

### Dates for your diary:

**:: St James Church Services** - Sunday 5th & Sunday 19th May, 9.30am

**:: Parish Council Meeting** - Thursday 16th May, Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School, 8pm.

**:: Kimbolton Branch Royal British Legion, Members & Friends Social Evening** - Sat 18th May, 7.30pm

**:: Spaldwick Summer Fete, Evening Party & Hog Roast** - Saturday 6th July, More Details TBA

May 2019

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# SPALDWICK NEWS

### Community fun at St James Church, by Julia Rutherford

Thank you to everyone who supported our activities over the Easter weekend.

**On Good Friday** Messy church built an Easter Garden and enjoyed teas and hot cross buns and colourings.

**Saturday, April 20th** was another excuse for more tea and fabulous homemade cakes as well as the chance to go up the tower (pictured below) to see spectacular views of the village, and to build parachutes to see how long your teddy could stay in the air.

Thank you to all the families who supported the event which raised over £200 towards the church improvement fund. It was lovely to see some new faces and young families at the event – welcome to Spaldwick and to St James.



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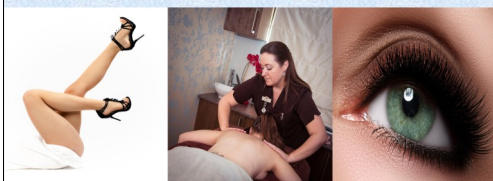
Nesting time is well underway with lots of feathered friends making Spaldwick their home! These two blue tits were caught on camera while building a nest to the rear of Ferriman Road in mid-April.

According to the Woodland Trust, "blue tits are usually able to raise just a single brood of chicks each spring, carefully timing the hatching of their eggs to the bud burst of trees and the explosion of caterpillar prey that comes with it."

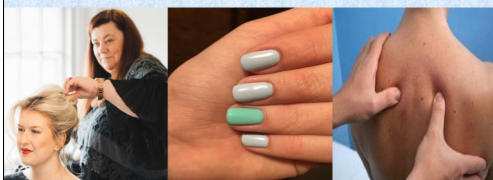
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## A healthy donation from Spaldwick's fitness enthusiasts



A commendable £550.50 has been raised through voluntary donations made by members of the Wednesday Run Group and Thursday Fit Group for 'Friends of Spaldwick School.'

The sessions are led by village resident Silje Jackson.

She said: "We get together, get fitter and raise money for charities. So far we have raised money for individuals with cancer diagnosis, Cambridge Homeless Shelter and FOSS. Next term we will raise money for Cambridge Women's Aid."

Everyone is welcome to join the weekly sessions, with those taking part each asked to consider a voluntary donation of £5.

### The groups meet as follows:

- 9am - outside Spaldwick Primary School for the **Wednesday Run Group**
- 9am - on the field behind Ferriman Road for the **Thursday Fit Group**

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**Primary school places announced**

Parents and Carers of 4-year-olds in the Spaldwick area have been finding out if their child has secured a place at the village school on Royston Avenue.

Jonathan Lewis, Cambridgeshire's Service Director for Education, said: "It is really important that applicants use all three of their preferences when applying for a school place and that they include their catchment school. This will give them the best chance of securing a place at a school close to their home."

April 16th marked 'National Offer Day' for primary-aged pupils, bringing joy for many local families.

This year saw an increase in the total number of applications for primary school places with 6,890 applications for reception places at Cambridgeshire schools for September 2019 - up from 6,763 last year.



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**SPALDWICK CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

The club has been in its new home at the Mandeville Hall in Kimbolton since the end of February, and have welcomed seven new members. In the last month, the club has played home matches against Gransden and Riseley. Both matches were close and hard fought. The club beat Gransden 34-23, but lost 24-34 to Riseley.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> the club held the annual Woolley Wind Farm Trophy event. Teams from Alconbury, Catworth, Ellington, Kimbolton, Spaldwick and last year's winners Kym Valley took part. There was a high standard of bowls throughout the evening, with the result in doubt until the very last end of the match.

The overall outcome depended on the result of the final match between Catworth and Spaldwick. As like so many matches it was very close, with Spaldwick winning the trophy on the very last end. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and Spaldwick hope to defend their title in 2020.

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## Careful what you flush down the loo!

Anglian Water is urging Spaldwick residents to carefully dispose of items that shouldn't be flushed down the loo.

Engineers have recently dealt with waste water issues, including blocked drains and problems at the village's pumping station. This has led to overflowing sewage and, of course, a terrible smell!

Unflushable items include: wet wipes, cotton buds, sanitary items which combine with fats, oils and greases in sewers to create so-called 'fatbergs,' an example of which can be seen in the photo on the left.

A spokesperson for Anglian Water told Spaldwick News: "Our Keep it Clear campaign aims to raise awareness about the impact of wrongly flushing wet wipes, cotton buds and sanitary items has in our sewer networks and the wider environment.

"We clear 40,000 blockages across our network every single year - that equates to one blockage roughly every five minutes. Of these blockages, 80% are completely avoidable but cost us a whopping £19million a year to keep our sewers free of them. This money could ultimately be better spent elsewhere.

"Not only that but blockages can lead to sewers flooding in peoples homes and pollution in the wider environment. This is why people should only flush the three P's down their toilet – Pee, Poo and (Toilet) Paper."

