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Welcome to October

Dear Readers,

As I write this, we have just been through a momentous period of change with the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth and a new monarch, King Charles III. Speldhurst Parish Council remind us, on Page 14, of the Queen's Green Canopy to remember her by. We also have a range of challenges ahead that we are constantly reminded of in the media. We hope the local events and updates featured here can offer some upbeat light relief, as our local community continues to support us with a range of activities and services.

For those with babies and young children, especially if new to the village, Bumps and Babes and Praise and Play, are regular groups that have been there for us for years and years. My children, now 23 and 21, enjoyed both of these and I know the same can be said now as they continue to thrive. The organisers are so appreciated! The village continues to develop and expand its services. There is an update of the Speldhurst Chapel Project on P.7, which demonstrates the commitment of villagers to help out, which takes me straight to the brilliant resource of our village shop. Let's remember to use it and, again, we so appreciate all the volunteers!

Moving forward into October, we can enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn and, hopefully, some still bright and sunny days.

Best wishes, Maria

On behalf of Speldhurst News Editors:

Judith Malim, Maria Turner, Sara Turner

Please remember that copy for the **November edition** should be sent **before 10th October** to: speldhurst.news@gmail.com. Word, Publisher or pdf files preferred. Thank you.

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Diary at a Glance

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News & Announcements

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

Bumps and Babes, the group for Mums with babies up to two years, meets fortnightly on Monday mornings from 10.30am in Speldhurst Chapel. This month we meet on Monday Mondays 3rd, 17th & 31st October. So do get in touch with Jenny if you have a new babe or you are new to the village.

Praise and Play, the Toddler group for all under 5's and their parents/carers, will meet in St Mary's Church, this month, on Wednesdays 5th & 19th October. We'll be there to welcome you from 9am, so you can turn up straight from school drop off or come a bit later if that's better for you. We'll have a craft, some time to play and a short story and song time.

So, whatever the age of your under 5's, do come and join us.

For more information about either of these groups, especially if you are new to the village, contact Jenny Fitzsimmons on 01892 541200, 07891 318123 or at jenny50fitz@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who bought plants from the tables outside my house in Speldhurst Road this year. I raised £300 which was divided equally between the Speldhurst Village Fete and RNLI (Lifeboats).

LIFEBOAT COFFEE MORNING

Our annual Speldhurst Coffee Morning in aid of RNLI will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday October 15th from 10.30 am until noon. We will be selling gifts, books, cakes, bric-a-brac, Lifeboat Christmas cards, calendars and diaries and there will be a tombola. All proceeds will go to support our voluntary lifesaving work at sea, on rivers and inland waterways and in flood situations.

The cost of this service was £168million in 2021, all of which comes from donations, legacies and our continual fundraising so please pop along and support our coffee morning ... free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Jan Pierce



We were deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family. We are indebted to her dedicated service to this country.

Bellringers – tower open morning 22nd October

St Mary's Church bellringers invite you to come to see how the bells are rung and, if you wish, to have a pull on a rope yourself.

We will have two sessions on the morning of Saturday, 22nd October, one starting at 10 am and one starting at 11 am.

The entrance to the church tower is through a door on the outside of the north side of the tower. Please make your way up the spiral staircase to the room from which we ring the bells where there will be people to welcome you.

Speldhurst Walking Footballers



Men and women of all ages and abilities are welcome to join Speldhurst walking footballers. It's all about getting some gentle exercise and having fun. So, whether you have ever played football, or not, do come and join us.

We meet at 7pm at the all-weather pitch on Speldhurst rec on Tuesday evenings.

Please call Brian Shilling if you would like any further information: 07940 013135



SHOP LOCAL THIS AUTUMN

We wanted to highlight the wide variety of local products we sell in the shop. Pop in and take a look at the different meats from Southborough Butchers, pick up some fresh bread from Groombridge Bakery, check out the juices from Biddenden Vineyards, or take home some delicious cake from Baketastic.

Make sure you try a jar of the honey from Wishfield, which is run by local beekeeper Matthew Noakes in Horsmonden. You could even buy some of the lip balms or hand creams that he makes too.

