SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Lead stolen from Spaldwick Church roof – probably on Friday 25th November – a blue van was seen leaving the vicinity – if you did see anything please contact the police on the new number of 101.

Recent break-ins - our local area

I have received reports of break-ins. Thieves got in though a back kitchen window. They have forced the window open and gained entry to properties. This was a double glazed, UPVC with window locks. The occupants were away at the time of entry. Jewellery and gold were taken. This kind of item is easy for the thieves to move on. The police were informed and have acted swiftly but the burglar has left little trace.

Please be on your guard and report any suspicious activity to the police on the new number of 101.

If you are going away let your neighbours know and leave some lights on. You can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 101 for all non-emergency calls.

The 0345 456 456 4 number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.

David Henrick - 01480896556 <u>david.consult@btinternet.com</u>

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We've got more exciting plans for Escape in the New Year, but in the meantime, we wish all our young people and parent helpers a very Merry Christmas!

Dates of December sessions

Friday 2nd December 7-9pm

Friday 16th December 7-9pm

For further information/updates or contact details:

Email: escape@spaldwick.com

Website: www.spaldwick.com/escape

We can also be found on Facebook. Please check out our wall!

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Spaldwick-Escape/191510874222852





LEAD STOLEN FROM CHURCH ROOF

As most people in the village will know, another theft of lead from the church roof took place on Friday night. The thieves took nearly all of the new lead laid after the first theft five years ago. The PCC is extremely grateful to the volunteers who helped to cover the roof with plastic sheeting, a permanent repair will take some time for two reasons. Firstly, because of the spate of thefts, insurers will no longer provide full cover and we will have find about £10000 to complete the work, secondly, we will probably change to another material, (less likely to be stolen) and we shall need several consents and planning permission. Meanwhile, we will replace the very temporary sheeting with a longer lasting cover.

Because of the risk of theft, everyone in the village is asked to look out for suspicious people or vehicles, to note number plates and to call the police.

As a preventive measure Paul and Kim Hall will be parking their car in Church Lane to restrict access. This will cause some inconvenience to walkers, but must be done.

100 Club Winners in November

The November winners were £40 No. 61Trevor Cooper of Stow Road and £20 No. 50 Bill McCue, Ivy Way



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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 15th December commencing at 8 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

The agenda, and the minutes of the last meeting may be viewed on the website www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk and on the notice boards located on the Village Green and in Royston Avenue. Minutes of earlier meetings are also held on the website.

THE FUTURE OF SPALDWICK CHURCH

Readers of the Spaldwick News were invited to an open meeting in October to share ideas for wider use of the church building by the whole community. Two small groups have started to develop some of these ideas and they reported back to a second meeting at the end of November. Suggestions are already emerging for ways of using the church for a variety of activities. We have also begun to take outside advice on how the building could be improved, eg. By the provision of car parking, a lavatory and more flexible use of the space inside. Meanwhile, the theft of lead from the roof has produced another, more urgent, challenge. The next open meeting will be held at Threeways, 4 High Street (Ian and Amba harbour) on Wednesday 11th January at 8.00pm. As before, anyone interested in the future of the church and its place in our community will be very welcome.

SPALDWICK 100 CLUB

The 100 Club supports the Spaldwick News. Since starting, at the beginning of last year, £1440 will have been paid out in prizes (£40 and £20 per month).

Will you help to keep the News running by joining the Club? Numbers are now on sale. Please contact John Blatch on 890853 or Email john@blatch.com.

SPALDWICK CHURCH

December

4th 5.00pm Light Service for Advent

11th 9.30am Eucharist

18th 9.30am Eucharist

24th 5.00pm Christmas Eve Crib Service with

Holy Communion

24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Ellington

25th 9.30am <u>Easton</u> or 11.00am <u>Barham</u>

1st Jan 2012 6.00pm New Year's Day Carols

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND PARTIES

December 4th 5.00pm - A Family service in church to understand and celebrate LIGHT. Very suitable for children so come and start Advent with a family visit to church, please bring a torch.

