

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

June 2012

PLEASE REMEMBER - For Emergencies - **DIAL 999**

When lives are at risk/violence/serious injury

Serious crime is happening

Criminal still at the scene or nearby

Dial 101- For all **non-emergency** calls.

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

Help Stop Metal Thefts

Spaldwick Church has suffered twice from the theft of roofing lead and is now faced with raising £20000 to replace the last theft. Stealing metal is easy to do and it is also easy to dispose of it through cash sales to shady dealers. There is an Epetition to outlaw such deals and to make all sales traceable back to the sellers. This petition expires on 8th August but does not yet have the required 100,000 signatures. Please help this proposal. Go to epetitions.gov.uk/petitions/406 and add your support.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

Aug

Tues 7th

Fri 10th

Tues 14th

Tues 21st

Fri 24th

Wed 29th

Sept

Tues 4th

Fri 7th

Tues 11th

SPALDWICK NEWS

August 2012



Gavin Lessing-Caller

Chairman, Spaldwick Social Group

100 Club Winners

The July winners were £40 No.18 Caroline Traynor, Thrapston Road and £20 No.88 Sheralyn Leck, High Street

Spaldwick Gardening Club
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July was a busy month for the Gardening Club. Our monthly meeting was hosted by Joyce and Grahame Leach at Chestnut View with a social evening for members and partners. We were lucky with the first part of the evening as we were able to look around the garden and have a glass of wine before the rain descended.

The gardening club pulled out all the stops for our stall at the Spaldwick Fete. Many thanks to all those who donated plants and a special thank you to Ena Beckman who donated a lovely selection of ceramic pots which were then planted up for the raffle. A lot of our members manned our stall throughout the day and we had a very sociable time and spoke to various potential new members.

Our plant sales and raffle raised a very creditable £235.40.

Our August meeting will be on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm at the home of Barbara Seymour, 18 High Street.

We wish a warm welcome to present and new members.

Open Gardens Thank You

Stewart and Mary Barnard would like to thank everyone who helped the Spaldwick, Catworth, Molesworth and Brington NGS group raise £930.30 towards NGS Charities and £570.00 towards local charities. Without the support of people donating cakes, lending furniture and visiting the gardens this would not have been possible. We had 193 paying visitors with a further 23 coming the following week. The NGS supports Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Crossroads Carers along with an annual chosen charity so the money has gone to good causes.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 0TD

Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 0TA

Phone: 890065 email: davidstowell@onetel.com

Next Meeting 20th September

Do you know someone with dementia?

Dementia Information Points have been developed to provide emotional and practical support and information to people who have memory problems, their carers and families. They are your opportunity to call in to ask questions, receive information and/or support. For further information regarding this service please contact Davina Hogben at Huntingdon Alzheimer's Society on 01733 893853 or at davina.hogben@alzheimers.org.uk.

Huntingdon Dementia Information Point is held :

Huntingdon Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3PA

on the last Tuesday of each month

10.30am – 12.30pm

SPALDWICK JUBILEE MUGS

Spaldwick Jubilee mugs have been presented to most children of residents, who are infants or at school up to the end of the current school year. Those who have not yet received theirs may collect them from the Spaldwick Village Shop and Deli.

A limited number of the mugs are also on sale at £5 each at the shop. Proceeds go to the Spaldwick Social Group Funds to support village activities and local charities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 24th Open House

Oct 21st Harvest Supper

Dec 18th Carol Party

For up-to date news see the village
website spaldwick.com

For items on the website
email

mark.heath@spaldwick.com

For items in the News

email john@blatch.com

Spaldwick Church

August Services

5th No Service Sunday Worship Easton at 9.30am

12th 9.30am Eucharist

19th 6.00pm Family Service

26th 9.30am Eucharist

Jonathan Young (Vicar) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

CHURCH NEWS

Emily Dakota Lily Hudson of Ivy Way was christened at a well attended service on Sunday 22nd July. Best wishes to her and to her parents.

With a donations of £1200 this month we now have £5000 towards the cost of re-placing the church roof. English Heritage will make a decision about a grant by October so we may get the roof done before winter sets in.

The Garden Party planned for 15th September is on hold at the moment. More information by leaflet or in the September News.

