

Dates for your diary:

:: **St James Church Services** - February 3rd, 9.30am & February 17th, 9.30am

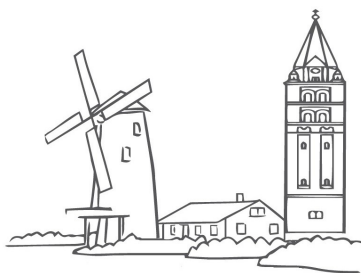
:: **ESCAPE Youth Club** - January 25th & February 8th, Spaldwick School, 7-9pm.

:: **Spaldwick School Professional Day** - Closed on February 15th (**Half term:** 18th – 22nd February).

:: **Parish Council Meeting** - Thursday 21st February, Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School, 8pm.

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SPALDWICK NEWS

Spaldwick at Christmas: Santa Sleigh, by Lisa Hunter



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Spaldwick Social Group got their jingle bells on and painted their cheeks for the magical village tradition of Santa's Sleigh!

They raised £385 for HCCN (Hunts Community Cancer Network) - a local community cancer care charity who have supported a few of our residents recently.

85 presents were delivered to happy children, and 30 boxes of Christmas biscuits were delivered to our senior residents. Afterwards, Father Christmas and his elves returned to the packed pub and everyone sang a raucous rendition of 12 days of Christmas!

We have dedicated volunteers who also provided the Santa stop refreshments...mulled cider, delicious cookies and a very cheeky hot chocolate with alcoholic mint shot! The refreshment stops raised £100, which will go towards a fund for less advantaged local kids - enabling them to go on school trips.

A big thanks to all the usual suspects for getting involved, including our new elves, Susie Sleigh-deer, the two Marks for providing live music for the sing-song and The George for hosting.

Spaldwick Church Crib Service

It was lovely to see so many younger children dressed as nativity characters at the well supported Crib service on Christmas Eve. They took part with their readings and poems, performing beautifully!

There is more news from St James Church on pages two and three.

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We are keen to improve the church to help ensure its long term viability for not only community activities, but so that it is there for its more traditional uses such as christenings, weddings and funerals. So, we are very keen for people to help support us by supporting our new regular giving scheme.

St James Church Services, February 2019

- **Sunday, February 3rd** - 9.30am, Morning Worship, Jill Dighton
- **Sunday, February 17th** - 9.30am, Parish Communion, Revd R Lancaster
- Messy church will be back in the Spring.

To get in touch: stjamespaldwick@aol.com or call Amba on 890565 or Julia on 890203.

You can donate from as little as the cost of a Costa cuppa, but by doing so you are basically helping to keep the church open. This scheme is run across the country, and administered locally by the Diocese of Ely, but all the funds come back to Spaldwick.

If you are interested in donating, even just a couple of pounds a month, please get in touch for an information pack by emailing stjamespaldwick@aol.com or calling Amba on 890565 or Julia on 890203.

The good news is that all this information is treated as confidential, with just a combined monthly payment coming through to the church, so no-one in Spaldwick will know how little or much you donate. Although if you wish to be made known to us that would be great because then we can thank you!

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Church Community News, by Julia Rutherford & Amba Harbour

Thank you to everyone who supported the Church in any way this Christmas – it is wonderful to be part of such a thriving village community.

- Local artist Sid Wheeler painted a lovely snowy church scene which Liz McCue had printed as Christmas cards and then sold, raising almost £260. Liz said, "A very big thank you to Sid for donating his wonderful artwork which made this fundraising possible"
- Another village resident, Mikaela Titheridge handcrafted some very elegant cards for us, and a donation was raised for the church from every card sold, so a big thank you to Mikaela too.
- Thank you if you supported the Pony Express Christmas card delivery service (pictured right), which raised an extra £130.



2018 Carol Party - photos by Mark Heath; words by Spaldwick Church



What can we say, except a massive thanks to all the performers for making the Carol Party such a brilliant success!

It showcased the incredible talent of young local people including Ben Rice, Poppy Hall and the rest of Out of the Shadows, along with Rob and James Burton. Anyone who was not lucky enough to attend can get a taste of the evening by visiting the village website or visiting www.markheathphotography.com Here you can see saxophonist Rob Burton perform the piece 'Hallelujah', accompanied by his brother James. It's been an amazing year for Rob, winning the Woodwind Final of BBC Young Musician and getting through to the final of the competition - and we were very honoured to have him perform for us. Mark says, "Listen with high-quality headphones as the sound Rob produced in the beautiful Church acoustic was spectacular".

