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# Welcome

Dear Readers

Welcome to the May magazine - as I write this it is still blustery and cold, with hailstones thrown in today! I feel for those baby lambs we can see in the fields and the bluebells bravely flowering in the woods.

Thank you so much to Brian Tasker for providing the lovely picture on the front cover with the dove peaking through the Camellia from its nest! Do share any photos or news we would love to include it in the magazine.

For the Historians in the village you will be fascinated to read about Roman artifacts that have been unearthed recently in the Parish on pages 14 & 15. Also we have an Open Day at the Bowls Club on Sunday 12th May so do come along and join in. The ground looks in great shape ready for the new season to start!

The Speldhurst Fete committee are busy gearing up for the annual Village Fete on Saturday 15th June with an evening event taking place too - tickets for the evening event will be available from the Post Office the week before.

For all the village crafters do join Julie Pinnell on May 23rd creating a Scrabble picture.

Enjoy all the bank holidays we have in May and hope the sun shines!

Sara

*On behalf of Speldhurst News Editors:*

*Maria Turner, Sara Turner, Judith Malim*

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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 May

If you are looking for activities with your Under 5's in the village, here are two:

**Bumps and Babes** - coffee mornings for new Mums. We meet fortnightly on a Monday from 10.30am. This month, because of the many bank holidays we will only be meeting once on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Do message Jenny if you have a child under 2 and are interested in joining this group.

### **Praise and Play**

Great news! St Mary's Toddler Group now meets twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays in the church from 9 -10.30am. We start with free play and a craft, then gather for a story and some songs. We're there from 9am, so arrive when you can we'll offer you a coffee or tea whatever the time.

This group is suitable for all under 5's whether they can toddle or not.

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](mailto:jenny50fitz@gmail.com)

## **SPELDHURST LIBRARY**

**Mondays  
2-4.30pm**

Speldhurst Library is part of the Kent Library Service (the last surviving library in Kent run by volunteers) and the books are housed in the committee room of the village hall. We are open every Monday afternoon from 2pm - 4.30pm. We have fiction, non-fiction, large print and children's books. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Pat Carter**





# SPELDHURST FETE

Saturday 15th June  
11am to 4:30pm

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## **REMEMBER TO USE YOUR SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

Come and get your fresh bread, milk, meat and vegetables, all locally sourced, plus many other essential and non-essential items.

Do your bit in reducing food miles whilst keeping this valuable village amenity alive.

And don't forget our post office is here for you too - whether to withdraw or pay in cash, post your letters or collect your DPD, Amazon or other parcels... plus we also can help with holiday money orders - just ask.

## **UPDATE ON THE CHAPEL PROJECT**



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

The project is progressing, with plans currently being finalised, ready for planning permission submission.

We do however need your help - we are urgently looking for a project co-ordinator. Someone to arrange and attend meetings, take notes and follow up action points. Could that person be YOU? Or do you know anyone who could help? If so, please

contact the working group at  
[Speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:Speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com)

**YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE**





PATRICIA ANNE FELIX  
(LOFTY)

It's with great sadness that Lofty a much-loved resident of Speldhurst village, passed away peacefully at home, overlooking her beautiful garden.

Pat had given a lot of her time, energy and spirit to Speldhurst, after her retirement from Claremont school, Tunbridge Wells.

From Editing the Speldhurst news, to running the Speldhurst Chapel. Playing the piano at full pelt, singing loudly, encouraging the congregation as she played.

Also, she heard the children read at Speldhurst primary school, something she took very seriously.

The children's future was her calling and her true self.

All of you are welcome at St. Mary's church 3rd of May at 2pm and afterwards at Patricia's home, Little Snape.

The garden will be open!

