

- Sunday 2nd, 9.30am - followed by Jimmy's Breakfast - open to all.
- Sunday 16th, 9.30am - Parish Communion with Rev Phillip Howson.

It will soon be time to think ahead for November's Remembrance and the village Poppy Fountain. Please dig out your crochet hooks and knitting needles, so we can add even more poppies to our Fountain this year. If you can't knit or crochet, any poppies will do - felt, fabrics. Please contact: [stjamesspaldwick@aol.com](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.com)



### Spaldwick pays tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Tributes have been paid to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, following her death in September.

Spaldwick residents joined in a commemorative service at St James Church and the bells were tolled as a mark of respect. Flowers and messages could be left in the porch (pictured right).

A tribute was made by the Parish Council, while a number of people joined "the Queue" to view the late Queen Lying-In-State in Westminster Hall.

#### Statement of condolence from the Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council

"It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

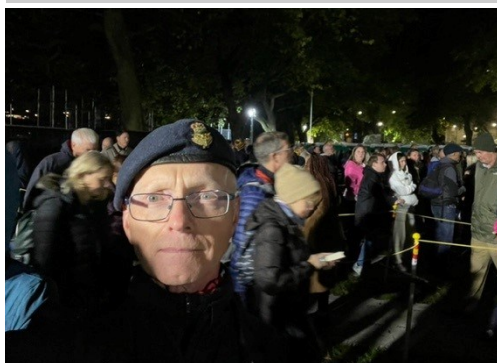
Her Majesty The Queen was a much loved and highly respected figure, ruling for longer than any other British Monarch. She was renowned throughout her reign for her dedication and service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

We express our heartfelt condolences to The Royal Family at this sad time."

Steve Fane de Salis



### Stuart Ainsworth describes his experiences of "the Queue" and visiting The Queen Lying-In-State



When the Lying-in-State for Her Majesty M The Queen was announced, I planned to travel down on the Thursday morning. However, after considering the likely queue length, I changed plans and headed down on Wednesday evening.

I travelled to London Bridge and picked up the end of the queue at The Globe. Very little information on the actual queue length was given, but the evening was mild and the atmosphere quite light-hearted. One of my fellow Queueers had a message from a friend who had just emerged from Westminster Hall after just 6 hours, so spirits were lifted. However, 3 hours later, we had just managed to get to The London Eye and received our coveted wristbands.

Another hour passed and we came to a halt for 50 minutes behind the old GLC building. There were lots of rumours about the Hall being closed, but the live feed suggested otherwise. Many cafes and restaurants remained open and provided much welcomed refreshments as the queue shuffled along.

We turned the corner and approached Westminster Bridge with Big Ben in sight, only to turn south along the Thames away from our end goal. Having crossed Lambeth Bridge, we made our way into Victoria Gardens and entered the dreaded zigzag - over 60 times we criss-crossed the park, edging ever closer to the Hall. Scouts were on hand to provide water and food, which bizarrely was taken back from us half an hour later to allow us to get through security. It was then a short distance to the security area before we were ushered into Westminster Hall. What an amazing experience.

Outside was all hustle and bustle with an air of excitement, inside was silent, calm and very serene. Four lanes were being gently ushered past HM The Queen's coffin, but no one was rushed and everyone took as much time as they needed. Having paid my respects, I headed for the exit but was stopped as the Officer of the Watch signalled a Watch Change; so I was lucky enough to have another 5 minutes to absorb the sights and sounds.

I emerged outside 8 hours after joining the queue as the sun was rising over Parliament Green. It was completely silent with no vehicles and just fellow queueers and security staff - a welcome time to stop and reflect. I had a brief walk up to Green Park to view the floral tributes and then headed for home.

I returned in reflective mood to an email from a friend in Chicago, who took screen shots of the live feed on US TV! Truly a global series of events. The experience affected me in a way I find hard to explain. I felt and still feel humbled to have been able to be a very small part in the Nation's mourning. I was commissioned into the RAF in 1980 and my commissioning scroll carries HM the Queen's cypher. My allegiance is to the sovereign, their heirs and successors - so I hope HM The King will forgive me if a very small part of my heart will always be reserved for HM The Queen.

