

SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police Surgery

27 January 2012 at Spaldwick School Community Room from 0900-1000.

An opportunity for members of the public to meet and discuss issues with a representative of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A £25,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for an armed robbery in Bar Hill. Three men wearing balaclavas and carrying weapons entered the Post Office and Library, in Glade-side at about 5.15pm on Monday, December 5.

.All three men were dressed in dark clothing and yellow gloves, two wearing black balaclavas, the third wearing a grey balaclava.

The Post Office security team are offering a reward of up to £25,000 Anyone with information should call DS Toovey at Histon Police Station on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

The payment of the reward is subject to information being received before June 19 and the validity of any claim will be determined by Post Office Security in conjunction with police

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 17th January 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.

SPALDWICK NEWS January 2012



Father Christmas came to Spaldwick and distributed presents and boxes of chocolates. He made the rounds of the village on Sunday 18th December finishing up at The George for mulled wine, mince pies and more carols.

See inside for more photos, also photos of the School Carols on 13th December

100 Club Winners in December

The December winners were £40 No. 28 Simon and Alex Baker of Fullers Close and £20 No. 42 David Irwin, Ivy Way

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
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Brownies

"I'm not sure who gets more out of it, me or the girls!"

Guides

Volunteer with us and join the fun...

Rainbows **Girlguiding UK**
girls in the lead

For more information call Liz Wetzel, Kym Valley District Commissioner on 01480 811580

CHRISTMAS IN SPALDWICK

There were three evenings of Carols to choose from just before Christmas. On the 13th the School sang outside The George, on the 18th Father Christmas came round with his elves dispensing presents, again ending up at The George for mulled wine and mince pies.

On the 20th there was a Carol Party in the church with tasty bites and sandwiches. We had a small orchestra and choir brought from Bedford by Rosemary Good's granddaughter whilst Mark Sturdy and Eddy Roughsedge gave us a few Christmassy songs, accompanied by a guitar and Mark Hunter on the drums. It was an enjoyable evening and helped towards replacing the stolen roof by raising £630. Thank you to all who came, as participants and as audience.



Spaldwick Church

January Services

1st 6.00pm New Year's Day Carols

8th 9.30am Eucharist

15th 4.30pm Children's Service

Looking at Jesus Growing Up

22nd 9.30am Eucharist

29th 10.00am Group Service, Easton

There is usually a service at 9.00am Tuesday to Friday

For more information about the church - services, baptisms, weddings, ministry to the sick, or funeral services contact one of the clergy or churchwardens:

Father Jonathan Young (Rector) 01480 891695

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

Caroline Gill is seeking information on her grandfather and grandmother

Her grandfather, Charles Philip Childs, worked as a farrier/blacksmith at The Forge in Spaldwick until his death in 1962. Her grandmother was Alice Maud Childs. Caroline's father, Eric Philip Childs, sadly passed away in April 2011 and is also buried at St. James' Church, Spaldwick with his parents.

Caroline would like to know if anybody living in Spaldwick today has any memories they could share of her grandfather and grandmother. She was only seven years old when her grandfather died, but has some wonderful memories of him and would just like to hear about anyone else's.

If you have any information, please email Caroline_gill_uk@yahoo.co.uk.



Escape youth group update!

A big thank you to all of you who supported Escape while you did your Christmas shopping! Mark Heath added an Amazon product search box on every page of the Spaldwick website, and kindly offered to donate all proceeds to support Escape.

The latest figures show we earned commission of £124.99 from 199 orders placed in December with more still to come!

All purchases that resulted from using this search box generate a small commission.

Everyone pays exactly the same as they would before, but Escape receives the commission.

Christmas may be over, but if you're treating yourself in the January sales, you can still use the search box!. Please encourage any of your family and friends who use Amazon to go through the Spaldwick site. Hopefully, we can continue to generate a significant amount for the club in this way during 2012.

We'll be posting dates for January's youth group sessions on the Spaldwick website and our Facebook page in the new year. So please keep checking back!

We've got more exciting plans for Escape during 2012, but in the meantime, we wish all our young people and parent helpers a very happy new year!

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>

Another change at The George. The present tenants, Cosy Pubs will be leaving on 8th January, having been unable to agree lease terms with the owners. Hopefully new tenants will be taking over in due course. Once the most popular pub in the area, The George seems never to have recovered from its lengthy closure for refurbishment in 2003.

Whilst Spaldwick probably could not sustain a pub on its own, visitors from outside the village are needed, we are its core customers. When it re-opens do make it your first choice for a night out, for a just a drink or for a party, or we may end up losing it altogether.



We still have some tickets left so if you call us now you may still be able to get to enjoy a great evening at a bargain price

The atmosphere will be provided by a fabulous live band playing throughout the evening.

A sumptuous 3 course dinner will be served at the tables with froufrou and elegant settings created by our world renowned team of event creators. Dress code will be formal so prepare for a night to remember.

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

Tickets at just £20.00 per person and can be purchased from Lisa 3 Ivy Way (896996) and Gavin 53 Stow Road (896143)

OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will be at the home of John and Chris Saynor, 1. Stow Road, from 1.30 until 3.30pm on Monday January 30th

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Jan 30th Open House
- Feb 11th Valentine's Dance
- July 14th Village Fete

Check the Village Website, spaldwick.com for up-to-date news. If you have any photos of old Spaldwick please contact Mark, he will copy them and return them unblemished. 2, Ivy Way, Tel 891737

SPALDWICK 100 CLUB

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

We are about half-way there with subscriptions for 2012. I will be accosting people during this month but it would help if you would contact me with your subs.. John Blatch Tel. 890853 or Email john@blatch.com.

Waste Bin Collection Dates

January		
Blue	Grey	Green
Sat 31st (Dec)	Wed 4th	Tues 10th
Fri 13th	Tues 17th	Tue 24th
Fri 27th	Tues 31st	Feb Tues 7th

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.

ENLIGHTENING

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 Remembrance 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 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.



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.