Suzanne (niece)

# OF CALENDAR CRAFTS

**APR  
18**

**RESIN SEASCAPE  
HEART TRAY & COASTER**



**SCRABBLE  
PICTURE**

**MAY  
23**

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13**

**PYROGRAPHY  
HOUSE NAME/BOARD**



**GLASS PAINTING**

**JUL  
29**

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# CALENDAR OF CRAFTS

**AUG  
15**

**RESIN RING DISH  
& KEY RING**



**NORTHERN  
LIGHTS**

**SEPT  
17**

**OCT  
10**

**RESIN  
POPPIES**



**SWEET  
TREES**

**NOV  
26**

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If you are interested in acquiring an allotment and doing your bit to grow your own food and save our planet, 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](mailto:kYTEHOUSE@STEPEx.CO.UK).



*Don't miss Penshurst Farmers' Market this month for the best locally produced food & drink*



**Saturday,  
4th May  
2024**

**9.30 am to  
12.00 pm**

***Penshurst  
Place Visitor  
Car Park***



What better way to kick off the early Spring bank holiday weekend than with a visit to the farmers' market? There's plenty going on at Penshurst Place for the whole family as it's also the first day of Weald of Kent Craft Show so come early to stock up on all you need for a enjoyable holiday.

Our stallholders have been working hard to come up with treats and essentials to help you enjoy the occasion in style. Local raised meat and game, fish and seafood fresh up from Hastings, home-baked cakes, sausage rolls, Sussex fizz, sourdough bread and award-winning cheeses are just some of the items to put in your basket.

And if you are planning to spend the holiday weekend in the garden you can pick up all kinds of plants from vegetable plugs to shrubs and perennials, and get your garden tools sharpened at the same time.

Parking is plentiful, free and close by and you can enjoy meals, snacks and drinks from the Porcupine Pantry next to the market at Penshurst Place.



Tonbridge Music Club

Jeneba Kanneh-Mason

7.30pm on Saturday, 4 May at Big School, Tonbridge School.

Tonbridge Music Club is delighted to be bringing to the town a member of one of the most well-known musical families in the UK today – pianist Jeneba Kanneh-Mason. Following in the footsteps of her brother, Sheku, the cellist and her sister, Isata, a pianist, Jeneba is starting to make a name for herself as well. Jeneba is already captivating audiences with her ‘maturity in performance and interpretation’ (Fraser)

The third of the Kanneh-Mason family to establish herself as a soloist, Jeneba will perform for us a wonderful programme of Scarlatti, Chopin, William Grant Still and Prokofiev. This is a concert not to be missed.

Jeneba’s career in music is already impressive. She recently made her BBC Proms debut with the Chineke! Orchestra, performing the Florence Price Concerto and was complimented by the press as “demonstrating musical insight, technical acuity and an engaging performing persona.” (Music OMH).

She has won several music competitions in the UK and Europe and was a Keyboard Category Finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2018. Recent and forthcoming highlights include debuts with the Philharmonia, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic.

She has toured extensively in Europe with Chineke! and in 2022 embarked on tours of Australia, the USA, Antigua and Barbuda with her siblings. She will soon be making solo debuts at prestigious London venues including the Wigmore Hall and St Martin in the Fields, as well as in Europe.

Tickets are selling fast. So, if you would like to come to the concert, and are not already a TMC member, please go to our website [www.tmc.org.uk](http://www.tmc.org.uk) where tickets can be bought. Alternatively, call 01732 364204.

We look forward to welcoming you to a wonderful evening of music.



## Community Archaeology In Speldhurst



Geophys Survey on The Rec

In 2023 a small archaeological investigation was undertaken at a property in Barden Road at Speldhurst. With expectations of finding little more than a few rusty nails or the odd bit of Victorian willow pattern pottery a small test pit was opened up in the back garden. However one of the very first objects to be pulled from the hole was a fragment of Romano-British 'Colour Coated Ware' – a rarity in these parts. This was followed by even older material in the form of a Mesolithic stone tool, taking the story of human activity back many thousands of years! With such an encouraging start several more test pits were opened up across the garden area and the dig was joined by members of West Kent Community Diggers (WKCD).