December 20th 7.00pm- A Carol Party. Carols, Songs, Readings with Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Small Eats, Soft Drinks

December 24th 5.00pm - Crib Service. A family service listening to the Christmas Story. It would be lovely if younger children could dress up as characters from the nativity scene to help with the story. Tea and coffee served afterwards so come and join the village in sharing our Christmas service.





It's been a busy year at Escape, with the village youth group going from strength to strength and up to 50 young people sometimes attending our sessions!

Many thanks to all the young people for supporting their youth group this year - particularly those who sit on our Youth Committee, representing their peers in deciding how Escape is run. And a big thank you to all those parents who have helped run sessions

and organise events this year. As well as the regular Friday evening sessions, we have also held a number of exciting events this year such as the Spider Mountain Day, a paintballing day and a visit by the big Connections Bus.

We asked Rebecca Heath to tell us what Escape has meant to her this year: Escape to Escape on Friday night

"Two hours of playing table tennis, table football, dancing on Kinect and talking to my friends – a great start to my weekend. Every two weeks on Friday, I make my way down to Spaldwick School and every time I am not disappointed.

Arriving at 7:00pm, I walk in and, after paying £1, I immediately go and get a slot for the table tennis. For me, it's the 'must do' activity of the night and I always try to get in there quickly, before all the slots go. What's better than starting the night with some friendly competition? I spend my time showing my fellow table tennis comrades my newly-found skills, as I gladly boast about my finely-honed table tennis serve. Watch out! A table tennis star could walk out of our youth group.

After exhausting ourselves taking part in all the different activities and games, we all rush to the tuck shop. If you want chocolate bars, Haribo, drinks, refreshers or just about anything, don't worry. The tuck shop will have it! With affordable prices, you shouldn't worry that you'll be spending all of your money."

And finally!

Don't forget you can help Escape while you do your Christmas shopping! Mark Heath has added an Amazon product search box on every page of the Spaldwick website, and has kindly offered to donate all proceeds to support Escape.

Any purchases that result from using this search box will generate a small commission. So, if you, your friends or family members use Amazon, please encourage them to go through the Spaldwick site. Hopefully, we can generate a significant amount for the club. (See also page 12)

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE GEORGE







9th, 10th and 11th December: Cask Ale Festival with three great local guest ales on racks by the bar plus our usual good selection of beers. £3 a pint.

Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Carols outside with Spaldwick School 7pm.

Sun 18th December 2011. Christmas Carols sung in side from 6.30pm

On both days Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served. Also, for £12.50, book a two course meal of Hearty Soup and Warming Casserole

Christmas Day 25th December: Christmas Lunch at The George. Prices are £72.50 for adults and £37.50 for children. View the Christmas Day menu at spaldwick.com.

Please note that The George is only open for lunchtime on Christmas Day, serving food between 12 and 4pm.

OPEN HOUSE

Please see the village website `or contact Liz McCue 891537 or John Blatch 890853 re the January venue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 11th Enlightening, Threeways

Dec 13th School Carols (By The George)

Dec 18th Village Carols

Dec 20th Church Carol Party

Feb 11th Valentine's Dance

July 14th Village Fete

Check the Village Website, spaldwick.com for up-to-date news

Ink Cartridges. Still required. Please drop them off at the school from where they are disposed of for £1 each.

Cans Re-cycle your cans through the box outside of Threeways, High Street

Waste Bin Collection Dates

December

Blue Grey Green
Fri 2nd Tues 6th Tues 13th
Fri 16th Wed 20th Wed 28th
Sat 31st Jan Wed 4th Tues 10th

CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION

18[™]DECEMBER START-SCHOOL AT 4.00PM FINISH--THE GEORGE AT 6.30PM

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE PLAYING
CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON THE WAY FOLLOWED BY
CAROL SINGING IN THE GEORGE.

FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE PLEASED TO
HAND OUT PRESENTS TO CHILDREN IF
PARENTS WILL LEAVE THEM IN THE VILLAGE
SHOP BY SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER
PLEASE SEE LABEL BELOW

DO JOIN SANTA ON THE WAY, AT THE STOPPING POINTS OR AFTYERWARDS FOR MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES IN THE GEORGE

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO
ADDRESS

TRAVELLING NATIVITY SET

The village's nativity set has started its journey this year. The reception year children at Spaldwick School are sharing the set with their families and Teddy Robinson (the classroom mascot). The knitted nativity travels with Christmas Story books and activity sheets and is suitable for all children and adults. If you would like to receive it into your home this Christmas please call Amba on 890565 or amba.harbour@o2.co.uk to pre-book a night when the nativity will be delivered to you.

FNLIGHTFNING

Year 7 and above youngsters meet on the second Sunday of the month at Threeways, 6.30-8pm. We offer you a relaxed, Christian, family environment to chat, get involved in activities, embrace a topic and enjoy the "Hot Chocolate" round the fire. We recently went on a cinema trip and explored the work of the British legion on Rememberance Sunday. Please feel free to come and join us on December 11th or January 8th.

CAROL PARTY

Does Spaldwick have "Festive Talent"? If you have a festive number you would like to perform at the village Carol Party please contact Amba Harbour or John Blatch. For the less extrovert please support us by buying tickets for the event and enjoy some community spirit over carols, fun and feasting!

LOGS FOR SALE

Logs are again for sale from Threeways, they will be £5 a wheelbarrow delivered. If you would like to order some or are interested in a larger amount please order by contacting Ian on 890565 or 07821 509370



Does anyone recognise this photo? It was taken at the end of the 1880.

It was taken at the end of the 1880s. The photographer was H. Hendry of Godmanchester and St Ives. It comes from Linda Smith, who is currently working on her family tree. The photo was amongst her family photos and will probably be a Brawn, Belton or Davis.

Linda has provided some old photos of Spaldwick, which can be viewed on the front page on the Spaldwick website.

If you can help Linda, please email

info@spaldwick.com



Most of us have seen several photos of old Spaldwick, here is a new one sent in by Linda Smith (above). It shows the church as seen from Stow Road. The line of trees may well have been elms which succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease in the 60's.

Save The Children Christmas Card Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support this worthy

cause

We are delighted to say that £346 was raised on the day Special thanks to Maggie Lincoln for her generous hospitality and delicious coffee

Broadband News

There have been two promising recent developments on the broadband front. For more information, visit www.spaldwick.com

Spaldwick with get unbundled broadband services from December 2011

Talk Talk plans to launch unbundled broadband services from the Woolley exchange, with a planned launch date of 19th December 2011. This is great news for two reasons:

Talk Talk will use the more advanced ADSL2+ technology rather than the older ADSL technology used by BT. This will provide significantly increased speeds for most users.

Prices will be substantially lower than BT-based broadband services. For example, Talk Talk currently offers a combination of broadband (with a 40GB allowance) and telephone (with unlimited evening and weekend calls) for a total of £17.05 per month, which includes the line rental.

There are also a number of ISPs that will offer broadband services using the Talk Talk network, such as Xilo, and these will be cheaper than their BT-based services. More information (such as a comparison of all available services and pricing) will be provided on the Spaldwick website shortly.

Progress with superfast broadband in rural Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire County Council has announced plans for investment in superfast broadband across Cambridgeshire. Alongside £6.75 million Broadband Delivery UK funding, Cambridgeshire County Council agreed at a cabinet meeting on August 15th 2011 to invest up to £20 million to enable the roll-out of superfast broadband into areas within Cambridgeshire not covered by BT superfast broadband investment plans.

Don't forget to regularly visit the Spaldwick website for continuous coverage of broadband in Spaldwick.

REMINDER: If you use Amazon, don't forget to go via the search box on the Spaldwick website and generate 5% commission for Spaldwick Escape.