October half-term.

For your diary Session Dates for next term – September 12th, September 26th (cheerleading), October 10th, October 24th, November 7th, November 21st, December 5th and December 19th.

The main aim has always to create a safe and fun environment for children to meet and socialise. This continues brilliantly thanks to everybody involved.

Hope you all have had a great holiday in the meantime, and see you all soon for more fun this year.

Escape Youth Group
Mark Sturdy

Spaldwick Gardening Club

At our club meeting in August, it was decided that we would not have a coffee morning and plant sale in October as we had already done three fund-raisers this year!

Instead, we will hold another fund-raising event in April of next year.

The members have decided on two garden visits in October; one to Chippenham Park Gardens where the feature will be Autumn colour plus a selection of specialist plant stalls.

The second is a guided tour of The Swiss Garden at Biggleswade where they have recently completed a £2.8 million restoration, having been given a grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September at 1 Ivy Way, at 8pm.

New members always welcome.

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

September it will be hosted by Sue Young in her house in Godmanchester on 29th September

Dates for Your Diary
Sept 29th Open House
Oct 5th Harvest Supper

For items in the News email jrblatch@btinternet.com

For items on the website email mark.heath@spaldwick.com



Superfast Spaldwick Thrust into the National Spotlight

Spaldwick has received national attention for the amazing pro-

gress made with superfast broadband in the village.

Last month, Spaldwick was visited by Ed Vaizey, the Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy. Ed was accompanied by senior people from BT and the Government, including Bill Murphy (Managing Director of Next Generation Access for BT), Kim Mears (Next Generation Access Director of Openreach), Chris Townsend (Chief Executive of BDUK), Walter Leschenkno (Local Project Director of BDUK), Ken Hunt (Department of Culture, Media and Sport), Matty Stewart (BT), Noelle Godfrey (Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme Director) and Councillor Ian Bates (Chairman of the Economy and Environment Committee for Cambridgeshire County Council).

Ed was escorted around by Broadband Champion Mark Heath, who explained how 40% take-up was achieved in the first month, to help the roll-out of superfast broadband across the UK.

Ed spent time talking to fourteen villagers. He met Darrell at Number 12 and others outside before visiting two houses where villagers had gathered to meet our guests.

Mark Heath has been bombarded with messages to say that our guests found their time in Spaldwick really informative and enjoyable. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport said, "The time in Spaldwick was brilliant and exactly what the Minister had hoped to see and hear."

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

FETE 2015



Photo By Mark Heath

Before Summer draws to a close please note the date of next year's Fete: Saturday 11 July 2015. We will start the planning all over again in the New Year but before then we have Christmas festivities to organise, (more about those later). If you want to run a stall, offer an activity or sponsor the Fete in some way please get in touch via email: socialgroup@spaldwick.com. And if you would like to join us on the organising committee, now is a very good time to get involved. Yasmin Chopin, Publicity Co-ordinator, Spaldwick Social Events Group.

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RIDE, DRIVE OR STRIDE



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:



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Copycat websites

Beware of copycat websites imitating official government services online. These are designed to trick you into parting with your cash unnecessarily by charging for services that are provided cheaper or for free through official government channels.

Ordering new passports, booking driving tests and renewing car tax discs are just some of the ways that people are unwittingly being left out-of-pocket by shrewd fraudsters who operate 'copycat' websites.

Copycat websites tend to use similar design features to replicate the 'look and feel' of official service websites and often use URLs that include fragments such as 'govuk', 'directgov' or relevant organisation names to make them appear as official providers of certain services.

The best way you can avoid being duped is:

Use [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) It is the easiest and most secure place to find government services and information online

Instead of searching for the services you need via a search engine, go to [GOV.UK](http://www.gov.uk) and use the search function there. Then you'll know you're on the official site

If you do use a search engine, look out for the differences between natural search results and paid-for search results.

National Trading Standards is issuing advice for consumers to beat the cyber con-artists, including a video guide at <http://www.tradingstandardscrime.org.uk/copycat-web-site-crackdown-2/>

To report a misleading or copycat website, you can call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

Also beware of websites offering to process Blue Badge applications for a charge of £49, plus the cost of a badge. It is not necessary to apply for a Blue Badge through any website other than the official Government website on www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge or by calling the Cambridgeshire Blue Badge Service on 0345 045 5204. This is a free registration service with a Blue Badge from Cambridgeshire costing £9 for a new Blue Badge and £5 for a replacement.

Stepping Stone

The Stepping Stones project supports disabled people aged 14-25 to access sports activities in Cambridgeshire. This can be as a participant, coach, official or volunteer. All you need to do is call and we will do the research and match you with a local provider. We provide the necessary support to the club to enable you to participate, and can help access funding to engage you in the activities.

Eligibility

Disabled people aged 14-25

Referral

Young people can self-refer

Costs

Club membership fees

Telephone: 01223 301756

Email: steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Household Recycling Centre Consultation:

The County Council is carrying out a consultation to inform its future household recycling service which will run for a six week period. This consultation is seeking views on a number of different options to help contribute to the £149 million savings required by the County Council over the next five years. To have your say on how the recycling service within Cambridgeshire is provided in the future please go to

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentreservice
between Friday 15 August and Friday 26 September.