Over the course of several weeks dozens of artefacts were excavated giving a very broad picture of settlement activity at Speldhurst. Not only were more fragments of Roman pottery recovered but also Iron Age, Saxon, Saxo-Norman and late medieval. The entire assemblage represented clear evidence of just how long people had lived in Speldhurst. It was also noted that early potsherds, from the Roman to Norman period were the first to be found in our part of West Kent. Examples of such are currently on display at Rusthall library.

Following on from the initial research a geophysical survey was undertaken at the nearby recreation ground just a few weeks ago. This

was carried out by West Kent Archaeological Society (WKAS) and supported by several local volunteers on the day. Whilst the results were inconclusive they did show some areas of potential interest and additional surveys may well be planned in the near future.

In 2024 local people are encouraged to take a closer look at what might be hidden under their own back gardens. The opening up of small test pit, no more than 1m x 1m, may well reveal an array of ancient and significant finds that add to the story of Speldhurst. Indeed the village is, historically, far more important than many may realise. Not only was it the parish centre for many hundreds of years it also marks the eastern limits of the 'Somerden Hundred' – a medieval area of administration. With new finds pointing to a very long history to the village, the story can only get bigger and better!

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Ed Langridge email: [edlangridge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:edlangridge@yahoo.co.uk)



Romano-British  
Colour Coated Ware



Late Neolithic  
Orthoquartzite Scraper

A delightful poem written and read by Lynne Bungay at the funeral of her father, Brian Murphy on 11 March.

### **My Dad**

Everyone will want to applaud you  
not just for being an amazing man,  
but for once silencing your loud daughter  
a miracle only you can.  
49 years ago I met you  
back then a much younger lad,  
no idea the wonderful life ahead  
was going to be given to me by our Dad.  
You cradled me through whooping cough  
Asthma, chicken pox and broken bones,  
you made us the best seaside picnic  
followed by ice-cream in wafer cones.  
Weekends swimming, followed by breakfast  
at Granny Ellis or just staying in,  
a grafter hard working man, any competition  
for the Worlds best Dad you'd win.  
The older I became realization hit  
of this man I was in complete awe  
I was going to love this man forever  
head to toe right to his core.  
You taught me to ride my bike  
even more bravely drive your car  
we will miss your perfectly folded tissues and bank notes  
and you counting your loose change into your jar.  
When you smiled your eyes would twinkle  
they would light up your entire face  
I'm going to miss what I called your piggy grin  
It made my life a happier place.  
Sitting here confused, shocked and broken  
finding time to smile of memories and things,  
I can hear you say, nothing is broken forever,  
I'll fix it, our Dad the Super glue king.  
Knowing I'm never going to hear you say  
"I'm not going to argue with you" or "permission to speak"  
I guess I'm going to have to take life day by day  
and eventually week by week.  
So just before I let you go Dad  
Thank you doesn't seem enough to say,  
as your daughter my final promise to you  
is I will try to make you proud everyday.



## Egg in the Hole Technique – AKA Everyone Loves Tomatoes (don't they?)

Who doesn't love a tomato? And until they get blight – which is the bane of outdoor tomatoes. And who doesn't also enjoy growing them?. They are so easy and rewarding. Kids love them too, especially the picking. If grown in grow bags or pots, they don't take up much space.

For a little variety and intrigue this year, I'm going to use the 'Egg in the Hole' technique. Basically, this involves planting the tomatoes as deep as possible, even removing leaves to do so up to the crown of the plant, placing an egg in the bottom of the hole and planting the tomato on top. This is how it's supposed to work:

1. Planting deep takes advantage of the adventitious roots (roots that form from non-root tissue) which means they have the ability to grow more roots along their stems at any point where the stem is buried. So burying deep encourages a larger, stronger root system.
2. Burying an egg in the ground acts as a natural fertiliser that slowly diffuses nutrients.

