

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HOLIDAY BOOKING FRAUD

With summer holidays now in progress, there is a risk of being a victim to travel booking frauds when looking for last minute package deals / cheap flights. Whether paying upfront for a family holiday or simply booking a flight, payments are transferred only to discover that the holiday / airline ticket does not exist and was sold to you by a bogus travel company. Fraudsters will often lure potential customers with low prices and 'one time only' offers that are simply too good to pass up, requesting payment by **direct bank transfer**.

Avoid paying for a holiday / airline tickets / accommodation via **direct bank transfer**.

No reputable company will ever request payment via this method.

Protect Yourself

- Whenever possible, pay for your holiday by credit card as it offers increased protection.
- Look for the 'https' and locked padlock icon in the address bar before entering your payment details.
- Never feel pressured to make a booking for fear that you will miss out on this 'low price' opportunity.
- If you have never used the company before, do some online research to ensure they are reputable.
- Should you make a flight or hotel booking through a travel company, feel free to separately check with the hotel / particular airline that your booking does indeed exist. If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Aug/Sept Waste Bin Collection

Blue/Green

Fri 5th Fri 19th Sep Sat 3rd

Grey

Fri 12th Fri 26th Sep Fri 9th

SPALDWICK NEWS

August 2016



The winning scarecrow this year, Slug and Lettuce created by Lyndy Pullan, Thrapston Road. There were 14 scarecrows, see the others at spaldwick.com



BROWNIE POINTS

Do 'you' need Brownie Points?

Get those jobs done that you
have been promising to...
'get done tomorrow!'

A qualified decorator could be your saving grace!
Internal and external painting, wallpapering and emulsifying.

Give Rob a call on **07971 337 581** or **01480 891 961**
or email: **r.bates01@btinternet.com**

Gutters also cleaned out and repaired

Delivering the News.

Thank you very much to all those who volunteered to deliver the News. Carolyn Traynor was the lucky one who's offer was taken up. She will now be delivering to Stow Road and Mount Pleasant, in all weathers.

Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS) Survey

We would like your views to help us shape the future of the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme. The scheme helps vulnerable people and families under exceptional pressure who have little or no money.

Please complete our online survey:
<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OWM84/>

Find out more about the scheme www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/clas
If you have any questions, please email fis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Spaldwick Parish Council

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Spaldwick School on Thursday 15 September at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on matters concerning the village during the Open Forum.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Council following the resignation of Shonah Wakefield. If you are interested in filling this vacancy please contact the Clerk in writing or by email by midday on Friday 9 September.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We recently held two Community Speedwatch sessions - one on Friday 24th June and one on Friday 8th July. Both sessions were held on the High Street near Beech Tree Farm - we were very successful. In total we reported 14 vehicles for excessive speed. I'd like to thank all the volunteers for helping me to run the sessions. New volunteers are always welcome so please contact me if you'd like to join us: csw.spaldwick@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Oct 2nd Harvest Supper Dec 18th Santa Sleigh Ride
Dec 22nd Carol Party

For items on the Website
email info@spaldwick.com

For items in the News email
john@blatch.com

Spaldwick Church

August Services

7th	10.45am	Parish Communion	Nicky Bland
14th	4.30pm	Messy Church	Nicky Bland
21st	10.45am	Parish Communion	John Rawlinson
28th	10.45am	Morning Worship	John Rawlinson

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

Church News

MESSY CHURCH

Our first Messy Church was a great success, 40 children and as many parents came and all got involved in a dozen different activities.

The next session will be on Sunday 14th August. This month is usually a bit dead with family holidays taking precedence but Nicky Bland and helpers will be there, hope to see you too.



Phew!! Another successful year completed by the ESCAPE youth Group as we have held our AGM 2016. I am still the Chair for this fabulous group of young members run by a dedicated committee including Sharan, Lorraine, Paul, Pete, Kit, and Sam as helper. Big thanks to Nick Thompson who is standing down after many years of service but I am assured he is still around on the fringes!

There is great news that we have recruited Julie Moor onto the committee to provide fresh blood and ideas (Welcome!), and with training taking place for our new youth worker we will be stronger in the coming year.



Thank you to all who visited our stall at the Spaldwick fete, and to those who tried our fantastic inflatable BUNGEEEE Run which was full of

elasticated fun!

Back on 9th September then 23rd Sept, 7th Oct, 21st Oct, 11th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 16th Dec. Please refer to webpage www.spaldwick.com/escape for any changes.



Escape welcomes volunteers to help at our youth club sessions!!

ENORMOUS THANK YOU TO ESCAPE MEMBERS & PARENTS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

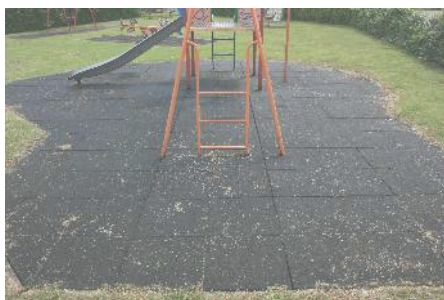
Have a great Summer Holiday 2016 to all!

Escape Youth Group

Mark Sturdy

Spaldwick Parish Council is continuing the programme of maintenance and refurbishment of village assets. Work has now been completed to replace the worn and uneven surface under the play equipment on Ferriman Road with a wet pour safety surface.

