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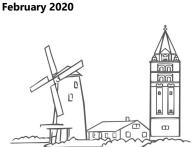
:: St James Church Services, February - Sunday 2nd (9.30am); Sunday 16th (9.30am); Sunday 23rd (4pm, Community Room) & Wednesday 26th (7pm)

:: St James Spaldwick Restart Celebration and Consultation - Sunday 2nd February, 4pm (see page 3)

:: "Friday natters, because community matters" - 14th & 28th February (Community Room, 1.30-3.30pm)

:: Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 20th February, 8pm, Spaldwick Community Room

#### **Christmas 2019 in Spaldwick**









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A record breaking 87 gifts were handed out to local children by Santa, 29 tins of biscuits were given to our senior residents - and £150 raised by the evening's refreshment stops will go to the school's opportunity fund.



Thanks must also go to Father Christmas for sparing the time to stop off in Spaldwick - and of course, to Lisa and all of her fellow Elves! We really do appreciate the hard work you put in to make the festive season extra special.

Also in December, Ivy Way got well and truly into the Christmas Spirit with their first official lights switch-on! Mulled wine and mince pies were served up, and it was a great chance for residents to catch up with their neighbours (pictured left).

(Continued on pages 2 & 3)

#### Spaldwick's school children join 6,000 others for Young Voices

Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Resorts World Arena to perform in a choir of 6000 children. Young Voices has definitely become one of our January highlights.

Our school is going from strength to strength, this month the Local Authority confirmed that Spaldwick Primary is a school where learning is a priority. Well done to all the amazing staff, fabulous children and supportive parents.

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#### Friends of Spaldwick School (FOSS) Festive Update



Photo: Setting up for the FOSS Christmas Faye, and (above) Santa paid the event a visit too!





We hope you've enjoyed this terms fundraising events. Thank you for all your help and support, FOSS are proud to announce the results of the first terms fundraising activities:

### Total raised this term £2,405.74

From your enjoyment and support of:

- Back to School Event
- Disco
- Christmas Cards
- Wreath Making Workshop
- Christmas Fayre
- Refreshments & Cakes at Grafham Christmas Market
- Donations from Refreshments at the Nativity
- Bag2school collection, EasyFundraising

FOSS also received a very generous  $\pm 200$  donation from The Running & Fitness Group, Thank you!

In addition, there are also the following very easy ways to raise funds for our school, at no cost to you:

- 1. www.easyfundraising.org.uk £3,341 raised to date!
- <u>www.boilerjuice.com</u> select Friends of Spaldwick School as your chosen community, they will donate £2.50 per 500 litres ordered.
- Shopping on Amazon use the "smile" link and select Friends of Spaldwick School as your chosen charity for a donation by Amazon against every eligible order.

In the build-up to Christmas, it was great to see so many people enjoying the FOSS Christmas Fayre (pictured left, before the crowds arrived!). Thank you to everyone for your support - and to Rosy and her team of helpers, the FOSS committee and volunteers, Playtimes and stall-holders for putting on such an enjoyable event.

The first school disco of the academic year was a great success. We had the launch of our new disco lights and glow in the dark face paint and tattoos - it created a great atmosphere for the children. It was lovely to welcome reception children to their first school disco.

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#### **St James Church News**

- 2nd February 9.30am, Morning Worship
- 16th February 9.30am, Parish Communion
- 23rd February 4pm, All Age Worship in Community Room which is warm and has toilets!
- 26th February 7pm, Ash Wednesday Communion and Ashing

Thank you to everyone who played a part of any kind in celebrating Christmas in the church (pictured right). Your contributions were outstanding and it was wonderful to share this special time of year with such a special local community. Rob Burton, Winner of the BBC Young Musician 2018 Woodwind Final and Grand Finalist in the Competition and young Lola's performances can still be found on the St James Spaldwick Facebook page.

Thanks to all the villagers and friends who supported Lyndy's online Christmas card, sharing seasonal greetings throughout the neighbourhood, and raising more than £500 towards keeping the church running!

#### St James Spaldwick Restart Celebration and Consultation - 4pm Sunday 2nd February:

Since he arrived in the village the Rev Philip Howson has been working with local enthusiasts to re-think how your community's church can best be developed to become a thriving Parish church which is enjoyable, relevant and accessible to the whole community. A good church is not simply a nice building, it's an energetic community serving and supporting everyone, and we want it to be the best it can be for you. So please do join us to hear our plans, tell us what you'd like from us and how as a community you can help us get there. Spaldwick is a very young village, so please do bring your children so they can have their say too. Refreshments will be provided.

