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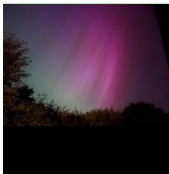
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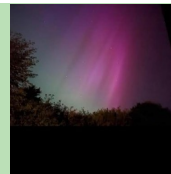
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Welcome



Dear Readers

Firstly, can I draw your attention to some important information regarding Subscriptions on Page 4 from Eric Roughley.

It's been a beautiful sunny day but, as I write this, the heavens have opened and the calm of the day has been replaced with crashing thunder and lightning flashes! "Saves watering", will be a common mantra if this continues into June. Though the one day we would definitely wish dry weather for is our wonderful village fete on Saturday 15th June. I love the way the fete brings the community together and the party atmosphere in the evening is a great way to round off a perfect day. See Page 5 and the Fete leaflet enclosed for more details.

On the theme of water, Rob Kyte discusses the dilemma of summer watering on Page 14. If indeed it does rain, there are a range of events listed in the magazine that will entertain and keep you dry! See Page 6 for details of Race Night and Page 10 for the Tonbridge Music Club Concert. All the usual local services and amenity updates are included.

As ever, we welcome new contributions from our readers and younger members of the village too. If your child is a budding artist, chef, sportsperson, dancer or whatever, you may have a story to share or picture to send in. We want to ensure the magazine reflects our whole community! Finally, thank you to Margaret Giles for the super cover shot that caught the amazing Speldhurst aurora borealis.

Have a great month!

Maria

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 June

Bumps and Babies enables new Mums in the village to get to know each other.

We meet in each other's homes on Mondays, fortnightly. This month we'll be meeting on 3rd & 17th June.

Do contact Jenny if you are interested in joining the group.

Praise and Play, St Mary's Toddler Group, meets in the church on Wednesdays and Fridays during term time from 9-10.30 am. We have great fun playing with the toys, doing a craft, ringing the church bell, and sharing story and song time together. All are welcome.

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 give you more information.

Subscription

You will see that we are asking for your annual subscription this month rather than in September.

We had to delay the collection of subscriptions until September in 2020 due to Covid restrictions but now find in a time of increasing printing costs we will have to revert to a June collection to help facilitate acceptable financial management.

We will NOT be increasing the price of Speldhurst News.

Eric Roughley



Ring Out for Peace – 6th June

The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

As part of the 80th anniversary, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers are inviting ringers to join a national Ring Out for Peace on 6th June at 6.30pm, and we plan to ring Speldhurst Church bells at that time.

A New Season begins at Rusthall Community Cinema

Now that Speldhurst and Rusthall are served by the same Borough Councillors, this may be a good time to see what RCC is all about. Celebrating its 8th anniversary this week, RCC has continually grown to improve its offering. Films are shown every alternate Saturday evening and one Sunday afternoon each month. Films are nominated and voted into the schedule by those on the monthly email newsletter distribution list, and the organisers try to make a community event out of each. On Saturdays the first 20 minutes is used to screen short films or host speakers that enhance or give context to the main film. After an interval at which ice creams, teas and wines are served with a film themed cake, the main film is shown. Some then stay on for a discussion group. Entry to RCC is free as it is supported by voluntary donations. Eugene Gardner, the founding Trustee explained that “we encourage everyone, especially those home alone, to come and mix with others and share an environment that is very different from commercial cinemas”.

The Sunday afternoon program offers recorded live theatre, ballet, concerts, and opera that gives the feel of being at a London stage without the cost or travel difficulties. Air conditioning, sound and visual quality are all of a very high standard.

Most events are subtitled and an induction loop assists those with sight and hearing difficulties. As a volunteer run charity RCC exists to bring people together in a fun and informative way. To receive the programme and free monthly newsletter, ask at <https://www.rusthallcinema.club/contact>

Eugene

Coordinating Trustee, Rusthall Community Cinema.





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TEAMS 6 PEOPLE	TICKETS £12 EACH INCLUDING SUPPER	DOORS OPEN 7PM QUIZ START 7.30PM
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The Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show will be held on Saturday 7th September from 2.30pm.

Whether you are a gardening enthusiast, keen crafter, dab hand in the kitchen or budding photographer there is something for everyone of all ages at the Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show. Time to get planting!

