

## SPALDWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The next Police Surgery will be on Friday 30 March 2012 from 0900-1000 at Spaldwick School (Community Room) An opportunity for members of the public to meet and discuss issues with a representative from our local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A CAR was stolen from the driveway of a Huntingdon home by burglars. Intruders broke into a property in Snowy Way, Hartford, between 2am and 6.45am February 21 The ignition keys to the silver 2010 registration BMW 540 were taken from the home and the car stolen. Some items were also taken from another vehicle parked outside the house. Anyone with information should contact Lorna Owen on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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

David Henrick - 01480 896556      [david.consult@btinternet.com](mailto:david.consult@btinternet.com)

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## ELLINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)

Calling all ladies! Would anyone be interested in joining Ellington WI? The group meets 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:

- March meeting is a local Chocolatier, with a chance to try some wonderful chocolates.
- A Theatre trip in August
- My life as a Theatrical make-up artist in October

New members are very welcome - for further information please contact Ann Bentley on 01480 891628, alternatively should anyone like to attend but requires a lift - please contact Libby Henrick on 01480 896556. We look forward to meeting you soon.

## SPALDWICK NEWS

### March 2012



The Valentine's Ball was another big success for the Social Group not least due to the very tasty and well presented meal cooked up by Darrel from the Village Shop

The January winners of the 100 Club were No.34 Peter Thomas £40 and No. 71 Libby Henrick, Burton Way £20. The February winners were No. 93 Wally Smith, High Street £40 and No. 77 Jutta Fiford Fullers Close £20. The March draw will take place at the Fete Committee Open Meeting on 7th March (See page13)



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LAWN CARE FOR MARCH 2012- See Special Offer below

Moss

Moss has been a real threat to lawns this year, and may be affecting your lawn. Apply a specific moss treatment now, or get ProLawnCare to spray with their special Moss Control Treatment. Moss dies in front of your eyes. It is best to do it now before the spring starts, otherwise it will crowd out the grass and lead to a thin and sparse lawn.

Mowing

Mow at last once a week now. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

Fertiliser

This is the time to feed and weed (preferably in that order). The fertiliser is predominately Nitrogen in a slow release form, but it may also need Phosphate and Potassium as well

Weed Control

Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad leaved weeds such as dandelions, daisies and clover within the grass can be applied

Patio/Driveway Weed Control

Weeds can look unsightly at this time of year in patios and driveways. We can spray a total weed killer to kill them and keep weed free for up to 6 months.

**Actions required in Spring**

Apply Moss Control Treatment

Mow Lawn At Least Once Per Week.

Apply Spring Fertiliser To Produce Vibrant Green Lawn

Spray Weeds In Lawn With Selective Herbicide

Spray Drive/Path/Patios With Total Herbicide To Keep Weed Free For Summer

**Call Deborah or Richard : 01480 812393- e-mail - [info@prolawncare.co.uk](mailto:info@prolawncare.co.uk)**

Reader Offer

"Book up for a Weed Control Treatment and we'll apply the Spring Fertiliser FREE OF CHARGE.

**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](mailto:davidstowell@onetel.com)

**The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Community Room, Spaldwick School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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](http://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.

**Control of Dogs on countryside footpaths**

The Parish Council has recently received a complaint from the owner of the field behind the school across which there are two public footpaths. She said "It is evident that walkers do not keep their dogs on leads and just let them run and foul over the grass". This land, being outside the built up area of the village, is not covered by the Dogs on Leads and the Fouling of Land Regulations and the financial penalties which can be incurred by offenders.

However there is a voluntary Countryside Code which dog owners using public paths outside the village are encouraged to follow. The main points to bear in mind are

- There is no "access land" around Spaldwick with the right to roam, hence walkers must keep to the designated footpaths
- You must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife
- You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control
- As a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals
- Always clean up after your dog - Please BAG IT, TIE IT and BIN IT (at home or in one of the litter / dog bins)

# Spaldwick Church

## March Services

4th	6.00pm	Evening Eucharist
11th	9.30am	Eucharist
18th	4.30pm	Mothering Sunday Family Service (Eucharist at Grafham at 11.00am)
25th	9.30am	Eucharist

These services are being taken by retired Vicar Bill Girard from Little Gidding. Jonathan, our Vicar, is now out of hospital and recovering at home. His voice and his hearing are both affected and he is not receiving visitors at the moment.

David, Bishop of Huntingdon will give the Easter Sunday Service for our Group of Parishes on 8th April at 11.00am at Ellington

For any information please telephone the Churchwardens below.

Rosemary Good (Churchwarden) 01480 890287  
John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853



It was lights down and pass the popcorn and hot dogs time this month as movie night came to Escape!