God Save the King.



**Keren Pope recalls her experience of seeing Her Majesty The Queen Lying-In-State**

Jason and I have both served in the RAF, and I continue to as a police officer. We felt the need to be with the lady we swore allegiance to all those years ago. It was to honour and pay her our respects.

We left home Saturday evening and eventually joined the queue at 10.30pm. The mood was quiet but happy and calm and collective.

We followed the route quietly and contemplatively through the streets and sites of London.



We came to the London Eye as dawn broke, then moved past the Covid commemorative wall, which was extremely moving, reading some of the memories and dates of those people that lost loved ones. As we crossed Lambeth Bridge, we looked back across the Thames to see part of our journey. Then, the mood in the queue began to change to one of apprehension and more sombre.

As we entered the grounds of Westminster, we found ourselves in yet more zigzag queues. This gave us a chance to see some of the people who had also been queueing a little way in front and behind us, including one very elderly gentleman. He was proudly wearing his bowler hat and George Cross.

As we approached the front of the queue, I put on my medal board and Jason put on his RAF tie and an RAF beret. I quickly told some friends that we were hoping to be there at 10.30am.

I turned my phone off, and then we entered the hush of Westminster Hall. As I climbed the stairs, I could then see the coffin of the Monarch lying in the centre of the hall. It was incredibly moving and I was struck by just how twinkling and shiny the Crown Jewels were on top of the Queen's coffin. The television could not portray the actual beauty in real life.

As we descended the stairs, I turned and looked up - the coffin was much higher than it appeared on television, and I became extremely emotional. Jason stood proudly and saluted her Majesty and I bowed my head. I just thought how lucky I am, and how proud I am to serve my country. We then passed out into the daylight, both quietly contemplating our thoughts from the experience.

Before heading home, we took some time to walk past Buckingham Palace, through St James's Park and into Green Park where we smelt and observed the many thousands and thousands of flowers that were being laid by the mourners.

I felt extremely proud to have spent those 12.5 hours to say my final thanks of farewell to Her Majesty. It will last with me forever.

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### Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by coordinator David Henrick

Do you know someone who might be interested in a career in policing? If you do, please spread the word about our careers open evening at force HQ in Huntingdon between 6pm and 9pm on 13th October.

There will be representatives from the many specialist areas in policing and officers who can take you through the routes to becoming a police officer. They will have the dog and road policing units, the Force Control Room and Demand Hub, the Armed Policing Unit, the Operational Support Unit, and scenes of crime officers. There will also be representatives from our many support networks.

### Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Association Conference – Chairman’s report 2021

Neighbourhood Watch has always been about reducing crime and improving community wellbeing and we are best placed to continue to build on this surge in neighbourliness as people look out for the vulnerable and talk to their neighbours more than before. This is the silver lining to the cloud Covid-19 has cast over our daily lives.

Throughout this time, Neighbourhood Watch has continued to operate, albeit with some inevitable changes. The executive committee has continued with regular meetings using Zoom, and we have seen a small increase in membership despite the restrictions. During the last year we have been rebuilding Neighbourhood Watch to address the lack of local support that many of you have experienced. The national website at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) now includes vastly improved resources to help you improve your knowledge and help you support your communities. Several training opportunities have been offered for members as further support. Our own website at [www.cambsnw.org.uk](http://www.cambsnw.org.uk) continues to inform you of our local news.

### Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club - by Andrew Vickers



At the end of September, the club welcomed Alconbury for the penultimate friendly match of the year. The match at Alconbury earlier in the year had been a very close affair and this proved to be no different. This fixture consisted of six matches, with each club being represented by eight players.

Spaldwick took an early lead thanks mainly to the six shots scored on the first end of the evening. As our opponents adapted to our carpets, the ends became closer and fortunes constantly changed. The final two games before the interval both ended in draws with both sides having chances to record a victory.