Check out our Facebook page Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show or our website page <http://speldhurst.org/contacts/34>



Speldhurst Allotments available now!

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.



The Annual Members Meeting of Speldhurst Community Benefits Society will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

The meeting is open to anyone in the village, you don't need to be a shareholder to attend the meeting. There will also be an update on The Chapel Project

The sun is finally out! Beautiful strawberries and raspberries from our local supplier Hugh Lowe Farms are now in the shop. Did you know Hugh Lowe supply Wimbledon and M&S? You can buy these gorgeous berries in the shop cheaper than they are in M&S!



Our resident wine expert Jo Maclean has refreshed our summer wines. Have you tried the pink sparkling from Graham Beck? It's delicious and perfect for a summer party, or just because!



If you would like to have a say in the new shop or anything else shop related please contact us at: speldhurstcommunityshop@gmail.com



Speldhurst CEP Primary School News



Think London Marathon style passion, energy, and determination to cross the finish line. Speldhurst children brought the same enthusiasm and commitment to their own - albeit mini marathon - as they ran through the village to raise funds for the School..cheered on by applauding crowds of parents and other supporters

Organised by the PTA the event topped a spectacular £3,500. Special thanks to Emma Morris and all who helped create such a wonderful day.

Another successful event this term was the annual visit from the Scholastic Book Fair. The day not only gave a fantastic opportunity for pupils to exercise mind and imagination but also the opportunity to buy the latest from children's writers including Tom Gates, Onjali Q.Rauf and Jeff Kinney, raising further funds for the School. Pupils also got a chance this term to appreciate the importance of maths and numeracy in the real world with an educational visit from HSBC representatives. The aim of the visit was to help build financial literacy and confidence from an early age to support future well-being and mental health. Becoming a responsible citizen and social mobility are high on the curriculum of schools in the UK, introducing even the youngest children to money management, digital skills and an understanding of how finances impact on society including how to recognise and avoid fraud.

Meanwhile Year 3 children in Bramley class had the opportunity to learn another - very practical - life-skill - cooking. We were really fortunate to welcome Cheryl from 'Cooking Pioneers' to work with the class, teaching them how to make four different meals. Cheryl's sessions also taught the pupils about the importance of a balanced diet, food hygiene and cooking techniques.

And finally as the sun shone (at last!) Year 5 children in Crispin Class enjoyed a wonderful day out at Bore Place, a working farm near Chiddingstone. The trip was part of their geography curriculum, teaching them about sustainability and seasonality. They were able to explore the beautiful estate, learning about cattle farming, meeting the cows, planting seeds and enriching their knowledge of life on a farm and its vital importance to the food on our table.

As I write this the sun is shining through my kitchen window and goldfinches are coming to my bird table - Summer is on its way at last. Enjoy.

SARA ANDREW - Communications Governor



TONBRIDGE MUSIC CLUB

Connaught Brass

7.30pm, Saturday, 15 June

at St Peter & St Paul Church, Tonbridge

TMC is thrilled to welcome to Tonbridge Connaught Brass for what promises to be a resounding finale to celebrate the end of TMC's 2023/24 Season. Do come and join us!

Connaught Brass' ambition is to explore and share the broadest range of musical repertoire with as wide an audience as possible, bringing brass chamber music to the forefront of today's musical world. They will be performing a characteristically innovative and virtuosic programme, featuring well known composers, whilst also introducing us to music and composers they really believe in, but that we may not have heard before.

Robin Haigh: Get Good (Commission, 2023)
Antonio Vivaldi arr. Stone: Concerto in F major
Anthony Plog: Four Sketches
Georges Bizet arr. Foster: Carmen in 13-and-a-half minutes
Leonard Bernstein: Dance Suite
Claude Debussy arr. Taillard: Le Petit Berger
Edward Elgar arr. Garcia: Salut d'Amour
Victor Ewald: Quintet No. 3

Described as 'A thrilling young ensemble at the start of what is sure to be a major international career' (Great Birmingham Brass Fest), Connaught Brass are rapidly making a name for themselves as a fresh talent in the chamber music world. Having already made their debut at the Lucerne Festival and London's Wigmore Hall, the ensemble's ability to manipulate and unify sound earned them 1st Prize in the Inaugural Philip Jones International Brass Ensemble Competition (2019) and the Royal Overseas League Mixed Ensemble Competition (2022). The Ensemble has performed widely throughout the UK and Europe.

