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# Welcome

Dear Readers,

It is that very special time of the year - welcome to the December/January edition of the Speldhurst News!

Good luck to all the singers and organisers of the Carols by Candlelight who are performing on Saturday 16th December (p.7) what a great way to start the Christmas festivities.

Don't forget **Friday 8th December** is the closing date to pledge towards the Chapel Project to enable the Shop and Post Office to relocate to the Chapel. Do contact [speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com) for more information. On the subject of the Village Shop do remember that it has lots of goodies for Christmas and the New Year not to mention sellotape, wrapping paper and of course mince pies!!

A very big thank you to everyone who volunteers their time for the Speldhurst News, We are very grateful to you all especially our distributors who are out in all weathers to deliver this to your front door!

Lastly, wishing all our readers a peaceful Christmas and New Year, see you in February!

Sara

**On behalf of Speldhurst News Editors:**

**Maria Turner, Sara Turner, Judith Malim**

Please remember that copy for the **February 2024 edition** should be sent **before 10th January 2024** to: [speldhurst.news@gmail.com](mailto:speldhurst.news@gmail.com). Word, Publisher or pdf files preferred. Thank you.

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# Diary at a Glance

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## December

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# News & Announcements

## What's on in Speldhurst for the Under 5's in December & January

If you have a child under 2 you may like to join Bumps and Babes, the fortnightly coffee mornings for new Mums. We meet in each other's homes on a Monday morning from about 10.30am. Do message Jenny if you are interested in joining the group.

Praise and Play, St Mary's Toddler Group meets on Wednesday 6th & 13th December from 9am in St Mary's Church. We'll have the usual playtime together and then tell the Christmas story using our lovely, knitted nativity figures.

Come the New Year we'll begin again on Wednesday 3rd January. All families with Under 5's welcome.

All village families are invited to St Mary's annual Crib Service which is very suitable for under 5's. The children of the village re-enact the first Christmas making it a perfect beginning to your Christmas celebrations. It is being held on Sunday 24th December at 3pm and 4pm, the earlier one usually being the quieter one.

For more information contact Jenny Fitzsimmons on 07891 318123 or at [jenny50fitz@gmail.com](mailto:jenny50fitz@gmail.com)

## Speldhurst Association of Men (SAM)

SAM is a group of local men who meet on Tuesdays once a month for sporting and social activities. The "sporting" activities include such things as ten pin bowling, croquet and indoor bowls. Our social activities include visits to places of interest. For example in 2023 we have had a guided tour round the Amelia Scott Centre in Tunbridge Wells and visited the Royal Engineers Museum in Chatham. After our meetings we always have a pub lunch. We also have a barbecue in the summer.

We are a very friendly group. If you would like to join us contact Brian Tasker on 01892 862301 or email: [brian.tasker@totalise.co.uk](mailto:brian.tasker@totalise.co.uk)

## **New Playground Slide**

We are delighted to announce there is a new slide and climbing frame in the Rec playground. The work was finished just in time for the autumn half-term. This was an ambitious project, which would not have been possible without generous support from a number of major donors. Speldhurst Parish Council contributed £15,000 and the Village Fête and Hall committees gave almost £8,000 towards the project. We are also grateful for support from Gatwick Airport Trust, SE Water and the village 1931 Trust, as well as those who donated to the village Just Giving campaigns.

We look forward to seeing the enjoyment and development local children and visitors will get from the new slide and climbing apparatus. Do please bring them to use it.

We would welcome any volunteers who would like to join a fundraising subgroup with the aim of raising funds so that the recreation ground facilities can be updated and extended. Currently we only raise enough income to meet very basic costs such as grass cutting. Please contact Kate by email. [ksplunkett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ksplunkett@yahoo.co.uk)

Speldhurst Recreation Ground committee



# The Speldhurst Winter Market

Saturday November 11th 2023

What an amazing afternoon! I really am blown up by all the support from this wonderful community.