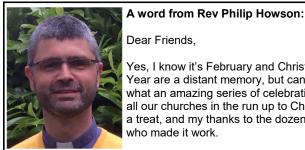
If you can't join us on 2nd February, please feel free to get in touch by following us on Facebook and commenting, emailing stjamesspaldwick@aol.com, or directly with Philip at revphiliphowson@icloud.com or calling his office on 01480 869081.

#### "Friday natters, because community matters" - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays (14th February and 28th February):

What a great start to our new fortnightly social get together with tea/coffee and cake. Everyone is welcome including small children (but please bring your mum, dad, granny or carer too!). Drop in to the Community Room anytime between 1.30-3.30pm. Please bring your friends and neighbours and continue to spread the word.

#### Clean up:

Thank you to those who have been coming along to our regular church clean, generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. We will be cleaning at 11.30am on Friday 31st January, ready for our event on Sunday 2nd February - please join us if you can.



#### Dear Friends,

Yes, I know it's February and Christmas and New Year are a distant memory, but can I just celebrate what an amazing series of celebrations went on in all our churches in the run up to Christmas. What a treat, and my thanks to the dozens of people who made it work.

Can I also give a shout out for our farmer friends,

all of whom are concerned that they haven't yet planted out their crops because of the wet weather. I do hope this latest magazine sees things changing for them.

Looking forward, we find Lent and Easter are nearly upon us. For those of us who don't pay much attention to these things (like me before I bothered with this Vicar thing), Lent is the 40-day period of fasting before Easter. In the history of the church this period was the run-up to baptism for people who had been going through catechism (aka "training and teaching getting ready for baptism") and was regarded as the final time of purification before baptism on Easter Sunday, which is why it's associated with fastina.

Back then, baptism - and the teaching leading up to it - was a hard-core thing to do. People knew that in being baptised they were making a public statement of willingness to live and die for the Christ who died for them. Isn't it bizarre that faith practices based literally on life-and-death issues have now evaporated into something vague about eggs, chocolate, and giving up something-or-other for a bit? I'm not quite sure that's a good thing entirely, but I am very glad we live in a place where freedom of belief and conscience are respected and not a reason to fear death.

If you want to be a little bit more hard-core about faith, we are running Lent groups throughout the Benefice. These will give you the chance to re-plant your faith if you've gotten a bit water-logged by life (yes, that was a cheesy vicar-metaphor), so please do look up details on our website www.kymchurch.org.uk - or give me a shout if you want to join in by emailing me at revphiliphowson@icloud.com or calling the office on 01480 869081.



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#### **Spaldwick Parish Council**



## November's meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 21st.

It was Chaired by Steve Fane de Salis - also present were S Jackson-Rimmer, R Johnson and J Pope.

Here are some of the items discussed, based on the draft minutes of the meeting:

Ellington parish council has expressed a desire

to create a bridal path with Spaldwick and join up to A1 Alconbury and Brampton. The County Council suggest a green way with a rough surface and not tarmac. A process is now underway to get local landowners onside and get a route agreed. The PCC is interested in principal.

- It was noted that the Easton/Spaldwick cycle path is over grown, and requests have been made to public highways to do a maintenance visit.
- Cllr Fane de Sallis asked about the 2020 Tour of Cambridgeshire updates and routes on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The route will include Catworth, Kimbolton, Stow Longa, Spaldwick and Barham. Significant road closures will be in place during the day.
- One resident has asked if the white road markings can be redone on the village green.

Spaldwick from the air, courtesy of Barbara - can you spot your home?



• A resident has raised concerns about the location of the Bus Stop on High Street - Parked vehicles cause a problem at this location. Cllr Fane de Sallis has spoken to the bus routes provider who suggested 2 options. The PCS can pay for markings on the road, which might stop people parking; or can they look at a bus stop on Stow Road. Cllr Johnson will endeavour to speak with the residents who use the service for the opinions on a new location of a bus stop.

#### Ferriman Road Play Area:

- An inspection revealed brambles growing through the playground surface to the swings; the paintwork needs refreshing and plastic cover inserts missing on some of the bolts. Cllr Fane de Sallis will source some plastic covers.
- A play ground inspection report by Wicksteed showed some of the equipment beginning to rust, and concerns were raised regarding brambles growing into the play area

#### Hedges around play area and open space:

- Uwe, Linda and another resident have been cutting back overgrown vegetation around the play area with another villager offering to do more work. It was agreed that the work to clear the hedges and brambles should take place due to the danger for children using the play equipment and the overgrown state of the hedging.
- Hedges around the open space need cutting back, especially those bordering onto Ferriman Road properties. A contractor has been suggested who can help with this.
- A complaint has been received regarding the crab apple tree on the open space dropping crab apples. This is causing a mess and the request is to remove the tree or allow others to remove it. The council proposed not to allow anyone to damage or remove the tree. Proposed Cllr Fane de Sallis and seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer, all in favour and carried unanimously.