Tickets for the concert cost £20 for adults and £5 for students and under-18s. They can be bought at www.tmc.org.uk where more information about the concert, and TMC, can be found. Or, you may prefer to call 01732 364204. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you – and especially as we will be launching the brochure for TMC's 2024/25 Season that evening.

Speldhurst Art Show 2025

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We are also planning workshops and a special section for under 18s

Look out for information about our 2025 show later this year in the Speldhurst Magazine. Vil-



FARMERS' MARKET AT PENSURST

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



**Saturday
1st June
2024**

**9.30 am
to
12.00 pm**

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June is always a busy and rewarding month at Penshurst market as, with the growing season finally in full flow, our hard-working stallholders will be bringing the pick of their produce to offer our lucky visitors. Kent asparagus, strawberries and raspberries, Scotch eggs and pasties, cakes and chutneys, locally reared meat - we will have all the makings of the perfect summer menu, be it relaxed supper, BBQ or picnic. And all grown, produced or baked within 35 miles of the market.

It's a busy time of year for gardeners too. Ziggy's Market Garden from up the road in Langton Green are back with their superb quality vegetable plants, there'll be locally grown plants - shrubs, perennials and annuals - from Andrew of Low Wood Nursery, and beautiful bouquets and posies of home grown fresh flowers all grown and arranged by Victoria from our latest addition to the market, the Tunbridge Wells Flower Company.

Parking is plentiful, free and close by and you can pick up snacks and drinks from the Porcupine Pantry at Penshurst Place.

! Date for your diary - don't miss our July market which takes place on Saturday 6th July, same time same place !

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WWW.kfma.org.uk/penshurst



ROAD SAFETY IN SPELDHURST – A MESSAGE FROM SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Please be assured that we have read the recent discussion in the Speldhurst Community Facebook group about road safety issues in the village. Although it is not an efficient use of our time to reply to every social media comment, we have noted these and included the suggestions about signage and traffic calming in our next Highways meeting agenda later this summer.

Please note that many of these issues are ones that we are already lobbying Kent County Council (KCC) Highways about (KCC is the authority responsible for decision-making when it comes to implementing road safety). We have an active Highways Improvement Plan which prioritises 'hot spots' in our villages and we work hard to get KCC to investigate what is possible in terms of traffic calming. Unfortunately, their process for agreeing to and implementing improvements is labour intensive and slow-moving.

Despite these challenges, we won't give up and also regularly appeal to the police to conduct speeding enforcement sessions and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to tackle illegal or dangerous parking.

Please get in touch if you would like to come to our next Highways Committee meeting by emailing clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk or calling 01892 862927. Attending our public council meetings really is the best way to have your voice heard, as there will be an opportunity for you to speak to our councillors during the public open session. You can also read our full highways update at www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk in the news section.



A Letter from St Mary's June 2024



Dear All

Are you, like me? Overwhelmed by junk mail and other literature, which might be interesting and is not easy to throw away. I tend to keep the latter on a pile having sorted the obvious junk for recycling. Then what? Do we get around to reading this pile we cannot bear to junk or shred? Last week I upset a glass of water on the literature hopefully awaiting attention. Common sense told me to scrap it but for some reason I dried out a couple of damp magazines and discovered in one some interesting articles. Sadly I can only share the substance of one which refers to the beacon of hope in the midst of the carnage of the First World War. Though that was over 100 years ago we seem to hear all too often about wars every week. We are not quite half way through the year and 2024 seems already to have experienced a decade's worth of floods volcanic eruptions and earth tremors let alone the destruction caused by wars. The media thrives on these events but where are there spaces for those involved in these events to seek refuge from the avalanches of sadness? Yet in the middle of the unimaginable horror of the trenches a large damaged house in the small Belgian town of Poperinge was taken over and rented by the army chaplaincy and the house repaired by the Royal Engineers. The building was called Talbot House and a young chaplain called Philip Clayton was asked by his superiors to find a haven of rest for war weary soldiers near to the trenches. The house was named by the senior officer in memory of his fallen brother, but the refuge will always be associated with Tubby Clayton so nicknamed due to his substantial figure. Later the house name was reduced to Toc H. and in December 1915 the oasis of serenity in a world of madness was opened. One outstanding feature was that rank was left behind once a soldier entered the house. After the war the owners returned to their house, but lost their privacy as so many soldiers returned knocking on the door or peering into the large garden to rekindle cherished memories. It seems that eventually the family had enough and the house was sold and is now in the hands of the Talbot House Association and open to the public.

