

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

COUNTRYSIDE WATCH

Countryside Watch was established in Cambridgeshire in 1993 to reduce crime and the fear of crime in rural areas. The organisation works in partnership with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, The National Farmers' Union (NFU) and other rural agencies to help combat rural crime. The mutli-agency networks have seen a reduction in crime in some rural areas by more than 23%.

The scheme is not only for those living in Cambridgeshire's countryside, it also targets horse owners, rural businesses and all those that use and enjoy the countryside.

The Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch website provides a comprehensive guide to the work of Countryside Watch, and the benefits of joining the scheme for different countryside users. Log on their site at www.cambscountrysidewatch.org.uk.

For information on how to contact your local Countryside Watch representative visit www.cambscountrysidewatch.org.uk/contactinfo.htm.

THE STAY SAFE CARD

The Stay Safe card was developed so that vulnerable people can get support in the community. The cards hold information about the card holder:

Health concerns

Communication issues

Helpful contact details for friends and family

Contact instructions if the police are required

If you would like to have a stay safe card or know of someone who might benefit from having one please contact me and I will assist.

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

David Henrick - 01480 896556

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SPALDWICK NEWS

February 2012



Just to remind you. This photograph was taken on the 5th February two years ago. Winter still has something to give us.

100 Club
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Garden Maintenance and Homecare

Get your garden ready for Spring with a **Winter tidy**
Any outdoor maintenance; fencing, painting, gutter and yard clearance
Strimming, mowing, clipping, borders and pruning
On-going reliable **lawn & garden maintenance programmes**



**Local, thorough, competitive
and reliable service**
Call **Simon Johnson** on **07887 628528**

Valentine's Day at the Cinnamon Bar and Indian Restaurant, Grafham

On Tuesday 14th February, enjoy
a candlelit 'a la carte' dinner for 2, a rose for the lady
and a bottle of wine for £35

- ** Elvis is returning to the Cinnamon in March
- ** Every Thursday night is '**Banquet Night**' – a 3 course meal for £10.90
- ** Enjoy a relaxing coffee or drink in the **NEWLY DECORATED** bar area
- ** **15% discount** for takeaways
Please call Shamim on 812211
to book a table, a takeaway or arrange a function

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street, Spaldwick PE28 OTD
Clerk: David Stowell, 23A Thrapston Road, Spaldwick PE28 OTA
Phone: 890065 email: davidstowell@onetel.com

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 23rd February 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.

Dog Fouling

This is widespread on the local footpaths and byways and spoils our enjoyment of these wonderful facilities in and around the village. Dog owners are asked to help create a cleaner environment by removing excrement immediately.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocarasis which most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years.

Please **BAG IT, TIE IT and BIN IT** (at home or in one of the litter / dog bins).

Can Collection

I am afraid we are stopping the collection of cans at Threeways on behalf of Huntingdon Rugby Club due to the value of aluminium dropping so low that it is costing more in fuel delivering the cans than revenue received.

We would like to thank everyone who has been dropping them off and supporting the local club. Lorcan, Ian and HRUFC

Spaldwick Church

February Services

5th	6.00pm	Evening Service
12th	9.30am	Eucharist
19th	4.30pm	Family Service
26th	See Below	

At the moment Jonathan, our Vicar, is in Hinchbrook Hospital having contracted meningitis and will probably need a lengthy period to recuperate when he is discharged. We all wish him the best but in the meantime there will be some disruption to the services.

The weekday services will not take place. The first three Sunday Services this month will be as normal, two being taken by visiting Vicars and the third Sunday Family Service by Amba Harbour. The last service on the 26th is not covered at the moment but may be when the day arrives.

For any information please telephone the Churchwardens below.

Father Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695
Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853



The Olympics 2012 - a great opportunity to celebrate and get involved in Cambridgeshire

For the sporting... There will be many sporting events and activities taking place locally. These will be listed on www.livingsport.co.uk or you can contact LIVING SPORT on 01487 841559. Events will also be added to the www.cambridgeshire.net website as they are announced. If you have an event planned that you would like to publicise, it can be added to this website. If you have a disability, you can find out what activities you can get involved in locally at www.abilityplusgroup.co.uk, by calling the Ability PLUS Group on 01487 849929 or by contacting your local District Council

For the not so sporting...

The Olympics also bring people together and are a reason to celebrate. Large events will be taking place across the county along the Olympic Torch route as it passes through Peterborough on 3rd July, Cambridge (as part of the Big Weekend on Parker's Piece) on 7th and 8th July and St Ives and **Huntingdon on 8th July**. Route details and times will be announced by London 2012 nearer the time.

