

SPALDWICK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Going on Holiday - While you're away Don't make it obvious that your home is empty. Use timer switches for lights (preferably upstairs), radios (tuned to talk stations), and a 'fake TV' flickering light box. Ask a neighbour to keep a car parked in the driveway. Ask someone to take in mail, milk, dustbins etc. If you have a trusted neighbour, friend or relative with a key, ask them to close the curtains at night and open them in the morning.

Don't give clues to burglars! This might sound obvious, but it's actually very easy to accidentally give away clues about your location on **social media**. It might be via 'checking in' somewhere or even something as simple as leaving your phone's *GPS* service turned on or uploading a photo to the internet.

Valuables Keep valuables hidden out of sight and not viewable from windows. Keep jewellery and credit cards secure and house deeds and other important legal documents in banks. Burglars look in 'safe' spots such as under mattresses and in shoeboxes and tins. Never keep large amounts of cash at home. Never leave packaging from new valuables such as computers and televisions visible with your general rubbish.

Have a safe holiday!!

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please **call 999**. For all **non-emergencies**, general enquiries and to report crime please **call 101**.

To give information anonymously, about crime, call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

August/September Waste Bin Collection

Blue/Green

Fri 7th Fri 21st Sept Sat 5th

Grey

Fri 14th Fri 28th Sept Fri 11th

SPALDWICK NEWS

August 2015



SPALDWICK SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP

Organisers of the Annual Village Fete St George's Day Supper, Burns Night, Santa Sleigh Run and anything else you can suggest

Help keep things going and have fun doing so.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th August at 8 o'clock in The George. Come along and join us.

Spaldwick Gardening Club

The gardening club had a busy month with our stall at Spaldwick Fete and then our visit to Kathy Brown's Garden in Stevington.

We would like to thank everyone who donated plants for our stall and for all the members who helped on the day.

Amazingly, we sold nearly every plant that we had with just five plants remaining unsold.

Our raffle was also very successful with most prizes staying in the village.

The Club made a return visit to Kathy Brown's Garden but later in the year this time so we were able to see her large collection of summer flowering clematis.

Kathy gave us a demonstration of how to use edible flowers in baking and we were delighted to be able to enjoy her home made cakes on the lawn afterwards.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th August at 7.30pm, 1 Ivy Way.

New members always welcome to this friendly club.

Roger Haines

No Open House in

Dates for your Diary
Oct 4th Harvest Supper

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



Some of the Spaldwick Speedwatch volunteers attended a training session on Thursday 9th July which was run by Brian Robins, the Cambridgeshire Police Force Speedwatch Coordinator. The training was very informative and those attending learned how to set up the equipment and how to run an efficient Speedwatch session.

I met with Brian and Paul Cole (another member of the Brian's team) on Thursday 23rd July, to discuss possible locations for Speedwatch sites. All the sites were agreed so we've now got a green light to hold Speedwatch sessions within the village!!!!

Keep your eyes peeled and your speed down - the Spaldwick Community Speedwatch will be coming to a road or two near you soon!!!!

If you would like to become a volunteer or if you want to contact me please email me at:

csw.spaldwick@yahoo.co.uk

SHARAN JACKSON-RIMMER

Spaldwick Church

August Services

2nd	10.45am Parish Communion	John Rawlinson
9th	10.45am Morning worship	John Rawlinson
16th	10.45am Parish Communion	Stephen Bowring
23rd	10.45am Family Service	Stephen Bowring

Stephen Bowring (Vicar) 01480 860792

John Blatch (Churchwarden) 01480 890853

For up-to-date information on Church activities

see spaldwick.com/church



Saturday 12th September 10am 'til 6pm

This is an annual sponsored visit to our local churches in aid of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (who gave us £3000 towards the recent roof repair). You may walk, bike or drive to call into the churches where refreshments will be available.

If you would like to take part please contact John Blatch for sponsorship forms.