This meets current safety requirements, alleviating the trip hazards caused by the old rubber tiles and should last for years to come.



Before



After



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Extended Entitlement – 30 hours of free childcare for working parents

At present all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 570 hours of Government funded childcare per year. From September 2017, children of working parents in Cambridgeshire will be entitled to an additional 570 hours per year equating to 1140 hours of free childcare per year. This has been referred to in the press as '30 hours' of childcare or 'extended entitlement'.

We are interested in what parents' views are and ask that parents please take a moment to complete the survey which is online at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/30hour>

This would mean that services for up to thirty or so people to take place in the chancel, but it would allow us to use the whole church for bigger occasions like carol services or harvest festivals. For most of the time the body of the nave would be usable separately as a hall.

One of the very first concerns is the need for 'essential services' (pun intended!) There is at present no water supply to the church and no sewerage away. We need toilets, and some form of kitchen facilities. People expect different levels of comfort from those envisaged by the original church builders, and that includes heating and insulation.

There are many examples of churches not too far away from us here in Spaldwick where schemes have been imaginatively and sensitively implemented. Although on a smaller scale, our sister church in Easton has had some much-admired improvements in recent years to provide a small meeting room and a toilet as well as opening up the rear portion of the church.

It may be worth mentioning that the idea has the full support not only of all the regular worshippers at St James', but also of the local and national church authorities. This is very much seen as the best way forward for church and village alike, and there are a number of grant-aid bodies to whom we can apply for help. It will still be an expensive business, not least because the church is a grade 1 listed building with all the strictures that that implies.

Please look out for your invitation to come and see the plans as they develop, at a public meeting on a date to be arranged in September. If you want to ask any questions or put forward your views before then, please drop me a line at:

kymvicar@gmail.com

Stephen



SPALDWICK CHURCH The Future

A-SPIRE-ATIONS!

Many readers will have heard by now that the Parochial Church Council have plans for big changes at St James'

The main intention is to turn the body of the church into a space that can be used for a wide variety of community uses, and the challenge is to do that without losing the essential purpose and spiritual character of the building.

Although it's a huge project for us, there are two facts that encourage us: on the one hand there's history, and on the other we're not alone. History tells us that this is how churches used to be before recent generations installed neat rows of pews - the only pews in the middle ages were around the edges for the elderly and infirm (hence the expression "going to the wall") We're not alone because countless churches up and down the country are doing the same or something similar - it makes no sense to have these wonderful buildings being used for just a few hours each week, when communities end up building other buildings to use at other times!

We are still at the very early stages of exploring the options and possibilities, but the present vision is to see the nave (the main part of the church) stripped of pews and opened up, with the chancel (where the altar is) divided off with some kind of glazed or opening screen.

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

On 4 February 2016 representatives of The Community Room Users were invited to attend Spaldwick Primary School for a meeting with Rachel Prior, Head Teacher, and Richard Denton, Chair of Resources Committee, Board of Governors. It was stated at this meeting that Spaldwick Primary School intended to take over The Community Room as a classroom in time for the start of the summer term.

Spaldwick Parish Council then took responsibility for clarifying the terms of use of this Youth and Community space and to support the needs of the community, with help from District Councillor Jim White and Community Room Users Group Chairman Bernard Plummer. On the advice of the Education Capital Team, Cambridgeshire County Council, with the support of County Councillor Simon Bywater, the Community Room will continue to be available for Community Users to book and use, until a joint decision is reached regarding future use of this space. The school would like to utilise this space as a classroom. They would welcome a compromise where they have sole use of the Community Room [from Monday to Thursday](#) during term time. They would not need space within the storage cupboard or the kitchen.

Cambridgeshire County Council state that demographic forecasts suggest the long term school numbers in this catchment are not increasing, though there may be a bigger cohort in 2017/18, numbers stabilise in the following years. If the school receives applications from outside the catchment area this will increase pupil numbers and may justify a seventh class.

At present only a limited number of groups use this space, including Escape Youth Club, Friday evenings; The Carpet Bowls Club, Tuesday evenings; The Welcome Club have now stated they no longer wish to use this space.

The school have stated that an alternative would be to pass control of the Community Room to The Parish Council so it was solely available for Community Use; but this would mean they would no longer allow use of the Sports Hall and would leave the school with only one adult toilet.

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who would like to make use of the Community Room or has any views regarding future use of this space. Please contact The Clerk, Spaldwick Parish Council or any Parish Councillor

FETE 2016



Saturday 9th July started off at 7 o'clock in the morning with rain clouds in the west which quickly came our way and, for the next four hours we hastily put up gazebos and marquees so that we could shelter in them when quite heavy downpours arrived.

However the weather relented and we were ready to accept visitors by the advertised hour, 11 o'clock. And they came, about 400 eventually plus another 200 for the Hog Roast in the evening.

Income for the two events was £5610 and expenses were £1844 giving a surplus of £3765. The Social Group are meeting soon to allocate this money to local causes.

Thanks to all who helped both in putting up in the morning, providing the bacon butties for the workers and to those who manned the stalls all day. For particular mention, Playtimes with 6 stalls which between them raised £656 and Yasmin Chopin with her raffle which raised £346.

Apologies to the little girl who got hit by a flying welly, we hope that it is now just a memory which she can tell her friends about.

