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Welcome - March



Dear Readers,

You won't need reminding that a year ago this month we entered our first lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If anyone had told us then that 12 months on we would still be living with COVID-related restrictions to our daily lives, I suspect that we would have struggled to cope.

But we have coped as a village, and we have adapted. The resilience and strength shown by so many - from the youngest coping with home-schooling (pp18-20) to the oldest isolated at home, with long-suffering parent-teachers, home-workers and countless others along the way - has been phenomenal.

This unwanted anniversary provides a genuine opportunity to celebrate that strength. And the announcement made on February 22nd brings real hope and a plan as to the 'way out' of this pandemic (we hope and intend that this will be our last online edition of this magazine incidentally!) Stay well.

With our very best wishes.

Abi Dawson for the Editorial Team, Speldhurst News
(Abi Dawson, Maria Turner and Sara Turner)

Ps The Village Hall and Ricky Fawcett are taking a well-earned break from their regular columns this month - but they will be back ASAP.

In the meantime we are delighted to welcome Di Drummond of the Signalbox Studio as our first showcased artist this month and are very grateful to her for agreeing to feature her lovely work on pp24&25 and on the front cover.

Please remember that copy for the April edition should be sent by 10th March at the latest to: speldhurst.news@gmail.com. Word, Publisher or pdf files preferred.

The SPELDHURST NEWS endeavours to include articles in addition to village, church and chapel news. These are taken in good faith and without prejudice, therefore the committee will not be held responsible for the accuracy of the content, nor will it be held responsible for any work or treatment received from the advertisers. Readers should satisfy themselves of advertisers' abilities before accepting a job quotation or undertaking a course of treatment. All articles & inclusions should be sent as a word document attachment. The editors reserve the right to amend submissions where they feel it is appropriate.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's on in Speldhurst for the Under 5's in March

As I write the first signs of spring are everywhere from the birds song in the morning to the daffodils coming into bloom, and the roll-out of a vaccine has meant the most vulnerable amongst us, including me, have been vaccinated. So even though we are being urged to stay at home for a little bit longer, there is hope on the horizon.

We hope you enjoyed our February activity of creating cards for those we miss. And especial thank you to everyone who made a card for Little Court residents.

We will be planning something similar for this month too, so look out for Jenny's monthly email or on the St Mary's or the Speldhurst Community Facebook pages for more details.

Meanwhile if you are new to the village and have pre-school children, or know someone in that position, do get in touch with Jenny on 01892 541200 or 07891318123 or at jenny50fitz@gmail.com so she can involve you in the little things we are able to do at the moment.

Symptom-free Covid-19 testing in Tunbridge Wells

If you are symptom-free and want to book a Covid-19 test at the Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall testing centre, you can do so via <https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

It's quick and easy - test results are available in just 30 minutes. If you are out and about regularly for work or essential travel, it is recommended that you get yourself tested every two weeks.

Greg Clark has updated his website with comprehensive information about the Coronavirus vaccination process in Tunbridge Wells.

Speldhurst Parish Council

Always wanted to sing?

Come and join us at *Penshurst Choral Society*

Online rehearsals are up and running with our new conductor Joe Tobin. We are currently singing choral classics by Faure, Mendelsohn, Bach, Palestrina and Mozart with professionally recorded backing tracks.

Weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays 20:00-21:15
No auditions, just a love for singing

Penshurstchoralsociety.co.uk

WELCOME TO SPELDHURST A very WARM Welcome to

James, Nicola and Evie Ball who have recently moved into 17 Cobhams, together with Monty (the cat).



Tea on the Rec

Please do look at our Facebook page for updates as to when we can return to the Church.

Claire & Lel

Speldhurst Association of Men

All activities remain cancelled until further notice. We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we can.

Brian Tasker



SPELDHURST FETE 2021

The Fete Committee is still working hard to see what we can put on for you all this year. We are meeting in March to make some decisions as to what may be possible.

If June is not looking likely, we will remain hopeful and plan for something in September. We would dearly like to get everyone together somehow.

As you know, the profits from the Fete go towards funding the maintenance and upkeep of the Rec and Village Hall. As they did not receive any money from us in 2020, we are really hopeful that we can do something to replenish funds in 2021. The Rec in particular has been very well used and has been such a vital village amenity in the last year. If you have any ideas for fund raising for the Rec and Village Hall, the committee would love to hear from you through our Facebook page.

The Fete Committee

Speldhurst Team of Action, Response & Support (S.T.A.R.S.)