The young people enjoyed the hit Will Smith film 'Hancock' on February 24. The choice of film was decided in a vote taken earlier in the month with the tale of a flawed superhero coming out tops in the poll. Feedback from the young people was fantastic with many asking when our next film night will be!



**Session dates for March are: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Please watch the Spaldwick website at <http://www.spaldwick.com/escape> or follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SpaldwickEscape> for regular news! If we are forced to cancel any sessions, we will post it on Facebook and the Spaldwick website.

We're still on the look-out for parent volunteers who would like to help out with the running of the sessions. If you can help, please contact a member of the committee. Even if you could just volunteer for one session per term, that would be a huge help! Thank you.

Finally, thank you for continuing to use the Amazon product search box on the Spaldwick website. All proceeds from this go to support Escape. The latest figures show we have earned commission of £229.90 from 241 orders placed with more still to come!

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

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

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.

**Spaldwick Gardening Club**

The first meeting of the new Spaldwick Gardening Club will take place on **Wednesday 14 March** commencing at **7.30pm** at the home of Barbara Seymour, 18 High Street.

Do please come and join us whatever your gardening knowledge may be. This will be an informal get-together which we hope will appeal to people of all abilities.

Roger Haines

[roger@jeanhaines.plus.com](mailto:roger@jeanhaines.plus.com)

**OPEN HOUSE** The next Open House will be at the home of Rosemary Good, Ivy House, High Street at 1.30pm on Monday 26th March

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

March 7th	Fete Open Meeting (See below)
Mar 10th	Bingo (Page 7)
March 26th	Open House (See above)
April 14th	Easter Fayre (Page 8)

**FETE OPEN MEETING**

Be part of the Jubilee Fete this year, which is on Saturday July 14th.

All will be welcome at an Open Meeting in The George at 830pm on Wednesday 7th March to discuss format, make proposals and to offer help. Please come along.

**SPALDWICK 100 CLUB**

Re last month's note about numbers, the 100 Club is now complete, £120 has already been paid out to the lucky winners.

John Blatch Tel. 890853 or Email [john@blatch.com](mailto:john@blatch.com).

**Waste Bin Collection Dates**

<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>
Green	Grey	Blue
Tues 6th	Tues 13th	Fri 9th
Tues 20th	Tues 27th	Fri 23rd
<b>April</b>		<b>April</b>
Tues 6th		Fri 6th

GIRLGUIDING UK  
KYM VALLEY DISTRICT  
RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS  
ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL  
EASTER FAIR

On Sunday, April 1st 2012

From 2.30 to 4.30 P.M.

At Gt Staughton Village Hall

There will be  
Raffles, Lucky dips,  
Cake and Craft stalls

With Refreshments  
And much more besides.

All ages welcome!



**RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES,  
BOOKS AND DVD's TO HELP RAISE FUNDS  
FOR SPALDWICK SCHOOL**

**The next collection is:**

**Friday 16th March at 9:00am**

**Please help us to raise funds for school. Now is the time  
to have a clear out and ask family and friends too.**

**As usual we would ask that you use your own bags.**

**WHAT WE CAN TAKE:**

**Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets,  
sheets, curtains, soft toys or books and DVDs (in  
separate box / strong bag)**

*Please deliver your donations to the school  
on the morning of 16th March.*

*If you are unable to deliver your donations  
please contact  
Claire on (01480) 896210 before the 14<sup>th</sup> March to ar-  
range collection.*

***Thank you for your support***

**Broadband News!**

**Broadband News: New website to help with your broadband con-  
nection**

The broadband pages on the Spaldwick website, which have provided lots of advice on how to increase the speed of your broadband connection, have become incredibly popular. They are now being accessed by many thousands of people from across the UK.

A new survey from uSwitch has revealed that a third of UK homes struggle to get broadband speeds greater than 5Mbps. So, residents of Spaldwick are not alone and it is not surprising that so many people across the country are looking for help. As a result, Mark Heath has created a new broadband advice website and has moved some of the Spaldwick pages over to the new site. If you want to get the most from your broadband, please take a look and spread the word!

<http://www.increasebroadbandspeed.co.uk>

The Spaldwick website will continue to contain lots of information about what is happening locally with broadband, including the latest TalkTalk local loop unbundled services as well as superfast broadband. You can continue to access this information using the link below.