We also have to mention James and Bee - otherwise known as the Peasant Farmers. They raise pedigree Saddleback Pigs and Sussex Cattle on their small farm in Langton Green. Living in large fields, the animals spend their days happily rooting and grazing, which adds so much to the flavour!

Finally, to celebrate the autumn period, we have plenty of seasonal veg available. We have pumpkins, squash, broccoli and cauliflower to name a few.



speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com

Interested in volunteering? Contact Jo Eames on 07896932716

Speldhurst Chapel Project

It has been some time since the open village meeting on 20th April, organised jointly by St Mary's Church and Speldhurst Community Shop, and our subsequent Facebook update on 2nd May.



We are pleased to be able to report that since then a working group of 11 Speldhurst residents has been created to progress the project. That group has now met four times. Thank you to all of them for stepping up.

The working group is considering the various work streams necessary to turn the Chapel project into reality, including how the existing chapel building could be re-configured to operate both as a space to maintain and expand the community and faith activities, that the Chapel has hosted for many years, as well as a new home for Speldhurst's Community Shop and Post Office. We are also investigating the likely costs of that work. We are also exploring how to finance the project. We are pleased to be able to report that, after we submitted an "Expression of Interest", the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has confirmed that a formal application can proceed to the Community Ownership Fund for matched funding of up to £250,000. This indicates that the DLUHC considers that our project is likely to meet the criteria of the fund, although it is not a guarantee that we will be successful in bidding for these funds. The DLUHC advise that the next 2 bidding rounds will occur before March 2023. We will aim to submit a formal application in the first of those 2 bidding rounds once the date has been announced.

We are exploring other external sources of finance and it remains the case that part of the funding package will involve seeking funding from the village. Many of these workstreams are at early stages and it's too soon to provide more specific details at this stage. Rest assured we will when it is possible. In the meantime, St Mary's are kindly acting as leaseholder of the Chapel. That lease expires in September 2023. The working group are working with this date in mind, hoping to be in a position to make an offer to buy the Chapel before the expiry of the lease.



The Chapel Project Working Group can be contacted on speldhurstchapelproject@gmail.com – please don't hesitate to get in touch!



SPELDHURST CEP SCHOOL PTA

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SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
4.30-6PM



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ON SALE 15TH OCTOBER

Community Choir for Carols



St Mary's would like to invite you to join a community choir for a carol service this Christmas

We are looking forward to a candle-lit celebration of Christmas for the village community this year. The community choir will be leading the carol singing and adding some items that they sing to the people who come. There will be a simple dress code for the service itself (we won't be wearing church choir robes). The music will be in four-part harmony; paper copies and digital versions will be provided for you. Becky Leeves will be leading the choir. Practices will be in St Mary's from 7.30 – 9.00 on Friday evenings in November and December. The first practice will be 11th November. The carol service will be on Saturday 17th December.

Adults and secondary school children are very welcome. There are no auditions – just come along.

If you would like to know more please talk to me, contact information below. Becky or any member of the St Mary's singers would be glad to answer your questions too.

To register your interest (so we make enough copies), please email or text me.

Mary Wren

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THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it seems fitting that we were able to participate in the Queen's Green Canopy tree-planting initiative earlier this year as part of the Platinum Jubilee. We planted four trees in Ashurst, Langton Green, Old Groombridge and Speldhurst. We are pleased to report that all four saplings survived the hot summer, thanks to dedicated watering from volunteers.



It was touching to read the tributes to Queen Elizabeth from across the parish during the days after Her passing, and we can't think of a better way for residents to remember our late Monarch than to enjoy watching the trees grow in the years ahead.

[DEFIBRILLATORS IN SPELDHURST PARISH](#) We have now completed our review of defibrillator locations in the parish to ensure that the defibrillators are spread out as evenly as possible. Here are the updated locations:

Langton Green Sports Pavilion, Langton Green Recreation Ground

Ashdene House, A264 Langton Road, Langton Green

Speldhurst Village Hall, St Mary's Lane, Speldhurst

The Crown Inn, Old Groombridge

Ashurst Village Hall, behind St Martin's Church, Ashurst

Further defibrillators - not maintained by the parish council - can be found at Groombridge Village Hall, Ashurst Recreation Ground, Rusthall Medical Centre, Sunnyside Community Hall and Rusthall Parish Council (35 Harmony Street). You can watch a short video on how to use a defibrillator via the 'Defibrillators' page on our website www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk.