Apparently - in contrast to seeing an egg shell disintegrate with difficulty over the course of several months in a compost bin - an egg disintegrates very well inside the ground. Making a slight crack in the shell will help this process. Slowly but surely the egg will start to decompose and release essential nutrients.

This natural fertiliser is supposed to be excellent for cottage garden vegetables and tomatoes. It is claimed that everything in eggs that is good for humans is also good for vegetation. An egg yolk is a gold mine of nutrients and calcium from the egg shell is a brilliant natural fertiliser for anything that grows.

Therefore, plants have everything they need to grow quickly by developing good healthy roots. What is more it is also supposed to help prevent plants from developing illnesses.

So, I'm going to give it a try.

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



May 2024

Dear friends,

I'm writing this article at the beginning of April and the heavy rainfall, and gentle showers of the past months are continuing. The only difference is that it is slightly warmer, and the sun is shining - sometimes! Our lives can be a bit like the weather, can't they? We can be moving along peacefully, minding our own business, when crash, bang, wallop suddenly something happens to rock our peaceful lives and we wonder if we will ever return to that peaceful state again. I have had a few storms in my life, more like raging tempests, but since going to church and when I started teaching, I found Jesus. I then had someone I could depend on whatever else happened to me. It didn't mean I had a protective storm coat around me protecting me from ever being hurt or attacked again, but it did mean I had someone to restore me to peace once again. Life in Speldhurst is okay, isn't it? It's more than okay if you compare it to other parts of our country and more especially to the trouble spots around the world. When you see the horrific scenes of violence and battles on television or in the newspapers, does it make you wonder why God doesn't do something about it - or doubt even more His existence? BUT God isn't like that. We aren't like puppets only moving when our puppeteer moves us. God has given us brains to think for ourselves and sometimes, or a lot of the time, we get it wrong. In biblical times the people looked to prophets to tell them if things were going well or if they had to change their ways. Now we have politicians - and I won't say anything about them! However, God is always there to watch over you and to listen to you if you want to talk to him.

I hope as you read this that the weather is getting warmer, and you might be thinking about summer holidays or just sitting in the garden relaxing. I'm looking forward to our Cub Camp in May and am already praying for warm weather and no rain, but I also know that whatever the sky throws at us we'll have a fabulous time.

Karol x

kleeves@hotmail.com

# May 2024



## 5th May

10 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

## 12th May

10 am Morning Worship

## 19th May

8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

## 26th May

10 am All-Age Worship

6 pm Evensong



## Baptism

7th April Georgia Elisabeth Pottow

The Church Office can be contacted on 01892 861187 or

[speldhurst.church@btopenworld.com](mailto: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: [facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/](https://facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/)

## Nature Watch

May is for me when things really get going in the natural world. Most of summer migrants will be here - Swallows, Nightingales and various Warblers - will we hear the cuckoo in Speldhurst this year? Early May is the best time to go out early and hear the dawn chorus. Shadwell woods and Bullingstone are good places to hear the birds singing and the Bluebells should still be flowering.

Butterflies such as Orange Tip in grassland and Speckled Wood are around woodland edges and glades and both can be seen in gardens along with the Holly Blue. If a blue butterfly is seen flying along hedge and tree lines in gardens it will be a Holly Blue, Holly trees with their evergreen prickly leaves is a food plant for the Holly Blue, the caterpillars eat the flowers in the first generation and the second generation eat the Ivy flowers in the autumn. The Holly has red Berries much loved by the Thrush family in winter. It is a very good hedging plant and will grow in shady corners. The wood is very white and even grained and can be stained to look like Ebony. When grown in a woodland it is often left by the woodsmen when coppicing as it was said to be unlucky to cut one down. Dandelions are giving a wonderful show again this year. The name comes from the French "dent de lion" which means Lions tooth. This refers to the jagged edges of the leaves.

