Dates for your diary:

:: FOSS Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December, Spaldwick School, 3.40-5.15pm. Everyone welcome!

:: Spaldwick Santa Sleigh - Sunday, 15th December

:: Escape Youth Club - 13th December, 7-9pm, Spaldwick School (£2 per session)

:: St James Church Services - Dates throughout December and January (More details on Page 2)

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- NEWS -

Spaldwick pays tribute on Remembrance Day - by Mark Heath



A large crowd of Villagers gathered around the Spaldwick War Memorial on Remembrance Day, to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to The George for providing complimentary drinks and cake for everyone who attended, which was much appreciated.

You can see more of Mark Heath's photos of the service at www.spaldwick.com



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4.30pm Burton Way **

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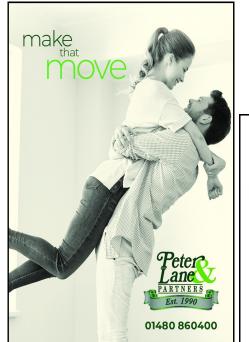
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Thank you to Spaldwick's village volunteers!



Firstly, a big 'thank you' to Burton Way residents Uwe and Lynda (pictured left), who have been busy tidying up the bushes and trees around the Ferriman Road play area. They have spent hours of their spare time making this well-used facility more visible and tidy for local families and those who use the play equipment after school.

Also worthy of recognition is John Blatch (pictured right), whose efforts with Spaldwick News, St James Church and village activities have made a big difference over the years.

In more recent times, John has been delivering

copies of the newsletter to the High Street and Ivy Way; but up until a couple of years ago, he was responsible for putting together and printing out each edition.

John has now stepped down from his distribution duties, so we would like to thank him enormously.

We really value help from everyone in putting Spaldwick News together, and are very grateful to our distributors - new and existing: Amba, David and Libby, Sue, Amanda, Lorna, Lisa, Jayne and Alex.

Save the Children Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale, by Jean Haines

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the event on November 5th. We are delighted to report that we raised the record sum of £520.

Many thanks to all those who attended, those who donated raffle prizes and others who weren't able to attend but supported the charity in other ways. Also, a big thank you to Maggie Lincoln for hosting the event and Nora and Roy Butler for their excellent selection of items for sale.



In other fundraising news...

- Spaldwick Running and Fitness Group has generously donated £200 to FOSS (Friends of Spaldwick School)
- Thanks to everyone who supported the Playtimes Halloween party, and a big thank you to Kelly who supplied the spooky cupcakes! The
 fun event raised £150.





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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Spread the word! "Friday natters, because community matters" is a new village get-together!

It will start fortnightly on January 10th and 24th, from 1.30-3.30pm in the Community Room.

Everyone is welcome to this new social get together with tea/coffee and cake. Please bring your friends and neighbours and spread the word. To find out more call Amba on 890565.

St James Church News - to get in touch with Rev Philip Howson please email: revphiliphowson@icloud.com or call the office on 01480 869081

- 1st December 9.30am, Morning Worship
 - **15th December -** 9.30am, Parish Communion
- 5th January 9.30am, Morning Worship
 - 19th January 9.30am, Parish Communion

Celebrate Christmas:

Family Advent fun – The church will be open at weekends during December for anyone wanting to enjoy our nativity box containing crib characters, books, colouring and other activities.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Carol Party:

Do you need Christmas to get a bit jollier? If so, join us at 7pm for 7.30pm for our annual festive mix of traditional and modern celebrations. Tickets are £7.50 and include a glass of mulled wine & finger buffet. We are pleased to say we already have some professional acts lined up to entertain you, but we always welcome locals/amateur musicians, singers, readers and other performers of all ages - please get in touch with Amba on ambajane@hotmail.co.uk or call 890565.

Tuesday 24th December - 4pm Crib service, led by Philip Howson and Amba Harbour:

Something for all the family to start your Christmas. Children have the option of joining us as traditional nativity characters, such as Mary, Joseph, angels, stars, shepherds, kings and sheep.

 11.30pm Midnight mass: Deepen your Christmas experience with Revd Rawlinson. Join us from 11.15pm to warm up with a glass of mulled wine.

Clean up - Thank you to those who came along to our regular church clean on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please join us on Saturday 14th December and Saturday 18th January from approx. 9.30-11am. We will provide coffee and biscuits!



"Welcome to the festive season – I hope it finds you well (and not too light and/or sleep deprived)"

It's all felt rather eventful this last month – a series of fine and beautifully conducted Remembrance Services were held throughout the group; our pastoral care team is gearing up to formally start its work; Spaldwick church has had a good clean-up and the work to revitalise the

church is developing; weddings are booking up for 2020; baptisms continue; there have been a few tough bereavements and big funerals in our community; Revd Pamela has started working with a team on Kimbolton's first Sunday All Age service; our Cursillo group has had some great times together; we are working on improving our website and internet communications; we are working with schools to enrich children's lives; and all this is on top of the usual fun and challenges of parish life.