From Pauline Robinson, Thrapston Road

"Many thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the blue and white patchwork quilt being raffled in aid of Meldreth Manor Special School. The quilt was won by ticket no. 00310 - James who lives in Meldreth and raised £1700 for the school.
Thank you so much - Pauline"

Spaldwick Fete 2012

Well after months of planning the day had arrived. 3 years in a row we had been lucky with the weather, would we make it 4?.....unfortunately not and as the Spaldwick Social Group stood in the playground at 7am, and a band of helpers from around the village started to drift towards the school in their wellies and full rain gear, the question on everyone's mind was do we really want to hold an outside event in the rain? After much deliberating and discussing the options it soon became apparent that if we didn't hold it on the 14th then we wouldn't be able to hold it at all, so the decision was to go for it!! I have to say that this was more to do with double trouble (Lisa and Lucy) and their persuasive attitudes than my keenness to remain wet through for 10 hours.

Unfortunately as we all know it was not just a recent spell of inclement weather.....it had been raining for most of the preceding month and the ground was waterlogged. Lisa Hunter had met with Miss Prior on Friday and held a pitch inspection (not quite football league, but along the same lines) and the decision was bleak. The field where we traditionally held most of the events was unusable and we would need to hastily relocate the entire fete onto the playground or in the school.

Heads together for a fast change of location for the stalls and a few calls later to cancel some of the performers (Sadly this included an Archery Display from Hinchinbrook Archery Club, the Spaldwick Maypole Team, Junior McDougald and his charity "Sports Connections Foundation" Pro Kick Challenge Goal) we were ready to go.

This is the magic part.....the SSG and associated friends own around 7 marquees and each year we struggle to see how we will cover the stalls (in the past this was to provide shelter from the blazing sun) now we had a problem as we really needed shelter. Well in true Spaldwick style the marquees started arriving from all over the village and we ended up with 20 marquees all erected on the playground and stalls in place a scarce 20 minutes before the official opening time.

Had the rain stopped? Not a drop, but spirits remained high and with 10 minutes to go, we evacuated the playground for a safety check.

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 “The Spaldwick fete is now open “ said Spaldwick queen Olivia Sturdy and the crowds rushed in. Actually this was the surprise of the day, as with the weather looking like it was going to stay with rain most of the day “the Spaldwick Faithfull” turned up anyway.

We had we had a number of guest stands including Bejazzled, Model Car Parties and Alconbury Stage Stars, this wonderful bunch together with our very own favourite shop “No.12”, Escape Youth Group, Playtimes, FOSS, S-Club, the Spaldwick Gardening Club and many many more came together to make the day a treat for the whole community. Due to the cancellation of the Kimbolton fayre, we were fortunate to have 2 beautiful restored Healeys for the day and we have been assured they will be back with friends next year.

Tea and cakes lost their usual spot near to the BBQ and used the community room kitchen to provide a base. It was a fraction quieter for them than in the past, but everything is relative and they were certainly kept on their toes all day. The School hall was a great mass of people spending time catching up with friends and sampling the best cakes available anywhere and we were lucky to have the recently restored bier on hand to provide a centre point inside.

Dare I say there was a steady stream!!!! of people arriving all day and when the final entries were counted, we were less than 100 people down on previous years with over 650 people coming to the event. I think this is astounding when you think just how wet it really was for much of the day, so well done the hardy souls of Spaldwick and the surrounding villages as we saw plenty of guests from Huntingdon, Ellington, Easton, Grafham and Stow Longa to name but a few.

Personally I was incredibly proud of the young people of the village as they manned a lot of stands at the fete including Golf putting, ball in a bottle, magic boxes, The “21” campaign and gave up their time to run stalls and raise money for others.