Thank you so much to everyone who came. Thank you to all the stall holders. Huge thank you to Amy Sankey for organising the raffle prizes. Thank you so much to all the businesses who donated a raffle prize. Thank you to those who donated cakes for the cake table. Thank you so much to Katy for organising the lost toy hunt around the rec. Thank you to my Mum for helping set up, running two stalls and cleaning up. Thank you to my lovely friend Amy for helping with the set up and running a stall. Thank you to Piers Fox to helping out (and for the bin bags). Thank you to all the mini makers. Thank you to Rascals for the delicious food and drink. Thank you to Mike Harrowing who is always there to help. Thank you to my lovely neighbour Claire for helping me put signs up around the village. Thank you to our lovely caretaker Seb for helping out. Thank you to the Snooker Club for being open to all. Thank you to my amazing friends for helping me tidy up after the event.

It was a smash success and it has raised lots of money to maintain our Village Hall.



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**with Speldhurst Community Choir**  
*at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst*  
**Saturday 16th December**  
**AT 6 PM**



**ALL WELCOME**



Along with other local artists, I am so pleased to be part of an artist group called the TW Artist Collective. We have worked together for several years and are pleased to be 'popping up' in Tunbridge Wells to sell our work together. We hope you can visit! - Maria Turner

# Discover the **Art** of **Christmas** at our **Pop-up Shop**

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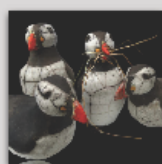
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# Blackham Village Hall Christmas Market

  
Saturday 2nd December  
10am - 12.30pm

*Lots of lovely goodies and local hand-made gifts  
pottery, bags, jewellery, door wreaths & bee  
products as well as all our usual great baked  
goodies - bread, pasties, mince pies, Christmas  
Puddings.*

*Enjoy a glass of mulled wine & a mince pie or a  
cup of delicious coffee/tea and cakes*

*We look forward to seeing you!!*

## Christmas Trees

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Here at the shop, we're in full Christmas planning mode. We have everything you need. We have beautiful Christmas cards and wrapping. Christmas pudding ingredients, sweets and chocolate for your stockings as well as everyday treats for the festive season.

The post office staff are ready to receive all your parcels and cards to be sent all over the world. You can find last posting information at the counter.

Having a party? We can order your wine from The Secret Cellar.

We are now taking Christmas bread orders including mince pies! Please order well in advance particularly for the mince pies. Also remember that the bakeries are not all open between Christmas and New Year, so make sure you get your pre-Christmas order in to make sure you are not short over the Christmas break.

We hope you have been able to read the prospectus for the Chapel Project. There's still time to pledge. The closing date is Friday 8th December.

Did you know we have CCTV in the shop? We recently had an issue at the Post Office that was swiftly resolved when we looked at our CCTV!

Finally we would like to wish our wonderful staff, volunteers and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

	 SHOP	 POST OFFICE
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December	9am – 11am	CLOSED
Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm
New Year's Eve Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	9am – 11am	CLOSED
New Year's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	7.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	7.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm



## NATURE WATCH



The Holly trees are loaded with bright red berries and another good tree for berries is the Rowan. These make for good eating for the winter thrushes such as Redwing, Fieldfare, Song and Mistle Thrush - the Blackbirds too who seem to be in very low numbers for this time of the year.

Last winter was supposed to have seen a large number of Waxwings which did not happen. This year they have arrived in large numbers. A flock of 500 hundred has been seen up north so keep an eye on all those trees full of berries, as they are a great bird to see.

Also, there has been a major movement of Coal Tits in Europe. They also might be coming our way. They have a more blue/grey mantle instead of the olive tones of British birds.

A single oak tree which is 400 years old produces 234,000 litres of oxygen a year while soaking up carbon dioxide and can support more than 2,000 species of birds, insects, lichen and fungi. In the Autumn, if you look at the leaves of an oak with all the areas eaten by insect larvae and the lichens on the bark that number looks possible.

If you feed the birds please keep the feeders clean and also the areas underneath the feeders. This will help to stop the spread of diseases which have a big impact on the Finch family.

Its the 9th of November, as I write and I have just found 25 large White Butterfly caterpillars on my sprouts with a Red Admiral feeding on the rotting crab apples. I spotted a pair of Common Darter damselflies egg laying a couple of days ago and there are lots of other insects still around.

I must admit the weather is a lot warmer than 10 years ago, is this the new normal only time will tell.

Alan Ford

## **News from Cllr Matthew Sankey**

The topic that I am asked most about right now is TWBCs purchase of the long lease hold of Royal Victoria Place.

