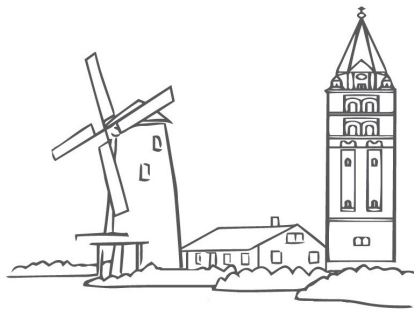


Diary dates:

Harvest Festival at St James Church (followed by Harvest Supper), Sunday 16th September at 5pm.

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 20th September, 8pm, Community Room.



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Spaldwick Fete Success, by Lisa Hunter

Saturday 7th July saw another successful Spaldwick fete despite the sweltering heat! Opened by Louise Worrall, Head of Spaldwick School, over 570 people attended and a brilliant atmosphere was evident throughout the day, with lots of activities and stalls to appeal to all ages, abilities and tastes.

This year was also the inaugural 'Spaldwick Bake Off' with a great selection of cupcakes, sweet, and savoury entries being meticulously assessed and judged by Alister and Stephen from The George (pictured).

During the day, entertainment included Irish dancing from Olivia Sturdy & friends and Maypole dancing from the school. We also welcomed the Generations Dance Company's display. They were all well received by the watching crowd.



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For those keen football supporters, a large TV screen was put up in Playtimes showing the England v Sweden match. Many thanks go to CEDIA UK for providing the equipment & to James Glover for making it work!

As the sun went down, we enjoyed a hog roast and bar with musical entertainment provided by James Robinson as well as a charity auction.

So many great memories of the day...and moments of sadness too, as we said a big thank you and farewell as John Lock left the committee after over a decade of helping to make the village the fabulous place it is.

A big thank you to all who were involved in the fete as well all the visitors who helped to make the day such a great success and raise money for the school and local charities.

Parish Council Update, by Steve Fane de Salis (Chairman)

Spaldwick Parish Council has been working hard to ensure The Community Room at Spaldwick Primary School continues to be available for Community Use.

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed the terms of a lease and we hope to be able to take bookings soon.

The space available is approximately 65 m2 with a separate kitchen and a toilet. For contact details please see the Spaldwick Parish Council Website (www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk) or Facebook page.

:: Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 20th September, 8pm, in the Community Room.



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Spaldwick's Super Scarecrows!

A huge congratulations to everyone who worked hard to make 2018's Scarecrow Week a success! There were 16 entries on the theme of 'Anything beginning with A', but the Judges felt that the detail in the winners was excellent. 1st place went to 'Alice in Wonderland'; in 2nd place was 'Allotment'; and 3rd prize went to 'Artful Dodger'. Special mention went to the RAF airman, and the A14 road worker for their 'apt-ness'!



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Church Services for September, from John Blatch

- Sunday, 2nd September - 9.30am, **Prayer and Praise**, Jill Dighton
- Sunday, 16th September - 5pm, **Harvest Festival**, Revd. Ron Lancaster (Followed by Harvest Supper)
- Sunday, 30th September - 10.45am, **Group Service**, Revd. Ron Lancaster

"Sorry, we are closed!" Is not a sign we want to see, Spaldwick PCC



Whatever your religious point of view, you probably agree that the church has held an important place in the lives of Spaldwick residents since the 12th century - being a place of both poignant memories for some and of celebration for others.

Most of us have the right to a baptism, wedding or funeral service in our own parish church and we tend to take it for granted that this fascinating Grade 1 listed building is here for us, and will continue to be so. However, today many village churches are under threat of closure due to lack of funds and sadly St James is no different.

A small congregation alone can no longer fund this large historic building and although we continue to work on developing it into a communal space, which we hope will also help ensure its longer term financial stability, this has proved to be a slow process. We are now moving forward with some plans, and would love to hear from anyone who might be willing to help us in some little way with this large project whether that is hands on practical help, or helping to research grants and funding etc.

