

SPEEDWATCH

The Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. The scheme is run by the force alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership.

It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods.

Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices which displays vehicle speed. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community.

Volunteers have been carrying out Speedwatch checks in Spaldwick over the last few weeks.

On Thursday 15th November between 3.15 and 4 o'clock **100 vehicles** left the village heading west along Thrapston Road.

On Monday 26th November between 0815 and 9 o'clock **180 vehicles** entered the village from the A14 along the High Street towards the George.

I did not appreciate just how much traffic travels through our village!

I hope these checks have served as a reminder that the speed limit is 30 speed mph! Several drivers will be receiving advisory letters - because they exceeded the 30 mph limit!

REMEMBER You can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on **101** for all non-emergency calls.

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Waste Bin Collection Dates

December

Grey	Green	Blue
Tues 4th	Tues 11th	Tues 14th
Tues 18th	Thu 27th	Mon 31st
Jan		
Thur 3rd	Wed 9th	Sat 12th

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The Village Nativity Set is on its journey.
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100 Club Winners in November
The November winners were £40 No. 43 Maud Haylett, High Street
and £20 No. 87 Stewart Barnard, Thrapston Road

ST JAMES' CHURCH
CAROL
PARTY

Tuesday
18th December
At
7.00pm
With the Bedford Singers

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Sand-
wiches, Tasty Bites
Tickets Adults £5 Children £3.00
From
Rosemary Good, John Blatch,
Amba Harbour, Edie Adams, Liz
McCue, June Dixon
Tel. 890853 or
email john@blatch.com

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 at Spaldwick School on Thursday 13th 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.

Beware a Plague Hits Spaldwick

A plague of small white bags containing dog dirt, have been found scattered around Spaldwick.

The example shown in the photographs was found at the junction of Long Lane and the High Street early on Monday 12th November 12.



Others have been seen along Long Lane and adjoining fields. They are offensive to the public and potentially dangerous to inquisitive children. Owners wishing to reclaim them should contact a member of the Parish Council to receive an appropriate reward.

SPALDWICK 100 CLUB

The 100 Club supports the Spaldwick News. Since starting £2160 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.

ST JAMES CHURCH

December

2nd	No Service
9th	9.30am Eucharist
16th	No Service
23rd	9.30 am Eucharist
24th	5.00 pm Crib Service with short Christmas Eve Communion
30th	10.00 Eucharist

Other Churches

2nd	9.30 am Ellington and Easton 11.00 am Barham and Grafham
16th	9.30 am Easton 4.30 pm Grafham Carol Service 6.00 pm Ellington Christingle
24th	11.30 pm Ellington Midnight Mass
25th	9.30 am Easton 11.00 am Barham



MULTI-USE GAMES AREA FOR SPALDWICK VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Escape Youth Group is looking to bring a multi-use games area to Spaldwick!



An example of a multi-use games area ('MUGA')

This would be a facility for the whole village, not just for young people and be a long-term asset for Spaldwick. You can see other examples of 'MUGAs' locally in Brampton and Grafham. We're looking to set up a committee to take this forward and are asking for volunteers.

If you have any expertise in this area or feel you can help in any way, please contact us at: escape@spaldwick.com
We're looking for anyone with enthusiasm and energy!

December sessions

Youth club dates to the end of the year are on the Spaldwick.com website, dates up to Christmas are:
Friday 7 December - 7-9pm.
Friday 21 December - 7-9pm - Special film night!

Please watch the Spaldwick website at <http://www.spaldwick.com/escape> or follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SpaldwickEscape> for regular news! If we are forced to cancel any sessions at short notice, we will post it on Facebook and the Spaldwick website.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

At November's meeting we were delighted to welcome Denise Blyth of Roselings, a highly talented landscape designer who gave a talk on garden design suitable for many different shapes and sizes of garden and a variety of growing conditions. A record number of people attended; it was great to see so many friendly faces.

We are having an extra meeting on Wednesday 12th December when members will be making their own fresh Christmas table arrangements. And, if we didn't need an excuse, a glass of mulled wine and some mince pies will be available.

Final arrangements were announced for the Club's Christmas dinner at The George on Friday 7 December.

Our Anglesey Abbey trip will probably take place in February when we may take the option of a guided tour for our Group or just a visit to view the winter gardens.

The next scheduled meeting of the Gardening Club will be on 9th January 2013 at Barbara's.

Roger Haines

No Open House in December, please see January News for next years

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec 7th School Festive Fair

Dec 16th Father Christmas Procession

Dec 18th Church Carol Party

Jan 19th Quiz

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

For items in the News email john@blatch.com

For items on the website email mark.heath@spaldwick.com



FOSS invites you all to its
Festive Fair
Friday 7th December
Doors open at 3.40pm

Stalls and activities include:

Wheel of Fortune *Cake Stall* *2nd Hand Toys*

Guess the number of sweets on the ginger bread house

Tombola *Paint the Tree Decoration* *Raffle*

Wine and water *Christmas Stockings* *Face painting*

Bat a Rat *Refreshments* *Christmas Baskets*

Name the teddy *Bean bag snowman* *Hook a duck*

and many more.....

