

Doorstep callers are adept at high pressure sales techniques. They will catch you unawares. They are polite, persistent and persuasive and they will rush you to make a decision. Say "No thank you" and then immediately close the door. **Always get three quotes from recommended traders** before you go ahead with home maintenance work.

There are few better crime prevention measures than having **good neighbours**. If you live close to an elderly or vulnerable person you can volunteer to be a Nominated Neighbour. This is an informal Trading Standards scheme whereby if a vulnerable person receives an unexpected caller they can immediately direct them to a trusted neighbour. Details as to how to set up a scheme can be found at [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ncwinfo](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ncwinfo).

Good neighbours can also assist with **reporting any suspicious activity** in the local community and this is where **Crimestoppers** can assist as it allows the public to report crime or suspicious activity completely anonymously any time of the day or night.

Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers are keen to gather information to enable the police and Trading Standards to investigate and prevent doorstep crime.

Doorstep crime victimises the most vulnerable members of the community and we want to put a stop to it in Cambridgeshire. If you know of anyone undertaking such activity or have seen suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighbourhood please let us know, completely anonymously, so together we can tackle this criminality.

If you have any information about crime or criminals, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No one will ever know who you are. Individuals can also pass on information anonymously via the Crimestoppers website at

[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

### June/July Waste Bin Collection

Grey

Fri 5th

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

July Fri 3rd

Blue/Green

Fri 12th

Fri 26th

July Fri 10th

## SPALDWICK NEWS

June 2015



### NGS Open Gardens For Charity

June 14th (2-6pm)

Stewart and Mary Barnard will be opening their garden, in aid of charity, at 7 Thrapston Road, Spaldwick along with gardens at Catworth, Brington and Molesworth.

Home made teas are available at Spaldwick and Molesworth and plant stall at Catworth.

Combined entrance fee £4 Children free

### Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers Tackling Crime on Your Doorstep

The independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is reminding the residents across Cambridgeshire to be aware of doorstep crime during the long days of summer and autumn and to report any suspicious activity. Doorstep criminals typically employ a number of ruses to gain the confidence of victims before defrauding or stealing from them. They will also target the more vulnerable members of our communities.

Between May 2014 and April 2015 there were over 500 instances of suspected rogue trading reported to Cambridgeshire Police.

The most common types of doorstep criminals are those more commonly known as a 'rogue traders'. These criminals masquerade as genuine businesses and set out to deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory goods or services.

Typical services preferred by rogue traders are driveway maintenance, pressure-washing, gardening, roofing and guttering.

**Rogue traders** rarely offer the statutory 14 day cooling off period applicable for work costing more than £42, often insist on large amounts of cash up front and can be intimidating. Once they have found a victim they often return in the future under a new guise.

Another group of **doorstep criminals** are those who trick their way into victims' houses with the intention of stealing any valuables they can find within. These 'distraction burglars' often pose as workmen who ask to check something in the house and whilst left alone they, or an accomplice, will look for something easy to steal, such as cash, a handbag or jewellery. Among the most common of the excuses offered are needed to check the water supply and searching for a lost pet or ball.

#### How to deal with unexpected and unwanted visitors on your doorstep

**Remember the following 4 principles:**

**LOCK:** Ensure you keep exterior doors and windows locked.

**STOP:** Before you answer the door, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone.

**CHAIN:** Put the door bar or chain on. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is. Always keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.

## Jimmy's baby & toddler group

With St James Church, Spaldwick

Every Tuesday morning 9-10am during term times

Join the Vicar in the community room at Spaldwick School for a time of fun and fellowship with the under fives in mind! At around 9.30am we sing some songs, have a short story from the picture book Bible and say prayers.

Come and join this friendly group!

Drinks and biscuits provided, no fees or subs!



The baby and toddler session at the school this morning was super. Really enjoyed it! Definitely going next week! Spaldwick mum

## Spaldwick Church

### June Services

7th	10.45am Parish Communion	John Rawlinson
14th	10.45am Morning worship	Stephen Bowring
21st	10.45am Parish Communion	Nicki Bland
28th	10.45am Family Service	Stephen Bowring

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)

### SAVE THE CHILDREN

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECENT HOUSE TO  
HOUSE COLLECTION FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN

SPALDWICK RAISED £299.05

FANTASTIC!



Many thanks this month to Ed and Barbara Pearce who have kindly donated an air hockey table to the youth club, and have a **basket ball net for sale**, with proceeds to be donated to the youth group:

### **BASKET BALL NET FOR SALE:**

It's in good condition, could be dismantled, but would be easier if someone in Spaldwick wanted to buy it. It just needs the base refilling with sand to make it secure. If you are interested, please email your best offer to [escape@spaldwick.com](mailto:escape@spaldwick.com)

**Dates in June: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Youth Club 7-9pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Youth Club 7-9pm

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – We will have a stall at the Ellington Gala

Plans are in progress to organise a special session at Grafham Water Centre including sailing, canoeing, and a BBQ! We will give more details out over the coming youth club sessions and on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/escape.spaldwick](http://www.facebook.com/escape.spaldwick) **Mark Sturdy**



## Spaldwick Gardening Club

The club will be having a plant stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 11th July and we would be very pleased to receive any plants that we can sell.

