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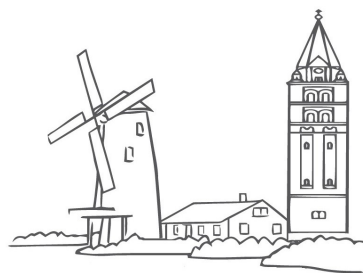
:: St James Church Services - 1st September, 9.30am; 15th September, 9.30am; 29th September, 10.45am at Easton Church (More details on Page 3).

:: Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 19th September, Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School, 8pm.

:: Spaldwick Primary School, Open Day Tours - Wednesday 25th September, 9am; Thursday 3rd October, 1.30pm; Friday 11th October, 9am; Thursday 17th October, 6pm (More details on Page 2).

September 2019

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SPALDWICK NEWS

Spaldwick enjoys a successful Bunting Week & Summer Fete

A fun day of games, stalls, music, dance and food was enjoyed by many villagers and visitors at this years' Spaldwick Summer Fete and Hog Roast - even the wet weather failed to dampen spirits! Keeping with tradition, it was officially opened by Spaldwick Village Crier, David Watson, in full regalia (pictured right).

The village extends a big thank you to every one involved in planning and running the event, including Spaldwick Social Group, the Primary School, Playtimes, FOSS, St James Church, Spaldwick Escape Youth Group, sponsors Peter Lane and all donors of raffle prizes.

:: See this month's centre pages for a special gallery of the fete weekend and Bunting Week.



Spaldwick Allotments: Apply NOW!

The Spaldwick allotments are progressing well and the Parish Council is now in a position to ask for firm names of anyone who would like to be an allotment holder.

Once names have been received, a meeting will be arranged to form an allotment committee. The allotments will be 5 poles (125 square metres) in size.

As this is a new venture for the Parish Council, they will initially charge £25 per plot per year. This fee may change next year depending upon the annual running costs.

If you are interested in an allotment please email the Parish Clerk (clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com) or Graham Smith (grahamsmith804@btinternet.com)

Playtimes Playgroup rated 'Good' by Ofsted

Ofsted has delivered its latest report on Playtimes Playgroup, rating it 'Good' overall.

Key points from the visit by inspector Ann Austen on June 4th included:

- *Children make good progress in their learning
- *Children enjoy close relationships with the staff, who are caring and friendly;
- *Partnerships are well established with the local school;
- *The manager and staff establish strong relationships with the children and their families. Children enjoy being outside in the fresh air. They plant and nurture seeds to observe growth, paint pictures and explore the mud kitchen area;
- *Children enthusiastically complete risk assessments of the outdoor area before going outside to play.

Playtimes Playgroup

Playtimes Building, Ferriman Road, Spaldwick, Cambridgeshire PE28 0TQ



Inspection date	4 July 2019
Previous inspection date	29 February 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
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Outcomes for children		Good	2



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If you would like to join me on a walk around the Tudor timbers and beautiful beams of Manor Farm as she was when first built, and before we have to cover them over then please get in touch - there is still some time left.

It's been an absolute pleasure meeting everyone, and I am delighted to say I will now be able to continue the walks through August and September, so please get in touch.

Sorry no children - it is still a building site - Groups of 8 people maximum please - weekends work best - as there are no noisy workmen! I look forward to meeting you.

Janine Johnson

:: Ways to get in touch: jjmanorfarm@icloud or phone or text 07185 287259 (or drop a note by the house).

Spaldwick Book Exchange: Two Years On

It is now two years since the Spaldwick Book Exchange officially opened on the corner of Royston Avenue. The old phone box is still in use as a free library, and a location for the display of flyers publicising local events.

A big thank you must go to Carolyn Traynor who has been 'caretaking' the facility since it opened. Due to moving away, Carolyn has now passed on this responsibility to Shirley Lansley who has volunteered her time to keep an eye on it.

Other offers of help after an appeal on the village Facebook page are greatly appreciated.

Cyclists stop off in Spaldwick during £16,000 hospice fundraiser

The sun was shining down on the 305 participants who took on the 'Cycle for Cransley' challenge on Sunday 23rd June, helping to make it a record-breaking year.

Eager cyclists – aged between 2 and 71-years- set out to conquer various picturesque routes in aid of Cransley Hospice, including one which included a 'feed station' on Spaldwick High Street.

Amelia Davey from the charity said: "On behalf of everyone at Cransley Hospice I'd like to say a huge thank you for supporting Cycle for Cransley as the riders came through Spaldwick village."



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Even if you already have a child at Spaldwick, come and find out about our brilliant Reception class and the journey beyond.