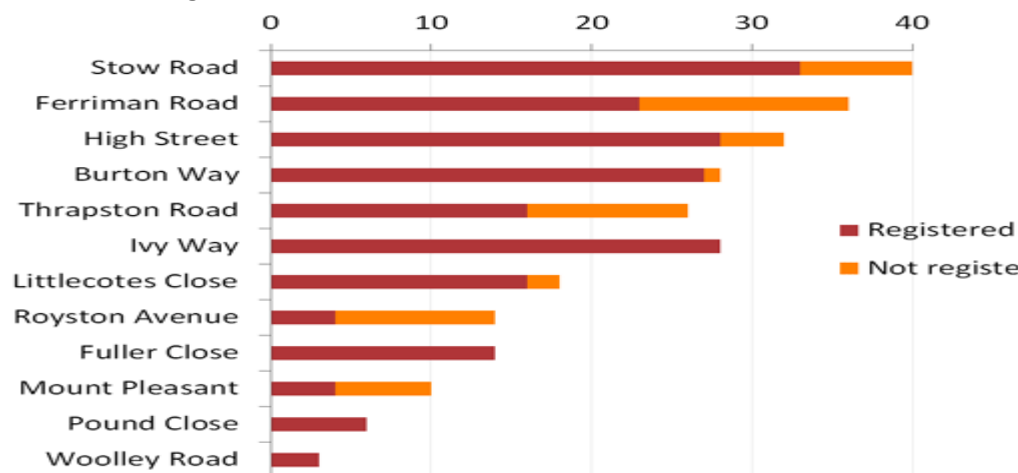
Despite the weather you can see from the simply amazing photos on the Spaldwick Village website “a massive thank you to Mark Heath for both the website and the photos” that there were plenty of smiling faces

Let's make it 100% for superfast broadband in Spaldwick!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the superfast broadband campaign, to help secure Government money to bring superfast broadband to Spaldwick.

To date, there have been 214 registrations in Spaldwick, representing 83% of premises. In the league table of Cambridgeshire parishes, Spaldwick is now **fourth** out of 281 parishes in Cambridgeshire when ranked in terms of total number of registrations.

This is excellent progress but we still have much to do to get to 100%, and we will be overtaken soon by larger villages that are making good progress. As you can see from the chart below, a significant number of residents in Royston Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Ferriman Road, Royston Avenue and Stow Road have not registered.



Registration takes less than a minute and can be done on the front page of the Spaldwick website www.spaldwick.com. You only have to enter your postcode and telephone number, and there is absolutely no commitment. Alternatively, just fill in the slip below and return it to 2 Ivy Way, Spaldwick. For further information, or to discuss your broadband, email mark.heath@spaldwick.com.

SCARECROW WEEK



Four of the Scarecrows who took part in the competition last month. The Surveyor and the Lady Painter were judged the best.

Many more pictures on the Spaldwick web site



I will try to provide a more detailed breakdown, but the event raised more than £3,000 which after we have covered expenses will go to different groups within the village. I will give you all a more detailed update on where some of the money has gone to in the next few months

This year was our first attempt at an evening event and to get things started we first had to move the tented village, to face the bandstand ready for a night of live music. The Free Hog roast had been cooking all day under the careful attention of Chef Trevor and was positioned behind the bar ready for the rush. Those of us that could grab a few minutes between the fete ending at 4pm, breaking down the fete by 5:30, getting things ready for the evening 6:15 – shower dress and back to the school (15 minutes) and getting ready for the evening were the lucky ones. I know of a few people that never even left the site!!

When we decided to hold our first evening event the SSG guessed at 100 to 150 people, well with the rain who knew what would happen.....250 people arrived and the night was on.

The damp conditions could not spoil the fun and for me the great part of the night was seeing all our children laughing and enjoying themselves soaked to the skin, running through puddles and making the best of the time together.

The hog roast was beautifully cooked and No12 supplied its excellent potato salad and coleslaw, together with other goodies. The bar was constantly busy all night with great beer, great wine and even greater conversation and who could not be impressed with the live band. Our very own group of talented guys, not only gave us a night to remember with many classics, had also been highly involved all day at the fete.

This just leaves me to say a massive thank you to all of the Spaldwick Social Group who worked hard to put the event together, the people from Spaldwick who arrived to help in the morning and the evening, all the stand holders that helped make the day, the band for a great night, the evening team for all their work and last but not least all of you that turned up and supported the day. Spaldwick.....it has been emotional.

Gavin Lessing-Caller Spaldwick Social Group

(If you would like to join us give me a call on 896143 or 07785 392568)

Some pictures from the Fete.
Many more by Mark Heath at
spaldwick.com