Email: speldhurstcommunitygroup@gmail.com *

As we write, lockdown is upon us, and with the possibility of further restrictions this winter, we wanted to let you know that the Speldhurst team of action and response (S.T.A.R.s) are available once more. The Co-ordinators for each area have not changed and their numbers can be found on the map.

Just to remind you that S.T.A.R.s volunteers drop off shopping, collect prescriptions, post letters and more. We chat regularly on the phone to residents who've now been self-isolating for some time and we've even delivered lawn mower petrol! No doubt we'll find new ways to make peoples' lives easier over time. We're strict about social distancing measures and try to make delivering provisions part of essential trips outside. We let you know by phone or text when we've left shopping or prescriptions on your doorstep and wash our hands before we visit.

* As well as S.T.A.R.S correspondence this email is used for other community-related matters and will continue to exist following lockdown.

Poundsbridge
Claire Fox
07789 408848



S.T.A.R.S. in your area



Barden Road (Speldhurst Community Shop -
Bidborough T-junction)
Vicky Moran 07939 428119

Furzefield Avenue
Lynsay Bischoff;
07775 826894



Stockland Green Road
Katie Harle
01892 861794
07990 970652



Barden Road
(The Old Post Office -
Speldhurst Community Shop),
Cobhams, Turley Cottages &
St Mary's Lane
Emma Montgomery
07956 324863



Speldhurst Pharmacy
Lel Brown
07748 505136



Northfields &
Southfields
Polly Wood
07909 993439



Penshurst Road
& Speldhurst Hill
Lucy Greenidge
07738 260841



Lower Green Road
Kate McAdams
07909 895207



Ferbies, Deneway & Roopers
Polly Moulton
07766 074327



Bullingstone Lane
Trish Hodgkinson
01892 864287
07590 332991



Langton Green Road
(up to but not including Burnt House Lane)
Louisa MacPherson 07977 577396



**So, if you're self-isolating and need support -
whoever you are - get in touch.**

**Call Polly on 07766 074327 with any questions, or
simply contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator for your
area directly. We hope to hear from you soon.**



Dear Customers,

Once again a huge thank you to everyone for your adherence to social-distancing rules. Please remember only **3 people** allowed in the shop at any one time (including the post office). Please sterilise your hands before you come in from the bottle of steriliser outside the shop. Where possible, only **1 family member** at a time please in the shop.

Due to demand, we have extended our **Saturday opening hours**. We are now open until 1pm on a Saturday for your papers, fresh bread, bacon and any other goodies to get your weekend off to a good start.

Mother's Day is also fast approaching! We have a lovely selection of cards, chocolates and gifts for all those lovely mum's out there! Or maybe you have a family birthday coming up? We have something for everyone in the shop. Our Speldhurst designed mugs and bags make lovely gifts.

And with Easter only a few weeks away, **Hot Cross Buns** are now available! Get your order in at the counter, or give us a call. Fresh bread can also be ordered at any time for the next day. We have a lovely selection of white, granary, sliced and unsliced bread from Groombridge and Rusbridge Bakeries.

With Spring around the corner, maybe it's time to start thinking about dragging the barbeque out? Delicious Hog Burgers and Langton Bangers

are always available in the shop courtesy of the **Peasant Farmer**. For those that are not quite ready to get the barbeque out, maybe a nice bottle of wine from our **Secret Cellar** selection is appealing right now?

Another big thank you as always to all our lovely **volunteers** who keep the shop going. We couldn't do it without you. This lockdown has seemed very long, so it feels like such a treat to see people in the shop, when our time with each other is currently so restricted.

Here's to Spring sunshine, longer evenings and happy smiles behind masks in our lovely shop.

Speldhurst Community Shop
(speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com)



For hall availability and bookings please go to our website:
www.speldhurstvillagehall.co.uk or contact Jenny Cooper on 07786 948952.

Speldhurst Community
Group

Email speldhurstcommunitygroup@gmail.com if you
need support or can volunteer

~ ALLOTMENT NEWS ~



Speldhurst Allotments Holders and Gardeners Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been set up for the Allotments and for like-minded people interested in gardening. If you an allotment holder or keen gardener (or even a budding gardener) and also on Facebook, please join. The purpose is to offer a source of news, views, sharing and caring about our allotments and gardening activities.

Here is a useful tip I saw the other day: make a shallow trench for your seeds by laying a broom handle and treading on it to press it down firmly.

