

**Remembrance Day Service,**  
Sunday 11th November, 10.45am,  
War Memorial, Village Green

**Parish Council Meeting,**  
Thursday 15th November, 8pm,  
Community Room, Spaldwick School

**FOSS Santa Fun Run,**  
Saturday 1st December, 9.30am,  
Spaldwick School

**St James Church Carol Party,**  
Thursday 20th December

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# SPALDWICK NEWS

## Royal British Legion Western Front Trek 2018

Retired Royal Air Force Squadron Leader and Spaldwick resident Stuart Ainsworth has completed the Royal British Legion's Western Front Trek 2018, joining around 60 others on a 100-kilometre route covering ground from the Battle of the Somme (1916), the Battle of Arras and the Third Battle of Ypres (also known as Passchendaele) in 1917.

With 2018 marking 100 years since the end of the First World War, the four-day Trek was a poignant experience. Raising vital funds for the Armed Forces Community, it was also a chance to remember the incredible sacrifices made by those who have fought.

On the second day, Stuart visited the Thiepval Memorial (pictured below middle), an imposing monument carrying the names of over 72,000 soldiers with no known grave from the Battle of the Somme, including Spaldwick resident William Woodham. While there, Stuart paid respects to William, whose name appears on the village Role of Honour and village war memorial. A wooden cross recognising William's life was placed there by Stuart.



The Trek finished with the nightly Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, where Stuart was honoured to represent the Legion and lay a wreath to honour the fallen.

If you are able to sponsor Stuart's efforts, please visit - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rbltrek>



## Spaldwick Community Speedwatch, by Sharan Jackson-Rimmer

Community Speedwatch has been quiet over the summer but we are hoping to hold one session per month during the next couple of months (weather permitting). We held a session on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 8am and 9am. We assessed the speed of 192 vehicles and found **zero** vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

:: Check out our Facebook page for more tips and advice on safe driving:  
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:: If anyone would like to join our group of volunteers please email  
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What a great start to the school year at Spaldwick! It began with 'Tea & Tissues', a lovely way for the new reception parents to meet and chat after dropping their little ones off for their first day at school! Reception children also received their welcome gingerbread men treat from FOSS.

On Saturday 19th September, we enjoyed our first event of the year - the 'Welcome back to school' BBQ, where families enjoyed great food and drink, an inflatable obstacle course, tombola, face painting, glitter tattoos and candy floss.

Thank you to FOSS members, parents, Playtimes Pre-school, Mrs Worrell and Miss Bell for all your help and support at this event. It was great to see so many families enjoying the afternoon!

:: For more information, go to the FOSS section of [www.spaldwickschool.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickschool.org.uk) or search for 'Friends of Spaldwick School' on Facebook.



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# Santa Fun Run

Entry fee  
Adult £2.50 each  
Child £2 each  
Includes a medal on finishing!

SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
9:30am  
SPALDWICK SCHOOL  
ENTRY CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Run or walk with family and friends  
and be a 'CLAUS' for a 'CAUSE'

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## St James Church Services for November

- Sunday, 4th November - 9.30am
- Sunday, 11th November - 10.45am, **Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial on the Village Green. St James bells will be participating in the national 'Ringers Remember' event at 12.30pm, marking the centenary of the Armistice.**
- Sunday, 18th November - 9.30am

## Church Christmas News, from Julia Rutherford & Amba Harbour



**:: Party Pieces?** - Are there any musical or other performers who would like to share their talents at the Carol Party on the evening of Thursday, 20th December? This event is a friendly and informal mix of traditional carols with other festive music, Christmas-inspired entertainment and generally a little bit of audience participation (plus finger buffet and mulled wine!)

If anyone would like to get involved in any way, please email [stjamesspaldwick@aol.co.uk](mailto:stjamesspaldwick@aol.co.uk), or call Amba on 01480 890565 or Julia on 01480 890203.

**:: Christmas cards** - Christmas cards in aid of church improvements are now on sale featuring this lovely painting (pictured top left) by Spaldwick artist Sid Wheeler (£3.99 for 5). Please get in touch with Liz on 01480 891537 to order yours now. Thanks must also go to Mikaela Titheridge for selling her stylish handcrafted cards earlier this year in aid of the same fund.

**:: Spaldwick Pony Express Christmas card delivery service** - Back by popular demand, the Spaldwick Christmas postbox at 2 High Street (pictured left) will be opening on 1st December for cards for delivery to anyone in Spaldwick. Cards will be delivered just before Christmas (latest posting dates will be shown next month, on the village website and Facebook). At least one delivery will be made by miniature Shetland ponies in festive costumes, other deliveries may be made by volunteers. It would be greatly appreciated if users of the service felt able to make a donation towards the Church improvement fund. Donations should be placed in a sealed envelope and placed through the green front door (not the post box). We have had some amazing descriptions of people and where they live, but it does save us a lot of time if you could please address your cards with the house number and street! A brief return address or name on the back would be useful in case we can't find the delivery address.