Local people are also being encouraged to organise their own celebrations and the **2012 Local Leaders** initiative has been set up to help you do just that. By signing up, you will receive information on a range of themed celebration ideas and be in the front row to receive free London 2012 event materials. You can find out more at www.london2012.com/get-involved or by telephoning 0845 2672012

The County Council is keen to encourage local events and street parties, and has added simple guidance to getting a street party road closure on their website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/trafficmanagement/events/ontheroad/street_parties.htm. If you don't have internet access, you can call 01223 507176 to arrange this or to discuss any other events that you would like to organise.

And finally, if you have been inspired by the 70,000 people who have registered as Olympic and Paralympic volunteers, you can sign up to volunteer at local events at www.volunteeringcambsandpboro.org.uk.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

We are putting out feelers to see whether anyone would be interested in helping to form a gardening club for the residents of Spaldwick and surrounding villages.

The purpose of the club would be to meet up once a month to discuss gardening matters, swap plants, give and receive gardening tips and perhaps, from time to time, visit open gardens and specialist nurseries in the area.

We do have the offer of a meeting venue in Spaldwick so all we need is your interest and commitment! We hope to start the group in March. Anyone who would be interested in joining this group, should email Roger Haines at roger@jeanhaines.plus.com

VALENTINE'S BALL

Alconbury Village Hall – Saturday 11th February

7.30pm-12.00pm

A three course meal, live band, sumptuous decoration and a friendly crowd.

Bring your partner, bring a friend or bring a whole group, we guarantee a great evening.

Tickets at just £20 per person can be

purchased from Lisa 3 Ivy Way (896996) and Gavin 53 Stow Road (896143) Spaldwick Social Group

There will be a draw. Prizes to go in the draw would be very welcome

OPEN HOUSE The next Open House will be at the home of Liz McCue, 10 Ivy Way, from 1.30 until 3.30pm on Monday February 27th Do come along for drinks and cakes and a chat about life, the uni-verse, everything. Also to help contribute towards village life. So far Open House has given £400 to the church and £300 to the Village Hall fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 19 th	Family Service (Page 10)
Feb 27 th	Open House (See above)
Mar 10 th	Bingo (Page 7)
April 14 th	Easter Show (Page 7)
Feb 11 th	Valentine's Dance (Page 4)
July 14 th	Village Fete

The Church Roof

The temporary covering put on the day after the theft of the lead is serving its purpose very well. It may be year or two before we raise enough money to make a permanent repair so Grahame Leach has acquired some more lasting material which will be put on shortly. We expect the new covering will be stainless steel or zinc and it will be put on the whole roof, with the remaining lead being sold to offset the cost. There are cheaper alternatives but, with a Grade 1 listed church there is a lot of opposition from English Heritage, and most other organisations concerned, dispensing with the lead is itself no more than a forced concession to the reality of further thefts.

We have made a start on raising the £20000 estimated cost and have over £600. The several fund raising functions mentioned on page 7 will also help, whilst more are planned. Also, of course we are applying to a range of organisations such as English Heritage who will probably provide the bulk of the funds, but they like to see that we are also doing our bit

Waste Bin Collection Dates

February

Green		Grey		Blue	
Tues	7th	Tues	14th	Fri	10th
Tues	21st	Tues	28th	Fri	24th
Mar					
Tues	6th	Tues	13th	Fri	9th

SPALDWICK 100 CLUB

At the time of writing the 100 Club is actually a 90 Club. I will hold off making the January draw until Sunday 6th Feb. to see if we can get the full number or then settle for what we have. Prizes will be reduced accordingly, that is £36 and £18 if we still have just the 90 members. (but an increased chance of winning)
John Blatch Tel. 890853 or Email john@blatch.com.

ELLINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)

Ellington WI group meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Ellington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

This year we have a full and varied programme of events including:

- Chocolatier presentation in March
- Theatre trip in August
- My life as a Theatrical make-up artist in October

New members are very welcome - for more information please contact Ann Bentley on 891628

No. Twelve Your Village Shop

Darrell has now put a comfortable seating area in the village shop. He is offering light lunches, morning coffee, afternoon teas, sandwiches, home baked pastries and cakes or ploughman's lunch with a complete range of hot drinks.

Also he now has a take one / leave one bookcase available.

Broadband News!

Our BT exchange (located in Woolley) has now been unbundled, so the exchange now houses new ADSL2+ equipment installed by TalkTalk. This means that Spaldwick residents can now take advantage of higher speeds and lower prices.

