

## Village Dates:

:: **St James Church Services** - Sunday 1st October (Harvest Service), 9.30am and Sunday 15th October, 9.30am (Communion).

:: **Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch** - Cambridgeshire Association AGM, Saturday 7th October, 10am, Police HQ, Huntingdon (see page 4).

:: **Spaldwick Carpet Bowls** - Thursdays, 7.30pm - Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

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# SPALDWICK

## NEWS

## Spaldwick's 40mph Buffer Zones in place

Three 40mph buffer zones have been installed on Spaldwick's approaches, to help slow traffic heading into the village.

The zones are a short section of road, just before the village's 30mph speed limit, which is now also marked with new white "gates". They are located near the A14 slip road/petrol station, Stow Road and Thrapston Road.

This comes in addition to Spaldwick's other traffic calming measures, including an electronic speed indicator near the service station.

## Parish Council News & Views

**Flood Group** - The Parish Council is considering setting up a village Flood Action Group. A flood action group is a voluntary group of local residents who meet on a regular basis, to work on behalf of the wider community, to help to try and reduce the impact of future flood events. If you are interested in joining please email: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com)

**Defibrillator Training** - Defibrillator training will be taking place sometime in the new year (date to be confirmed). If you are interested in attending, email: [clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com) and let her know if you would prefer an evening or weekend training event.

**Weeds** - You may have noticed recently the impact weeds are having on the state of our roads, pavements and cycleways. Cambridgeshire County Council have changed their policies, promising to engage with Parishes and Towns, but we have seen no evidence of this. The authority has stopped all cyclic weedkilling (ie annual spraying), as well as spraying before laying new surfaces on footpaths. Share your concerns regarding this by writing to Huntingdonshire District Council. There is also a petition live on the County Council website.

**Post Box Crocheter** - The Parish Council would like to thank the "phantom post box crocheter" for their fantastic creations and for bringing some fun and colour to the village. Keep up the good work!



The zones are located near the A14 slip road/petrol station, Stow Road and Thrapston Road.

## Spaldwick's NEW 40mph buffer zones are now in place



### Spaldwick Primary School

#### Do you have a child starting school in September 2024?

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.

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**We look forward to meeting you very soon.**



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## Spaldwick Primary School

We are having a fantastic start to the new school year and are thrilled to see our children settled in their new classes and indeed, welcome our new Reception intake into 'Explorers'. The Explorers are doing exceptionally well adapting to their new school environment.

This Autumn term is promising to be packed with lots of learning and new experiences for all at Spaldwick. We are lucky to have new interactive play equipment which is providing additional enrichment during break times.



Spaldwick school recently enjoyed a 'Puzzle Challenge Day'. An external company delivered fabulous puzzle sessions which gave children the opportunity to develop their thinking skills, problem solving and teamwork (pictured left).

The whole school are now using Dojo, which is new software that allows parents to see what their

children are doing during the school day and gives positive feedback.

We would also like to pass on heartfelt thanks to the Oliver family who have worked tirelessly tidying up the garden areas, weeding, trimming hedges - all during their own free time and we cannot express our gratitude enough! Thank you.

### • Staff Vacancies:

We currently have staff vacancies, for a Site Supervisor and a Teaching Assistant.

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**:: Count down to Christmas begins here!** This year's Carol Party will be on Tuesday 19th December. We are very keen to hear from anyone who would like to participate in any way.

If you have any vocal or musical skills, or would like to read a Christmas-related reading or poem, please do get in touch.

If you have a child who would like to showcase their Christmas talent we'd welcome them, and can give them an earlier slot if they don't want a late night.

**:: Celebration or in memoriam?** If you'd like to donate a bunch of flowers to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or have the church bells rung in your honour, please get in touch with your preferred dates.

If you'd like to help decorate the church for Christmas, we'd love to welcome you along, so just get in touch to find out more.

**:: Cream Teas, not quite in the garden!** Thanks to everyone who supported our Cream Tea event in September. Due to the sudden downpour that afternoon, Ian and Amba Harbour kindly opened their home so refreshments could be enjoyed in the dry.

**:: Could you help us?** We are a very small church council, so we'd always welcome new members who might have ideas for fundraising events, or could spare a little time to help us.

**:: Please welcome Sarah West, our new curate for the parish** - As well as being part of the new development work within the Benefice and here in Spaldwick, Sarah will also be running services and representing us locally.

She is running a Remembrance Service in Kimbolton: "Lead Kindly Light" which will be an hour of sacred music with poetry and readings to reflect on loss, and to light a candle in remembrance. This will be at 6pm on Sunday 29th October at St Andrews Church, Kimbolton.

**:: Get in touch with any member of the PCC: Amba Harbour Threeways, The Green; Denise Brown; Julia Rutherford, 2 High Street (01480 890203) or Elaine Woolward.**

Email: [stjamesspaldwick@aol.com](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.com)

#### St James Church - Services in October/November:

- Sunday 1st October, 9.30am - Our Harvest Service for all ages, followed by Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew) which is open to everyone in the community, or passing through on their bike rides etc. This is a nice relaxed opportunity to catch up with others. To celebrate harvest we'd also welcome donations for the food bank that morning.
- Sunday 15th October, 9.30am - We will be re-introducing our Communion Service.
- Sunday 5th November, 9.30am - Service followed by Jimmy's breakfasts (bacon butty or croissant, and hot brew) which is open to all.
- Sunday 12th November, 10.40am - Join us on the Village Green for a short Service of Remembrance.
- Sunday 19th November, 9.30am - Communion with Rev Phil Howson.

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for October/November 2023:

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Blue	3rd Oct	17th Oct	31st Oct	14th Nov
Green	5th Oct	19th Oct	2nd Nov	16th Nov

The Mobile Library visits Spaldwick and Stow Longa on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Round H10)

Spaldwick : High Street 10.45am to 11.05am  
Stow Longa : The Green 11.15am to 11.45am

### Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick

#### Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Association



- Annual General Meeting and Conference;
- Saturday, 7th October, 2023 at 10am;
- The conference will be held at the Cambridgeshire Police Headquarters, Hinchingbrooke Business Park, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, PE29 6NP.

Included in the conference:

- Neighbourhood Watch national developments.
- Police Cadets, for the first time at our conference.
- The latest information on cybercrime and scams, including how the banking sector is trying to keep customer money safe and what actually happens when they invoke the Banking Protocol.
- The new Framework for Neighbourhood Watch - working in partnership with Cambridgeshire Constabulary

I am planning to attend – please contact me if you would like to join me (david.consult@btinternet.com)

### Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club - by Andrew Vickers

The club has returned to bowling after last month's summer break. Before the break, our friendly record was: played 6, won 3 and lost 3.

Soon after our return, we had the opportunity to improve these statistics, when we welcomed Alconbury to the Mandeville Hall. Last year this fixture ended in a draw, and another difficult encounter was expected. We made a good start to the match and by the interval held a 10-shot lead. After both teams had enjoyed the refreshments, the match restarted, and our opponents began to make a comeback. Fortunately, this revival was short lived, resulting in Spaldwick winning 26-14.

At the end of this month, Alconbury get the chance for revenge when the return fixture takes place.

In October, our friendly schedule ends with home matches against Renhold and Gransden - once completed the members will be participating in club competitions.

Although we only have nine members, the standard of bowling is still expected to be very high and competitive.

Details of our remaining matches will appear in the coming months.



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