

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Volunteer Required - Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Spaldwick

I have recently taken on the position of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the Catworth Cluster Group - that includes Spaldwick and the surrounding villages.

If anyone would like to assist me by helping with our village neighbourhood watch scheme please contact me by phone or email - details below. Thank You.

Recent success in the fight against drugs

Seventeen people were arrested in St Neots and Huntingdon recently as part of a police crackdown on class A drug dealing. The operation, codenamed Xander, was held on Wednesday and Thursday (August 3 and 4). It followed an investigation into drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour in the Huntingdonshire area.

A total of 16 addresses were searched, including four in London which were searched by the Met police on behalf of Cambridgeshire police. Of the people arrested, six were charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs and have appeared at Huntingdon Magistrates' Court today (Friday).

Drug dealing has a significant impact on people's lives, causing intimidation and misery for residents living in affected areas. This operation was the culmination of a lengthy investigation and shows our commitment to tackling this type of crime in Huntingdonshire..

If you have any information you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on

0800 555 111

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org>

Report suspicious activity to the Police - 0345 456 4564

For Internet users more information is available at: www.mynhw.co.uk
www.cambs.police.uk and www.cambsnhw.org.uk

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SPALDWICK NEWS

September 2011



Three of the many Scarecrows on display for the Fete. The homeless men at the top, created by the Enlightening Group, won first prize

100 Club Winners in July and August

The July winners were No.22 Stewart Barnard and No. 93 Peter Thomas. The August winners were No. 73 Maggie Lincoln and No. 23 Louise Smith

Harvest Supper
Sunday 18th September 7.30pm
 In
The George
 followed by
Auction of Produce

Adults £10
 Children £5

Tickets From;
 The George, John Blatch, Amba Harbour,
 Rosemary Good Liz McCue






Historic Churches Trust
SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE
10th September 2011
 Cycle or walk around our churches to raise
 money for Spaldwick Church
 Sponsorship forms from John Blatch 43
 High Street
 Tel 890853 email john@blatch.com

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 OTD

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 OTA

Phone: 890065 email: davidstowell@onetel.com

The next **Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 15th September commencing at 8 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum. The agenda and minutes of the last meeting may be viewed on the website www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk and on the notice boards located on the Village Green and in Royston Avenue. Minutes of earlier meetings are also held on the website.

Suggestions invited

At the July meeting the Council agreed to investigate further the possibility of providing benches on Belton's Hill and above Upthorpe Lodge looking across Spaldwick to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. If you have suggestions for exact locations would you please let the Clerk have details before the September meeting.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

September

Tuesday		Friday	
6th	Green	9th	Blue
13th	Grey		
20th	Green	23rd	Blue
27th	Grey		

October

Tuesday			
4th	Green	7th	Blue
11th	Grey		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 18th Sep Harvest Festival
 Sat 24th Sep Autumn Fair
 Mon 26th Sep Open House

Reminders

Look on spaldwick.com for up-to-date village news.

The Shop now opens at 8.00am on weekdays .

Welcome to Leanne and her new team at The George. There is a very good offer at the moment. See page 4

SPALDWICK CHURCH

We are making some changes to our regular service times and there will also be occasional changes for particular reasons (eg. at Christmas). If there is no service at Spaldwick I hope that lifts will be available to Ellington, Easton or Barham

Below are the times for the next few weeks (slightly different from the information in the previous newsletter).

Please note; Both adults and children are welcome at all services.

September

4th No service at Spaldwick

Open air service at Woolley church ruins
at 3.00pm, Please phone the Rectory tel.
891695 by Friday for a lift

11th 9.30am Eucharist

18th 6.00pm Harvest Festival

25th 9.30am Eucharist

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



Newsletter

On August 24th we held **Spider Mountain Day** in Spaldwick which was much enjoyed by all. Spider Mountain was a special child-friendly climbing tower which allowed youngsters to have lots of fun while climbing the many levels. There was plenty of laughter throughout the day which could be heard from around other parts of the village. We decided to open invitations to all ages, and we had many youngsters other than Escape youngsters attend the day. There was certainly plenty of glorious

sunshine on the day. Even the adult committee members had a go at the end of the day!