Some of us reach for the weed killer and some see them as very important spring flowers. The flower heads are made up of around 200 individual florets, which close at night and during bad weather. As one of the first sources of nectar and pollen they're popular with Solitary Bees, Honey Bees and Bumblebees. They're also enjoyed by Pollen Beetles, Hoverflies, and butterflies like the Peacock and Comma. The seed heads are called Dandelion clocks and children enjoy blowing on them and watching the seeds on the tiny parachutes float away. Birds like the House sparrow and Goldfinch like to eat the seeds. The leaves can be used in salads and have lots of vitamins, calcium, iron, magnesium and copper. When I was a lad, a lady in the village where I used to live would pay me for collecting the flower heads so she could make Dandelion wine. They can also be made into a honey-like syrup, which I have never tried but the wine was very good.

Alan Ford

# NEWS FROM SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



## **BUCKLE UP: AN UPDATE FROM OUR HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

There is no doubt that road safety is an issue in our parish, and we often hear from concerned residents who would like to see more done to address the problem. Here is an update on what we are doing to help.

### **Who makes the decisions about Highways?**

Firstly, Highways are the responsibility of Kent County Council (KCC), meaning that only they have the authority to make decisions and implement traffic-calming measures (traffic-calming can be anything from a speed reduction to a mini-roundabout or a double yellow line).

However, we work hard to press KCC to make improvements. In recent years we have successfully lobbied for reduced speed limits (including 20 mph zones), village 'gateways', and parking restrictions at unsafe junctions like the recent installation of double yellow lines at Ferbies/Langton Road. We have a Highways Improvement Plan that uses the accident and speeding data we gather to prioritize road-safety 'hotspots' in our villages and informs our approach to KCC. Here, we face two main challenges. Firstly, Government cuts to local authority spending mean KCC now has very limited funds for highways. Secondly, the process of agreeing and implementing improvements is labour-intensive and slow-moving.

### **We won't give up**

Despite these challenges, we are determined to keep working on behalf of our communities. We have recently secured KCC agreement to maintain and upgrade some highway signs but know that won't be enough. For this reason, we are arranging on-site meetings with KCC Design Engineers to investigate what is possible in terms of traffic-calming. We have also encouraged the police to carry out speeding enforcement sessions and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) to tackle illegal or dangerous parking. We will continue to chase - see our Highways Committee meeting minutes: [www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Additionally, we have used our budget to install Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs) across the parish, produce signage, and support volunteer Speedwatch groups in Langton Green, Old Groombridge, and Speldhurst. We are also working with our primary schools and KCC to help create safer walking routes to school.



#### **Speedwatch - how can you help?**

Our statistics show Speedwatch sessions really can reduce speeding when regularly undertaken, so if you can volunteer, please register at the Speedwatch website:

<https://communityspeedwatch.org>.

We hope this update has been helpful. Get in touch if you have specific questions about what we are doing to improve Highways in your village.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

**The 2024/25 Precept:** You will now have received your council tax bill, showing the amount to be paid to the parish council (called the precept). An explanation of this year's precept is on our website under 'Finance'.

**3G Pitch Planning Application:** You can still comment on the application for a 3G pitch to be installed adjacent to Langton Green Rec. TWBC advises the earliest its Planning Committee will consider this application is June. Visit <https://twbcpa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> and use reference number 24/00235/FULL to search for the application.

**Good News:** KCC tell us they have mended the Shadwell Wood boardwalk. We have also worked with the landowner of the footpath at Went Farm to replace some damaged stiles with accessible metal gates.

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

Full Council Meeting (Annual Statutory meeting) **Tuesday** 7<sup>th</sup> May, Palmer Room, Langton Green Village Hall, 7.30pm.

#### **TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- Call the Clerk, Katie Neve on 01892 862927/07760 769513
- Or email [clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk)
- For helpful information, visit [www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## RECYCLING – WHY SHOULD YOU DO IT AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN SPELDHURST PARISH?