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The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 17th September at 8 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the meeting on relevant matters during the Open Forum.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative

Spaldwick Parish Council is about to prepare an application for improvements to the highways (streets and adjoining footways) in Spaldwick for inclusion in the 2016/17 scheme. Residents of the village are invited to send suggestions to the Clerk for consideration by the Parish Council.

Applications could involve any highway measure or improvement that is considered to offer benefit to the local community. Traffic calming, parking restrictions, speed limit changes and footway and pedestrian crossing improvements are some of the most common proposals that are delivered by this initiative.

In recent years Spaldwick has benefitted from the scheme by completion of the footway to Ivy Way; roundels painted on the roads at the start of the 30 mph zone; re-kerbing adjacent to the High Street post box to reduce over running on the grass verge; improving the footway outside 7 Thrapston Road to improve drainage and dropping the kerb on each side of the driveway.

Applications can be made for a maximum County Council contribution of £10,000, subject to the Parish Council contributing at least 10% of the total cost. Those submitted by communities in Huntingdonshire will be considered by a County Council panel and scored between 0 and 5 depending on the degree of improvement they will contribute to the scheme objectives. The applications for each district area are prioritised in score order and the contribution for each scheme is allocated in accordance with panel recommendations.

Flying the flags at Spaldwick Fete

The 2015 Spaldwick Fete attracted another record crowd! The weather was brilliant and we all had a terrific time. It seemed like a slow start but by lunchtime the Fete was buzzing and no-one seemed to want it to stop!



Once again the event was ushered into the Spaldwick diary by Scarecrow week and although we didn't have as many entries as last year there were some superb effigies. The winning one, by Natalie Somerville, was entitled 'Mad Hatter's Boston Tea Party' and really brought the UK - US theme to life!



Mark Heath was joined by his daughter Bethany this year in taking photographs of the event so we are spoiled for choice - there are some super pics that record the event which can be found via the Spaldwick website. And if you haven't already seen the filming of our village crier, David Watson, preparing the promotional video for our event you really should - it's a hoot! <http://www.spaldwick.com/2015/spaldwick-crier>

Sponsors Peter Lane Estate Agents (Kimbolton) once more put up 'for sale' boards advertising the day which

got everyone in the mood.

With a record attendance of 653 people (650 in 2014), the event was enjoyed by people of all ages. The UK-US theme meant that the colours red, white and blue were in evidence everywhere and this year we had the opportunity to fly full size flags at the school courtesy of House of Flags, Kimbolton. The Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes watched over us as we participated in a range of activities from apple bobbing to archery and face painting to line dancing. New this year was the dunk tank, which caused shrieks of delight when adults got dunked good and proper in water supplied by a fire engine... it wasn't as clean and pure as tap water so they were brave and game souls.



Also new this year was the numbered raffle with 14 rather lovely prizes up for grabs, the most popular of which was the meal for four at The George, Spaldwick, including wine! Tickets were placed in the chosen bag for each prize which meant that winners really did get something they wanted and this format was a hit. A total of £279 was raised (just shy of last year's £287) and this will be split a third each to Spaldwick Social Events Group, other groups in the village and MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service).



For a small village we put on a fabulous show and we are grateful for the use of the school grounds and facilities to make it happen! Thank you to everyone involved from the stall holders to the school children and their teachers, from the groups who steadfastly support the event every year