The feedback we have had, particularly from the Carol Party, has been immense! People have been particularly amazed by the acoustics in the church, and what a fabulous building it is. This success has helped to spur us on with our plans to redevelop the church by adding a toilet and kitchen facilities and making the space more "flexible", so that it can be used by any member of the community for music and other events. With the great news that the community room is now available again too, we look forward to a time in the not too distant future when we have two community spaces available to villagers.

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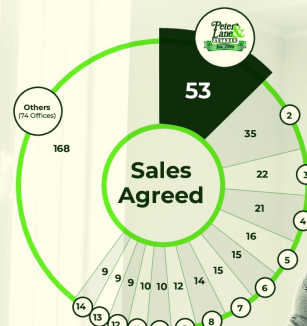
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Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund



Community grants of up to £5,000 are now available, with Spaldwick being a qualifying area for the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund.

Village organisations which benefited in 2017 included Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club, receiving £4,050 to provide replacement carpet bowls equipment, scoring frames, and a winding machine.

Playtimes Playgroup on Ferriman Road was also granted £5,000 to replace the main grass area with astro-turf to enable year round use. The children love playing outside in all weathers!

The four-turbine wind farm at Woolley Hill Farm, situated between Woolley and Ellington generates electricity for up to 8,000 homes.

The deadlines for applications are February 1st and August 1st. For more details of the criteria, please visit: www.cambscf.org.uk/woolley-hill-wind-farm-community-fund.html

'Work from Home - Lunch break', by Shayne Parfrey

There are a number of us in Spaldwick who either work from home or run small businesses from home and a few of us have joined up for a social 'lunch break' on a monthly basis.

This is nothing formal, just an opportunity for those of us to get together for lunch or a coffee at The George on the last Thursday of each month, from 12:30 until about 2:30.

Contacts are Mikaela Titheridge 07790 902015; or Shayne Parfrey - email shayne.parfrey@gmail.com

There are also events on the Spaldwick Facebook group. The next three dates are Thursdays 28th February, 28th March and 25th April.

Update from Cambridgeshire Constabulary



Police in Cambridgeshire say there have been complaints made regarding the use of off-road motorbikes in Spaldwick and surrounding villages.

The Constabulary has told us it is investigating and making inquiries to identify those responsible. They have

also issued guidance about what *is* and *isn't* acceptable, in the eyes of the law.

A spokesperson said: "They can be ridden on private land only. Any use on public land, a highway or otherwise is not permitted.

"It should be noted that if such vehicles are used on the road/pavement, not only may the rider be committing a number of offences but their parents may also face prosecution.

"Therefore, we ask parents to carefully consider this advice before allowing young people to use such a vehicle".



Spaldwick Community Primary School

Term Times - Spring & Summer 2019

Spring term 2019:

*School closed for professional day 15th February
Half term: 18th – 22nd February
Last day of term: Friday 5th April

Summer term 2019:

*School closed for professional day Tuesday 23rd April
School opens Wednesday 24th April
May day: Monday 6th May
Half term: 27th – 31st May
Last day of term: Wednesday 24th July

The school is closed for 5 Professional Training Days each academic year. These are arranged at the discretion of the school.



Escape is a youth club for children aged 11 and over.

We will be meeting on the following dates:

11th & 25th January

8th February

1st, 15th & 29th March

First date back after the Easter Holidays is 26th April

Between 7pm-9pm, at Spaldwick School.

Entry costs just £2 per session.

We have a range of activities available and arrange trips out such as sledging at the SnowZone MK and Xtreme360 Trampoline Park in St Neots.



Escape is run on a voluntary basis by a small group of parents, so we are always looking for more help. We would love to hear from any adults who would be interested in helping on an occasional basis or joining the committee. If you are interested, or you have any ideas for activities, fund raising etc., please contact us at

escape@spaldwick.com.

Or get in touch on Facebook:



@spaldwickescapeyouthclub

Playtimes 'Deer Hunt' Nativity and Christmas Party



On December 19th, Santa stopped off at Playtimes to meet the children who had just performed in this year's Nativity, the 'Christmas Hunt'. Parents and Grandparents were also treated to song including 'Jingle Bells', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney.'