On a more serious note we would dearly love to hold an event like this again in the future which the youngsters in village of all ages can enjoy. However, we 'the village' would seriously need to raise funds to do this somehow - perhaps if everybody was able to help in some way however small throughout the year we could achieve this. Watch this space on the Spaldwick Web-site for any developments!

Thanks to Jane, Sharan & Carol for helping on the day, and Highline for supplying the equipment. We hope also to see plenty of youngsters again later this year in September for the successful fortnight ESCAPE sessions. Please offer to help if you can to continue this success as we always need helpers. Thanks.
Kit (Chair, ESCAPE Youth group)

**REOPENING ON
MONDAY 22nd AUGUST**



The George SPALDWICK

We are pleased to announce that there are new owners at The George at Spaldwick

The same award-winning team behind **The Eight Bells in Saffron Walden** and **The Cricketers Arms in Rickling Green** have recently taken over at this lovely pub and are working hard to make this great local even better than ever.

Leanne Langman, previously of the Peach Pub Company, has helped several pubs win awards for their good food and service. She is now at the helm of The George and looking forward to bidding you a very warm welcome.

There's a fresh new look and an all new seasonal menu with lots to choose from when you pop in for breakfast, lunch or dinner or hold your party or special event at The George.

Enjoy our great steaks, home-made burgers, succulent Sunday roasts and delectable desserts, plus a good choice of daily changing specials. Everything's freshly cooked to order using the best quality seasonal ingredients the chefs can buy.

The bar's the perfect place for a pint of well-kept real ale and a glass or two of wine, from the new, carefully-chosen wine list.

The new, friendly team are waiting to give you a warm welcome at The George so why not visit today and enjoy our Special Opening Offer of two delicious courses for just £12.50? Choose any starter and main, or main and dessert from our new menu, sit back and relax over a drink and leave the rest to us!

www.thegeorgespaldwick.co.uk 5-7 High Street, Spaldwick
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE28 0TD

our sister pubs



Take advantage of our celebratory opening offer of
2 tempting courses for just £12.50!

To book, please call (01480) 890293 or email: leanne@cozypubs.co.uk

To enjoy this offer please detach this section, fill in your details below and hand to a member of our team when you arrive.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Terms and Conditions. Applies to any 2 courses. Includes specials, main courses, grill items and lighter bites up to the value of £14 (or pay the difference between more expensive mains) and all starters and puddings up to the value of £6.50. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offer valid until 30th November.

FIVE PARISH AUTUMN FAIR 24TH SEPTEMBER GRAFHAM VILLAGE HALL

This event raises funds for all five parishes, so please put the date in your diary now and be ready to contribute to the stalls and to come on the day. Offers of help to the following would be gratefully received. Please contact the following:

Plants and Produce Roy 890169; Treasures and White Elephant Ann 891372; Bottle Stall Jonathan 891695; Raffle Martin 891600; Toys Amba 890565; Preserves Peter 891043; Games Jill 810157; Cakes to any of the above.

Any queries or general help offers to Sue Young 453350

OPEN HOUSE

This month's Open House will be on 26th September at 2 Royston Avenue hosted by Anne Weaver. Starting at **11.00am** come along for tea or coffee. Please note early start time. This will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer so please give it your support. Raffle prizes would be very welcome.

SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club will start their new season with a club night at Spaldwick School at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th September 2011. Club nights are held every Tuesday evening 7.00 - 10.00pm during school term time.

The club has again enjoyed a good year with club competitions, matches with other clubs in nearby villages, and a programme of social events including annual dinner, summer BBQ, ten pin bowling and a Presidents day.

Carpet bowls is a gentle, skilful sport played in a competitive, yet friendly and sociable atmosphere, and can be played at any age.

There are currently a few vacancies for new members. Just contact an existing member or **Bernard Plummer on 01480 890534** and give it a try one Tuesday evening. No experience is necessary and all ages will be most welcome.

Enlightening



The Middle of The Night

cardboard boxes to set up a shelter for the night. After a long evening hike they arrived at the soup kitchen before settling down under the stars for the night. Hot drinks and toast made on an open fire were consumed in the early morning. The group raised £62.50 for WINTERCOMFORT charity. Well done to those who took part. From September the group is going to meet on the second Sunday of the month at Threeways from 6.30-8.....all KS3 and above are more than welcome to join us.

