

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the last month there have been 10 burglaries in Huntingdon and the surrounding villages. At half of these crimes, entry has been gained to the property via an unlocked door or open window. As we experience warmer weather, I would remind you not to leave windows open whilst you are out and to always keep doors locked, even when you are in. It only takes seconds for a burglar to enter your home through an unlocked door and steal any items in the immediate area.

There are also a number of crime prevention/security measures that you can consider to improve the security of your home:

Consider installing a visible intruder alarm system - These can provide a strong deterrent to an opportunist burglar and are available 'off the shelf' from DIY stores or via local security Companies.

Consider installing PIR (Movement Detection) lights which are activated when the zone of the sensors are entered. The sudden activation of the light can provide a deterrent to an opportunist burglar but can also alert the homeowner to the fact that someone/something may have entered their garden/driveway. However, ensure that any lights are installed at a suitable height to provide the required coverage but are in a position where they cannot be easily moved.

Consider the use of timer switches to bring on lamps and radios - ensure that lamps are brought on in rooms that do not face the front of your property, i.e. don't leave a lamp on in a room where the curtains are open and passers by can see into the room, as this only serves to illuminate your possessions in that room. Instead consider leaving a light on in a room at the back of the property and/or in rooms upstairs. Never just leave a light on in your hallway, as this can be an indication that the property is unoccupied!

Ensure that side gates are locked and secured with bolts/padlocks in the middle/bottom of the gate, so that they can't be reached over from the top of the gate. If the gate needs to be locked on the outside as you exit it, consider the use of a keypad lock to save the need for lots of keys!

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SPALDWICK NEWS

May 2011



Ivy Way Royal Wedding Street Party
Pictures of the Royal Wedding Garden Party inside

100 Club Winners in April

The February numbers were drawn at the Royal Wedding Garden Party. The winners were No.71 Stuart Dixon, Fullers Close and Libby and Dave Henrick, Burton Way

NATIONAL GARDEN SOCIETY

In aid of charities, including Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie, four local gardens will be open to visitors on Sunday 12th June from 2.00pm until 6.00pm

In Spaldwick Stewart and Mary Barnard will be your hosts at 7, Thrapston Rd (well worth a visit, one of those unexpected gardens hiding behind an otherwise normal house front) The other venues are 32, High Street, Catworth, Molesworth House and Yew Tree Cottage, Brington

Combined admission is £3, children free. Tea and cakes available at three of the gardens, plant sales at the other.

Shutting the door on bogus prize draws: advice from Trading Standards

Many of us receive junk mail through the post, with the vast majority going straight in the recycling bin. However for some it can be tempting to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the letterbox.

The organisers of these scams are smart – the letters look professional, they are often personalised so they have your name throughout (sometimes appearing to be handwritten), and there is often a short deadline to respond so that you don't have time to think.

By replying to just one of these letters, your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you, inundating you with letters.

The message from Trading Standards is simple: if it looks too good to be true it probably is and if it asks for money upfront, even in the form of an admin charge for processing your winnings, it is almost certainly a scam. If you are in any doubt or think you may have responded to a scam, speak to friends, family or Consumer Direct for advice. Consumer Direct provides advice on behalf of Trading Standards and can be contacted on 0845 4040506. You can register with the Mailing Preference Service which is free. It won't cut out all scams but it should significantly reduce the amount of marketing mail you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599, you can register online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or you can write to Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 29 LON20771, London, W1E 0ZT.

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: David Stowell, 23a, Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA
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ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL- Thursday 5th May

The following 9 candidates are standing for election:

Sharan JACKSON-RIMMER	7 Littlecotes Close
Richard Paul JOHNSON	41 Stow Road
Grahame LEACH	Chestnut View High Street
Jane Ann O'DWYER	8 Littlecotes Close
Bernard Francis PLUMMER	41 High Street
Greg RICE	14 Ivy Way
Graham Sidney SMITH	Spenn House 3 Stow Road
Shonah Louise WAKEFIELD	36 Ferriman Road
Robert William WOODISSE	Brook House West Lodge

There are **SEVEN** vacancies so, if you are on the current Register of Electors, you can vote for up to **SEVEN** candidates and help choose the Council which will serve you for the next four years.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 19 May commencing 8 pm.

This will be the first meeting of the new council following the Election, and will include election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Members of the Public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the time allotted for public participation. The agenda may be viewed on the website www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk and on the notice board on the Village Green.

St James Church Services

May

1st	6.00pm	Evensong
9th	9.30am	Eucharist
16th	11.00am	All-Age Service
23rd	9.30am	Eucharist
30th		Service at Barham

There is usually a service at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday

For more information about the church - services, baptisms, weddings, ministry to the sick, or funeral services contact one of the clergy or churchwardens:

Father Jonathan Young (Rector)	01480 891695
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden)	01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden)	01480 890853

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Some of the musicians who brought their music to the Royal Wedding Garden Party are members of another group and available for private engagements. For charitable events the Huntingdon Music School will continue to help, for a donation to school funds. Contact Warren Middleton (no relation) on 01480 379220