Please bring them to our stall prior to the 11am start of the fete. We will also be having our usual garden themed raffle and would be pleased to receive any donations of prizes. There will be a basket on our stall (with foliage and oasis) and if anyone would like to bring a cut rose and place it in the basket, this will then go into the church.

The club will again be visiting Kathy Brown's wonderful garden at Stevington, Beds in July when the clematis should be in full flower. We will also be having a cake demonstration and one of Kathy's delicious afternoon teas.

Our summer get-together will be on 10th June when members and partners will be gathering for drinks and nibbles at the home of Maggie Lincoln from 7.30pm onwards and this will be our meeting for June.

Roger Haines

The next Open House will be on Monday 29th June at 45 Stow Rd. 1.30 to 3.30

Dates for your Diary  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Open House  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Village Fete

For items on the website email [info@spaldwick.com](mailto:info@spaldwick.com)

For items in the News email [john@blatch.com](mailto:john@blatch.com)

Organised by the Spaldwick Social Events Group (SSEG)  
email: [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com)

We are celebrating our UK-US community in RED WHITE & BLUE

**Spaldwick Fete**  
[www.spaldwick.co.uk](http://www.spaldwick.co.uk)

**Saturday 11 July 2015**



Dress your scarecrow in  
**RED WHITE & BLUE for Scarecrow Week!**  
The theme is UK - US!

**DATES:**

28 June - 5 July: Exhibit your scarecrows!  
5 - 10 July: Voting takes place online!

Email [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com) when your scarecrow is displayed. We will take photos and add it to the online voting form. Have fun!

**RAFFLE:** Contact us by email if you'd like to donate a prize (value £25 and over please). The raffle will be drawn at 3.00pm on 11 July 2015. Proceeds will be donated, a third each to Spaldwick Social Events Group, a selection of other Spaldwick groups and MAGPAS (the Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service).

## PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Greg Rice, 14 Ivy Way  
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Spaldwick PE28 0TA  
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Website: [www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

As from May 2015 the Council membership is as follows:

Steve Fane de Salis (Chairman), Hazel Cottage, 18 Thrapston Road

Mike Robinson (Vice-Chairman), 27 Thrapston Road

Sharan Jackson-Rimmer, 7 Littlecotes Close

Richard Johnson, 41 Stow Road

Greg Rice, 14 Ivy Way

Graham Smith, 3 Stow Road

Shonah Wakefield, 36 Ferriman Road

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8 o'clock in the Community Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

All Saints Church Grafham



**Little Fishes**



**Stay + Play Tots Session**

Grafham Village Hall

Wednesdays

10.00 to 11.30

We are planning several trial sessions  
due to start 3rd June 2015

Sessions to include free play and craft activities  
also a bible story and sing-along  
Babies welcome too

Please let us know if you think you're interested  
Also helpers are needed to make teas and coffees,  
please get in touch

Contact [robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk) 01480  
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## FUNDRAISERS-CLUB ORGANISERS-COMMITTEES

### LOOKING FOR IDEAS?

The first-ever Cambridgeshire Community Fair will be taking place on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at the Burgess Hall in St Ives.

The Community Fair is being organised by local rural development charity, Cambridgeshire ACRE and aims to **help communities think about how they can fund, build and do more in their own villages and towns.**

The event is being run as a drop-in style event from 3pm – 9pm, in the hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend for at least part of the event. **It's completely free of charge to attend and no booking is required – just turn up on the day.**

You will have the opportunity to join a wide range of talks and workshops covering topics like funding for community projects, building and maintaining community assets, running social action projects and developing social enterprises like community shops and pubs.

There'll be a marketplace of stalls from voluntary and community sector organisations, funders, local authorities and other local programmes, projects and groups. **Stallholders will set out what they can do to help communities and will be very willing to help people with ideas to explore.**

The event is aimed any anyone who lives or works in Cambridgeshire who wants to get more involved in community life. You might already be involved via your parish council or volunteer locally or you might just be wishing you could get more involved but don't know where to start.

## Hartford Open Gardens 2015

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**11.00 am to 5.00 pm**

**Adults £4**

*Ticket valid for both days  
(Accompanied children under 14 - free)*

**12 Gardens in Hartford to  
visit - look out for the signs!**



**Local artist's work on view in the  
Open Studio at Eaton Farm**



Visit [www.allsaintshartford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshartford.org.uk)

*Starting point, tickets, refreshments and information at  
All Saints' Church Hartford PE29 1YF*