Children then enjoyed a host of games with entertainer Mr Marvel, before tucking into a host of party food. Thank you to Zoe, Gemma, Al, Judi, Parents and everyone at Playtimes who put on this special party for the pre-schoolers.

November's AGM saw Playtimes welcoming four new committee members - a mix of Pre-school and S-Club parents. They are Kelly Dawkes, Michelle Rider, Amy Blake and Lesley Cundy. Two committee members, Millie Luard and James Glover, were re-elected.

Half term fun at Playtimes, from Manager Zoe Cossins



Stuck for something to do at half term?

Why not book your child into Playtimes for some fun whilst you have a day to yourself!

We provide a caring, exciting home from home environment for children aged 2-11 years old.

We will be open for holiday club from Monday 18th Feb- 22nd Feb 2019.

We will be going on walks around the village, creating Valentine's Day sweets and gifts, we will also be doing lots of cooking and making slime. With various healthy snacks on offer throughout the day!

Please contact Playtimes on 01480 890077 or email contact@playtimesplaygroup.co.uk to book in whilst we will have spaces!

There will be lots of fun to be had!

Spaldwick Community Speedwatch, by Sharan Jackson-Rimmer

The Spaldwick Community Speedwatch held a session on Thursday 22nd November. We were sited on the High Street between 8am and 9am, monitoring the speed of 171 vehicles.

5 vehicles were reported to Cambridgeshire Police, with the highest speed recorded being 43 mph. Community Speedwatch sessions will be held throughout 2019.

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Spaldwick's Paul Hall MBE enjoys successful 2018 as British Gymnastics Men's Head Coach

After being appointed as British Gymnastics Men's Head National Coach in June last year, Spaldwick's Paul Hall MBE (**pictured right**) would be right to celebrate a successful 2018.

He has lead the British team to two major championships – the European Championships in Glasgow during the summer and the recent World Championships in Qatar. The Europeans saw GB's men win the team silver and Dominic Cunningham take the floor gold, whilst at the World Championships Max Whitlock won pommel horse silver.

Paul said: "I hope that my role will help to provide the necessary leadership and direction that is needed to consolidate our place as one of the leading nations in men's gymnastics for the Tokyo Games and beyond."



British Gymnastics Performance Director, James Thomas added: "Paul is respected throughout Great Britain and the world for his gymnastics coaching expertise, guiding a number of gymnasts including Louis Smith (**pictured left**) and Dan Keatings to World and Olympic success over previous cycles. We know Paul will be keen to work closely with the Performance staff and network of personal coaches to build on the successes of previous cycles as we head towards Tokyo 2020."

Paul had been Head Coach at Huntingdon Gymnastics Club since 2003 and was awarded an MBE for services to gymnastics in 2012.



Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club is Moving, by Andrew Vickers

There has been a bowls club in Spaldwick for over 30 years, firstly in the old village hall, before moving to play in the school hall.

For many years now the club has tried, but unfortunately failed to attract enough new members.

The reduced membership combined with an increase in rental fees mean that the club only had two choices, either to fold and no longer exist, or relocate.

After debating the issue, the club has made the decision to move to The Mandeville Hall in Kimbolton, where we will be playing on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-10pm.

The last meeting at Spaldwick will be on Tuesday 12th February, this will be a sad occasion, although the club look forward to new challenges and growing stronger in their new home.

For more information on Spaldwick Bowls Club, contact Andrew Vickers on 01480 891201.

Fairtrade and Road Safety

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A complete list of materials that can be recycled can be found at:
www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin

Parish Council News: Book Now for Spaldwick Community Room

Great news! Spaldwick Parish Council is pleased to announce that it is now controlling the hire of the Spaldwick Community Room.

The room will be available from 8am to 11pm 7 days a week.

The fees will be:

£2.50 per hour for Spaldwick residents/groups
 £5.00 per hour for non residents/groups

We will be recruiting a cleaner, so if you'd like to apply please contact clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com

We also intend to redecorate the room, including new curtains. If anyone is able to help with this it would be greatly appreciated.

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The Parish Council are extremely excited about the new facility and we look forward to seeing the room used for a multitude of village activities.

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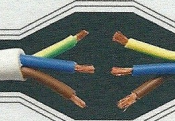
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