#### Update regarding stickers for wheelie bins:

- 498 stickers in 80 packs have been distributed through the High Street, Thrapston Road and Stow Road. There are a few left over for any residents who would like them.
- Some residents in Ferriman Road have complained that drivers go to fast. Cllr Jackson-Rimmer proposed to get different stickers to slow drivers down.

#### Dog Mess Bag Dispensers:

• No further updates - but it is hoped to extend the scheme on the kissing gate on the field and down on long lane with permission from Highways and Byways

#### **Community Room:**

- A new water boiler has been purchased and is now in use, along with new tables.
- The Parish Council is considering the purchase of an internal notice board to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Consideration is also being made for the purchase of an external sign.

#### **Resignations:**

- Parish Councillor Ian Harriman has tendered his resignation due to unavailability. Cllr Fane de Salis thanked him for his help and support over the last four years and stated that his position can be filled by co-option as required. A notice was displayed for the statutory 14 days with no request for an election.
- Consider co-opting to fill the vacancy created by Mike Robinson's resignation. Shane Parfrey is willing to be co-opted and was the only candidate to come forward. Proposed by Cllr Fane de Sallis, seconded by Cllr R Johnson and all in favour, carried unanimously.

#### :: The next Spaldwick Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February at 8pm in the Community Room.

Manor Farm House - Heading into 2020 ....



You may remember that back in early 2015 we commissioned a pair of drawings of what we proposed for the building. These were put on a poster which was displayed on the site fencing. I also distributed over 200 paper copies of the drawings to houses within the vicinity of the High Street. We were overwhelmed by the response to our proposal which was unanimously supported by our neighbours backing the ideas we put to the village.

The building as it now stands is as close as we could make it to how it would have looked 470 years ago. We have rebuilt the failing structure using traditional materials and methods.

It is true that at some time in the last 150 years the front of the building and many internal surfaces were covered in with plaster and wallpaper. However it is certainly true to say that the building looked much as it does now for maybe the 320 years prior to the covering in.

Huntingdonshire District Council has decided that, for some reason, it is more important for the look of the building to adhere to the latter period of it's history.

We are sorry that we have been unable to persuade the Council to allow what the local people said that they wanted to see. We believe that this is a shame for the village and an opportunity missed to preserve a Tudor Building in all it's beauty. Please believe me when I say that it is not for lack of trying!

Should any of our neighbours want to see the inside of the building before all the timber frame is covered in please do let us know.

With kind regards, Richard, Janine and Rosie Johnson

• More photos taken by Mark Heath can be found at www.spaldwick.com



Dear Villagers,

We asked Mark Heath to do a set of photographs to record for posterity the timber work on the front of the building and also the internal timber frame.

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#### Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch - by David Henrick

A message from David: "I have been the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for many years. I would like someone from the village to take over from me – a role that is not demanding, it just requires access to a computer and email. Please contact me on the details below if you would like to know more. Thank You."

#### David Henrick - 01480 896556 - david.consult@btinternet.com

#### Courier Fraud Warning from Cambridgeshire Police, courtesy of Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch

We are urging members of the public to be aware of instances of courier fraud targeting elderly people.

Courier fraud is when criminals cold call a victim, typically claiming to be a police officer or bank official. Offences are often committed by organised crime groups who target the elderly and vulnerable.

Examples of specific instances have been where following a phone call, the fraudsters then claim there is an issue with the victim's bank account or request their assistance with an ongoing bank or police investigation. The ultimate aim of the call being to lure them into handing over money or their bank details.

Common techniques used by the fraudsters include telling the victim to withdraw large sums of cash, purchase an

expensive item, or provide their bank cards or details. In all cases, a 'courier' will then come and pick up the cash or items, on behalf of the police or bank. They will often come to the victim's home address.



#### Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park was established on March 1<sup>st</sup> 1872 and is nearly 3,500 square miles of wilderness atop a volcanic hot spot.

The world's first National Park is rich and vibrant, a true wilderness in the heart of America, and has been almost untouched for 150 years, approximately 96 percent of the land area of Yellowstone National Park is located within the state of Wyoming, three percent is within Montana, with the remaining one percent in Idaho.

Yellowstone features dramatic Canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and is the largest active Geyser filed in the world, including its most famous, Old Faithful which erupts approximately every 90 minutes, together with the Lower and Upper Falls which are almost twice as high as Niagara Falls!

There are also hundreds of colourful hot springs and pools such as the Grand Prismatic Hot Spring, which is larger than a football field and the third largest spring in the world. The best time to visit the park is during the summer months but even then the weather in Yellowstone can be unpredictable, because elevations inside Yellowstone National Park range from 5,280 feet to 11,400 feet, so visitors should not be surprised if the park's weather changes without a moment's notice.