And then the wider world is happening. Who knows what will happen in politics on 12th December? For some, Christmas will come early, for others the result will feel like a national disaster. On top of that everyone will be gearing up to connect and celebrate and face another year with the hope that this year maybe things will be better.

For me, the thread that's starting to weave into all I'm thinking about is how we do church that feels right for younger families. Hence in the smaller villages we are starting to experiment with different ways of worshipping and being together; in Spaldwick we will be launching our "Restart St James" work; in Kimbolton we will begin re-thinking how we need to be to be the village's church.

For all of us, life continues to be a muddle of change and challenge as we try and live well in the world we find; and I do pray that you will find or take time to reflect, to connect with the God who loves you, and enter the New Year with good heart.

All the best, and I hope we talk soon,

Revd Philip



Spaldwick Allotments

Whilst living completely "off the land" may not be practical these days, a number of Spaldwick villagers are looking forward to seeing what they can grow with their own allotment!

At a recent Parish Council meeting, a committee was formed namely, 'Spaldwick Community Allotment Association' ('SCAA') to progress the development of village allotments in conjunction with the Parish Council.

SCAA had its first meeting on October 17th, to discuss regulations and use of the Allotments. Plots will be situated in the field on the right, just after you exit the village towards Stow Longa.

The Association was kindly forwarded, from Amba Harbour, a copy, dating back to 1864, of the then Spaldwick Allotments.

They were surprised to learn that (1) Spaldwick had previously had allotments for its villagers; and (2) that proof of such allotments and its associated rules in the form of this 'poster' existed!

Spaldwick Parish Council

October's meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 19th.

It was Chaired by Steve Fane de Salis - also present were G Smith, S Jackson-Rimmer, J Pope and M Robinson.

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

- New Vice Chairman: Cllr M Robinson pointed out that a new Vice Chairman needed to be elected. Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed Cllr G Smith to be elected Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer, carried unanimously.
- Dog Waste Bag Dispensers: Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer proposed the purchase of two poo bag dispensers - one to be placed between St James and Bury Close, dependant upon permission, and the other at the entrance to Long Lane.

account the cost of refill bags and buy 2,000 bags per unit.

the foregoing Rules. day of As witness my hand this Three prices were obtained £195, £162.99 and £79. All plus VAT. Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer proposed to choose the cheapest, taking into

- Lorries Parking: A complaint has been made regarding lorries parking on High Street opposite Applegreen Service Station. It was noted that no parking restrictions are in place at this location. It was also stated that any lorries parking here tend to slow traffic on the approach to the 30mph speed limit.
- Broadband: Smart Cambridgeshire state that the Parish Council has an opportunity to bid for some funding to connect more village halls/ community centres with a full fibre broadband connection, including a public access Wifi service. More details to follow.

:: The next Spaldwick Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th December at 8pm in the Community Room.

Reminding drivers to slow down - 30mph stickers dished out to Spaldwick residents

The Parish Council has now delivered 500 wheelie bin stickers, showing the village speed limit of 30mph, to houses whose waste collections are made from the High Street, Thrapston Road and Stow Road.

If any householders that have received the stickers do not want them, collection of spares can be arranged.

If anyone would like some speed awareness stickers for their bins please contact csw.spaldwick@yahoo.co.uk

Spaldwick Allotments.

MARCH, 1864.

The following Rules for the future occupation of the Vicar's Allotments have been drawn up in order to prevent improper cultivation, and misunderstandings on the part of Tenants or Landlord.

The Vicar is sorry to find that the Allotment holders are not aware that the land has hitherto been let to them at a great sacrifice of rent, for which there has not appeared any proper feeling of gratitude. The value of land in Spaldwick has greatly increased since the 18 Acres of Glebe were first let as Allotments, and in common justice this increase of value must be shared by the lands belonging to the Vicarage; which is of very small value as a Living.

A fair Rent is therefore now put upon the Allotment Land, lower than a Tenant Farmer would give for the land free of rates and taxes; and the Rent fixed is lower than the Rent of Allotments in other Parishes: a consideration has been had for the original Tenants, by whom the Land has been improved.

These Rules will come into operation at Michaelmas, 1864.

Spaldwick, March 17th, 1864.

JOHN T. WALTERS, VICAR.

Rules of Spaldwick Allotments.

- 1.-The land to be properly cultivated with fork and spade, and kept clean. No plough to be brought on without written permission from the Landlord.
- 2.—The straw grown on the Allotments not to be sold off, unless to the Landlord, for which he will give the value in artificial manure, to be put on the land.
- 3.-Two white corn crops not to follow in succession.
- 4.—The Rent to the original Tenants to be ten shillings per rood; to the other Tenants, twelve shillings per rood. The Rent to be payable half-yearly, on the first Monday after Lady-day, and the first Monday after Michaelmas-day, to
- the Rev. J. T. Walters; or to the Collector of the Rents, at the School-room.
- 5.-A notice of six months to quit, or give up the land, to be given by Landlord or Tenant.
- -The eating of the stubble after harvest is reserved by the Landlord, and will belong to him.
- 7.—Any breach of these Rules is to be considered as a giving up of his Land by the Tenant so breaking them, without notice.
- 8.—All fresh Tenants to pay, for the first year, twenty shillings per rood; for the second year, fifteen shillings; after the second year, twelve shillings per rood.

