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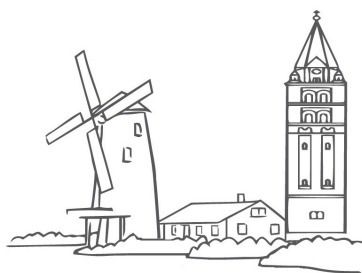
:: St James Church: Most services are being held online, although the church can be opened for private prayer (See page 3 for details).

:: St James Church: 13th September, 5pm
Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

:: Spaldwick Parish Council: At present, meetings are being held by video conferencing. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

September 2020

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SPALDWICK NEWS

VJ Day Marked in Spaldwick - photos by Jim White & Mark Heath

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, a huge American Vehicle Rally passed through Spaldwick on 15th August. They were en route to Kimbolton, Thurlleigh and Santa Pod.

Unfortunately, a planned fly-over of the Red Arrows, almost directly above Spaldwick, was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

Victory over Japan Day marks the day Japan surrendered in 1945, effectively ending World War 2.



Spaldwick Ultrafast Internet - by Jason Patel

We need your support to get faster internet for Spaldwick. You will then get speeds from 100 to 900 Mbps - this is really fast, no matter where you are in the village whilst also increasing connection reliability. If you have not changed your internet connection in a couple of years, you are also likely to save money!

Your call to action is simple: sign up to pledge your government paid voucher (no cost to you) and share this message with your neighbours and others in the village. If you have a business, work for yourself or do a tax return please ensure you tick the business option on the form as this will significantly increase our funding.

Visit here to pledge: <https://bit.ly/31Re2tW> - alternatively scan the link (right) with your phone.

You can contact me via email on me@jasonpatel.co.uk or feel free to knock at the door, No.45 High Street. Please do ask as many questions as you like, I will look to get these answered. Spaldwick needs to reach 50% sign-up to be successful, updates will be provided at regular intervals via Facebook and Spaldwick News. It's over to you!

Message from the Author:

I'm Jason and I live with my partner Kasia on the High Street. We moved into Spaldwick in summer 2018. We had initially fallen in love with the setting and key practical features: a village pub, local shop and good commuting options. Once moved in, we were welcomed with a strong community spirit, with passers by stopping to have a chat and a charming pub where people actively befriended us.

It's clear that Spaldwick is our forever location, a real credit to everyone who lives here. In my professional life I have been involved in business IT for 20 years - from technical to leadership. In terms of the Spaldwick Ultrafast Internet project, this is something I would like to pursue to future proof the village and allow people the option of working from home, running a business or supporting families with many streaming and mobile devices. My own house has a reasonable connection as I live next to the internet cabinet but we do struggle at times with both of us working at home due to the Coronavirus. (Continued on Page 2...)



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If you would prefer to do this on paper, please use this link <https://bit.ly/3aql3pc> print and post through to 45 High Street Spaldwick. I will then log your details with Openreach.

Who is involved?

Other than Jason, Openreach have assigned a project manager to this initiative and we're working closely with them. Broadband champion Mark Heath has handed over his experience from the previous Superfast Broadband initiative that improved internet speeds in 2014.

The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, is continuing to support Spaldwick as part of its work to improve digital connectivity for businesses and communities across the county.

What will happen to my data

Your information will be passed onto Openreach to open the scheme for Spaldwick.

What will this cost me?

Installation costs, once reaching our target will be Zero. Monthly costs start from ~£30 for 100 Mbps up to ~£50 for 900 Mbps

How is this Funded?

The project will pool funds from the government voucher scheme, with funding of £1,500 per house and £3,500 per business/self-employed. Some properties will cost more than the grant and some less. This is why pooling these vouchers to the community will ensure Spaldwick as a whole can benefit.

What if I'm in contract?

Per the terms you will need to take up a new connection within 2 months of this being installed. Installation would take up to 12 months so most will not have this issue.

When would this be completed?

The work is dependent on Openreach but the funding project will be closed in 2020. Openreach pledge to have connections up and online within 12 Months.

What happens if we do not reach the target?

In the unlikely outcome the target is not hit, all those that have signed up will be reviewed and a smaller scheme will be created. This is not the desired outcome as adds less value to Spaldwick but will ensure a partial scheme is delivered.

Where can I find out the full details?

Government scheme details can be found here:

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/#suppliers>

Spaldwick Book Exchange...is open again!

Spaldwick Book Exchange has reopened after closing due to the Coronavirus lockdown.

If you're an avid - or not so avid reader - there are plenty of titles, including fiction and non-fiction to enjoy.

The Book Exchange can be found on the corner of Royston Avenue, in the old BT phone box.

Many thanks to Shirley and Cliff for their efforts in continuing to keep the Book Exchange clean and tidy.