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

If you're having difficulties with your broadband connection, then don't hesitate to contact Mark at [mark.heath@spaldwick.com](mailto:mark.heath@spaldwick.com)

In the next few months, Cambridgeshire County Council will be sending out questionnaires to gauge the demand for superfast broadband in our area. Further information will appear here and on the Spaldwick website ([www.spaldwick.com](http://www.spaldwick.com))

If you require more information, please don't hesitate to email me at [broadband@spaldwick.com](mailto:broadband@spaldwick.com)  
Mark Heath

## CHURCH NEWS

### Bingo

Last reminder for the Bingo and Tea event on Saturday March 10th at the school hall. Please contact Julia (890203) or Amba (890565) to reserve tickets.

### Easter Competition and Fayre - Saturday 14th April

Details of the competition classes and rules are now available on the Parish Website, noticeboards and on pages 8-11. There will also be tea and cake served in the church.

Come and visit us on the day to view the exhibits and take part in either "JARPING" (eggs provided) or Parachuting your teddy off the church tower.....You will need to make a parachute for your favourite soft toy and bring it along on the day - prizes for all entries especially the slowest descent.

### Sunday 18th March - Mothering Sunday Service at 4.30pm.

If you have or wish to write any special poems or prayers to be used in the service please pass them to Amba before. Please join us and stay for refreshments afterwards.

**Enlightening - Christian Youth Group** had a film night during half term. The next meeting is Sunday March 11th 6.30-8pm at Threeways. Come along to make something for Mothers Day and discuss "rain".....Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. That's the way life is. Still it makes us wonder how God can let these things happen to us. How God can just stand by and watch us suffer. Where is God when it really hurts?.....

**Church Open Meeting** for the supporters of St James is at Threeways on Wednesday 21st March at 8pm - hope to see you there.

Like to take part in the Craft Fayre but not sure what to do? See Below

**Bee Crafty** is a fully accessible craft training centre and shop located at Brook Farm, Ellington. People of all abilities are welcome to come and learn patchwork quilting, knitting/crochet and beading. We have a wonderful range of fabric, wool, beads and all associated items. We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa and a chat.

## Prizes

In each class certificates will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings in each age group. Points will be issued to entrants attaining places in various classes and there will be prizes awarded.

Entry fee - 50p per class. Discount for multiple entries by the same exhibitor - 6 classes for £2.50 or 10 classes for £4.

## Rules

You may make more than one entry in a class.

Entries to be delivered to St James Church Spaldwick between 9am and 10am on day of the Fayre.

Judging will take place in private from 11am.

The church will be open for viewing of exhibits and prize winners from 2.30pm.

If you wish to donate your exhibit to raise further funds please let us know. All other exhibits will be available for collection between 5 and 6pm

The judge's decision is final. Any disagreement with a show official will lead to disqualification.

Great care will be taken to prevent accidents to exhibits but the committee or officials will not be held responsible for any damages.

## Bingo Evening



Saturday 10 March 5-7pm

Spaldwick School Hall

Try your luck at our community event for all - from the youngest to the eldest!

### Ticket includes:

- ◆ Tea - sandwiches, homemade cakes,
- ◆ tea/coffee/ squash.
- ◆ First round of Bingo
- ◆ Optional table quiz or challenge

Prizes! Subsequent games 50p.

If any senior citizens of our community or local villages, or anyone with mobility issues would like a lift door to door please contact Amba or Julia to make arrangements.

**Tickets from Amba 890565/Julia 890203:**

Family(2+2) £7

Adult £3

Child £1

Senior Citizen £2

Proceeds to St James Church.

## Easter Craft Competition

Saturday 14th April 2012

All day Craft Fair with Teas and Cakes in the Church. Start crafting now!

Classes below, rules on Page 10

All classes will be judged in the following 3 age groups:

Adult: 16 years +

Children: 5 and under

6-10 years inclusive

11- 15 years inclusive

### Classes

#### Baking - Adult

- 1) Fruit cake
- 2) Sponge cake
- 3) Quiche
- 4) Loaf of bread

#### Baking - Children

- 5) 3 decorated Cupcakes
- 6) 3 decorated biscuits
- 7) Pizza

#### Photography

- 8) Spaldwick Village
- 9) Spaldwick Wildlife
- 10) Spaldwick People

#### Painting

- 11) Spaldwick Gardens
- 12) Spaldwick Church

#### Card making

- 13) Easter card

#### Model making

- 14) Any A14 Vehicle  
(Material of your choice:  
lego/wood/junk)

#### Decorated egg

- 15) Chicken's egg
- 16) Chocolate egg

#### Knitting/Crochet

- 17) Any sample

#### Cross Stitch

- 18) Any presentation

#### Flowers-Adult

- 19) Arrangement in an unusual container

#### Flowers-Child

- 20) Mini garden in a seed tray

#### Poem

- 21) About life in Spaldwick

#### Handwriting

- 22) To present "The Lord's Prayer"