I've never tried this. But it sounds like a great idea. I often struggle with my seed trenches – they tend to be too wide, too deep, not straight, etc. At least you will know that the trench is straight, compact and to a controlled depth.

Here is another great idea as we approach Spring. Be gentle on newly planted seeds. Use an ordinary sieve or pasta strainer to lightly dust with soil when first sowing as a layer too thick can prevent them from germinating properly.

I definitely need to use this technique.

And finally:

1. If you are interested in acquiring an allotment, please contact Mark Oddy on 01892 862746.
2. If there is any topic you would like to address relating to matters gardening or horticultural, please send an email to kytehouse@stepex.co.uk.
3. If you would like to submit something for this article, please also email it to kytehouse@stepex.co.uk.

Rob Kyte

The Joys of a Wildlife Pond – by Brian Shilling

During lockdown last year many people discovered the wonders of gardening for the first time as well as everyone having more time to enjoy their gardens and the wildlife they attract.

One way to add to this pleasure, while also increasing the variety of beneficial wildlife visiting your garden, is by installing a wildlife pond.

Over the last century almost 70% of ponds have disappeared from the UK countryside. Garden ponds therefore play an increasingly important role for wildlife, offering vital habitat, food and drink. Ponds attract a wide variety of life – amphibians, butterflies (and other insects) birds, plants and maybe even hedgehogs.

These inhabitants and visitors in turn can benefit gardeners by pollinating plants and helping to keep slug and aphid populations down. They are also a constant source of interest for adults and children alike (but if children have access, don't forget to fence off or place a rigid wire grid over the pond).

The larger the pond the more wildlife you can expect to attract but even if you only have space for a bucket sunk into the ground you will be providing a valuable habitat and water source for local wildlife.

Wildlife can find a new pond surprisingly quickly. Pond skaters and diving beetles, for example, can appear within a few weeks and amphibians can often appear within the first year. Nature can also bring plants into your pond but many gardeners prefer to speed up the process by bringing plants in from an aquatic plant centre.

These specialists can offer advice about the different kinds of plant ideal for your pond. However, you would ideally aim to get:

1. Underwater oxygenating plants to provide cover for tadpoles and other larvae.
2. Plants that poke out of the water for emerging larvae such as

dragonfly.

3. Floating plants for insects to rest on when landing for a drink.
4. Pollinator friendly marginal plants to attract bees and hover flies in summer.

There is loads of good advice online about building and maintaining a wildlife pond - for example from Froglife, RHS, Wildlife Trust and RSPB.

Ps If anyone would like a pond liner, there is one available free of charge. Email Rob Kyte on kytehouse@stepex.co.uk to find out more.



Nature Watch

Due to lockdown I have been birding around the village instead of the North Kent marshes. I have seen Redwings eating Ivy berries, Grey Herons along mill stream, Buzzards seen or heard all around the village but best of all was a female Stonechat just east of the sewage works in the area of the rough grassland on fence posts and bramble. This bird is wintering with us; they are found on Ashdown Forest locally but are widespread on the moors in summer where they nest in gorse and other dense shrubs. It is one bird that is doing well and on the increase.

On the feeders in the garden up to 20 Siskins were seen feeding on Sunflower hearts. These are another winter visitor and they breed in Conifer forests. Plus all the locals such as four species of the Tit family, Nuthatch, Great Spotted Woodpecker etc. Even at this time of year there are still fungi to find. A lovely group of Turkey Tail on a log in the wood, and on elder this time of the year a plain brown ear shaped fungi called Jelly Ear can be found, and on dead oak twigs a bright yellow Brain fungus stands out.



This month should be out

celandine and even a few violets if the weather has been warm. The first butterflies such as Comma, Peacock will be out and the Brimstone which is yellow in colour and really stands out when flying. Birds will be nesting and by the end of the month summer migrants such as Swallows and Chiffchaffs will be coming back.

primroses with lesser

Alan Ford



VACANCY FOR THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND RFO

Speldhurst Parish Council is seeking to fill the part-time role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). The position is based in the office at Langton Green Recreation Ground.

The ideal candidate will have experience of local government and a qualification such as CILCA, although it will consider applicants who do not have the qualification on the understanding that they commit to achieving it within a two-year period. Applicants must be computer literate and a working knowledge of Microsoft 365 would be an advantage. The successful candidate should also be experienced in managing staff, a good communicator, have proven organisational and administrative skills and be able to take accurate minutes at meetings which mostly occur in the evening.