The Youth Group had a very successful focus on the "Homeless" people in society during the summer term. Their Scarecrow scene fooled a few on the village green and went on to gain recognition at the village fete. The sponsored sleepover happened on the evening after the fete. Seven Homeless youth group members arrived with



The Morning After

WELCOME CLUB

The Welcome Club had good weather for their Barbeque at Chestnut View in July. There are more photographs on the Spaldwick Website.



FETE 2011

This year's Fete was another big success attended by 800 people. The weather was good and the stalls and entertainment even better, a big thank you to the Committee and all who helped to make the day a success.

We raised £2000 which will be donated to FOSS (Spaldwick School), Playtimes Nursery School, and Help for Heroes. Special thanks to those who signed the message sheet, shown below.



The Welcome Club Stall



Help for Heroes

The Committee is always ready to help good causes. If you think that you deserve a donation please contact Gavin Tel. 07785392568 or at lessingcaller@googlemail.com

Next events: Carols Round the Village And Valentine's Day Ball



Splat a Rat



Junior and his Football Team

[More photos on spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com)

SPALDWICK CHURCH-THE FUTURE

Spaldwick Church, whilst not unique, is one of very few churches which are always open for the local community as well as to passing visitors.

Although the church is open, it is greatly under-used as a facility for the village. We have only three or four main Sunday services a month, lasting less than an hour, and short daily prayer on some weekdays. If this were the level of activity for any other organization it would be closed down. The church council would like to make the church available for a wider range of activities. It also needs to find ways of securing the financial viability of having a church in Spaldwick at all.

Except for weddings and funerals it is free to all but, like the National Health Service, it is not really free it is simply being paid for by someone else. "Someone else" in this instance is not the government or the local council, except for a contribution from Spaldwick Parish Council towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Nor does the national church pay for the local church, as some people may imagine. The funds come almost entirely from those who regularly attend services in the church or who organise and support fund-raising events.

The accounts shown below, give an idea of the fund-raising that does go on. In 2010 we raised £6928, the majority of which came from straight-forward giving and only £1733 from organised events. This may seem a lot, and it is a lot considering there are just four people on the Church Council, but it is nothing like the amount required to keep the church going. Insurance alone, for instance, is £2311. Also, the first item of Expenditure, Contribution to Cost of Vicar, is nowhere near what it should be.

We share our full-time Rector with Easton, Ellington, Barham and Grafham and, as a group of parishes, we need to pay a share of the cost. Until last year we did contribute at least £3000 per year but we can no longer afford this and we are now paying just £100 per month. This gave us a surplus last year which will help to get the accounts back into balance; we have spent more than we received for several years previously.

We are simply not paying our way and this situation must be improved. We are only too well aware that the core congregation is very small and with a high average age and we would like to change this. We would like to attract a much broader age range; do you have ideas about what you would like to find in the church? Also we hope that there is enough good will in Spaldwick to broaden the fund-raising base in the form of a group of Friends of Spaldwick Church.

The Friends would help the Church Council by initiating fund-raising events to contribute towards the upkeep of the church, the cost of running services (it takes 60 kilowatts to heat), the provision of a Vicar and to make its future more secure.

If you are prepared to help or have ideas for improving church services would you please contact any member of the Church Council listed below or, better still, come to a meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 12th October at Threeways, High Street by invitation of Amba Harbour. Whilst there is no immediate danger of the church being closed, it is difficult to see what the future may be without stronger community support.

The Church Council

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Rosemary Good Ivy House High Street T. 890287

Amba Harbour Threeways High Street T. 890565 ambahabour@o2.co.uk

Edie Adams 45 Stow Road Tel. 890991

Spaldwick PCC Accounts 2010

<u>Income</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
Gift Aid	2384.00	Contribution to Cost of Rec-	1350.00
Tax Refund	817.91	Insurance	2311.61
Collections	887.54	Vicar's Expenses	1372.37
Fees	239.00	Heat and light	406.37
Donations	170.00	Organ Maintenance	115.62
Fund Raising	1773.00	FirePrecautions	64.37
Parish Council	605.00	Charitable Giving	144.00
Interest	51.33	Churchyard Maintenance	605.00
	<u>6927.78</u>	Total	<u>6369.34</u>