

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Here is a summary of recent incidents in our area:

13.03.2017 - Stoneley Road, Easton

Unknown offender(s) have syphoned diesel from a vehicle whilst parked on a driveway.

18.03.2017 - The Lane, Easton

Unknown offender(s) have stolen the public access defibrillator.

Monday 20th March 2017, Police received a report of a burglary occurring at Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots, this was the second time in a matter of weeks that this property has been targeted.

A special constable with the British Transport police saw a number of men exit the victims address. Another resident had seen the suspects climb over his fence wearing balaclavas and carrying a black box. They then got into a silver Ford Mondeo which was driven away at high speed. The offending vehicle was located by officers from Northamptonshire Police, a pursuit occurred but came to an end the pursuit after the vehicle was driven at high speed in the wrong direction on a dual carriageway. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Rushden and another member of the public found a discarded safe believed to be linked to this burglary.

This incident demonstrates how important it is for members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity, no matter how insignificant you feel it may be.

Call 101 - For all non-emergencies, general enquiries and to report crime
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.

April/May Waste Bin Collection

Grey	Tues 4 th	Tues 18 th	May Tues 2nd
Blue	Tues 11 th	Tues 25 th	May Tues 9 th
Green	Thurs 13 th	Thurs 27 th	May Thurs 11 th

SPALDWICK NEWS

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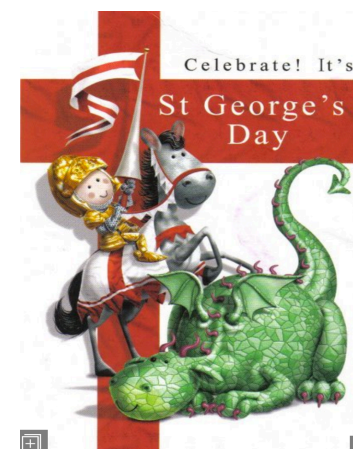
Come and Celebrate

St George's Day

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Spaldwick

Featuring

Various Wonderful
People from the Village
of Spaldwick



St George's Day
Dinner

Quiz, Sing a Long
Food & Live
Entertainment

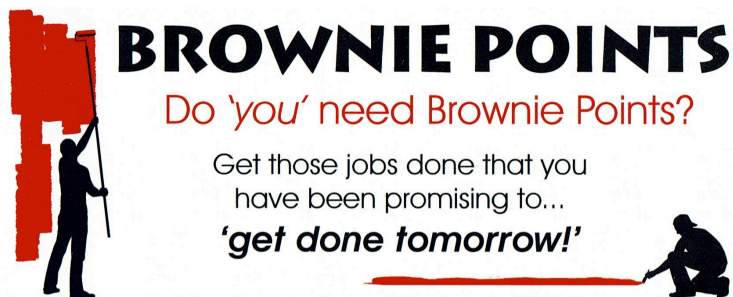
Tickets only £15

You are encouraged
to bring/wear
St. George
paraphalia

Tickets
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19th April
7.00 for 7.30 at
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Spaldwick School on Thursday 20th April at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Did you know that Spaldwick has a No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ) in Royston Avenue?

A joint effort between Cambridgeshire County Council Protection Team and Spaldwick Parish Council intends to extend this initiative to the whole village under the title of Spaldwick Good Neighbours Scheme.

Spaldwick Good Neighbours Scheme will be able to offer a range of materials for residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls and to spot IT scams. It is the intention to expand it to achieve so much more. For example residents can support their neighbours by putting bins in and out for the more infirm or during holiday periods, collecting prescriptions for those in poor health or without vehicle access, organising events to increase social cohesion, joining the Library at Home service to support housebound readers and creating book and jigsaw exchange schemes.

Keeping an eye out for your neighbour can make all the difference, reduce isolation to those alone and build strong communities.

Mike Robinson Vice Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council has agreed to be the lead and local co-ordinator in setting up this scheme. If you would like more information, need any advice or can help with the scheme in any way we would welcome your support.

For more information please contact Mike Robinson Vice Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council at 27 Thrapston Road Spaldwick or telephone 01480 891931 after 4th April 2017.

Dates for Your Diary

Apr 14th Easter Garden Apr 19th St George's Supper
June 10th Queen's Birthday Garden Party July 8th Fete

Spaldwick Church

April Services

2nd	10.45am	Parish Communion	Stephen Bowring
9th		Palm Sunday 9.30am Easton	10.45 Kimbolton
16 th	5.00pm	Easter Day Songs of Praise	Stephen Bowring
23rd		9.30am Easton	10.45 Kimbolton
30 th	10.45am	Benefice Communion	Stephen Bowring

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 890853

Many thanks to Jane Wiggins and Rob Taylor for cleaning the belfry and the steps in the tower ready for the visitors to our Saturday Tea Party.

Also thank you to the flower ladies who have kept the church decorated. There are no flowers during Lent but we will have a good show for Easter. Anyone who wishes to place a special arrangement in memory of the departed is free to do so.