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OPENING HOURS (subject to change)

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St James Church - Services Return to Spaldwick

By the time you read this, we hope to have held our first service at St James for many months. As with most churches, we plan to hold services outside where at all possible, and only enter the church when needed (where the wearing of masks is necessary). Numbers inside the church will, of course, be strictly limited to allow for social distancing.

Upon request, the church can be opened for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (when there is no service scheduled). This allows the recommended 72 hours between openings. Do get in touch if you'd like this to happen so we can make the necessary arrangements.

- The online services from Reverends Phil, Dr John, Pamela and Ron, together with Jill are still taking place. You can watch online by visiting www.kymchurch.org.uk and clicking on the "Want to join us in prayer?" tab. If you didn't see the service from Spaldwick on 19th July visit the home page of the website or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhG4zbtWMYo>.
- Sadly, the costs associated with an historic building continue even when it is not being used a lot. So if anyone who has taken one of our Individual Giving packs but not returned it, please do if you can afford even a small contribution this will help ensure the continuation of the church. The scheme is administered nationally so no one in the village will know what size donation you give. More Giving Packs can be found in the porch.
- **Not exactly X Factor but would you like to take part?** Contributions of readings, prayers and music from anyone of any age would be most gratefully received for future on line services (just get in touch with Rev Phil – details below).



- **Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 5pm, Sunday 13th September:** This meeting is open to anyone on the church electoral roll and it is at this meeting that the PCC (parochial church council) posts are elected. If you'd like to get more involved with the church, but aren't on the electoral role, just get in touch with Rev Phil (details below) as this can easily be arranged. By being on the roll you get a free pass for Ely Cathedral.

To contact Rector Rev Philip Howson:

Email: revphiliphowson@icloud.com
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The Goat Garden is now open in Kimbolton!

Why not come along to meet Bob, Prim and Ivy - three very cheeky and entertaining little pygmy goats.

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Spaldwick's History Reflected in 1930's Van Livery

This fantastic-looking Spaldwick-liveried vehicle is a 1930 Austin Seven 'C' cab van, owned by Yvette Webb.

There's quite a history to it, as Yvette writes: "Built on 18th July, 1930 by Austin as a rolling chassis it was exported from new to New Zealand.

Arriving in New Zealand in September 1930 it's first owner was a Miss Muriel Bessie Gosford, but the body type built onto the chassis at this time is unknown.

Little history of the vehicle is known from then until the mid-70's when it was sold on in parts by Ron Anderson, a retired motor mechanic from Taupo in New Zealand to Ray Perry also from Taupo.

Ray and his brother in law, both classic car enthusiasts, then re-built the vehicle as the "C" cab van. Ray used and enjoyed his van for many years until his death in 2014 when the van was sold on as part of the estate.

In 2015, the van was exported to the UK where it was re-sprayed and then put up for sale as yet without a UK registration number. I bought the van in January 2016 and applied for an age related registration that it bares today. My husband has refurbish some items on the van as well as changing the carburettor to a Zenith 24-2T the same as used on the grey Ferguson tractors, re-wiring and changing the lighting over to LED's.

The van has been sign written as "Edwards Brothers" due to the name's connection to the village around the 1930s and in later years."

Neowise Comet Sightings



Tony Croucher recently captured these amazing photos of the Neowise Comet .

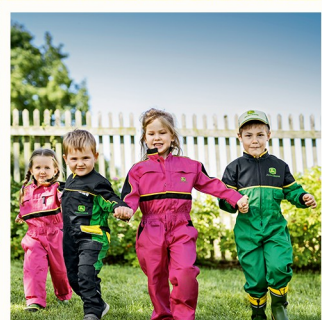
They were all taken within a few miles of Spaldwick (Ellington, Barham and from just over the A14 bridge looking towards Belton's Hill).



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Parish Council meetings in June, July and August were held via video conference, due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

In June...

- The Council noted that residents have spent hours removing weeds and debris around the play park. Cllr R Johnson will use machinery to remove the larger roots in the coming weeks.
- Signs require updating to prevent the issue of motorcyclists using byways during winter months.
- A two-night diversion of the A14 has led to the damage of the bridge over the brook on Thrapston Road - Cllr S Fane de Salis explained that the parapet has moved, leaving a gap between the road surface and the parapet; he has reported this to the County Council.
- Village Defibrillator - Cllr Parfrey explained that The Community Heartbeat Charity (a distributor of defibrillators to Parish Councils) has provided details of two models for purchase. He outlined the costs of the two models and the options for maintenance, installation and training. The type of cabinet, security and location are still to be discussed.

In July...

- David O'Brien, a Community First Responder from the East of England Ambulance Service Trust, spoke regarding the installation of a defibrillator in Spaldwick. He detailed the easiest and most up-to-date model, requirements for installation and maintenance, potential positioning within the village and costing options.

