#### SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Message sent via The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network

In the week leading up to Christmas there has been an increase in dwelling burglaries within the district.

Please ensure that you keep your property secure and inform neighbours if you are going away.

#### WANTED - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR

- To take over from me for the Village
- THIS IS NOT A DEMANDING TASK!
- If you would like to know more please give me a call
- I will stay on as representative for my estate
- THANK YOU

If you think you may have witnessed anything to do with a crime or incident then please contact:

Call 101 - For all <u>non-emergencies</u>, 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.

By e-mail at <u>HuntsCops@cambs.pnn.police.uk</u>

David Henrick 01480896556 david.consult@btinternet.com

	January/February Waste Bin Collection				
Grey					
	Tue 6th	Sat 16th	Fri 29th		
Blue/Green					
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 22nd	Feb Fri 5th		

# SPALDWICK NEWS January 2016



# DINNER OF THE DECADE 1940'S

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February At 7.30 Live entertainment Sing Song



Dress for the Decade or come as you wish Tickets tha

Email socialgroup@spaldwick.com

PARISH COUNCIL Chairman: Steve Fane de Salis

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, PE28 0TA

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The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 8 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

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#### COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We held another successful session on Friday December 11th situated on the High Street. Thanks to the Spaldwick resident that made one of the volunteers a hot drink - it was quite cool that morning!!!

We monitored 199 vehicles and noted 2 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. We look forward to holding many more successful Speedwatch sessions in the new year!!

If you are interested in joining as a volunteer please send me an email to

csw.spaldwick@yahoo.co.uk

Sharan Jackson-Rimmer Community Speedwatch Coordinator

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For items on the website email info@spaldwick.com

For items in the News email john@blatch.com

#### Spaldwick Church

#### January Services

3rd	10.45am	Parish Communion	Ron Lancaster		
10th	10.30am	Morning Worship	Stephen Bowring		
17th	10.45am	Parish Communion	Nicki Bland		
24th	10.45am	Family Service	Nicki Bland		
31st	10.45am	Group Festival Euc	harist Nicki Bland		
Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792					
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853					

#### Christmas in the Church

Our Christmas events were well attended, each of them by 40-50 people.

The singing at the Carol Party was lead by the Benefice Choir. This is an ad hoc choir of variable size made up by volunteers from around our church group. It forms up as required and if you would like the occasional free meal by singing for your supper do contact Daphne Durrant on 01480 869055. Poppy Hall of Church Lane, and friend sang duets, the food and mulled wine lasted out and church funds were increased by £342 so it was a successful and pleasant evening.

Both services on Christmas Eve, the Crib Service at 4.00pm and the Midnight Mass at 11.30, were also well supported.

Earlier in the month we were entertained by the St Neots Concert Band, another all volunteer group who played a selection of seasonal music.

Thanks to all those who helped with or attended any or all of the services, it was encouraging to see the church so well used.



#### **Escape Youth Group**

Happy New Year to all our members, their families, and all Spaldwick residents.

2015 was another fantastic year for Escape, with average attendance of 25 youngsters per session. We held a number of additional activities throughout the year, including a Climbing and Archery night and a morning of Stand-up paddle boarding at Grafham Water Centre. Many thanks again to the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for enabling us to provide these events at low cost to our members. We also provided a great inflatable game at the 2015 Spaldwick Fete free of charge for all to use, and have plans for something similar this year.

We start 2016 with youth club sessions from 7pm to 9pm on the following dates:

January 8<sup>th</sup>
January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Admission is just £1.50 per person.

New members welcome - Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend from the first session listed above if they are already aged 11 or their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday is before Easter 2016. All new members are asked to fill in a registration form and return it completed by their parents. If you've been before but haven't returned your form, please remember to bring it to the next session as it contains important emergency contact and medical details.

If you/your child haven't been before, we offer a relaxed and safe environment, with computer games and table games in the main school hall (table tennis, snooker and table football), craft activities and board games in the community room, and a very reasonably priced and well stocked tuck shop. Youth club sessions are run by our professional youth worker – Tony Evans, assisted by members from the committee and volunteers.

Committee Recruitment – some of the current committee plan to stand down at our next AGM in July. The committee meet every 6 weeks (in the George!) to plan sessions and additional activities, and any issues which have arisen. This isn't very demanding, but is vital to ensure we can continue after the summer. If you are interested please either email <a href="mailto:escape@spaldwick.com">escape@spaldwick.com</a> or speak to one of us at the youth club.

Mark Sturdy - Escape Youth Group.

### Spaldwick Social group

## SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

A mild and clear evening helped Santa on his way on the Sunday before Christmas. If you have not seen them do take a look at

the photos on the village website. It is heartening to see the faces of the little ones getting their gifts. There were 80 of them as well as 28 of our older residents who got boxes of biscuits.

Well done Santa and his elves





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