The PCC Annual Meeting will take place in the church on Sunday 16th April immediately following the Easter Day service. All are welcome to come.

HELP PLEASE The contractor for the church grass has just notified that he cannot come this year. It may take some time to find a replacement, would anyone who knows of one please let me know. Meanwhile we cannot afford to let the grass get any longer so, unless there has been some progress or it is raining, I shall be in the churchyard from 10.00am on Saturday 8th April with my mower. I should be most grateful for company, especially by someone with a ride on mower. Any change of plans will be posted on the village Facebook page.

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NEEDS YOU!



IMPORTANT NEWS – After many years of voluntary service, several of the current committee are standing down at the next AGM in July. In order for the ESCAPE Youth Group to continue, we need new volunteers to join the committee. Without this, the youth group will not be able to operate beyond July 2017. This will be a great loss to the community which can be avoided through the support of new volunteers!

Over the last 7 years we have been fortunate to have hundreds of youngsters from Spaldwick and surrounding villages benefitting from the services provided by the small but dedicated team of volunteers, several of which have been with us from the beginning. A recent example the type of activity which could stop, was the successful trip to the Milton Keynes Snowzone where we had organised transport and entry passes for our members. After an hour of sledging they were wet and worn out, but all had a great time.

I would like to urge the parents & friends of current and future members to come forward to volunteer. This is not a very time consuming role, please try us out. If you have questions in the run up to July, or want to see what is involved, please contact any member of the team at the sessions or email escape@spaldwick.com

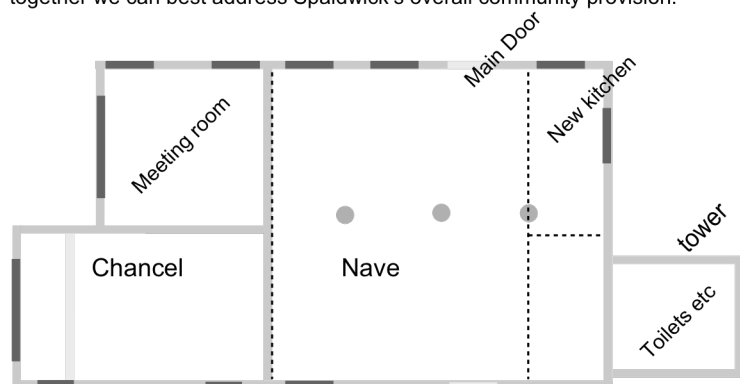
After a busy March with two youth club sessions, and our trip to the Milton Keynes Snowzone, there's just one Youth club date in April – **Friday 21st from 7-9pm**, new members from current year 6 onwards welcome.

Finally, we've updated our profile on Facebook with a new community group page, please search for us and like our page to get the most up to date information for youth club and future special events. **Mark Sturdy**

Facebook Search : Spaldwick Escape Youth Group

Re-ordering St James' Church - *first ideas!*

MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL have met with two architects now, and an outline scheme is on the table at last. We want to retain the special nature of the church, but make it more suitable for modern use. By doing so, we not only make a more flexible and useful worship space, but also make that space available to the whole community for a variety of uses at other times. This is something that the Diocese and Church of England nationally are keen to see happen, and there are bodies offering grants to help with the cost. We are also working in consultation with the Village Hall Committee and others to see how together we can best address Spaldwick's overall community provision.



The plan above is **just our first idea of how to do this**. The main features are:

- Clear the whole church of pews, to be replaced by comfortable, movable chairs.
- Screen off (tastefully) the meeting room and chancel, leaving the ability to open up the screen between the chancel and nave for big services/occasions.
- Build a new kitchen at the west end, along with space for storage chair storage of chairs and so on.

- Raise the bell-ringing chamber to a new mezzanine floor in the tower, and build toilets and possibly vestry below.
- Install a new nave floor incorporating under-floor heating.

Every generation has inherited the church building and re-designed it to suite contemporary needs. This is a huge project, but support has been expressed from many people who can see what we are trying to achieve for the church fellowship and the wider village community. We welcome your comments and suggestions.



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Wine Tasting Evening

At 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm,
Friday 12th May 2017
St James Church, Spaldwick

Please join us for a very relaxing evening of wine tasting, when Simon Richards of Adnams will take us on a virtual tour across countries and grape varieties of the world.

The event is being held in aid of the Church Refurbishment Fund.

Numbers are limited and entry will be by ticket only.

Tickets are available from Kim Hall (891894) and Liz McCue (891537).

Tickets are priced £8 to include all tastings, cheese & biscuit accompaniment, and tasting notes.

Please note that the evening will commence at 7.30 prompt.

South Leightonstone Benefice Choir and friends

The Crucifixion

A meditation on the Sacred Passion of our Lord

By John Stainer

Palm Sunday
April 9th at 6pm

In St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton

ST JAMES CHURCH



COME ALONG AND HELP US MAKE AN

EASTER GARDEN

AT THE CHURCH ON

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 14TH FROM 3PM TO 5PM

REFRESHMENTS, HOT CROSS BUNS

STORYTIME GAMES