

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dial 999 for **emergency** calls
Dial 101- For all **non-emergency** calls.

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DARK EVENINGS ARE HERE-STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS

Pedestrian safety: Pedestrians are among the vulnerable road users.

To reduce the chance of being involved in a collision always:

- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen.
- Stay alert and aware of what is going on around you.
- Obey the High way Code.
- When walking on a road always walk towards traffic.

Cycle safety:

Cyclists are among vulnerable road users.

By taking the following precautions you can significantly reduce the chances of being involved in a collision:

- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen.
- Make sure you have lights on the front and back of your bike -
it is illegal to ride in the dark without them.
- Always wear a cycle helmet it could save your life.

Driving safety:

- Always wear a seatbelt.
- Never use a hand-held mobile phone while driving.
- Do not drive too close to the vehicle in front.
- Do not speed.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Oct

Tues 2nd	Fri 5th	Tues 9th
Tues 16th	Fri 19th	Tues 23rd
Tues 30th	Nov Fri 2nd	Tues 6th

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Sunflower grown at the School

Bamboo can grow from 10 to 100 cm in a day, but not in our climate. Sunflowers are our best growers, reaching 240 cm in a season. Van Gogh's paintings of sunflowers are some of the most valuable in the art world. With the cost of bird food this one could save a pound or so.

100 Club Winners

The September winners were £40 No.83 Sheila Watson Stow Road and £20 No.1 Shona Wakefield, Ferriman Road



LAWN CARE IN OCTOBER

Autumn Feed

This feed is another important part of any lawncare programme. Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look.

Aeration

Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion so we recommend aerating in autumn/winter; over sow with seed to help any bare areas re- establish before weeds and moss do!

Worm Casts

This month will probably see the appearance of worm casts (small mounds of earth brought to the surface by worms). Treatments can be applied to stop the casts occurring in the first place.

Moss

Moss will start to encroach now and it is advisable to treat now before it competes with the lawn. Our fertiliser contains extra iron to help reduce the moss problem.

Actions required in Autumn

Autumn feed/Moss Control	Improves colour and controls moss
Aerate lawn	Relieves compaction and prepares soil for sowing extra seed
Worm Casts	Brush off when dry or treat with a pesticide
Moss	Treat moss

Some of the above tasks can be carried out by the lawn owner; other tasks may need some professional intervention
For more information about ProLawnCare Ltd services on offer

Call Deborah or Richard on 01480 812393
e-mail- info@prolawncare.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 0TD
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, Spaldwick School on Thursday 18th October commencing at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Archaeological Dig in Thrapston Road

Susan Clelland from Wessex Archaeology has kindly agreed to give a talk on this subject in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 25th October commencing at 7.30 pm. Admission is free, but to ensure that there is sufficient seating, tickets are being issued. They can be obtained from the Village Shop from Monday 8th October.

Message to dog walkers

Several members of the public spoke at the last Parish Council meeting complaining about the amount of dog poo in Long Lane (aka Brown's Lane), some of it even being neatly bagged.
Remember, in the interests of others you should always clean up after your dog. Please BAG IT, TIE IT and BIN IT (either at home or in one of the public litter bins).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 6th Plant Sale
Oct 21st Harvest Supper
Dec 18th Carol Party
For up-to date news see the village website spaldwick.com

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

For items in the News email john@blatch.com

Spaldwick Church

October Services

7th Sunday Worship Ellington at 9.30am

14th 9.30am Eucharist

21st 5.00pm Harvest Festival

28th 9.30am Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Vicar) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

Do you play WHIST ?

If so come and join us at Ellington Village Hall, 7-30pm on alternate Wednesdays. Entrance £2-50 We are a friendly crowd and all proceeds raised go various Clubs and Charities.

19th September in aid of Ellington Church

3rd October in aid of Village Hall

17th October in aid of Bowls Club

31st October in aid of Spring of Hope

14th November in aid of British Heart Foundation

28th November in aid of Village Club Charity

12th December in aid of Arthritis Association

Contact: Ted Stephens: 890987

Stuart Dixon of Fuller Close has produced a booklet on the history and architecture of the Church. Copies are available in the Church, price £3.50.



It's a new term at Escape and we've already had two fun-packed sessions with plenty of activities planned before Christmas.

We're still on the lookout for parent volunteers who would like to help out with the running of the sessions. If you can help, please contact a member of the committee. Even if you could just volunteer for one session per term, that would be a huge help! Thank you.

To get in contact, please contact escape@spaldwick.com

Year 6 introduction.

This year we have decided to introduce year 6 children on a staggered basis, with children being welcome to attend from the half term they become 11.



Registration

We gave out registration forms to all youngsters who attended from our first session in September, and are operating a first-come first-in policy, with numbers limited to 40 per session. Entry charge will remain at £1 per session to cover room hire and equipment maintenance. If you haven't returned your registration form yet, please can you do so as soon as possible? Thank you.

Autumn sessions

Youth club dates to the end of the year are on the Spaldwick.com website, dates up to half term are:

Friday 12 October - 7-9pm

Friday 26 October - 7-9pm – a special evening with hot chocolate and toasted sandwiches!

We're making plans for a special cinema evening before Christmas – so watch this space for news on that and all the latest happenings at Escape!

Thank you

A big thank you to the Hinchingsbrooke Foundation for their fantastic donation of £900 towards funding a youth worker for Escape. Many thanks also to Darrell and Maud at the Number 12 village shop in Spaldwick for having a collection box in the shop and collecting money for Escape.