The council will consider splitting the role of clerk and RFO and the hours will reflect that. The position will require a minimum of 22 hours pw to a maximum of 30 hours pw – the maximum will incorporate both roles. Initial salary will be within the scale point range 25-30 (£29,577 and £33,782 for a 37-hour week pro rata) depending on the role, qualification, and experience.

A comprehensive handover will be provided prior to the retirement of the current clerk.

Applications with an up-to-date CV should be sent by email to:
clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

Further information regarding the role can be provided on request.

The closing date for applications is Friday March 12th 2021; interviews will be either in person or video during the following 2-3 weeks.

PRECEPT 2021

In view of the current situation with covid-19, the impact on families, and in many cases incomes, the council felt it inappropriate to increase the precept this year. However, one of the consequences of this pandemic is that more households or families are experiencing hardship and are being granted exemption or discount from paying council tax (of which the precept forms part). The number of properties in our parish on which the precept is levied has therefore reduced, as is the case in many other parishes this year. This means that the same level of precept for Speldhurst Parish is shared between fewer households so it will still look like a slight increase for those households which do pay.

Despite the council's static income (or lower income in inflation-adjusted terms), we will seek to deliver the same level of service for parish residents and will be working hard on your behalf.

PARISH COUNCIL VEHICLE

SPC now own a three-year-old Peugeot Partner petrol van in good condition, with 19,000 miles on the clock, which will be invaluable for the ever-growing list of maintenance jobs we undertake around the parish. Photos to follow.

PUBLIC MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

We continue to hold public Zoom meetings and our next **Full Council Meeting** will take place on **1st March**. See meeting agendas for joining instructions on our website or contact us for help.

With lockdown in place, staff are homeworking, and the office is closed. However, we're only a phone call or email away so do get in touch.

To contact SPC, please call the Clerk, Chris May on 07760769513* or email clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

Visit www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk for more info about SPC or find us on Facebook as 'Speldhurst Parish Council'

**Staff are currently unable to check for messages on our office landline number*



Speldhurst CEP School



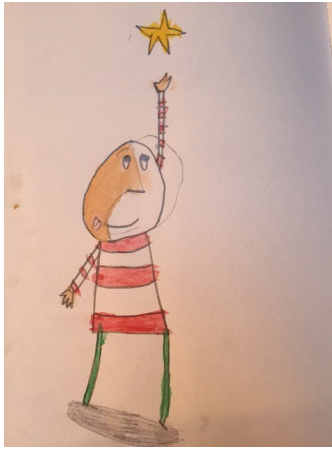
All the children (and staff) have been working very hard over lockdown and we thought we would share with you some of the amazing work that has been done both in school and at home.

Pippin (Reception) have been busy this term with their topic, 'Magical Beasts and Creatures'. The children collected natural resources from outside to make their own magical potions, as well as building a home for a fairy. Having looked at The Three Billy Goats Gruff in their Literacy learning, the children built their own bridges at home using different construction materials to retell the story in their own words.



In **Jazz Class (Year 1)** we've been busy with lots of fun activities. The children made Tudor Houses as part of their learning about The Great Fire of London. Mr Howe was very impressed with the creations! The younger children have adapted remarkably well to working at home and the parents have worked incredibly hard to support them.





Our Topic is 'Reach for the Stars' this term in **Galaxy Gala (Year 2)**. The children have been very busy learning about Space and reading stories related to it. One of the stories we've read is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. The children drew an illustration of the boy catching a star, copying the style of Oliver Jeffers. We've also been learning about the planets and the order of them in the solar system. These planets have been made by fruit in relation to their size!



This term has seen the children in **Bramley Class (Year 3)** working extremely hard on a range of home learning projects. Three projects that the children were particularly proud of were their shadow puppet theatres, homemade bird feeders and creating their own instructions to make some delicious treats. We have been incredibly proud of the children and how they have adapted to working from home and all of the amazing effort that they have put into each and every activity.

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In **Empire Class (Year 4)**, we have been inspired by the work of female artists. The children have loved exploring abstract art work and creating their own colourful pieces. Here, one of our children has painted in the style of the French artist, Sonia Delaunay. In science, we've been studying sound and making musical instruments. The class have made a range of instruments, from elastic band guitars to lollipop stick harmonicas, all of which work fantastically.