For more information, please visit the new page on the Spaldwick website:

<http://www.spaldwick.com/woolley-broadband>

There really isn't any reason why you should stay with BT-based broadband services now. TalkTalk offers very cheap consumer broadband services, which combine line rental and broadband. For example, The *TalkTalk Essentials* package provides telephone services with a line rental of £9.50 a month with broadband costing a mere £3.25 per month.

Less well known is the fact that TalkTalk also provides wholesale services (just as BT does) to a number of ISPs. These ISPs benefit from access to TalkTalk's highly-advanced network and yet can provide superior customer care to TalkTalk (and BT). Broadband services, which use the TalkTalk network, are available from Xilo, Aquis and Vivaciti. Some of these offer combined phone and broadband deals (which tend to offer greater savings compared with BT) and some offer broadband only services (where you keep your existing phone contract with BT). All of these ISPs have an excellent reputation (and are rated in consumer satisfaction surveys above BT).

The TalkTalk equipment uses the newest ADSL2+ equipment, compared with the older ADSL technology used by BT, and you can expect to gain a significant increase in speed, both for downlink and uplink.

For example, after tweaking and optimising my own line, I managed to achieve a downlink speed of 5.6Mbps with a throughput of 4.5Mbps using my previous BT-based service (with Xilo). With my new TalkTalk-based Xilo service, I now achieve a downlink speed of 6.7Mbps with a throughput of 6Mbps. The uplink is also faster - at 1Mbps. All for considerably less money than my previous BT-based service.

If you require more information, please don't hesitate to email me at broadband@spaldwick.com

Mark Heath

CHURCH NEWS

Village Open Meeting

We have had a few meetings since the detailing of the poor financial situation, which has been made worse with the theft of the lead from the roof. We are so delighted to have had approx 12-17 villagers at our meetings to discuss and support the future of the church in the community, whether from a heritage perspective or worshipper. We have had felt donated for the roof and kindly collected, which will be fitted to the roof by a few villagers shortly. This will last a couple of years while we source grant aid and investigate appropriate alternatives to put a permanent roof covering in place. We have highlighted the need to put a toilet in the church, necessary for outsiders travelling to the village for funerals or weddings, and would also enable more community usage of the space through this modernisation. Again this requires someone to help with sourcing grants and the opportunity for community fundraising. If you have experience accessing/obtaining grants or enjoy time searching the internet we would be very grateful for your input in this area. To give us direction we have structured the following:

Mission: St James providing an inclusive and thriving community church.

Aims: To provide opportunities for worship. To provide an inclusive, welcoming and active environment. To secure and maintain an income. To preserve and share St James Heritage.

We hope this meets with your views of the church in our village. If you would like to join us in any way, large or small, our next open village meeting is Wednesday 21st March at Threeways, High Street, 8pm. This is for all who are interested in keeping the church alive and active in Spaldwick so please come along .

Family Service Sunday 19th 4.30pm at St James.

Please join us for a short service followed by refreshments. With Valentines day this month we will ask; How much does GOD love us? and How did Jesus show his Love? Please bring used stamps as we will be collecting these to raise funds for The Leprosy Mission. We look forward to seeing you there.

BINGO night - Saturday March 10th. 5pm - 7pm at Spaldwick School Hall.

We invite you to share a fun evening playing BINGO and being entertained with other activities - a table quiz or challenge! For the price of a ticket you can enjoy a 'High Tea' of sandwiches and cakes with tea/ coffee or squash. Your ticket will also include the first round of Bingo, entry forms for subsequent games will be 50p each. If any senior citizens of our community or local villages require a lift service door to door please contact Amba on 890565 or Julia on 890203 for arrangements to be made. We look forward to sharing an evening with those ranging from youngest to eldest and in doing so raise funds for St James Church. Prizes will be awarded to winners on the night, so come and try your luck!

Ticket prices: Family(2+2) £7, Adult £3, Child £1 and Senior Citizen £2. (Tickets available from Amba or Julia)

Easter Show -Saturday April 14th, 2012

It's time for you to show off your hidden talents. The Church will be holding Spaldwick's first Easter Show on April 14th. There will be displays of local work, local history and some stalls. Most importantly lots of competitions for you to enter such as photography, art, crafts and homemade fayre. There will be categories for children and adults. On the day you will be able to see entrants judged results and enjoy refreshments and other activities. More details and competition entry category's and rules will be detailed in next months Parish News or earlier on the Village website and Village noticeboards. Please contact Amba on 890565 or Julia 890203. More information to follow so you can get doing!

If you have never tried JARPING this is the day to start