Please watch the Spaldwick website at <http://www.spaldwick.com/escape> or follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SpaldwickEscape> for regular news! If we are forced to cancel any sessions at short notice, we will post it on Facebook and the Spaldwick website.

**ST JAMES CHURCH
HARVEST SUPPER
Sunday 21st October
6.15 pm at
The George
(Festival
Service at
5.00pm)**

**Tickets
Adults £10
Children £5**

**Auction
Of
Produce**

Mr Cardwell is with the Kestrels, he's doing football club and hoping to organise some local friendly matches. We have also welcomed Miss Lauren Fielding who is enjoying working with our Kingfishers and she too has settled in very well.

Our new reception pupils, the robins, have completed their first full week and have been matched up with their Y6 Buddies. They have been making the most of the September sunshine and have been outside completing various learning activities outside.

Many of the staff and pupils were fortunate to attend the Olympic and Paralympics games during summer holidays and 'Olympic fever' has lasted into the new term. We were very honoured to be visited by an Olympic torch. Each child and many members of staff had their photo taken with the torch as a memento of a fabulous summer. We have also tried to maintain the 'spirit of the games' by naming our school volunteers i.e. milk monitors, librarians etc as 'OUR SCHOOL MAKERS'. I'm sure they will make a fantastic contribution to the atmosphere and environment of our school.

Hanna Vasey

Spaldwick Gardening Club

Joyce and Grahame Leach hosted two meetings of the club in September. The first was our general meeting where members who had grown zuchetta from seed donated by Tina produced some very good results in such variable summer weather. The plant grows like a vine and creeps through anything that will support it and produces a yellow cucumber-sized courgette type fruit that has proved to be delicious when roasted. Other subjects discussed were taking hardwood cuttings, splitting and dividing perennials and when is the best time to lift and divide rhubarb. The second meeting was to finalise arrangements for our Coffee Morning/Plant Sale/Raffle and Produce Sale on **Saturday 6th October at 10am until 1pm** at Spaldwick Church which is to raise funds for the church roof and other improvements. If any non-members have any plants, home-made items or raffle prizes that they could donate, please pass them to Roger at 1 Ivy Way or bring to the church on the day. Thank you

Playtimes Playgroup

POSITION AVAILABLE

Facility & Staff Co-ordinator

We are looking for a friendly and professional co-ordinator to manage staff in an administrative capacity and carry out other administrative duties at Playtimes Playgroup, a purpose built child-care setting which is situated adjacent to Spaldwick Community Primary School. Potential candidates should be able to demonstrate:

A proven ability to manage people.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Good administrative skills.

The ability to learn new software systems, including a payroll system.

Basic accounting or book keeping skills, including preparing books for an accountant.

Ability to produce invoices.

We are looking for someone with availability 8:45 to 12:00 daily, for a minimum of 16 hours per week. We can also offer a level of flexibility to meet any necessary childcare requirements. Interested candidates should apply by CV and covering letter to Playtimes_chair@yahoo.com. **Closing date: 6th October 2012**

SCHOOL REPORT

Autumn term has started at Spaldwick School and we are looking forward to another wonderful year as part of the Spaldwick School Family.

The pupils have returned to a new school year and everyone has settled into their new classes very well. This year, we welcome two new teachers to the Spaldwick Family: Mr James Cardwell, who joined us for the last few weeks of the summer term as Mrs Bickerdike started her maternity leave. and has settled in very well.



**RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES,
BOOKS AND DVD'S TO HELP RAISE FUNDS
FOR SPALDWICK SCHOOL**

The next collection is:

Friday 7th November at 9:00am

Please help us to raise funds for school. Now is the time to have a clear out and ask family and friends too.

As usual we would ask that you use your own bags.

WHAT WE CAN TAKE:

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and DVDs (in separate box / strong bag)

*Please deliver your donations to the school
on the morning of 7th November.*

If you are not able to do this please deliver your items to Keren Pope at 11 Ivy Way before 6th November or contact Claire on (01480) 896210 to arrange collection.

Gardening Club

Coffee Morning/Plant Sale/Produce Sale and Raffle

**Saturday October 6th from 10am to 1pm
at Spaldwick Church.**

This event will be to raise funds for the church roof and other improvements.

We would be pleased to receive donated plants, cakes, preserves, raffle prizes etc on the morning of the event or beforehand to Roger at 1 Ivy Way.

PULL OUT AND KEEP RECYCLING NEWS

Huntingdon District Council is already one of the top recyclers in the country with 57% of all waste being recycled and can now accept even more types of plastic.



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Below is a list of plastics which can or cannot be recycled

YES

Plastic Bottles of all types
Yoghurt Pots
Margarine or spread tubs
Ice Cream Tubs
Chocolate or biscuit trays
Clean plant pots
Bottle tops, lids and triggers
Sandwich packets
Cream and Custard pots

NO

Hard plastic items (toys, washing up bowls, storage boxes, etc.)
Plastic film or wrapping
Plastic bags or black sacks
Expanded polystyrene
Bubble wrap
Food waste (Green or Grey bin)
Shredded paper

Top Tips for easy recycling of your plastics

Place all the plastic packaging in the blue bin with your plastic bottles.
Make sure that there no plastic films, bags or black bags.

Remember, you can include plastic pots, trays and bottles from around the house, not just the kitchen

Please rinse your containers out with used dishwater before recycling to prevent food from contaminating the other materials

For more information about what other materials are collected visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin

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