The children of **Crispin Class (Year 5)** have not only been working hard during lockdown to keep up with the demanding Y5 curriculum, but have thoroughly enjoyed catching up with each other on Zoom calls since the New Year. If we can't all be together for now, a screen will simply have to do!

As well as investigating all things Indian for this term's topic – including chatting on Zoom to ex-Speldhurst teaching assistant and New Delhi resident, Nikki Walker – we've been busy creating stunning, mixed-media Himalayan landscapes with authentic flora and fauna.

The first lesson of a particularly wintry week was especially popular: investigate the fun properties of snow! As you can see, despite the rather thin layer of the white stuff, there was no stopping this lot.

Russet class (Year 6) have been busy busy busy this term completing lots of art projects related to our book *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick. The children in school worked together to create a sponged seascape display. Every child at school and at home has made a mountain out of recycled materials or ingredients to make a cake mountain.

We have studied the work of David Hockney and produced our own Hockney landscapes. This week, we have experimented with making our own paper - it was a little messy but great fun!

Lucy McDougall

Speldhurst Cookbook

Another lovely recipe from Penny Gerrard - perfect as an activity for the school Easter holidays at the end of the month.

Easy Shortbread

285g butter
285g plain flour
140g cornflour
140g sugar
Optional 40g almonds
Caster sugar to dredge

Preheat the oven to 150 °C. Line a 7x11 inch tin and grease.

Put all ingredients into a food processor and blitz until breadcrumb consistency.

Empty the crumb mix into the tin and press down gently with the back of a spoon. Flatten the edges.

Bake for one hour or until golden brown.

Dredge with caster sugar and cut into fingers whilst still warm.

Eat straight away or store in an air-tight tin.



artist's showcase

Artist: Di Drummond, SignalBox Studio
Specialises in: Painting abstract landscapes and other things

During the pandemic, I have used the valley in Bullingstone Lane as a subject, much to the delight of our two cats who accompany me down to the stream and keep a look-out for local wildlife from the safety of fallen trees.

To keep motivated as an artist, I challenged myself to do a small painting or drawing every day. Some months, I concentrated on a series of the same subject, including self-portraits, clouds, plein air landscapes including Ashdown Forest, Bullingstone trees and interiors.

All of my work is for sale – from SignalBox Studio or during SE Open Studios (4-21 June) at Arty Farty Retreat, Southborough (depending on COVID restrictions).

Di Drummond

www.signalboxstudio.art

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Instagram signalboxstudioart

Email Drummond.di@icloud.com





FARMERS' MARKET AT PENSURST

Don't miss Penshurst Farmers Market in March for the very best local seasonal food and drink around



**Saturday,
March 6th,
2021**

**9.30 am
to
12.00 pm**

**Penshurst
Place Visitor
Car Park**



Spring steps up a gear this month and hopefully with the increasing light levels, we should be all be feeling a bit more cheerful. It's the perfect time to get out and about to Penshurst and discover the wonderful seasonal produce on offer from our talented producers from across Kent, Surrey and Sussex. With 21 stalls there's plenty of choice. Don't miss Rye Bay scallops, now at the height of their short season and try another early spring treat, hogget, the much-prized tender and tasty meat from last year's mature lambs.

Don't forget to bring your kitchen knives and garden tools to be sharpened by our Knife Ninja ready for the new season in the garden; buy new season's flowering spring bulbs and shrubs from Low Wood Nursery to get into the ground now.

To ensure we keep everyone safe during lockdown, our Covid - ready one-way system will be in place and we ask you to come prepared to shop alone and queue to enter. We encourage you to wear a mask if appropriate. Parking is plentiful, free and close by.

Find us on Facebook

Find us on Twitter and Instagram

WWW.kfma.org.uk/penshurst

A Letter from St Mary's

March 2021

Dear Friends,

This time last year, on Sunday 15th March 2020 to be precise, we held our last pre-lockdown services in our church buildings. You don't need me to tell you that so much has happened since then, including a lot of learning. Here (with thanks to the work of Carey Nieuwhof) are some of the things that I have learnt.

Lockdown came swiftly; opening up will be much slower and patchy. There will be no "Grand Opening Up Day" for churches, shops, pubs, gyms or any public space. Restrictions will be eased gradually and at different paces for different places. Even when they have been largely lifted, many people will still be cautious about going out.

The one certainty is uncertainty. The latest lockdown looked as if it was working well and then the so-called Kent variant appeared out of the blue. Next, the South African variant arrived unannounced and who knows what other twists and turns are ahead for the world. Much as we might long for certainty, the healthy option is to take each day as it comes.

