

Dates for your diary:

:: Spaldwick Summer Fete, Evening Party & Hog Roast - Saturday 6th July.

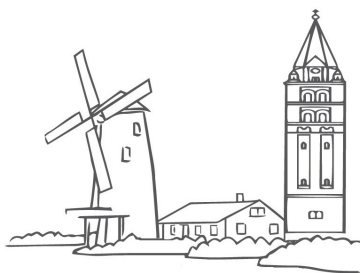
:: Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 18th July, Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School, 8pm.

:: Spaldwick ESCAPE Youth Group - Friday 5th & 19th July, Spaldwick School, 7-9pm.

:: For St James Church Services, please see Page 3.

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SPALDWICK NEWS

Counting down to the Spaldwick Summer Fete, Evening Party & Hog Roast!

Final preparations are being made for this year's Spaldwick Fete!

The organising team has been working tirelessly to bring the village a host of entertainment, music stalls, food and activities. There's something for the whole family.

Spaldwick's first ever "Bunting Week" kicks off proceedings on June 28th, with villagers being encouraged to join in the fun and decorate their homes! Why not make your own? The annual scarecrow competition is set to return next year.

On the evening of Saturday July 6th, the Annual Hog Roast returns, but with limited tickets it's worth logging on to ticketsource.co.uk/ssg before it's too late! The night's entertainment with live music gets underway at 7.30pm.



Spaldwick Social Group, Spaldwick Primary School & Playtimes have joined together to bring you the new

Spaldwick Fete

Saturday 6 July

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The categories are: (1) Cupcakes (2) Cakes (3) Savoury Bites.

On July 6th, you should deliver to the judging tent by 11am for judging at 1pm. If the pride of being Spaldwick's best baker isn't enough, there are also CASH prizes!

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Can you help Ivy Way's Alex achieve his fundraising total?



Spaldwick's Alex Rice has his sights set on a £2,500 fundraising total.

The Ivy Way resident, who is about to celebrate his 15th birthday, is travelling to Ghana in July 2020 to help with improvement projects at his school's partner institution, Essaman United, as well as volunteering with outreach projects in the local community.

Although it's a school-led project, each child has to raise the money to get there.

Following on from time spent volunteering in the village, where he litter-picked as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, Alex is now keen to generate funds for the trip by offering his services for a donation. The teenager is willing to do all sorts of work, from lawn mowing to fence painting, and from garden watering to baby sitting.

Alex's school will be working with 'Partner Schools Worldwide', something that they have been doing since 2011. Over the last few years, pupils who visited Ghana have worked on creating a library, providing a new assembly space and hand washing facilities, as well as a new sports pitch for the community. This year's project will include coming up with ways to harvest rain water for local farming projects and for generating energy.

While they are there, students will also get chance to experience Ghanaian culture, and explore a little of the country, including visiting cocoa plantations and the rainforest.



Any Odd Jobs That I Can Help With?



I am going on a school trip to Ghana in July 2020 to help with improvement projects at our partner school and outreach projects in the community.

I am raising funds for the trip and am willing to do all sorts of work, from lawn mowing to fence painting to garden watering to baby sitting and anything else!

If I can help you in anyway then please do contact me on:

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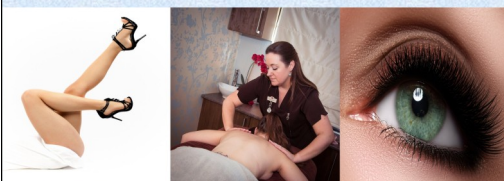
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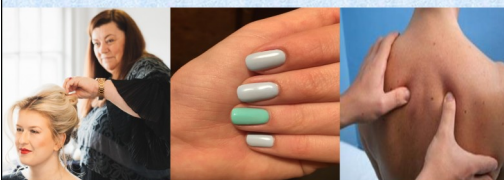


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Spaldwick Church Services

- **July 7th, 9.30am** - Morning Worship with Jill Dighton
- **July 9th, Kimbolton Church, 7.30pm** - Institution of the new Rector. All Spaldwick residents and church goers are welcome
- **July 14th, 10.45am** - Benefice Parish Communion at Kimbolton with the new Rector, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Mandeville Hall. All are welcome!
- **July 21st, 9.30am**
- **Aug 4th, 9.30am**
- **Aug 18th, 9.30am**

Roll of Honour - In St James, we have a Roll of Honour listing the men from Spaldwick and Barham who fought in the Great War of 1914-18, and gave their lives for their country (pictured right). Whilst the document is framed it had been damaged in several places. We were very fortunate that John and Jill Bristow from Little Paxton took it upon themselves to repair and make good this piece of local history. As volunteers for the War Memorial Trust they undertake various restoration projects as a hobby in the local area.