CLERK'S QUALIFICATION Congratulations to our clerk Katie Neve who has gained her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) a little over a year after joining us. A parish council with a CiLCA qualified clerk benefits in two ways; firstly, the clerk can advise Councillors more effectively when it comes to making important decisions that affect the parish. And secondly, a CiLCA gives a parish council the General Power of Competence, which means they can act with greater flexibility to get things done more quickly for the good of the parish.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES Cllr Dave Pate stepped down from his role as Councillor in August. We were very fortunate to have Dave as Chair of the parish council from 2021-22, and Chair of the highways committee from 2019, where he worked hard to develop an effective working relationship with Kent County Council Highways. Under Dave's leadership, we successfully lobbied for speed reductions in Old Groombridge and Ashurst, and laid the foundations needed to achieve further traffic calming measures across the rest of the parish. We are all sad to see Dave step down but pleased that he will remain as a member of public on our Environment working group.

We are now co-opting a new Parish Councillor to replace Dave. With Cllr Ed Langridge also stepping down in September we are likely to have a further vacancy to fill if no election is called. Do get in touch to find out what the role of Parish Councillor involves.

SIGN UP FOR NEWS ALERTS Don't forget to sign up for news alerts from the parish council. Our autumn newsletter is out soon, and we want to reach as many of you as possible with helpful updates on developments. Visit our website homepage www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk and click on the 'Sign up to our Email Alerts' button.

PUBLIC MEETINGS Full Council Meeting 7.30pm, Monday 3rd October, committee room, Speldhurst Village Hall. [NB. We continue to monitor the number of local covid cases and reserve the right to ask you to book a seat in advance. See our website for updates.](#)

HOW TO CONTACT US To contact the parish council, call the Clerk, Katie Neve on 01892 862927/07760 769513 or email clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

For helpful information about SPC, visit www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk or follow us on Facebook as 'Speldhurst Parish Council'.



Speldhurst CEP School News



As I'm writing this in early September, news of the Queen's death is everywhere. Every channel on the BBC and many other media outlets are devoted to the sad news alongside remembrances of Her life and long reign. For most of us, Queen Elizabeth II is the only monarch we have ever known. Now it is 'Long Live the King' and for our pupils at Speldhurst School, King Charles III will be the monarch in their lives. At Speldhurst, it wasn't so long ago that we joined the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Now with Her death, our Year 6 children wrote their memories of Her Majesty, which they read out to the whole school. The National Anthem was played and the prayers were said for the late Queen and the Royal Family, whilst in class the children went on to learn more about her 70 year and 214 days reign. History in the making.

In Crispin Class, Year 5 children had already begun learning about one of the British monarchy's most infamous historical figures, Henry VIII as an introduction to this term's topic 'Off With her Head' in which they had researched the fate (sometimes gruesome) of his six wives. I expect most of us remember the rhyme 'Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded survived' from our own school days. Over the coming weeks, the children will be further investigating this important period in British history, finding out about Tudor palaces, clothing, everyday life, politics and religion, Holbein's portraiture and Henry's children who reigned very differently to their father.



Meanwhile in Empire Class, Year 4 children also had a fantastic start to the new academic year, creating wall displays based on a book called 'The Scarab's secret'. This story of intrigue and trickery is set in ancient Egypt and features a scarab beetle as an unusual main character - a fascinating introduction to this term's new topic. Away from the classroom the children also got the opportunity to try out two new sports - basketball and volleyball - and if the photo below is anything to go by, they are already demonstrating some confident ball skills.



It seems a long time ago that we were enjoying the hottest summer in living memory with its opportunities for outdoor learning, both through Forest Schools and activities such as pond-dipping. Visitor Luke from Prior ponds, introduced Galaxy Gala's Year 2 children to a wide variety of moths and pond creatures as part of their learning about habitats and life cycles.