We can learn from the Stockdale Paradox. Admiral James Stockdale was a US Navy POW in Vietnam. He was tortured but survived. Back in the USA he reflected that in his camp it was the optimists who died first; they were always expecting to be liberated soon and constantly disappointed. Stockdale believed that he would be rescued but not in the short term. That hope kept him going and enabled him to face the suffering. Hope in difficult times – belief in the future while living in the present – will keep us going, grounded and Christ like.

Douglas

PS I can be contacted at douglas.wren12@gmail.com or on 01892 862821 or at The Rectory, Southfields, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0PD

DO JOIN US!



**Every Sunday at
10am on YouTube**

Youtube.com/
StMarysSpeldhurst
Christian worship for the local
community.





At the time of writing this our church building is closed for services but open for private prayer from 10 am to 3 pm on Sundays. However, guidance is constantly changing so please look on our website or Facebook page for further details.

**The Church Office is currently closed to visitors
but we can be contacted on 861187 or
speldhurst.church@btopenworld.com**

See our website: www.speldhurst.org/church

St Mary's Facebook page:
facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/



Speldhurst Village Website

Our website includes a calendar of village events, a photo gallery, some village history, a selection of local walks and cycle routes, past editions of Speldhurst News and more.

Why not take a look at: speldhurst.org

SPELDHURST VILLAGE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Age UK Lunch	Jan Mann	863931
Allotments	Mark Oddy	862746
Beavers	Jo Smith	518706
Bowls Club	Linda Boyd	512474
Bridge Club	Heather Hughes	863367
Brownies	Louise Scott	862972
Bumps and Babes	Jenny Fitzsimmons	541200
Chapel	Ricky Fawcett	863217
Cricket Club	Nick Coffin	07867 803121
Cubs	Karol Leeves	531104
Flower Show	Alan Ford	863276
Football: Speldhurst Rangers	Ollie Crees	07919467576
Footpaths Group	Rupert Milner	863255
GP Surgery		863040
Guides	Sybil Oddy	862746
Library	Olive West	863234
Mothers' Union	Christine Baker	540793
Mothers & Toddlers	Jenny Fitzsimmons	541200
Nursery School		860557
Parish Council: Chair	Neil Barrington-Johnson	863959
	Dave Pate	278287
Vice Chair	Chris May	862927
Parish Clerk	Richard Ellery	864077
	Joy Podbury	315549
	Alan Rowe	863404
Police Community Support Officer	Jay Burt	
	Jay.Burt@kent.police.uk	
Primary School	Stephanie Hayward	863044
Rainbows	Lucy Wild	07910 304691
Recreation Ground	Ed Wesson	07799 731247
Running Group	Paul Eames	07975 577630
Speldhurst Association of Men	Brian Tasker	862301
Snooker Club	Glen Fuller	862213

Speldhurst Art Exhibition	Maria Turner	863394
Speldhurst News Editors	Abi Dawson	860616
	Maria Turner	863394
	Sara Turner	863226
Advertising	Eric Roughley	863222
St Mary's Church Rector	Douglas Wren	862821
Administrator	Andrea Burgess	861187
Stoolball	Donna Burden	524793
		07810 048599
Scouts	Nick Burgess	863362
Shop & Post Office	Jo-Anne Dekker	863158
Village Fete: Chair	Lynsay Bischoff	864923
Village Hall	Jenny Cooper	07786 948952
Village Website	Miranda Hawkins	863601
Walking Group	Brian Tasker	862301

Opening Hours & Local Info:

Buses	Timetables for bus #282 Speldhurst to Tun Wells - Hams Travel 01580 879629 For info: https://hamstravel.com/services
George & Dragon PH:	Closed temporarily.
GP:	Mon - Fri 8am-6pm
Dispensary:	Mon - Fri 8.30am-1pm; 2.30-6pm (dispensary calls 8.30-11.30 only)
Library (village hall):	Monday 2-4.30pm (Closed currently)
Shop:	Mon-Fri 8am-4pm; Sat 9-1; Sun 9-11
Post Office:	Mon-Fri 9am-3pm; Sat 9-11.30. Sun Closed

To advertise: email e.roughley222@btinternet.com

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**ANTIQUE CLOCK REPAIRS AND RESTORATION:**

John Mathieson MBHI, West Dean/BADA Diplomas - 01732 359006  
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