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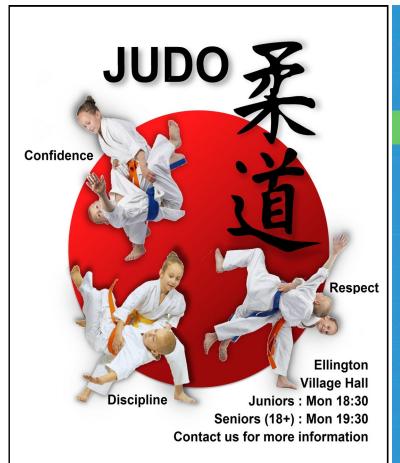
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Helping local people at Christmas



Huntingdon parkrun will be holding a Foodbank collection on 7 December (9.30am), and will be hosting extra parkruns on Christmas Day (9am) and New Year's Day (9am) in Hinchingbrooke Country Park.

Halloween in Spaldwick

Halloween in Spaldwick proved a popular occasion this year, with lots of spooky (and well-behaved!) trick or treaters. Playtimes pre-school held a well-attended party, and many residents dressed their homes up - below is a small selection from October 31st.















Beat the burglars - Winter advice from Cambridgeshire Police

As the nights draw in, and following several reports of burglaries in Spaldwick and local villages, it's important to make sure that your home is secure this winter. Cambridgeshire Police have issued the following advice:

Locks

- Lock doors, windows, side gates and outbuildings every time you leave your house, even if you're just out in the garden
- Secure bikes by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- Store high value items, such as jewellery and passports, in a properly secured safe or bank vault

Hide items from view

- Keep all keys out of sight and away from letterboxes
- Keep ladders and tools stored away



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<u>Portuga</u>

First you loved Lisbon and then you visited Porto, in 2020 it's all about going beyond these cities to the lesser known areas like the Alentejo region which is edged by better and less crowded beaches than those in the Algarve or why not tour the vineyards of northern Minho on a short break.

South Africa

South Africa packs in a lot, from vibrant cities and vast vineyards to national parks where Lions and Leopards roam to the stunning Garden Route with Whale Watching along the way you will not be disappointed and with its friendly latitude you will avoid any jet lag!

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See this Caribbean gem before it changes forever, stay in Havana the islands captivating capital combine with a private guide to the dappled colonial town of Trinidad and still have time for some Salsa and beachside Mojitos.



- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- At Christmas, don't leave presents that can be seen through windows
- Don't advertise expensive electrical item purchases by leaving the packaging out by your bins. Put the packaging out on your bin collection day.

Install home security

- Install a visible burglar alarm
- Have good outdoor lighting or motion sensor security lights
- Install a driveway alarm, which acts as a deterrent to protect your home perimeter
- Plant spiky plants in vulnerable areas.

Lock snapping

Euro-cylinder locks are likely to be fitted to the majority of external doors in your house or flat and some offenders have developed a way of overcoming them to then gain access. There are ways that you can reduce the opportunity for a euro-cylinder burglary to take place at your home by having locks and handles fitted to the following British Standards:-

- TS 007 (3 star cylinder or 1 star cylinder with 2 star handles)
- Sold Secure Diamond Standard for lock cylinders (SS312)

Depending on your budget you could obviously achieve a 5 star solution by fitting a 3 star cylinder in combination with a 2 star handle.

Cylinder locks can be changed by yourself but it is vital that they are measured properly to ensure the right size for your door. They should **NOT** be fitted so that they are left protruding from the door unit or handle. Best advice is to have them fitted by an accredited locksmith who is a member of the Master Locksmiths Association and consider obtaining more than one quote.

Spaldwick School needs your help!

The Sun has teamed up with Harper Collins to provide primary schools with a free pack of 106 books which are worth £600! The catch is that we need to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday.

Please spread the word and start collecting from Saturday 23rd November. All tokens can be delivered to the school office or give us a ring and we will collect them from you.

Louise Worrell, Head Teacher



Pupils at Spaldwick Primary School created a large collage of poppies to mark this year's Remembrance commemorations. The children enjoyed making the flowers - but more significantly, they thought about the relevance of the poppy at this time of the year.

Meanwhile, youngsters took part in this year's Children in Need Day, raising £128.60 for charity. They joined in with the "Big Morning Move" - along with schools across the UK - for an activity session, led by fitness coach, TV presenter and author, Joe Wicks.

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www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/ whatgoesinwhichbin



If you are new to Spaldwick or are looking to meet new friends and have an interesting and social evening, why not come to an Ellington WI meeting?

On Tuesday, December 3rd, our speaker is Major Lucy Lewis talking about her career in the Army. Starting at 19.30 in the Village Hall. (We will naturally be having a few mince pies and mulled wine as well!)

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday 7th, and will be our annual dinner at a venue to be decided at the December meeting.

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