Due to the commercial nature of this acquisition, I am bound by a NDA and TWBC entered an agreement to only respond to a defined set of FAQs. I will do my best here to outline what we have done and why based on those.

TWBC owns the Freehold of RVP, it always has done. It then issued a long lease to the original shopping centre operator. Since then, several firms have acquired this long lease and finally in October of this year TWBC were in position to complete on the purchase of the very same lease. This marriage of Freehold and Leasehold offers TWBC significant control over the site, something it simply has not had since the centres opening in 1992.

TWBC isn't going to be running the day-to-day operations, this role has been contracted out to a firm called Rivington Hark. I was on the panel interviewing them and I was blown away by their pitch. Their vision and track record in this area is 2<sup>nd</sup> to none – Our shopping centre is in good hands!

But why have we done this? Town Centres across the nation are suffering due to many factors. One of these is simply that the town itself doesn't have control, via TWBC we now have control of the largest site in the town. If we look at how bad not having control can be, just look at the cinema site, with this site out of our hands we could very well have had yet another white elephant blighting our town centre.

With RVP in our control, so is the future of our town centre.

Job one, offer Free parking, ok so it's just for Sundays in December but it's a start!

## **Community Support Fund**

I'm delighted to report that The Borough Partnership, that's the "coalition" that's running the council, a partnership of the Alliance, Labour & the Lib Dems, have agreed to create another £100,000 fund to help those most in need via local charities.

Whilst council finances are not overflowing we feel it's more important than ever to ensure that our community works together to provide those most in need.



Last year this proved to be successful and again we invite charities and causes to apply to the panel for a chunk of the funds.

If you know of any worthy causes, please pop me an email and I'll ensure they get seen.

2024 is going to be interesting politically with an all-out local election with all new wards and a huge general election too. I'm sure we've all seen the bar charts and bizarre cartoons, it's only going to get more aggressive from the nationals as they fight hammer and tong for the Parliamentary Seat – Whilst Paul & I will remain focused on what matters to us, but most importantly, things we can actually have an effect on here in our ward.

All that leaves me to say is I hope you all have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

#### Your Borough Councillors

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Matthew Sankey



Speldhurst pupils have enjoyed taking an artistic approach to history this term. As part of their Tudor topic year 5 children in Crispin class have been studying fabrics and clothing of the era, culminating in the creation of stunning self-portraits as Tudor royalty. They had a wonderful time deciding upon textures, colours and embellishments and are rightfully very proud of the results. Here is a wonderful collage of their paintings.



Whilst in Bramley class year 3 children also had a busy term - this time with colour - learning how to mix watercolours to match the artwork with some famous paintings. They all did a fantastic job and the classroom is now a gallery of their attempts to reflect the colours of artists over nearly 300 hundred years - 1490 to 1770.

Meanwhile Victorian teaching came to school for a day. The pupils all dressed up to reflect society at the time - the way children were treated and women's struggle for votes. Russet Class (Year 6) enjoyed a day of Victorian learning thanks to a session run by Alan from 'The Victorian School'. The children dressed up in a variety of costumes, from chimney sweeps to suffragettes, and experienced Victorian school life by sitting in segregated rows and experiencing the harsh punishments of the time. It wasn't all dunce caps and raps on the knuckles however, as the children got to play some fun Victorian games in the hall in the

in the afternoon. This was a great opportunity for the children to gain a real insight into the Victorian period and they all really enjoyed seeing history come to life.

This short verse below and the photos summed it up for me:



Outside school Year 6 enjoyed a week of swimming lessons at Holmewood House School. We made the most of the fact the private schools have longer holidays than us by using their facilities. The school sent minibuses for us each day and the children had a great time both in the pool and on the buses! It was a really valuable week and there was lots of improvement seen in just five sessions. Well done all.

Have a lovely Christmas.

Sara Andrew (Communications Governor)

### NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS

It has taken some time, but we now have two fully operational quick-charge electric vehicle (EV) charge points in the car park at Langton Green Recreation Ground. We will get an update every quarter on the EV charger usage to see how they are utilized. This is a small first step towards ensuring that residents without the facilities for a home charge point can still charge their electric/Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs) nearby.



Everyone, especially Village Hall users, staff working at the parish council office, Little Birches Nursery, and Pavilion Café, together with school parents, café customers, and sports club users will be able to use the charge-points, which will also show up on Zapmap, a widely used app showing drivers the nearest charge point location.