*Did you hear the bells of St James Church drifting across the village on a bright Saturday, September 29th? A visiting group of bell ringers from Sussex was behind the cheerful and uplifting performance.*

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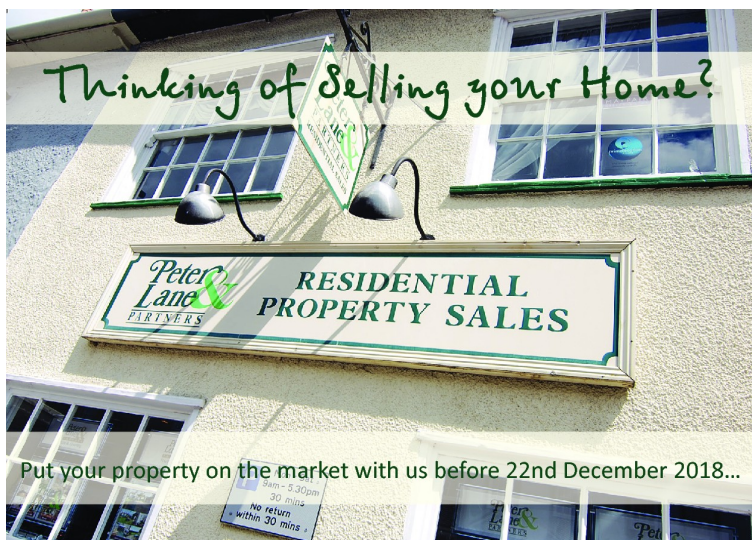
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## Local football team appeals for U12 players in Spaldwick

Kimbolton Town Colts are looking for new Year 7 (Under-12) players from Spaldwick to join their squad! Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome, but they must be able to play matches on Saturday mornings. The home ground is Kimbolton Sports Field on Pound Lane and league away games are played all over Huntingdonshire. For more details, please contact Richard Harradine: harra\_1@hotmail.com

## Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club, by Andrew Vickers

We face a challenging month hosting matches against teams from, Alconbury, Gransden and former Bedfordshire League Champions Renhold. Unfortunately, October's match against local rivals Catworth had to be postponed due to a shortage of players.

*:: Do you have a vacuum cleaner you no longer require?* The club's carpets need constant cleaning and we are looking for a vacuum cleaner.

If you can help or want to find out more about the club, please contact: Club Chairman Andrew Vickers on 01480 891201.

## Playtimes Pre-School AGM



Calling all parents, old and new! Do you have a few hours you could spare each month to help support our preschool and S-club?

Would you consider joining our voluntary parents and staff committee? Without sufficient members our lovely village preschool may not be able to operate - we need you!

**Join us for drinks and nibbles at our AGM on November 22nd at 7.30pm and find out a little more about it. We look forward to seeing you there.**

## Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council

Spaldwick Parish Council

### Spaldwick Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer Vacancy Part-time – 16 hours per month

**Salary – SCP 18-22 pro rata (£9,808 per hour-£10,953 per hour)**

Spaldwick Parish Council seeks a part-time Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

Duties will include:

- Attending meetings on the third Thursday of each month plus the Annual Parish meeting and any further meetings required
- The preparation of agendas and accurate minutes of Parish Council meetings
- Keeping accurate financial records, banking, invoices, payment of accounts and HMRC payments/wages etc
- Taking action on resolutions passed by the Council
- Administering Parish Council events and projects
- Management and administration of the Councils contractors
- Management of assets and insurances
- Setting the councils budget, financial account preparation and liaison with auditors
- Publication on website and notice boards, as appropriate, of information required by the Transparency Code and the Accounts and Audit
- Liaise with Chairman between meetings

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons, although training will be offered and enthusiasm to learn will be an attractive quality. The parish clerk will be responsible for the administration of the business and finances of the council. The Clerk/RFO will be an employee of the Council and remuneration will be for approx. 4 hours per week. The numbers of hours may increase slightly depending on new projects. The salary scale is in accordance with NALC recommendations for Part Time Clerks/RFOs. The precise starting point for the successful candidate will depend on level of qualifications and experience. Please note Spaldwick Parish Council do not have an office so there will be a requirement to work from home.

Closing date for applications is 15 November 2018

If you are interested, please submit a CV to:

Chair Spaldwick Parish Council, Hazel Cottage, 18 Thrapston Road, Spaldwick, PE28 0TA.



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