Plenty of statistics support a continued effort to recycle:

“Recycling stops tonnes of waste being buried in landfill. In the UK, recycling saves about 10-15 million tonnes of carbon emissions a year, the equivalent of taking 3.5 million cars off the road”.

<https://www.recyclenow.com/how-to-recycle/why-is-recycling-important>

In short, it is definitely worth recycling as the impact of not doing it is probably creating a bigger environmental impact than you think. There is always more we can do!

There is a plan that one-day bins will all mean the same thing for every council across the UK, but until then many of us may need a reminder of what each of our bins can and can't take. Incorrect recycling can result in spoiled loads and an increase in what ends up in landfill.

We have had a few bin changes over the past years, and what goes in each bin can be a mystery from one council to the next. SO if you are new to the area or need a refresh on what goes in your array of bins read on!

### GREEN BOXES – PAPER/CARD RECYCLING

#### IN THE BOX....

- ♻ Newspapers, supplements, magazines, catalogues, leaflets, flyers
- ♻ Cardboard, egg boxes, cereal boxes and corrugated cardboard etc, paper, envelopes, greeting card
- ♻ Gift wrap (non-metallic/glitter) – tape removed from boxes and wrapping

#### NOT IN THE BOX....

- ♻ Glass, plastics, and cans – these go in your brown bin now
- ♻ Padded envelopes  
Tetra food and drink cartons – there is no facility for recycling tetra locally at the moment
- ♻ Card etc with food products or grease – pizza boxes cannot be recycled
- ♻ Metallic gift wrap

#### WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

One of the most significant benefits of recycling cardboard is that it reduces the volume of waste sent to landfill. By recycling more cardboard, less ends up in landfill which thus lessens the damaging effects.



## TALL BROWN BIN

### IN THE BIN....

Glass bottles/Jars – any colour

- ✧ Aerosols – empty
- ✧ Clear or coloured plastic bottles
- ✧ Food tins & drinks cans
- ✧ Plastic pots/tubs
- ✧ Plastic food trays & punnets (NOT BLACK)
- ✧ Aluminium foil & Foil food trays
- ✧ All these items should be rinsed

### NOT IN THE BIN....

- ✧ Black plastic/flowerpots
- ✧ Cling film or film lids from food packaging including crisp and biscuit packets and bread bags, cat and dog food pouches
- ✧ Plastic egg boxes
- ✧ Tetra Pak cartons - there is no facility for recycling tetra locally at the moment
- ✧ Other kinds of glass (Pyrex, drinking glasses, window glass)
- ✧ Gas canisters or cylinders

### NO PLASTIC BAGS

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE RINSED AND PLACED LOOSE IN THE BIN – DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS. Local supermarkets have plastic bag recycling; they do not get recycled in our bins. If we recycle with our plastics in a plastic bag, then this can spoil the load which is ultimately a waste of time for everyone with everything ending up in landfill.

### WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

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- When lining your kitchen caddy, use newspaper, paper bags or compostable bags (look out for the SEEDLING logo)
- If using compostable bags, please do not tie the top as it takes longer to compost

### NOT IN THE BIN....

- Plastic bags!

### WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

Any of these, when left in with general waste, can cause one of the biggest issues for our environment. When wasted food goes to a landfill, the nutrients in the food never return to the soil. The wasted food rots and creates pockets of methane, a powerful pollutant greenhouse gas. We are all conscious that methane is a by-product of agriculture, but landfill is also one of the main sources of methane in the UK – and this is largely down to food rotting in pockets instead of being recycled.

For more information about our local recycling facilities and variety of bins, visit: <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling>

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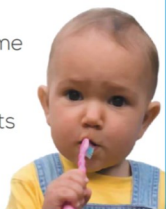
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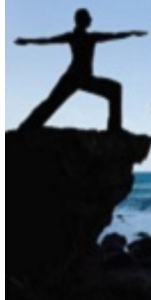
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