:: Keep up to date with the latest from Spaldwick Parish Council online: www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk

Ferriman Road Playground



Newly-painted and ready to play on! The popular playground on Ferriman Road has reopened after closing due to the national Coronavirus lockdown.

Before using the facility, please familiarise yourself with the safety notices, which detail limits on the number of children and adults allowed in. It is also important to wash/sanitise your family's hands before and after use.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers



A dog waste bag dispenser has now been installed on the community land behind Ferriman Road.

Another is being put in place in the field near St James Church.

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Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by Coordinator David Henrick

- As the new school term approaches, I would like to remind car owners not to obstruct footpaths which may form part of the route children take on their way to school. Thank You.
- **National Neighbourhood Watch Impact Survey**
You can access the survey by going to:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWimpact
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Emergency Contacts:

- **Call 101** - For all **non-emergencies**, 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**.
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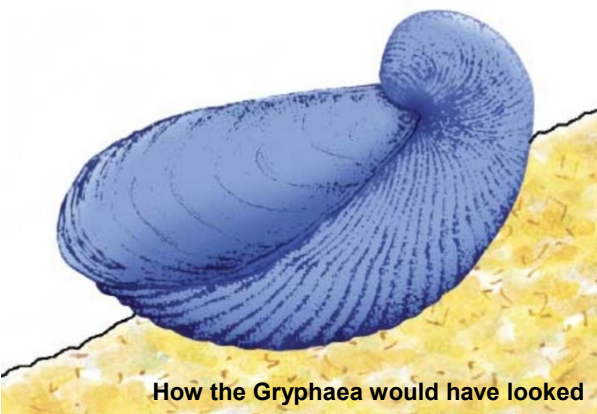
Fossil Finds around Spaldwick



Spaldwick resident Kit Lee has recently made some some interesting fossil finds around the village.

Kit writes: "Left by the last Ice Age, and transported from the North Sea area, in the picture is the curved looking fossil known as the Devil's toe-nail (Gryphaea) part of a sea-creature from 200 to 66 million years ago.

The flat pieces are part of the lid of the same creature. They're worth looking out for on your walks just outside the village."



How the Gryphaea would have looked



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How will visiting be different?

Upon your arrival, a member of staff will be at the entrance to greet you and show you to an available table. They will also ask you to submit your personal information onto the track and trace app for government compliance.

It is advisable to book a table in the restaurant in advance, but tables in the gazebo or outside dining areas are on a first come first serve basis.

To begin with, the pub will have a reduced menu. This unfortunately, is due to their kitchen size and restrictions on the staff working within the area due to social distancing measures.

Customers are no longer allowed to sit at the bar or stand in the bar area (they must be seated at a table when on the premises).

If seating in the outside areas and it rains, if there is availability inside to accommodate, people will be able to move. However, if it is full, guests will be unable to head in. Well behaved children are welcome, but must remain seated.

- To make a reservation at The George - or to speak with a member of staff, they can be **phoned** on: 01480 890293 or **contacted** via the website www.thegeorgespaldwick.co.uk

Did you know that there used to be three pubs in Spaldwick?

They could all be found on High Street, which was the main road from Kettering to Cambridge and Colchester - Around the time of the First World War, the village's three pubs were the Bell Inn (pictured below), the George Inn and the Axe and Compasses Inn.



The George was originally a house owned by the Darrington family in the 16th century and became a coaching inn in the late 17th century.

By 1584, the house was in the possession of William Bedell of Ellington. William conveyed it to his younger brother, Edward Bedell of Easton.

On Edward Bedell's death in 1676, it was inherited by his only child Frances and her husband Robert King, who opened it as The George Inn, and as such it was conveyed in 1679 to William Piggott.



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The agency have seen an increased demand for Greece and Turkey for September and October Half Term, and in a recent survey carried out on line by Oundle Travel, the Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Mexico and Thailand were named as the most popular destinations for the winter months ahead.

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www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin

SPALDWICK COVID-19 SUPPORT NETWORK

A small group of Spaldwick residents are continuing to help those in our village who are vulnerable or are having to self-isolate.

We are pleased to say that at the moment there is a lot less demand for assistance, and is now mainly the collection of prescriptions from the Kimbolton and Alconbury surgeries. However, we are all aware that this situation may change as we head towards winter. If you would like help please get in touch using the contacts listed below, either by a phone call (leave a message if no answer) or text message, and they will take it from there.

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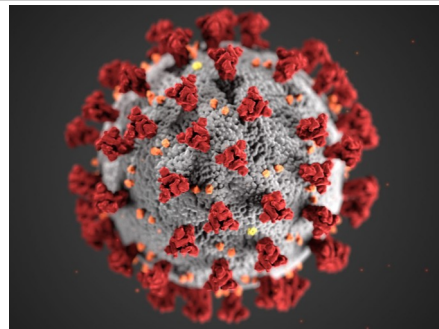
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