However, they found that the frame on our Roll of Honour was original and had been badly damaged, so they sent it away to a professional restoration company where a mould was made of the plaster frame and the damaged areas subsequently renewed. The document itself was cleaned and with it they found a copy of a church brochure from 1921 which has been replaced back in the frame too. The frame has now been professionally sealed and the original document is preserved for the next 500 years.

This really is a beautiful piece of local history and is now back in St James Church, so do get in touch if you would like to see it in the near future. We are very grateful for the generosity of John and Jill for their dedication and attention to detail in ensuring the document will be preserved and look its very best.

Locals have talent! Thanks to the very kind offer of a village resident, St James church is putting together a professionally recorded DVD of local talent which will showcase, for example, those who have performed at our Christmas Party events in the past.

We are planning to make the recordings through the summer (June to September). We would welcome any musical or other talent to contact us via email on stjamespaldwick@aol.com. In return for helping us with our fundraising idea you will receive a professional electronic copy of your performance which you will be able to upload on your website or social media pages completely copyright free. We don't want to miss anyone and would like to record the amazing talent we have locally, so please get in touch.

Village Fete - This year supporters of St James Church will be providing cream teas at the Village Fete. We would love some volunteers to make scones (for jam and cream) or maybe help make tea for an hour on the day. If you can help in any way please contact us or email stjamespaldwick@aol.com. We look forward to meeting everyone on July 6th - see you there.

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'Team Crafty Fox' prepare for 3,000 mile adventure!



A couple of intrepid adventurers from Stow Road in Spaldwick will be putting their faith in a £500 Renault Megane Sport to get them from the UK to Venice...and back!

Debbie Jamieson and Adrian Curtis are taking part in a European 'banger rally' in aid of Magpas Air Ambulance in September.

Their journey - under the guise of 'Team Crafty Fox' - will take them via France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland in just eight days. That's around 3,000 miles!

Adrian explains, "Myself and Debbie decided that rather than sit on a beach we would do something worthwhile and try to raise some money for charity. We decided on Magpas as they are a local charity that operate solely on donations and it is always nice to know they are around if anyone ever needs them."

Adrian and Debbie have set their sights on a fundraising total of £3,000 - a significant amount as it costs Magpas £2,584 a day to operate their helicopter. The charity responds to an average of four emergencies in this time period.

You can follow the pair's progress on Facebook by searching for 'Team Crafty Fox' or on Instagram: @teamcraftyfox

:: To support their efforts, you can log on to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/craftyfox>



Spaldwick Neighbourhood Watch, by David Henrick

"I have been the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for many years. Spaldwick enjoys a secure environment! I would like to encourage all residents to play an active role in keeping our neighbourhood safe. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about Neighbourhood Watch – thank You."

David Henrick - 01480 896556 - david.consult@btinternet.com

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls and voicemails, to members of the public purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Fraudsters are spoofing **genuine HMRC telephone numbers** to deceive their victims over the phone. The fraudsters state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceedings in order to settle the balance. The fraudsters suggest victims can avoid this, by arranging payment to be made immediately by methods such as bank transfer or by purchasing iTunes gift cards.

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Spaldwick School's Environmental Area takes shape

Staff and parents have been making fantastic progress, working hard to transform Spaldwick School's new-look environmental area.

Now that years of weeds and bushes have been cleared and tidied and new educational equipment is in place, the space will hopefully prove an interesting boost to the learning of local children.



...After!



Star Wars Actor Warwick Davis Tweets support for Spaldwick School's Crowdfunding Campaign

Hundreds of pounds have already been raised to improve the appearance of Spaldwick School Hall in a Crowdfunding campaign, launched by Headteacher Louise Worrell. The target has been set at £2,500.

Mrs Worrell wrote: "This year Spaldwick School has been on a journey to improve presentation in every way. We have worked hard to improve our handwriting and our outdoor learning spaces. Next year our children will be wearing our improved uniform and we will have new tables and chairs.

"The final room to brighten up is our hall. Our curtains are tatty, faded and BROWN! We would like to purchase new blackout curtains to make the hall brighter, fresh and modern and we hope you can help."

The campaign has been picked up by Cambridgeshire-based actor Warwick Davis and his Wife Samantha, who have re-tweeted an online link to all of their followers.

Warwick is best known for his roles in Star Wars, the Harry Potter films, Willow, Labyrinth and numerous other film and TV series.



:: To make a donation, please visit www.justgiving.com/JustGiving/Crowdfunding and search for 'Louise Worrell'.

Friends of Spaldwick School's Penny Wars



The latest fundraising challenge by Friends of Spaldwick School has raised an amazing £326.44.