For wildlife lovers the park is a haven, home to Grizzly Bears, (Yellowstone is actually one of the few places where Black Bears can be seen co-existing with Grizzly's) you will also see Gray Wolves and the world's largest Bison herd, together with Bald and Golden Eagles, Trumpeter Swans and Moose, all living freely in their chosen habitat, why not spend a day exploring on foot or hiking with a wildlife tracking expert who are experts in their field, they will teach you about the animals and their habitat, with hopefully a sighting or two!

Yellowstone is in the middle of Cowboy country so don your boots and hat and get involved ! Watch a Rodeo attend or stay at a guest ranch, the park has superb recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, boating, fishing, there are a dozen campgrounds in the park so bring a tent and settle in, or alternatively opt for a hotel or lodge, the choice is yours!

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There were 233 reports of courier fraud in the eastern region in 2019 (up until 24 December) with total losses of more than  $\pounds$ 620,000.

We are urging people to remain aware that phone scams are operating across the region. As it does tend to be the elderly and vulnerable who are targeted by the offenders, please share the following advice with neighbours and relatives.

Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone or offer to pick up your card by courier. Hang up if you get a call like this.

If you need to call your bank back to check, wait five minutes as fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.

Your debit or credit card is yours – don't let a stranger take it off you. You should only ever have to hand it over at your bank. If it's cancelled, you should destroy it yourself.

If you are suspicious about a telephone conversation you should end the call and contact police via the non-emergency number, 101. Ideally use a mobile phone or a friend's phone or wait at least five minutes before calling to ensure you aren't reconnected to the offender. To report an incident in action or if you are in immediate danger always call 999.

Please also remember that your bank and the police would:

- Never ask for your bank account details or PIN over the phone
- Never ask you to withdraw money and send it to them

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#### Major cycling event to head through Spaldwick

What's branded one of the UK's best open road cycling events passes through Spaldwick on 1st March (route, pictured right).

The Cambridgeshire Classic Sportive starts out from Peterborough Showground and passes through rural Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, with a combination of short climbs and descents, as well as the chance for riders to pick up some speed.

The first rider is anticipated to head through the village after Kimbolton and Stow Longa, just after 10am; with the final rider cycling through at approximately 1pm.

#### Need some help with your New Year's Resolution?

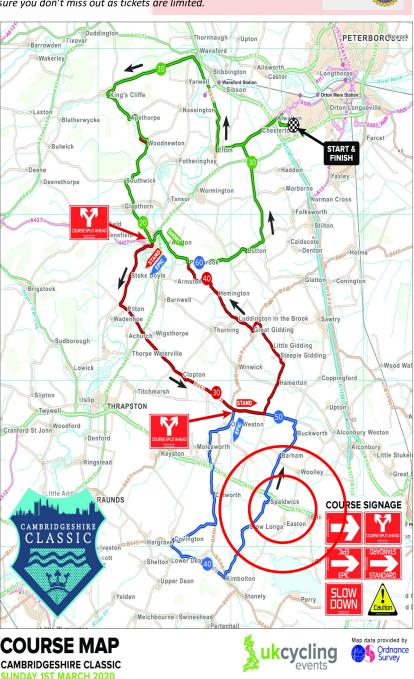
*Ivy Way resident Stuart Ainsworth takes part in the Huntingdon parkrun, every Saturday from 9am:* 

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Got restless youngsters (4-14 years-old)? Why not bring them along to Jubilee Juniors parkrun at Jubilee Park (Huntingdon Town Football Ground - near Tesco) on Sunday at 9am for a fun 2k run, skip, walk - or whatever takes their fancy.

Don't fancy completing the event? Why not volunteer to help support the participants or simply come along and see what hundreds of others do on their Saturday and Sunday mornings?"





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#### Spaldwick Community Allotment Association

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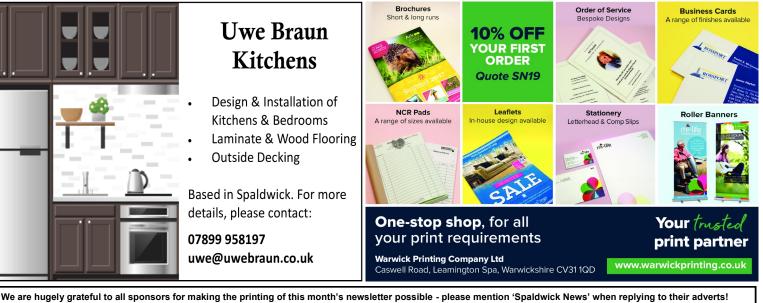
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