Some notes on using the EV charge points:

- To pay for charging, you will need to download the Connected Kerb payment app, details of which can be found at the charge point.
- There is a 24-hour helpline listed on the charge point, which you can call if you experience any issues when charging.
- The charging bays are marked specifically for use by electric/PHEVs only. We will have a monitoring period through to March 2024 assessing how these spaces are used. We appreciate that there will be teething troubles, and we will always answer any comments or questions people have about the usage of these spaces. For example, the car park is heavily used during school drop-off/pick-up times, and we appreciate that parents might need to pull into a charging bay for a couple of minutes while they drop their children off.



- As with disabled parking spaces, if a councillor notices an EV charging bay is being used for longer periods of time by any vehicle that isn't charging, we will give a 'gentle' reminder of their intended use.

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Ben Scarbrough resigned from the parish council in October. A Langton Green resident, Ben was co-opted in June 2019. He was a calm presence and a valued member of the council, and his considered responses were particularly appreciated during his time as vice-chair of the Finance committee. Thank you, Ben, for your hard work and contributions.

Ben's resignation means there is now a councillor vacancy to fill, so if you read this before **1<sup>st</sup> December** you still have time to apply. Becoming a councillor is a unique experience. You'll be part of the democratic decision-making that affects local life from the environment to highways, planning, and more. Alongside attending meetings and voting on parish matters, you can also get hands-on with work like helping maintain local footpaths. To find out more about what is involved, get in touch with our clerk, Katie Neve (contact details below).

#### **★ CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ★**

The council office will be closed over Christmas from, and including, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, returning on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. We will check the clerk's email inbox and pick up mobile phone messages periodically during this time, should you need to contact us.

We wish you all a well-deserved festive break, and here's to a happy and healthy New Year.

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS – EVERYONE WELCOME**

Full Council Meeting 7.00 pm, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December Palmer Room at Langton Green Village Hall

Full Council Meeting 7.30 pm, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Committee Room at Speldhurst Village Hall

**TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:** Call the Clerk, Katie Neve on 01892 862927/07760769513 or email [clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
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## ~ Allotment & Gardening News ~



### Helping Wildlife in the Winter

In the last Newsletter, there was mention of putting out food during the winter to help wildlife. By putting out food, gardeners can make a significant contribution to supporting wildlife. It is also a great way to watch wildlife even in the smallest of gardens or balconies, often at very close quarters.

Here are a number of tasks recommended by the Royal Horticultural Society that will help turn gardens into a wildlife haven, increasing the diversity of creatures that can not only survive but thrive.

Garden birds, in particular, benefit from feeding year-round, but winter is a time to provide foodstuffs with a high fat content to help keep them warm. Feed regularly so that birds will not waste vital energy visiting your garden when there is no food.

- Help birds in winter by placing fat blocks in wire cages. Balls in plastic nets are not recommended as birds such as woodpeckers can get their tongues caught.
- Create your own fat blocks by melting suet into moulds such as coconut shells or logs with holes drilled in.
- Alternate different recipes to entice a range of birds; peanut cakes for starlings, insect cakes for tits and berry cakes for finches.
- Put out finely chopped bacon rind and grated cheese for small birds such as wrens.
- Although fat is important, also provide a grain mix or nuts to maintain a balanced diet.
- Sparrows, finches and nuthatches will enjoy prising the seeds out of sunflower heads.
- No-mess mixes are more expensive but the inclusion of de-husked sunflower hearts means there is less waste. Inferior mixes are often padded out with lentils.
- Use wire mesh feeders for peanuts and seed feeders for other seed. Specially designed feeders are needed for the tiny niger seed, loved by goldfinches.
- Feed placed on a wire mesh held just off the ground will entice ground-feeding birds such as robins and dunnocks.
- Thrushes and blackbirds favour fruit. Scatter over-ripe apples, raisins and song-bird mixes on the ground for them
- Consider planting berried and fruiting trees (if you can) such as malus, cotoneaster and pyracantha to fill gaps.

Looking after other creatures:

Check bonfires before they are lit for sheltering and hibernating animals, such as hedgehogs, toads and frogs.

Melt a hole in the ice on ponds to allow the wildlife to drink, and enter and exit the water. Fill a sauce pan with hot water and sit it on the ice until a hole has been melted.