Tours will take place on:

Wednesday 25th September at 9am

Thursday 3rd October at 1:30pm

Friday 11th October at 9am

Thursday 17th October at 6pm

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- **Welcome to our new Vicar**

Welcome to Rev Philip Howson, our new Vicar. He is very keen to become involved in all aspects of our village life - so please do go up and introduce yourself to him if you see him. Or get in touch at: revphiliphowson@icloud.com

- **Harvest Supper – Sunday, 13th October - hold the date!**

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday, 13th October. It will be followed by our traditional meal and a raffle of produce. We will have more details next month, but make sure you keep the date free!

- **Supporting the church for the cost of a coffee**

We are still working on our plans to improve the church to help ensure its long term viability for not only community activities, but so that it is there for its more traditional uses such as christenings, weddings and funerals. We'd love to hear from anyone interested in our new regular giving scheme. **You can donate from as little as the cost of a Costa cuppa!**

This scheme is run across the country, and administered locally by Ely but all the funds come back to Spaldwick. If you are interested in donating, even just a couple of pounds a month, please get in touch for an information pack by emailing stjamespaldwick@aol.com or calling Amba on 890565 or Julia on 890203. The good news is that all this information is treated as confidential, with just a group monthly payment coming through to the church. **If you decide to remain anonymous only the amount of the gift will be shared with the church, not your name, although if you wish to be known to us we can thank you. If you already have a parish giving pack but haven't had chance to return it you are not alone – please don't forget to do so as soon as possible – every little really does help!**

- **Home insurance deals to benefit us all**

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- **Access to the church**

If you'd like to get into the church just knock on one of these local doors to ask for a key: 3 Stow Road, 2 High Street and Threeways High Street (next door to no 2), or get in touch in advance using the details below and we will be very happy to lend you a key.

To get in touch: stjamespaldwick@aol.com or call Amba on 890565 or Julia on 890203.

Well hello!

This is my first letter to you as the new Vicar of Spaldwick and I'm delighted to be joining you. In truth I'm joining seven parishes/villages as vicar but expect to be spending quite a deal of time with Spaldwick.

I started work here a month-or-so ago after a big flashy service called an "Installation and Licensing", and since then have been busy getting to know the various villages and communities.

I've just left a clutch of parishes in Nottinghamshire which were mostly rural and it's where I discovered my love for this kind of work, so I'm looking forward to joining you in village life here. I've not always done villages – my previous work included Sheffield City Council and various homelessness agencies and I spent a long time living and working in London and originate from near Oxford. Nevertheless, here feels like home now for me and my family.

Perhaps I've already met some of you at the school's Leaver's Service in the Church? I hope to share many more times like that with you, and don't forget, Harvest is coming quite quickly on the 13th October at 6:00. Tickets are out quite soon.

On a practical note, if you are considering a wedding or baptism or have other concerns you'd want to involve the Priest in, do please get in contact either by email at: revphiliphowson@icloud.com or phone my office on 01480 869081 and I shall see how we can help. Alternatively, you may want to introduce me to your club or organisation, for which I'd love an invite.

Yours truly,

Revd Philip



September's Services:

1st September, 9.30am - Morning Worship with Jill Dighton

15th September, 9.30am - Parish Communion with Rev. Philip Howson

29th September, 10.45am - Group Service at Easton

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Photo Gallery: Enjoying Spaldwick Summer Fete 2019!



Spaldwick Bake Off Competition: The Winners

This year's Summer Fete was coupled with the Spaldwick Bake Off, which saw some amazing culinary creations and tasty treats!

Well done to everyone who took part. A massive thank you must also go to Alistair and Stephen from The George for their judging skills and very kind cash prizes. Here is the full list of winners:

Cupcakes

- Primary - Hayden Pope
- Over-18s - Keren Pope

Savory

- Primary - Hayden Pope

Cakes

- 1st Primary - Natalie & Luke Bowles
- 2nd Primary - Katie Marks
- 1st Secondary - Elaine Woolward
- 2nd Secondary - Owen Pope
- 1st Over-18 - Aine Harbor
- 2nd Over-18 - Alex Rice
- Overall Winner - Aine Harbor



Spaldwick Bunting Week 2019

Well done Spaldwick for making the inaugural Spaldwick Bunting Week a success! More than 60 properties were decorated, including the Primary School, Playtimes and George pub. The money raised from sales of bunting and raffle tickets at the Summer Fete will go to the 'Hunts Community Cancer Network.'

- You can see a video of everyone who got involved on the spaldwick.com website, but a selection is featured below:



Friends of Spaldwick School raise nearly £6,000 in 2018/19 academic year

Friends of Spaldwick School have managed to raise a grand total of £5,924.56 over the past academic year. A big congratulations to everyone who volunteered for your hard work and dedication at events!

Recently, the 'Pick Your Nose' team at Spaldwick Fete had lots of fun making mess and raising money for the school. On the same weekend, cream teas at The Grafham Beer Festival went down well, and along with a raffle, FOSS raised £580.

The year culminated in a successful end of year disco and Year 6 Leavers Party.

Plus, as Headteacher Louise Worrell continues with her fundraising campaign to refurbish the school hall, an impressive £145 was raised with an after-school 'Cakes for Curtains' sale (pictured right).