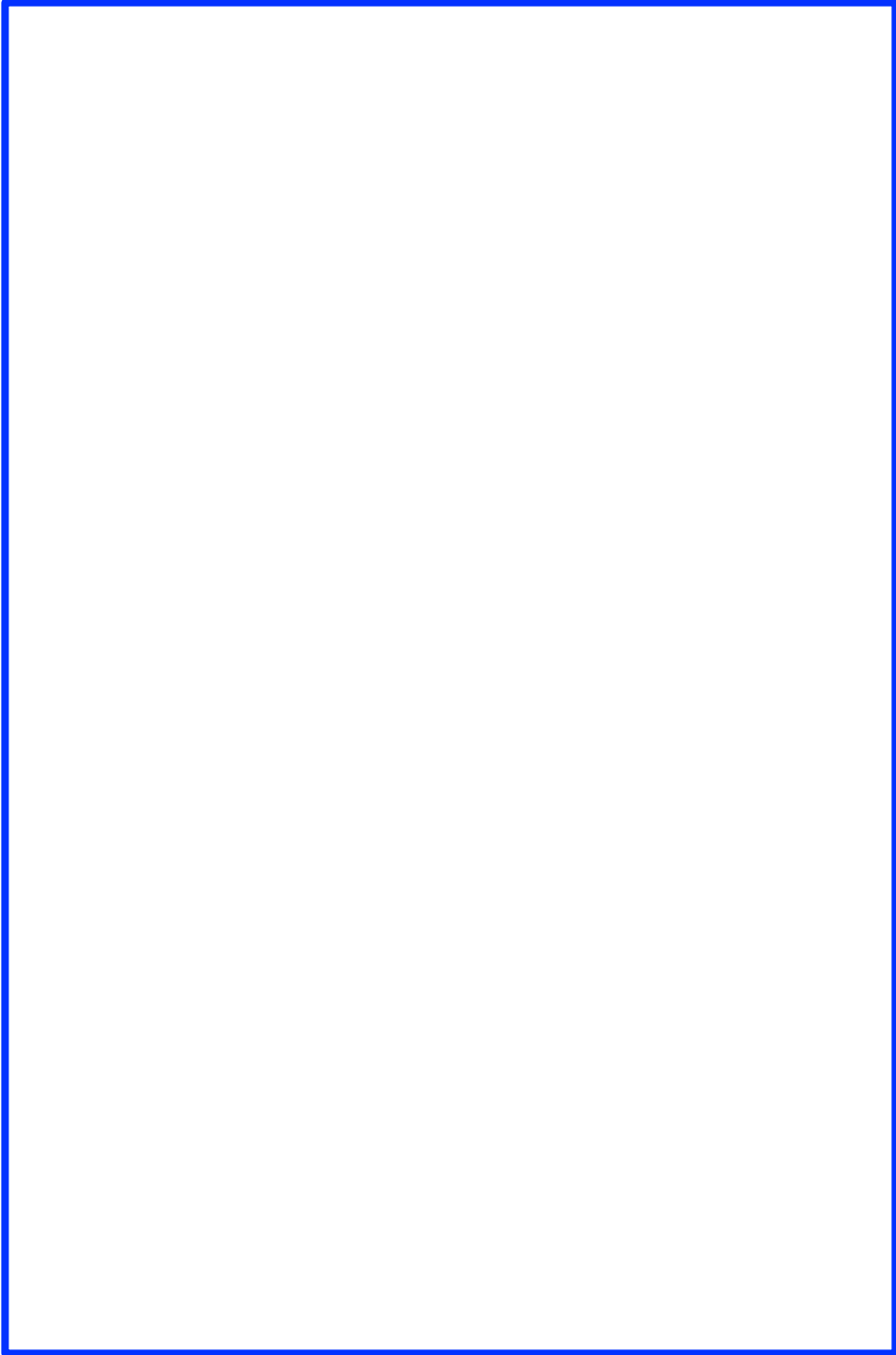
and the families who live in nearby villages. And thank you people of Spaldwick for making the day such a pleasure for everyone to enjoy.