- Do not hit or crack ice as this can send shockwaves through the water that harms wildlife.
- Be careful when you turn compost heaps. As these are often warm, they can be the winter resort of frogs, toads and other animals.
- Provide a shallow dish or container of water at ground level. This will benefit other garden wildlife that needs to drink, as well as birds.
- Make an insect or bug hotel and put up in a sheltered position. Overwintering ladybirds and lacewings will find this useful.
- In late winter, clean out bird boxes so they are ready for new nests in spring.
- Leave healthy herbaceous and hollow-stemmed plants unpruned until early spring. These can provide homes for overwintering insects.

### Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind – a poem by William Shakespeare

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As man's ingratitude;  
Thy tooth is not so keen,  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.  
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly:  
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:  
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!  
This life is most jolly.  
Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,  
That dost not bite so nigh  
As benefits forgot:  
Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp  
As friend remembered not.  
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. If you are interested in these topics/ types of discussions, there is a Facebook page where we go into a lot of this type of stuff. It is called Speldhurst Allotmenters & Gardeners and the web address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/305824050847755>.

Hope to see you there.

Rob Kyte



## A Letter from St Mary's

December 2023

Dear Friends,

Did you know this year is the eight hundredth anniversary of the Christmas crib? Francis of Assisi, concerned about the secularisation of Christmas in his day, started the tradition in 1223.

He'd been to visit the Holy Land and like many before him, and since, was moved when he came to the spot traditionally thought to be the birthplace of Jesus.

Wanting to restore the central message of Christmas to his community he decided to create a living crib in the village of Greccio in the Rieti Valley in Umbria, contacting a local nobleman who provided an ox and a donkey together with a stable so that his plans could bear fruit; a tradition that continues to this day.

We all have our traditions at Christmas, don't we? No doubt this month we'll be discussing when to put up the tree and maybe how many! We'll be negotiating which decorations we will use and when to open the presents. But it's easy for the central message of Christmas to be lost in all our preparations. Jesus is the reason for the season.

The good news that God sent his Son as a vulnerable baby to live amongst us and to die for us is the good news of Christmas. By creating a living crib all those centuries ago St Francis reminded his fellow Umbrian's of this. Why not do the same this year, yourselves? You may already have a crib which you bring out each year.

If not, why not create one or buy one and start a new tradition in 2023? And why not come and celebrate Christmas in one of the churches in the parish too? There are carol and crib services, midnight services and Christmas Day celebrations. You'd be most welcome. More detailed information about all these services appears elsewhere in the magazine.

But most of all, may you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas however you celebrate.

Jenny Fitzsimmons

# December 2023 & January 2024



## **3rd December**

10 am Communion

## **10th December**

10 am Morning Worship

## **SATURDAY 16th December**

6 pm Candlelit Carol Service

## **17th December**

8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10 am Communion

## **WEDNESDAY 20th December**

4 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree

## **24th December**

3pm & 4 pm Crib Service (2 sittings)

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

## **25th December**

10 am A Christmas Celebration for All Ages

## **31st December**

10 am All-Age Communion

## **7th January**

10 am Communion

## **14th January**

10 am Morning Worship

## **21st January**

8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10 am Communion

## **28th January**

10 am Christingle Service

6 pm Evensong

The Church Office can be contacted on 861187 or  
speldhurst.church@btopenworld.com

Normal office hours: 9 am to 12.30 pm

See our website: [www.speldhurstchurch.org](http://www.speldhurstchurch.org)

St Mary's Facebook page:

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## SPELDHURST VILLAGE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

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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
Cricket Club	Nick Coffin	07867 803121
Junior Cricket section	Francis Booth	07738474144
Cubs	Karol Leeves	531104
Flower Show	Alan Ford	863276
Football: Speldhurst Rangers	Ollie Crees	07919467576
GP Surgery		863040
Guides	Sybil Oddy	862746
Library	Olive West	863234
Men on Wednesday	John Perkins	863239
Mothers' Union	Christine Baker	540793
Mothers & Toddlers	Jenny Fitzsimmons	541200
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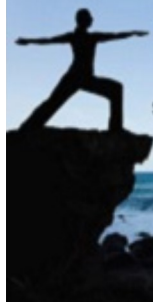
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