Spaldwick Parish Council News

June's meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 20th. Present were Chairman Steve Fane de Salis, S. Jackson-Rimmer, J. Smith and one member of the public.

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

- **Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection** - Hedges are reported to be overgrown and untidy. This work will need to go back out to tender following an unsuccessful arrangement last year.
- **Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc** - A complaint was received regarding the recent filling in at Ferriman Road and the council will raise concerns with the Highways Department.
- **Community Room** - Quotes for flooring: Cllr G Smith is still obtaining further quotes for the carpet and will report at the next meeting.
- **Further Discussion of Defibrillator** - Further enquiries into maintenance and security options to be researched for the next meeting.
- **Relocation of Spaldwick's old War Memorial** - A letter had been received from the Church Buildings Consultant who attended a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Advisory Committee. The DAC does not support removal of the old War Memorial into the churchyard at St James, Spaldwick. Cllr G Smith proposed that the Memorial be relocated on village land within the parish. It was proposed to site the Memorial on the land in front of Stanwell House, Thrapston Road. Proposed by Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr S Fane de Salis. Carried. Discussions will take place with the stone mason as to the exact siting and placement, and any Grants available for the works.
- **Church Footpaths** - A request for the Parish Council to gravel the public footpaths in the Churchyard was received, however the Parish Council has no responsibility for this. It was suggested that the A14 Integration Scheme may be able to help in this instance.



The revamp of Spaldwick Community Room is well underway. The facility now has new curtains which are black out lined and fire resistant.

The carpet is next to be replaced!

:: 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 19th September, 8pm in the Community Room.

Spaldwick Escape Youth Group

We may be in the Summer Holiday break but the committee hasn't stopped. We are pleased to report that we have just received a very generous £1,500 grant from the Hinchingsbrooke Foundation to help pay for the increased day to day running cost of the club for a further 12 months. The Foundation has been supporting the club financially over the last 10 years and we are extremely grateful.



We are now able to go out and source some new equipment that will be available for use on a Friday, either outside when the weather allows or in the Hall. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Stuart Ainsworth prepares for Normandy beaches challenge

After recent visits to the Western Front and Gallipoli, Ivy Way resident Stuart Ainsworth is again taking to the battlefields and trekking 100-kilometres along the Normandy Beaches this month, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Retired Military Logistician Stuart writes: "Last year, in a party of 63 trekkers, we raised over £110,000 so the bar has been set quite high. If you are able to support me this year, all donations and sponsorships will be much appreciated.

"In particular, as this is a battle with which I have no personal connection, and the local area memorials have no immediate connection, please let me know (if you have any family ties) and I will be honoured to pay respects, as we visit many of the military cemeteries in the area."

:: Stuart's JustGiving page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-ainsworth1



Marie Curie benefits from Blooming Great Tea Party



A tea party in aid of Marie Curie has raised nearly £136 for the charity. The "Blooming Great Tea Party" was organised by Sharan Jackson-Rimmer and held in Spaldwick Community Room in July.

A selection of tea, coffee and treats were on offer, with the cakes looking delicious!

Marie Curie provides care and support for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. Last year they cared for over 40,000 people across the UK.

Spaldwick residents urged to cut contamination

Despite 64% of waste collected in May being diverted from landfill through recycling or composting, 227 recycling bins in Huntingdonshire were not collected because they contained contaminated waste. This costs Huntingdonshire residents on average £10,000 a month to remove and dispose of incorrect items such as food, nappies and black bags, put into the blue bins.

Incorrect items placed in recycling bins reduce the quality of the acceptable recycling at the District Council's plant in Waterbeach and can cause large quantities of recycling to be rejected, therefore not recycled.

As a reminder:

- Wet wipes, nappies and sanitary waste should be placed into your grey bin
- Do not use black bags for recycling. Place recycling in your bin clean, dry and loose
- Empty all liquids from bottles and place tops and lids back on before putting into your blue bin
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Green	Thurs 12th Sept	Thurs 26th Sept	Thurs 10th Oct	Thurs 24th Oct	

Ellington WI - upcoming events

The September Ellington WI meeting is on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be demonstrating glassblowing with a chance to have a go ourselves.

The October meeting is on Tuesday, October 1st at 7.30pm, when we have a hands-on science experiments evening. Coming up on Friday, September 27th is a MacMillan Coffee morning from 10am to 12pm, again in the village hall. There will be a raffle, as well as a bring and buy stall - plus lots of lovely cakes with teas and coffees.

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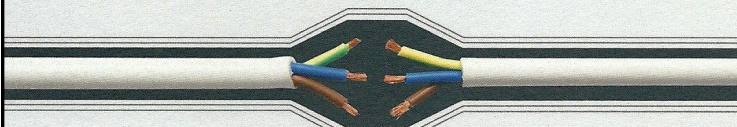
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