Nature Note

Brian Davis



There is sweet music here that softer falls/ Than petals from blown blossom on the grass. Returning on 17th April from a week in southern Italy, where the only song bird was a black-bird, I was struck by the wealth of bird song in my garden, particularly greenfinch,

chaffinch, song thrush, robin, hedge sparrow and the first willow warbler of the year. The first chiffchaff arrived a month ago on 18th March, I saw my first swallow on 3rd April, my wife, Beth, heard the first blackcap on 7th April and a neighbour saw a spotted flycatcher on 8th April.. Pairs of great tits and blue tits have now adopted three of my nest boxes. What indicator for you marks the start of Spring? A friend emailed me on 9th April to say that he had just seen an orange tip butterfly: "the first day of Spring by my standards". Being away then, I only saw them today (17th) - a male and two females doing an elaborate aerial dance over some daffodils. But these were preempted by the first brimstone two weeks ago, wakened from its winter sleep and zigzagging its way madly across the garden. Another Spring marker I always look for is a patch of white wood anemones on the road verge near Bygram's corner on the Stonely Road in Easton, first noted this year on 17th March, two days after finding frog-spawn in the Brook. There are plenty of tadpoles now but, like everything, they need some rain.



New Menu

at



The George
With an added offer:
2 COURSES £12.95
3 COURSES £15.95

**Our £10 Sunday
 Roast Lunch now
 available until 5pm**

NEW OPENING HOURS

Visit our website to view our
 new opening times

Quiz Night
Every Tuesday from 8:30pm

www.georgeofspaldwick.co.uk

OPEN HOUSE



The First Birthday Party of Open House at Liz McCue's house in Ivy Way. The May Open House will be at David Stowell's, 23a Thrapston Road from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on 23rd May

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23rd May	Open House 23a Thrapston Rd.
May 6th & 20th	Connections Bus
Jun 12th	Open Garden 7 Thrapston Rd
Sat 2nd July	Scarecrow Event

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Wed May 4th Green	Sat May 7th Blue	Tue May 10th Grey
Tue May 17th Green	Fri May 20th Blue	Tue May 24th Grey
Wed Jun 1st Green	Sat Jun 4th Blue	Tue Jun 7th Grey



News

Thanks for reading this month's Youth Group Newsletter. Our fortnightly numbers has grown to **30** which is tremendous. They are all having fun with more friends now than ever in a safe and active environment. Youngsters are hearing by word and mouth, and by Facebook. Please tell a friend to come. All welcome whatever the village.

SPLAT! Names are still being added for **FREE paintball event** hosted by Commando Elite (at Monks Wood Paintball Park Abbots Ripton) for first 25 names. Please don't miss out on this fun day out which is planned for June 25th. Details to be advised.

Spider Mountain Day on 24th August 2011 from 10am to 5pm in behind Playtimes. This is part of ESCAPE youth event in Summer 2011.

The big **Connections Bus** is coming July 25th 7 to 9pm which has lots of fun activities onboard.

Next Youth dates Friday May 6th and May 20th 7-9pm.

We would very much welcome adult helpers to our activities. If you think you could help please speak to any of the persons running the youth group session at any time.

If you think you can help us in any way please click on the link below: <http://www.spaldwick.com/escape> or ring anytime 0777 6174950 (chair Kit Lee).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kit

Spaldwick School

Historical Adventures for the Kingfishers [Y3 class]

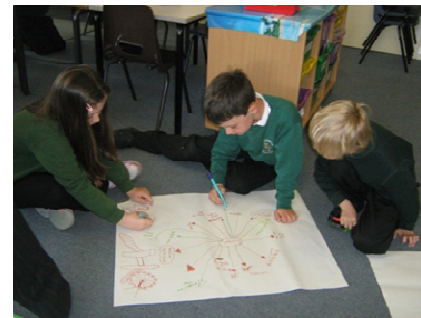


The Battle of Spaldwick Hill

At the beginning of April we had our own Viking day. We all dressed up as a Viking and even had our own Viking name. We started the day looking at the clothing that Vikings would have worn and the artefacts. Some of us dressed up as a rich Viking others dressed as a poor Viking. We investigated how the Vikings used their own alphabet and looked at different rune stones and created our own with our own message. After lunch we played Hnefertafl, the Viking version of chess. We had lots of fun trying to keep the king safe and away from the attackers.

Then finally we had our weapon training and were able to re-enact a battle outside. We had a fantastic day and everyone enjoyed the battle. To finish the afternoon our guest Viking showed us how to use the bow and arrow. We were amazed at how far the arrow flew!

Royal Wedding Art Exhibition.



The school has marked this special occasion by creating an exhibition of Art work. Each class has designed and produced a panel on the theme of weddings. The images include cakes, crowns, London landmarks, using pencil, paint, collage and embroidery.

We hope to be able to take the exhibition to different venues within our school catchment villages. Please look on our website for photographs of the Art work and our exhibition.



ROYAL WEDDING PARTIES

There were at least three parties to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The George was open with late breakfasts and a wide screen television on the big day; there was also a street party in Ivy Way attended by about 40 people and children as pictured on the front page.

On Saturday there were hats and suits aplenty at 43, High Street for a Garden Party. About 80 people came along, many of whom can be seen below with more on the Spaldwick website www.spaldwick.com. The Garden Party was entertained by woodwinds and strings from the Huntingdon Music School and finished with a toast to the happy, and handsome, couple. Many thanks to everybody who helped with cakes, sandwiches and manpower.