SSEG COMMITTEE

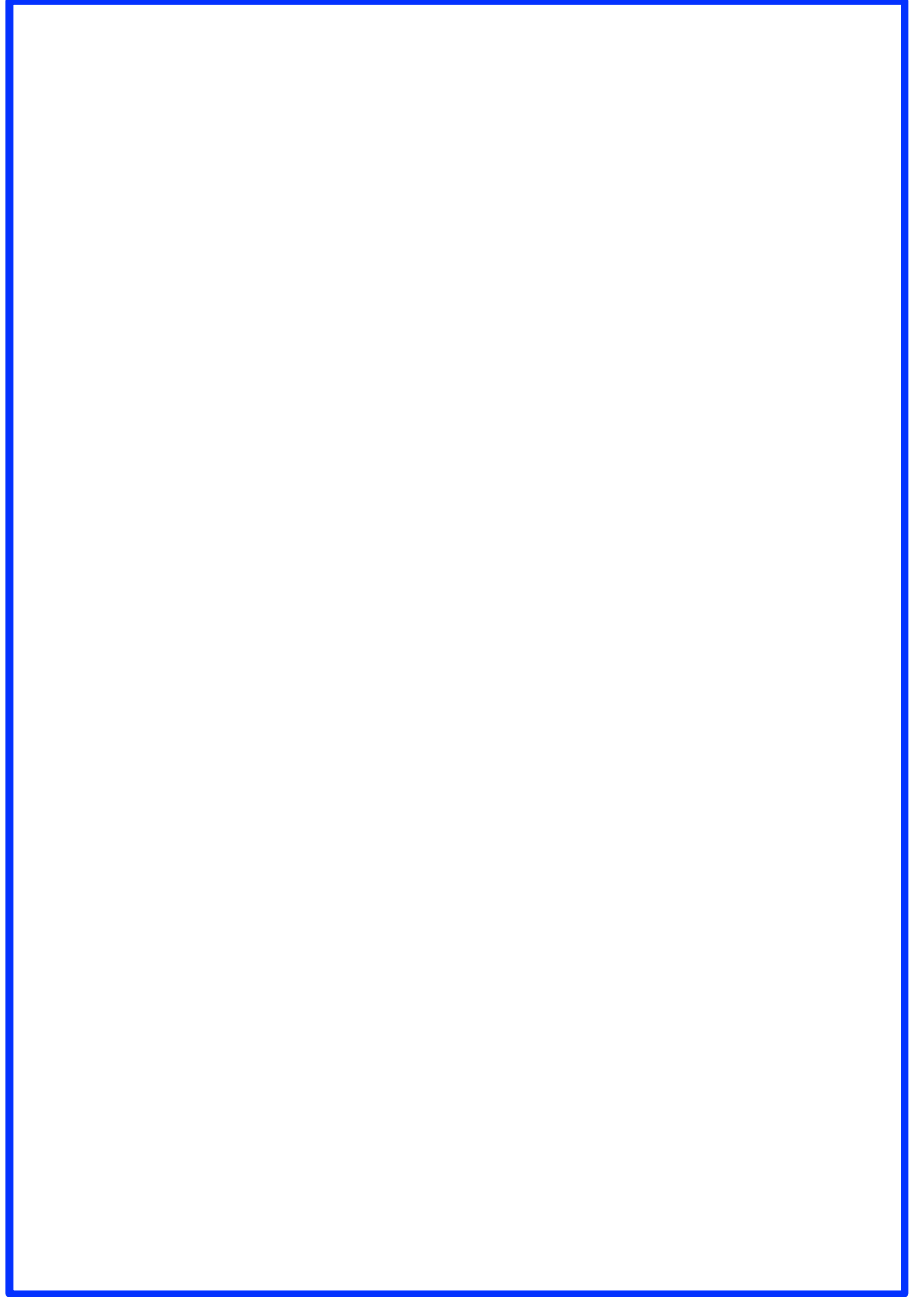
This event is organised by the Spaldwick Social Events Group (SSEG), a small committee of nine people. Chair, Lucy Frain, led the team which, on the day doubled and trebled in size. The little army got the tents up and the stalls ready and at the end of the day got the site cleared all in good time.

We thank Lucy Frain who is stepping down after four years as Chair and member of the SSEG committee. The role is demanding and whoever takes it on has a fair amount of responsibility, however, there is a lot of support within the team and especially from officers Alison Heath (Secretary) and Alison Ainsworth (Treasurer). With a host of helpers who step in when needed the Committee's role is to organise events for Spaldwick residents that bring us all together to enjoy good company and entertainment. SSEG is looking for new members to join so we can continue the good work. Our next big 'do' is the Santa Sleigh Run and it's so much fun! Our committee meetings are at The George; next one is on 19 August at 8 pm. If you are interested in joining us and want to know more speak to any of the current members of the group or just come over and see us on 19 August!





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