At the start of the second half of the match, Spaldwick still held a six-shot advantage. Alconbury made a strong start to the next games and with two ends of the match remaining, they had overturned the deficit and led by three shots, which was increased by a further shot as the match entered the last end. A less than encouraging start put Spaldwick on the back foot and it was looking like the match was slipping away until a moment of skilled inspiration changed the game.

One more shot from the final wood of the night would result in the narrowest of victories for Spaldwick. Unfortunately, the wood lacked the desired pace and direction, meaning the match had been drawn. Both teams agreed that a draw was the perfect way to end such a close contest.

### The Common Ground

Following the cancellation of the Common Ground hosted Wine, Cheese and Music evening in September due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we have rescheduled to Friday 18th November.

Come along and try some new wines, from The Handpicked Wine Box company, and a little cheese - followed by a sing-along to live music from a very talented village trio.

Tickets can be booked by contacting Guy Player via:  
[hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk](mailto:hello@spaldwickcommonground.co.uk)

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for October/November 2022:

Grey		11th Oct	25th Oct
Blue	4th Oct	18th Oct	1st Nov
Green	6th Oct	20th Oct	3rd Nov



Spaldwick Primary School

Do you have a child starting school in September 2023?

We would like to welcome you to an individual tour with our Headteacher. You will be able to see our amazing children hard at work and we will be really pleased to answer all your questions.

Please call the school office on 01480 890371 to book a one-to-one tour.

We look forward to meeting you very soon.

## Ellington WI

We meet on Tuesday 1st November and Tuesday 6th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. In November, the speaker will be telling us stories about her time as an air hostess. In December, we have a guest giving a talk about the 6 wives of Henry VIII. Visitors are welcome.



## Kerry and Simon "excited" to be taking over The George

Kerry and Simon have announced the re-opening date of The George as Saturday, 15th October.

The Caverners 60s Duo will be playing from 8pm.

Kerry said: "We are very excited to be taking over this beautiful pub and moving to such a lovely village."

We look forward to meeting you all and being a part of the community."

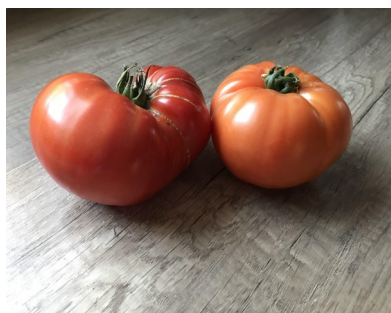
## Spaldwick Social Group

The Spaldwick Social Group has its first 'refresh' meeting on Wednesday 5th October, 7.15pm.

Even with a couple of new volunteers, the group remains very small - which will limit the fun activities it can put on for all the village. They're a friendly bunch, meet monthly as a maximum (all working full-time, have kids and the usual chaos that comes with running a home and business!) Keep an eye on the Spaldwick Facebook pages for updates.

## Spaldwick Allotment Committee

Spaldwick's Allotmenters are enjoying bumper harvests, having carefully tended to their fruit and vegetable plots over the last year. Pictured is a selection of produce, including Lucy's Gigantomo variety of tomatoes, which she says have a "rich, tasty flesh from this fruit, that made a delicious passata sauce for my homemade pizzas!"



## Friends Of Spaldwick School: Forthcoming Events



**FOSS FUNDRAISING  
TEXTILE COLLECTION**



Our next **Bag2School** collection is:

**Friday 7th October at 9.00am**

Please take your kind donations to school ON the morning of 7th October and leave on the path next to the Community Room.

**\*\*Please do not leave bags at school before this date\*\***

Please use your own bags (plastic, paper, bin liners, etc) to donate your items as bags **will not be provided** on this occasion; ask family and friends to donate too!

### WE COLLECT:

- Clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags & bags
- Hats, scarves, ties & belts
- Jewellery
- Lingerie & socks
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels & bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

Sorry, we **DO NOT** accept: duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, mats, soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with/without logo, corporate clothing and work wear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

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**Friday 2nd December**

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