I wonder if you have a cherished place which you may or may not have revisited, yet by merely calling it to mind gives a feeling of warmth and peace. In the last parish I lived in there is an ancient now redundant church where I know several people including me find solace in its prayer soaked walls. Though we may not be experiencing the mad house of the First World War here our lives can at times feel like we are in it; then is the time to find our own Toc H.

John Buckle

June 2024



St. Mary's Church, Speldhurst | St. John's Church, Groombridge | St. Martin's Church, Ashurst

2nd June

10 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's Speldhurst
11am Matins at St John's, Groombridge

9th June

10 am Morning Worship at St Mary's, Speldhurst
11am Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's, Groombridge

16th June

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's, Speldhurst
10 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's, Speldhurst
6pm Evensong at St Martin's, Ashurst

23rd June

10 am All-Age Worship at St Mary's, Speldhurst
11am Holy Communion (CW) at St Martin's, Ashurst
6 pm Evensong at St Mary's, Speldhurst

30th June

10am All Age Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's, Speldhurst

Funerals

3rd May Patricia Felix (Lofty) at St Mary's, Speldhurst

Weddings

5th May Alex Bescoby & Emma Fox at St Mary's, Speldhurst
25th May Jacques Domican-Bird & Georgina Fenton at St Mary's, Speldhurst



The Church Office can be contacted on 01892 861187 or
speldhurst.church@btopenworld.com
Normal office hours: 9 am to 12.30 pm
See our website: www.speldhurstchurch.org
St Mary's Facebook page: facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/

Nature Watch

The first warm weekend we had I spent in the garden catching up. In those 2 days I found in the garden 3 Slow-worms and a small Toad in the compost heap whilst digging it out for the garden. Another Toad under a seed tray in the Green house, 4 small Frogs and 2 Smooth Newts in the pond. While cutting grass and weeding I saw a Speckled Wood, male Orange Tip, Peacock and 2 Brimstone butterflies one of which spent a long time feeding on the Honesty flowers. Then to finish a Large Red Damselfly enjoying the sun on the fence, fresh out of the pond and the first of the year. Spring is a wonderful time of the year.

When the Hawthorn comes into flower it tells me that its time to go over to Marden meadow, a Kent Wildlife Nature Reserve famous for a type of orchid called a Green-wing Orchid. It is an orchid of the old Hay meadows and can be found in 3 fields there. When I visited last year they were counting them and the leader said that she thought the final number would be well over 5,000 flowering stems [see pictures] and they vary in colour from white to a dark mauve. The field also has Yellow rattle, Adders-togue Fern, Buttercups, and another rare hay meadow plant, Dyer's greenweed.

I am writing this in early May and the birds are busy nesting with the first young birds hatching in the nest boxes. I first heard the Cuckoo on the 6th April at Bough Beech Reservoir. Keep your eyes open this month for more types of Butterflies and ears open for Nightjars in Broadwater Forest (RSPB reserve).



Alan Ford



Allotment & Gardening News



Water, Water Everywhere? The Summer Dilemma.

It is estimated that soil which bears an average crop of plants loses about 20 litres of water per sq. yd every week during the summer months. (Please excuse mixing imperial and metric). Cripes!! That sounds a lot. And indeed it seems to be...read on. 20 litres of water is equivalent to 1 inch of rain. So surely that means when it is dry, we should be watering our plants at a rate of 1 inch per sq. yd per week. But how much is that? What does that much look like? Where should the water go? Should it be across the entire area of our garden or just under the plants?

