

## Village Dates:

:: **Church Services** - A number are being held locally this month. See page 4 for more details.

:: **Mobile Library** - The Mobile Library visits Spaldwick on the second Wednesday of the month.

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

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# SPALDWICK

## NEWS

## 40mph Buffer Zones



Three 40mph buffer zones will be installed on Spaldwick's approaches in September, to help slow traffic heading into the village.

The Zones are a short section of road, just before the village's 30mph speed limit - and will be located near the A14 slip road/petrol station, Stow Road and Thrapston Road.

There will be temporary traffic lights used to control the flow of traffic and for the safety of the road workers. All homes should have received a letter from the council informing them of this.

## Spaldwick residents to be charged for green bin use

Huntingdonshire District Council is the latest local authority to charge a subscription for the collection of green bins.

From April 2024, residents who want one will face a charge of £57.50 a year. The optional service works out at just under £5 per month for one garden waste bin, collected fortnightly throughout the year. The District Council is also looking into incentives such as early bird offers. They also say residents will be able to share bins with neighbours.

Cllr Martin Hassall, Executive Councillor for Corporate and Shared Services, said: "Not all properties in Huntingdonshire require a garden waste collection service as they do not have a garden. Introducing a subscription means that the service will only be paid for by those households that choose to use it. This is similar to bulky waste collections where only households requesting the service have to pay.

The current garden waste collection costs us approximately £800,000 per year, and as the district expands, these costs will rise. Meeting the demand will require additional vehicles and staff. By introducing a chargeable garden waste service, we can ensure that the service remains sustainable.

Around 65% of councils have introduced a charge for collecting garden waste and this is something that a lot of neighbouring boroughs do already."

Cllr Hassall continued: "Currently 42% of the waste we collect in the grey bin is organic waste. Waste that should go into the green bin. We want to work with our local community to find better ways to reduce, recycle, reuse and collect all types of waste.

We are committed in supporting residents to reduce waste by encouraging people to think more about what they are disposing of. Garden waste, for example, can be composted or used for mulch - these approaches are much better for the environment than our current collection methods. As we look to make the service as accessible to those who want to use it, people will also be able to share bins under their own informal arrangements."

**For more information about the garden waste collection service, visit the Huntingdonshire District Council website.**



This year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal runs from 30th October to 12th November.

We are looking for 4 volunteers to do door-to-door collections around the village.

If you are interested, contact Stuart Ainsworth on: 07974 139485.



## St James Church, Spaldwick:

If anyone could spare us a few hours a month, we would love to have a few more people join our small friendly group to help plan and run more village events.

The aim is to help raise funds for the development of the church.



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## Spaldwick's Secret Crafter Strikes Again!



There's been another amazing creation appear on top of the post box on Ferriman Road; as ever, in-keeping with the seasons!

Through August, a seaside theme adorned the box, complete with lighthouse, crab and various other sea life.

Thank you to our "Mystery Crafter" - your efforts are greatly appreciated throughout the village!

Alison writes: "Please can you pass on my grateful thanks to the kind and wonderful person who left a beautiful jar of flowers on my doorstep on Tuesday 25th July.

As that day was coming up to a week since we had to have one of our dogs (Millie) put to sleep, the flowers became even more poignant."

## Parish Council News

### • Spaldwick Community Room:

A reminder that the community room is available for hire. The room is a great size for a family gathering, children's party, baby shower, business meeting, etc.

The hire cost is extremely low - Spaldwick residents can hire the room for £2.50 per hour. For individuals/groups not living in Spaldwick, the hire charge is £5 per hour.

To make a booking or for more information please contact Sarah: [clerk@spladwickparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@spladwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

### • Allotment Gates:

The wooden gates at the entrance to the Spaldwick allotment site were stolen again some time late on Friday 4th August, or early Saturday 5th August.

If anyone saw anything suspicious, please get in touch with the Parish Council (email address above), so they can pass details on to the police.



Lots of good work has been done over the last month or so, by residents taking pride in their village.

Firstly, a big thank you to Uwe Braun for upgrading the footbridge between the Ferriman Road open space and Long Lane. Uwe's work has made walking over the ditch much easier!

A big thanks must also go to the people who have been cleaning up Ferriman Road, Fuller Close and the area around the school and Playtimes. Your efforts haven't gone unnoticed!



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## Spaldwick Allotments—Autumn Gallery

It's been a fantastic summer for Spaldwick's Allotmenters, with a wealth of produce and beautiful flowers lovingly grown on the plots. The site has evolved so much since it was created and continues to do so, with fantastic results!



Aneta's strawberry  
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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for September/October 2023:

|       |          |           |           |          |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Grey  |          | 12th Sept | 26th Sept | 10th Oct |
| Blue  | 5th Sept | 19th Sept | 3rd Oct   | 17th Oct |
| Green | 7th Sept | 21st Sept | 5th Oct   | 19th Oct |

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

## Church Services across the benefice:



Spaldwick's Morning Worship was held on Sunday 3rd September, followed by Jimmy's Breakfasts.

### 10th September:

- 10.45am - Kimbolton - Back to school family service
- 4pm - Tilbrook - Family Service
- 6pm - Easton - Harvest Festival

### 16th September:

- 9.30am - Stow Longa - Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30am - Kimbolton - Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.45am - Kimbolton - Matins
- 11am - Barham - Morning worship
- 4pm - Kimbolton - Children's Church
- 5pm - Tilbrook - Harvest Festival
- 6pm - Covington - Compline

### 24th September:

- 9.30am - Tilbrook - Parish Communion
- 9.30am - Easton - Morning Worship
- 10.30am - Kimbolton - Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.45am - Kimbolton - Family Communion
- 6pm - Kimbolton - Evensong

## The George, Spaldwick



Staff at The George were excited to cheer on The Lionesses for the World Cup final in August, wearing appropriate head gear for the occasion! The pub was also decorated with bunting to show support for the England team.

Ren continues to make his mark on The George, with a series of family friendly events. Keep an eye on the village Facebook pages for the latest.



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