And finally a hearty congratulations to all the children who entered the Vegetable and Flower Show. It was a commendable whole school effort, reflecting two much-loved poems which are part of the English curriculum. The walls of the village hall were alive with tiger portraits by the older Key Stage 2 pupils including hand-written examples of the William Blake poem 'The Tiger' whilst the younger Key Stage 1 children drew their inspiration from Edward Lear's 'The Owl and the Pussycat'.

So when I asked one Year 4 pupil whether he expected to win, I wasn't surprised when he replied: 'Definitely' as in my mind, all the children are winners.

Sara Andrew, Communications Governor.



FARMERS' MARKET AT PENSURST

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2022**

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Fruit and vegetables are sweet and tasty from summer sunshine so look out for apples, plums, onions and beetroot all full of flavour. Pair with new season's game, grass-fed beef or lamb, or maybe a fine line-caught sea bass. Seafood is also excellent now as the seas start to get colder so buy mussels and oysters. Pick up some craft cider - why not try mussels cooked in cider? Don't miss wonderful home-made jams and chutneys, breads, cakes, Kentish cobnuts, cheeses and more from our 25-plus stalls.

Get your knives and garden tools sharpened by the Knife Ninja, back with us after a break last month, buy locally grown plants and flowers, and enjoy a coffee at the Porcupine Pantry.

Parking is plentiful, free and close by. Dogs and families welcome!

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10.00am - 12.30pm

BLACKHAM VILLAGE HALL

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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?

October 2022



2nd October

8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10 am Harvest Thanksgiving

10 am Online Worship available via
<http://youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst>

9th October

10 am Communion

16th October

10 am Morning Worship

10 am Online Worship available via
<http://youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst>

23rd October

10 am Morning Worship

30th October

10 am All-Age Worship

10 am Online Worship available via
<http://youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst>

6 pm Evensong



Baptisms

21st August

Hetty Rose Healy

**The Church Office can be contacted on 861187 or
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Normal office hours: 9 am to 12.30 pm

See our website: www.speldhurstchurch.org

St Mary's Facebook page:

facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/

Quirky Quilters



Quilting group at
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~ Allotment News ~



Parsenepys & Karettes

As we are entering the autumn into winter phase, I was 'tickled' to note reference to those staples of this time of year of their 'ancient' names which would a) have been common parlance at the time and b) would have been used to write about them in books.

Bearing in mind the literacy of older times – it is perhaps interesting to note that gardening books have been published for centuries. Along with bibles and other husbandry-oriented topics, gardening books are amongst the oldest genre. The first known surviving gardening book was written by Theophrastus sometime around 300 B.C. Of the 200+ books this prolific philosopher wrote, two gardening books survived – the 9-volumed *Enquiry into Plants* and 6-volumed *Etiology of Plants*.



So influential were these books that their contents were taken as unchallengeable truths until the 15th century.

One of the earliest gardening books in the UK came out in 1445. It covered the whole business of gardening and listed only 78 plants that were suitable for the gardener to grow. The great majority were herbs to make remedies and to use in the kitchen to help get over the gastric problems caused by half-rotten and / or salted meat. Besides the onion family and worts, the list of plants includes radishes, lettuce, spinach and that's just about it! That's not many. But hold on! Worts? Eh?

The suffix ~wort was given to plants which were long considered beneficial. The opposite of a wort was a weed. Just like today, "weeds" referred to undesirable types of plants (though this isn't always the case). Sometimes, plants were given the suffix ~wort because they looked like a part of human anatomy. Liverwort, lungwort, and bladderwort are such plants. The theory was if a plant looked like a body part, then it must be good for that particular organ. It's easy to see the flaw in that line of thinking, especially when one considers liverwort, lungwort, and bladderwort have toxic properties and don't cure liver, lung, or bladder diseases.

Other plants garnered the ~wort ending as they were considered medicinal plants used for the treatment of specific symptoms. Even in modern times the purpose of feverwort, birthwort, and bruise wort seems self-explanatory.

By the middle of the 17th-century ~wort was beginning to fade from everyday use. According to the RHS, the first dedicated gardening manual to be published in English was *Thomas Hill's Profitable Arte of Gardening* published in 1558. Hill wished to make horticultural knowledge more widely available "for the commoditie of many."