We are of course very grateful to everyone who kindly supports the Church's various fundraising activities but welcome additional contributions. Please get in touch if you, or your business or charity etc, are willing to make a regular donation of say £3/month- just the price of a coffee! Larger donations would of course be very gratefully accepted! Donations under the Gift Aid scheme attract an added reclaim of tax so your £3 becomes £3.75, £10 becomes £12.50 and so on. And if you are a 40% taxpayer you can reclaim the extra 20% yourself.

:: Please get in touch if you can help in any way by emailing stjamespaldwick@aol.com or calling Amba Harbour on 890565 or Julia Rutherford on 890203

St James Church Harvest Festival Supper

In the George
6.00pm 16th September
(Church Service at 5.00pm)

Tickets, £12.50 Adults £5 Children, from

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Julia Rutherford Tel. 890203

Or Email stjamespaldwick@aol.com

*Gifts of produce will be welcomed
Please leave in the porch or in the church, which
will be open all day on 16th September*

Spaldwick Community Primary School

Head teacher Louise Worrell writes: "Spaldwick Community Primary School are looking to appoint an enthusiastic Site Agent with high expectations and a positive 'can do' attitude. You will manage our premises to ensure it is a safe place for all children, staff, parents and visitors.

Our school is a busy, friendly school and we are looking for a positive, hardworking, Site Agent who has a keen commitment to providing high standards of customer care.

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Best wishes for the Launch of Spaldwick News

Spaldwick Book Exchange, by Carolyn Traynor

We are approaching the first anniversary of the Spaldwick Book Exchange in the decommissioned phone box in Royston Avenue.

At the opening ceremony on 23 September 2017 we had no idea how this would develop or if it would be a success. However, one year on, it must be acknowledged that, thanks to the good folk of Spaldwick, the Book Exchange is still in use as a free library, and is also being used for the display of flyers publicising local events.

It is checked and tidied up on a weekly basis and the stock rotated from time to time as on occasion boxes of books have been deposited there. It would be wonderful to see small ads posted in the Book Exchange if people want to advertise goods to buy or sell. Looking forward to another successful year!



Spaldwick Escape Youth Group



A big thank you to the Hinchbrooke Foundation for their £750 grant, which will help us subsidise trips out! We're asking for any suggestions of where we could go.

The first session back after the summer break is 7pm at Spaldwick School on September 7th - all Year 7 pupils and upwards (and any Year 6 children whose birthdays are before 31st December) can join now.

:: More info on the club can be found on our Facebook page - search for 'Spaldwick Escape Youth Club'

Playtimes Preschool, from Manager Zoe Cossins



Playtimes operates from 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday. We offer wrap around care for children aged 2 - 11 years old. This consists of a breakfast club, running between 8- 8.45 and again between 3- 6pm. Between the hours of 9am and 3pm we run pre-school sessions. If your child is between the age of 3 and 5 years old you could be entitled to between 15 and 30 hours of free government funding.

We have spaces for our pre- school September intake. We offer a fun, learning experience for young children aged 2- 5 years old and adapt our environment to offer a safe 'home from home' experience for the children.

As well as offering a welcoming environment we also have a close link with Spaldwick Primary School, and have weekly visits to the school where we use their hall and sports equipment to undertake a PE sessions; we use the school grounds to practice climbing on their equipment and we also have story time at the school too. We run forest school sessions. These sessions give the children the opportunity to explore nature, take risks and learn about how to keep themselves safe. We involve the children in our planning and they often choose to roast marshmallows in a fire. The older children at our after school club and holiday club also enjoy participating in these activities.

Our out of school club runs from 3- 6pm, where the children enjoy a range of activities from craft to cooking to playing football. This period of time gives children the opportunity to play and socialise at their own leisure after a busy day at school.

:: To find out more information please contact us on 01480 890077 or email us: contact@playtimesplaygroup.co.uk

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