Ideas for Christmas gifts including: Number Twelve, Jewellery Gifts/Making, Tattoos, Soft furnishings, Phoenix Cards and Hair Accessories.

AND OF COURSE A VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS!

Spaldwick Social Events Group.

Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, Gavin Lessing- Caller has had to resign as Chairman of the Group but will remain as a fully supportive member. Gavin has served as Chairman of the Group since 2008 and in this capacity he has presided over and enthusiastically taken the lead in successive Village Fetes, Valentine Balls, Christmas Carols round the village, the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and numerous other lesser events.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Community at large I wish to thank Gavin for all his dedication and hard work for the village over the past four years and we look forward to his continued enthusiastic support in the future.

B. Plummer. Chairman, Parish Council.

CHRISTMAS CAROL PROCESSION

16TH DECEMBER

START--SCHOOL AT 4.00 PM
FINISH--THE GEORGE AT 6.00 PM

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 15 TH DECEMBER
PLEASE SEE LABEL BELOW
(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

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

THE GEORGE

**THE GEORGE WILL SERVE A SPECIAL
TWO COURSE SUPPER FOR £10**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO

ADDRESS

Do you need a babysitter?

I have just completed a Babysitting Course at Huntingdon Regional Course and also volunteer at S-club once a week. I really enjoy caring for children and already have some experience. If you would like a few hours Christmas shopping time or a night out please give me a call - Teigan Harbour 890565 - £4 an hour.

Diary Date

The Easter Fayre will take place on Saturday April 13th in the afternoon. There has been some revision to the categories and they will be revealed in the January Parish News...

Your time, our support,
their benefit



Girlguiding UK in Kimbolton is desperately short of Adult Leaders and Volunteers and both our Rainbow and Guide units in the village are now in danger of either suspension or closure by Christmas as a result.

If you'd like to help us save these units then please contact :
Kym Valley District Commissioner Liz Wetzel on 01480
811580
or to find out more about us then please visit
www.girlguiding.org.uk

CHURCH CHRISTMAS NEWS

Travelling Nativity Set

The Village has a Nativity set comprising of a knitted doll character set, books about the nativity and Christmas and activity sheets. It has a little something for all ages but is particularly focused on Playgroup and KS1 Primary children. The Nativity set travels between houses as children borrow it to investigate and play with before passing it on. Please would you let me know if you would like the Nativity Set. Either call Amba on 890565 or post a message through my door, Threeways (4 High Street) detailing your name, childrens names, street name and your contact phone number. I look forward to organising your time with our Nativity Set.

Crib Service is Christmas Eve at 5pm

Monday 24th at 5pm St James church welcomes all families and friends to join our Christmas service. We would love it if the children of this village and surrounding villages would join in. So if you are little and would like to dress up as a character/animal from the nativity story please do as we would love you to participate and help with showing the Christmas story. If you are older and would like to read a prayer or other text we would also love to hear from you. Teigan Harbour and Chloe Rutherford are looking forward to organising this part of the service so if you could let them know how involved your children would like to be please contact them through a list that will be at Playtimes or via their letterboxes at 2 and 4 High Street. Otherwise we look forward to sharing "The Spirit of Christmas" with you all at this lovely community service.

Carol Party - Tuesday 18th December 7.00PM

St James is hosting a social, musical and humorous evening. Tickets are for sale at £5 for adults and £3 for children to include a finger buffet. Adults will receive a complimentary first drink of wine on arrival. A thoroughly enjoyed annual event in the church and a great start to the week before Christmas! We don't like to leave anyone out or talent unturned so if you have hidden away for a while or new to the village and have a Festive musical piece, sketch or Seasonal story to share please let us know. Contact Jonathan Young or Amba Harbour (tel. 890565) - we look forward to a fun-filled evening with carols to sing too!

And Next Year

January 19th - Village Quiz Night

While you are catching up with friends over Christmas keep the above date in mind and gather a table of friends together for a Quiz Night in Spaldwick School Hall. We need to find a team to beat our friends from Easton! Tickets will be on sale in the New Year at £6 for an adult and £4 for children, to include soup and a roll with cake and a hot drink or squash. If a little wine is needed to oil the brain cells please feel free to bring your own beverages too. There will be a children's quiz too. We look forward to a highly competitive New year.

SANTA DASH

There will be a Santa Dash on the 28th December in aid of SANDS. Last year eight crazy members of the community put on black lycra morph suits & Santa hats, had a quick glass of mulled wine, and then dashed around the village, supported by family and friends. The finish line was at the bar in The George....much to the amusement of the staff and public.

We raised £95 for SANDS in memory of George Hunter. We are doing it again this year and have more lycra...it costs £5 to join in and is alot of fun...plus you will burn off some of the mince pies/ chocolate/xmas fayre you devoured over the festive season. Please call Vicky on 07860410075 if you would like to take part!