Pupils and their families were encouraged to send in their copper coins, with prizes being awarded to the 'house' that collected the most. To add to the fun, children were also encouraged to sabotage other house jars by putting 5 pence pieces into them, which counted negatively towards the overall totals!

At final count, a whopping 14,539 coins were collected. A special mention must also go to Steve and Carole who took on the lengthy task of counting and bagging them!

Congratulations to 'Oak' who collected the greatest total of coins and enjoyed their chocolate equivalent as a reward!



Please clean up after your dog! "There are no excuses," says Sharan Jackson-Rimmer



I'm sure you will all agree that Spaldwick is a lovely village. We are extremely lucky to live in such a beautiful place with the surrounding countryside and the walks that we can take. It is a great place to raise a family or enjoy retirement.

Unfortunately, there is a blight on this lovely picture, a problem that gets raised on numerous occasions in this newsletter and on social media – dog fouling. I have two dogs myself and I am a responsible owner who takes care of them like they're family, and cleans up after them. It really disgusts me to have to dodge or if I can, pick up other people's dog mess.

There is no need to leave dog mess lying around. Areas where people walk should be kept clear – pavements, grass verges, footpaths and regular walk ways. I'll be honest and admit that I have, on the odd occasion, run out of poo bags and gone home to get more before returning to the 'scene of the crime' to clear it up. There is just no excuse - pay attention to what your dog is doing and bag its mess, take it home or put it in the nearest council bin!

My husband is one of the volunteers that cut the grass in the churchyard and I think they are doing a fantastic job – it looks amazing. However, they regularly find little 'presents' (astonishingly some are bagged and left behind). This is disgusting and disrespectful. I cannot imagine how I would feel if I was visiting a grave and found a pile of dog mess near or on my loved one's resting place. Myself and a friend are going to make a poo bag dispenser which will be located near the kissing gate between the Church and the field next to it – please help yourself and keep our village clean.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE pick up after your dogs and bin their mess!

May's Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 16th. The Chairman is Steve Fane de Salis. Also present were: S. Fane de Salis, S. Jackson-Rimmer, J. Pope, CC Cllr I. Gardener, HD Cllr J. White & one member of the public

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

- S. Fane de Salis was elected as Chairman; S. Jackson-Rimmer was elected as Vice-Chairman.
- **Planning** - To consider new planning consultations: Demolish existing house and erect ten 3-5 bedroom dwellings with associated parking at House On The Hill, Stow Road. Following discussions, Spaldwick Parish Council proposed approval on the basis that it is a small amount of sustainable development that will contribute to the economic future of the village. The Parish Council like to see development proposing affordable housing in the village, and have suggested a footpath on both sides of Stow Road, (up to Mount Pleasant on one side and to link up with the existing footpath on the other side), to allow for a potential increase in school-age population.
- **Grant request from Playtimes, Spaldwick** - The pre-school are in the process of raising money for improvements and have made an enquiry regarding funding available for the forthcoming year.
- **Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection**- Hedges are overgrown but the equipment ok (some bolts are missing, but do not affect safety. These are being monitored).
- There was broken glass found in the play park last month (pictured above). The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to the people that cleaned it up.



:: Full minutes from Spaldwick Parish Council meetings can be viewed online at www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk

:: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July, 8pm in the Community Room.

Summer Pop-Up Shop in Spaldwick supports Magpas



A summer 'pop-up shop' in Spaldwick's Community Room has generated £90 for the lifesaving Magpas service.

The money raised from refreshments is the equivalent to six 'in the field' anaesthetic injections.

It was a chance for local residents to check out collections from cabi clothing, Park Lane Jewellery, Tropic Skincare and Gift It 2.

Organisers Moira Frost, Anne-Marie Carswell, Sarah Dodge and Natasha Armstrong are planning another similar sale this Autumn.

About Magpas Air Ambulance:

Magpas Air Ambulance is not state-funded and relies on generous public donations to continue saving lives. Since 1971, they have treated over 60,000 patients.

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Entry costs just £2 per session.

We are always happy for new members to join.



If anyone is interested in helping at the sessions, or if you have any ideas for activities, fund raising etc., please contact us at escape@spaldwick.com.



Or get in touch on Facebook:
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We would also like to thank Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for their generous grant which will allow us to keep the youth club running for another year.

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Green	Thurs 4th July	Thurs 18th July	Thurs 1st Aug	Thurs 15th Aug	Thurs 29th Aug

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

Ellington WI - upcoming events

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

Ellington WI holds a mixture of demonstrations, outings, meals, hands-on activities, or talks on fascinating subjects.

02 Jul - A visit to Buckden Brewery, followed by supper at The Lion

06 Aug - A tea and prosecco party to celebrate our 80th anniversary (18.00 start.)

03 Sept - A glass blowing demonstration with some 'hands-on' tries

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