- **More information on Anglian Water's Keep It Clear campaign can be found at:**  
[www.anglianwater.co.uk/environmen/how-you-can-help/](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environmen/how-you-can-help/)



## Council officials thank Spaldwick residents for reporting large scale fly-tip



Huntingdonshire District Council say they will continue to "monitor the area closely" after a large-scale fly-tip on Belton's Hill. The authority is thanking residents for reporting the dumped box trailer and additional waste in March, which sparked an investigation by Enforcement Officers.

Anyone caught fly tipping can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £400. Serious offences of fly tipping are punishable by an unlimited fine or up to five years in prison.

The CLA represents thousands of farmers, landowners and rural businesses across the country.

Responding to the incident near Spaldwick, CLA East Regional Director Ben Underwood said: "Incidents of fly-tipping in the countryside are all too common with almost two-thirds of farmers and landowners affected by fly-tipping each year. It's not just the odd bin bag but large household items from unwanted sofas to broken washing machines, building materials and even asbestos being dumped across our countryside."

Mr Underwood continued: "Farmers and landowners are forced to clear up somebody else's rubbish or they risk prosecution for illegal storage of waste. This is simply not right.

"Action is needed to tackle this blight on our beautiful countryside. The CLA believes greater enforcement of fines for those caught fly-tipping as well as the seizure of vehicles is necessary to deter others from committing this crime."

**You can report fly-tipping online at [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)**

Ensure that you have noted down the date, time and place of the incident; the type and amount of dumped waste and a description of any people or vehicles involved.

If the rubbish has been fly-tipped on private land you will need to contact the landowner.



Escape is a youth club for children in Year 6 and upwards

All upcoming dates will be advertised on the 'Spaldwick Escape Youth Group' Facebook page

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](mailto:escape@spaldwick.com).

Or get in touch on Facebook:





**March's meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 21st March** The Chairman is Steve Fane de Salis. Also present were: G Smith, S Jackson-Rimmer, J Pope and one member of the public.

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

- ◆ **Public Open Forum** - A member of the public spoke to express concerns regarding the planning application for construction of four single-storey affordable dwellings on the Land West Side of Long Lane, mentioning similar objections raised previously including conservation of wildlife and vehicular access.
- ◆ **Dog Fouling** - M.Ager (Spaldwick Footpath Coordinator for the Parish Council) has raised the issue of Dog Fouling and owners not clearing up after their dogs. The Parish Council was disappointed to hear that some people are not removing their own dog's mess, but are leaving others to clear up after them.
- ◆ **Litter in Spaldwick**: Someone fly-tipped on the concrete path from Barham Road beside the A14. This was reported online by both Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and the Clerk. All the litter has now been cleared (See separate article in this month's Spaldwick News). It was also noted that litter has been raised as an issue in the Long Lane area. Cllr S Fane de Salis to enquire about the use of litter pickers.
- ◆ **Community Room** - 3 quotes for renovation of the kitchen have been received since last month's meeting. Proposed by Cllr S Fane de Salis and seconded by Cllr J Pope that the cheapest quote should be accepted. 3 quotes are in progress for the replacement of curtains (Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer) and 3 quotes are in progress for replacement of flooring (Cllr G Smith).
- ◆ **Spaldwick War Memorial** - A request has been received from St James PCC following communication with the Church Buildings department at the diocese to get consent to put the old war memorial in the churchyard. Details requested for this to move forward include photographs of the memorial, details of where it is going to be put in the churchyard, and how it is going to be fixed. A "statement of needs" has been requested detailing the needs and motivations behind the proposed relocation. It was decided that Cllrs S Fane de Salis and G Smith will work on this item together.
- ◆ **Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection** - A painting schedule is to be prepared.  
**Hedges around open space and play area** - Cllrs S Fane de Salis and I Harriman assessed the Play Area following the February Parish Council meeting, concluding the hedges had not been cut the previous year despite the work having been allocated to a contractor. Their conclusion was that, given the extensive number of brambles growing in the hedges, that the most logical suggestion might be to remove all hedges. This will need to be put to tender; Cllr S Fane de Salis to source contacts for quotes.
- ◆ **TOWN & POORS CHARITY FIELD** - Discussions followed the main Parish Council meeting. The future use of the field, water supply, maintenance and security was central to discussions.
- ◆ Cllr G Smith updated the Council regarding the water connection. Cllr R Johnson was intending to complete connections during the weekend of 30th March. Once sorted, Cllr G Smith will contact Anglian Water. Cllr R Johnson to request meeting in the field with Cllrs S Fane de Salis and G Smith to measure for allotment plots.

:: Full minutes from Spaldwick Parish Council meetings can be viewed online at [www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)

:: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May, 8pm in the Community Room. All are welcome.

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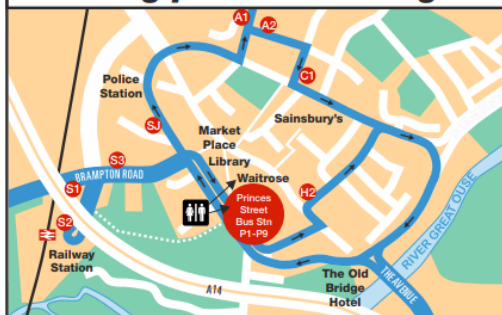
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