From the eighteenth century, the RHS has plucked *Philip Miller's Gardeners Dictionary* (1731), which took a scientifically detailed approach to the subject – including plants introduced into Britain from the Americas – and London-based *Thomas Fairchild's The City Gardener* (1722), the earliest guide to urban gardening.

Books about gardens and gardening range from instructional manuals to narrative works spotlighting our emotional connections with plants and planting. These days, the diversity and variety of books published is astonishing. There are books on almost every esoteric subject – evidenced by such fun (though grizzly) – examples as '50 Ways to Kill a Slug'.

However...back to Theophrastus, plants were divided into trees, shrubs and undershrubs – which appears to be a somewhat valueless classification. The belief is also expressed that plants are made pregnant by their own sap in the wintertime and so produce buds in Spring. By our modern understanding, this is clearly not the last word on gardening. But it was the first.

Rob Kyte

And finally:

If you are interested in acquiring an allotment, please contact Mark Oddy on 01892 862746.

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.

If you would like to submit something for this article, please also email it to kytehouse@stepex.co.uk.

Nature Watch

It always seems to me that at August Bank holiday a switch is thrown and we start early autumn and this year was a classic. Writing this in early September, the very hot summer seems a memory.

The grass is growing and on a walk I found lovely Fungi called Chicken in the Woods, just one of its common names. Autumn is the time for fungi and, if we get plenty of rain after all this hot weather, we should be in for a bumper crop. If you are into gathering wild food, be very careful as fungi have some very poisonous species; others not as deadly but can give a very bad stomach problem. Unless you have them checked by an expert, it's better to buy them from a supermarket.

Thistles are good for pollinators; some species begin to flower in June and July and can be flowering as late as October in common species like Spear Thistle. They can be particularly well visited by insects in the later parts of summer when many other flowers are scarce. Thistles have composite flower heads: many flowers closely clumped together which give an abundance of pollen and nectar. Butterflies like to feed on them. They also give a home for a number of flies and moths in the stems, roots and leaves where they breed. The seeds are loved by Finches such as Goldfinches, a colourful garden bird which can be found in large numbers in the autumn.

Alan Ford



A Letter from St Mary's



October 2022

Dear Friends,

It is said that there are only two certainties in life: taxation and death. I suspect that, at the moment, there is one more: we are all heading for a tough period in our lives.

I guess that the cost-of-living crisis is the most obvious problem ahead, with spiralling inflation, public borrowing and uncertainty about long term food and energy security due to the war in Ukraine. Then there is Brexit that is still being worked out, not only in Northern Ireland: in the near future the French will introduce fresh border controls that will take even longer than this year's checks. They are of course perfectly entitled to do this now that we have placed ourselves in the same category as all other foreign countries. Above and beyond all these is the even bigger existential threat of global warming with the danger that pressure on budgets will reduce investment in green technologies and therefore speed up the problem.

How do we respond? Let me suggest five ways. First, we are honest about the situation – life is going to be tough for some time and pretending otherwise won't reduce any suffering. Second, we look out for each other – people were fantastic during Covid in the way we cared for one another, and that spirit needs to continue. Third, we re-evaluate our priorities – better a holiday on the Isle of Wight with money to spare than one in the Mediterranean with money worries. Fourth, we pray for our government at this time. Finally, we look for hope beyond our own horizons – it is at times such as these God's love for humanity and our planet becomes evident.

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

SPELDHURST VILLAGE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Age UK Lunch	Jan Mann	863931
Allotments	Mark Oddy	862746
Beavers	Jo Smith	518706
Bowls Club	Debbie Moon	861317
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
Junior Cricket section	Francis Booth	07738474144
Cubs	Karol Leeves	531104
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Football: Speldhurst Rangers	Ollie Creees	07919467576
GP Surgery		863040
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Walking Football	Brian Shilling	07940 013135
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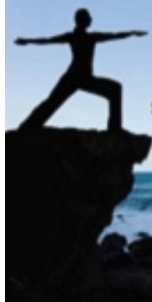
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