One way that I have seen to deal with this is to break it down into smaller units eg 1 inch of water per sq. ft. I've picked a sq.ft as being the area around an average sized plant eg pepper or french bean. 20 litres of water per square yard is 2.22 litres of water per sq. ft. In imperial, that's 0.5 gallons. So that means when it is dry, we should be watering at a rate of 0.5 gallon per week per plant.

But what if it rains? A quick look on tinterweb indicates that heavy rainfall is more than 0.30 inches of rain per hour. So to get to 1 inch of rain, it has to rain hard for quite a period. BTW...1 inch of water is 22,650 gallons of water per acre! That is a lot of water. I've not measured the dimensions of the allotments, but I reckon they must exceed 1 acre in total. What do I conclude from all this? It would seem likely that over the period of a hot summer, we are under-watering our plants. That is not good news in the water-short South East and even worse news for the plants.

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.

And finally:

If you are interested in acquiring an allotment and doing your bit 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.

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

NEWS FROM SPEDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



We held our Annual Parish Meeting (APM) at Speldhurst Primary School in April. As well as updates from councillors and questions from residents, we presented the Kent Association of Local Councils Award which recognises those who've made a significant contribution to their community. We look forward to this every year, and this year was particularly special because we presented the award posthumously to Langton Green resident Josie Gamble.

Josie contributed to life in Langton Green in a multitude of ways. She led the Little Saints Baby and Toddler group, was a much-respected Governor at Langton Green Primary School, set up the Sole Sisters walking group, organised the village fete, and was always at the forefront of any Langton Green Village Society scheme.

Josie's husband Mark, who accepted the award on her behalf said that Josie had "a unique ability to get people not just to help, but to want to help, and all with a smile." What a wonderful way to be remembered.

The minutes of the APM are now available to view on our website under The Parish Council tab.

COUNCILLOR NEWS

We welcomed a new parish councillor at Full Council in May, when we co-opted Langton Green resident Jade Dickens. You can read more about Jade in our next news but in the meantime, we want to hear from you if you are interested in joining her and other councillors in the democratic

decision-making that affects life in the villages of Ashurst, Langton Green, Old Groombridge and Speldhurst.

Parish councillors attend meetings to discuss and vote on parish matters such as environment, highways, and planning. They can also get hands-on with practical work, like helping maintain local footpaths and volunteering with community speedwatch. And just as this involvement is invaluable for the parish, councillors find it rewarding too. For some, it has made their CV stand out, for others, it provides the opportunity to get to know fellow residents in a friendly environment. Finally, although the role isn't voluntary work in the strictest sense, the feeling of satisfaction is similar. Get in touch with our Clerk Katie Neve, to find out more about the role.



CHRIS MAY - A FINAL FAREWELL

Chris May (pictured with colleagues) finally hung up his calculator in April. A gathering of colleagues and councillors past and present took place to mark his retirement, with speeches made by the 4 Chairs Chris worked with during his time at the council.

Chris joined us 15 years ago and, with the help of the then chair, Lynn Jeffreys, set up a modernised parish council from scratch.

At that time there was no computer or office, just boxes of papers, which he stored in his garage. During his time as clerk, Chris achieved many things, not least the building of the parish office.

Chris stepped back as clerk 3 years ago but continued as finance officer while teaching his successor Katie all things finance. His experience, knowledge, and humour will be much missed. Happy retirement, Mr May!

PUBLIC MEETINGS – EVERYONE WELCOME

Full Council: 7.30 pm, Monday 3rd June, Speldhurst Village Hall

- **TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL** Call the Clerk, Katie Neve on 01892 862927/07760 769513 or email clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk
- For helpful information, visit www.speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

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
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Cricket Club	Nick Coffin	07867 803121
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Library	Olive West	863234
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Mothers' Union	Christine Baker	540793
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GP:	Mon - Fri 8am-6pm Tel: 01892 863040
Dispensary:	Mon - Fri 8.30am-1pm; 2.30-6pm (dispensary calls 8.30-11.30 only)
Library (village hall):	Monday 2-4.30pm.
Shop:	Mon-Fri 7.30am-5pm; Sat 8-1pm; Sun 8-11
Post Office:	Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-1pm; Sun Closed

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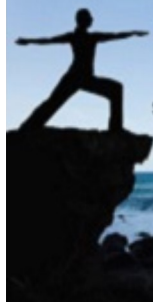
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