



# Speldhurst News

October 2025

£1 per copy

£6 a year

# Let us help find your next mortgage.

- Mortgages & Life Assurance
- Critical Illness Cover

Nicholas Coffin CEMAP

Mother Goose Mortgages Ltd  
Unit B6, Speldhurst Business Park,  
Langton Road, Speldhurst, Kent TN3 0AQ  
T. 01892 862534 E. [info@mother-goose.co.uk](mailto:info@mother-goose.co.uk)  
[www.mother-goose.co.uk](http://www.mother-goose.co.uk)



Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.



**MG** Care Homes

*family owned, family focused*

## Warwick Park

55 Warwick Park  
Tunbridge Wells  
TN2 5EJ  
01892 541434

## Little Court

26 Roopers  
Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells  
TN3 0QL  
01892 863414

For more information please call 01892 864429 or email

[admin@mghomes.co.uk](mailto:admin@mghomes.co.uk)

[www.mghomes.co.uk](http://www.mghomes.co.uk)



# Welcome and Contents



Dear Readers,

Welcome to our October edition. Thank you to all our contributors this month - we have our favourite regulars and some brand new activities for you to read about. From us, we've reinstated our monthly recipe page - if you have a favourite, please do share. We've also included some great images from the Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show - what amazing specimens on show! Keep growing and crafting everyone.

Tickets are now available for our Bonfire and Firework Night - these do sell out so get yours soon!

Wishing you a wonderful October, Maria

News Editors: Maria Turner, Andrea Burgess & Judith Malim

Please send emails before 10th October 2025 for the November issue to: [speldhurst.news@gmail.com](mailto:speldhurst.news@gmail.com). Word, Publisher or pdf files preferred.

## Inside this month....

Village News and Events	Throughout
Church Diary & News	4-6
Speldhurst Parish Council	16-17
Speldhurst Primary School	10
Allotment News	11
Clubs & Organisations	21-22
Advertising	23-32

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

# What's On this Month

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

Bumps and Babes, the coffee morning for Mums with under 2's, meets this month on Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am. We meet in each other's homes, so contact Jenny for more details if you are interested in joining this group or know of anyone who might be. For a chance to socialise with other Under 5's families in the village, Praise and Play, St Mary's Toddler Group, meets in church every Wednesday (from 9.30 – 11am) and Friday from (9 - 10.30am). The children enjoy the toys, the ride-ons, the craft, the singing and the story and especially the opportunity to ring the church bell. Everyone is welcome – Mums, Dads, Grandparents, et al.

We won't be meeting in half term (22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October respectively).

Contact Jenny on 07891318123 or at [jenny50fitz@gmail.com](mailto:jenny50fitz@gmail.com) for more information.

**Blackham Country Players**  
Are delighted to present

### **VISITING HOUR**

By Richard Harris



**20/21/22 Nov 2025 – 7.30pm – Doors open 7pm**

**Blackham Village Hall**

**For Tickets Call Tony**

**07779 253995**

**Tickets £10**

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> tickets only £8 (No food)**

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> interval nibbles**

**Licensed Bar & Raffle**

[www.blackhamcountryplayers.co.uk](http://www.blackhamcountryplayers.co.uk)

# CRAFTS WORKSHOP



## RESIN POPPIES

Come and learn how to make your own resin poppies - perfect for Remembrance Day



**How much does it cost?**

£25 - which includes 2.5 hours

of tuition, wine and nibbles, and

whatever you choose to make.

**7.30 -10pm**

**Kent cottage**

**Barden Road**

**SPELDHURST**

Contact Julie on 07917 606542 or

email- [giftsbyjuliep@gmail.com](mailto:giftsbyjuliep@gmail.com)

**TN3 0LE**



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

## October 2025

### 5<sup>th</sup> October

10am    Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst  
11am    Matins at St John's, Groombridge

### 12<sup>th</sup> October

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

### 19<sup>th</sup> October

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

### 26th October

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

The Church Office can be contacted on 07960296027  
or [admin@speldhurstchurch.org](mailto:admin@speldhurstchurch.org)  
[www.speldhurstchurch.org](http://www.speldhurstchurch.org)  
[facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/](http://facebook.com/StMarysSpeldhurst/)



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

## Registers for September 2025

### Weddings

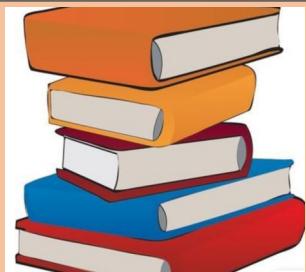
20<sup>th</sup> September      Simon Lumb & Katherine Archer

27<sup>th</sup> September      Lewis Baker & Emma Reames



## BOOKS

Did you know that we have a library in Speldhurst? - part of the KCC Library Service. In fact, we are the last remaining library in West Kent that is run by volunteers.



We are situated in the committee room in the village hall and are open every Monday afternoon from 2pm to 4.30pm. We have in the region of 500 books of which approximately one third are exchanged for new titles a couple of times a year. We stock fiction, non fiction in both normal and large print, together with books for school age children and a box of books for the under 5s. Specific titles can also be ordered for lenders from the main library.

Please come along and check us out. There has been a library in the village for the last 50 years plus and it would be such a valuable service to continue into the future.

As they say...use it, or lose it!

# Letter from St Mary's



## THE DOG WHO THOUGHT HIS NAME WAS NO.

Have you heard the sad story of the dog who thought his name is No? He heard the word shouted at him so many times that the poor thing began to answer to it as his name.

Names in the Bible are significant. In some cases people are given new names at a key moment in their lives. Simon becomes Peter, and Saul becomes Paul. Our names are tied up with who we are and who we become. What we hear directed at ourselves begins to shape our identity and how we view the world and ourselves. *The Dog Who Thought His Name Was No* can relate to all of us. There may be “no’s” that we have heard and come to believe about ourselves. Have you been bullied and so believe that you are stupid or annoying? Have you lived your life seeking approval of others because you never quite believe you are worthy of it? Have you experienced failure and lost your sense of potential for the future? Have you lived so long with comparison and criticism that you have no sense of who you are?

The bible is the story of God’s relationship with humanity and has been described as His love letter to all people. Biblical truths, when spoken lovingly in our direction, will shape our identity and change the way we view ourselves within God’s world. They tell us that God has a place for you in His story and wants to give you a new identity – your true identity – lovingly made in the image of God.

The Bible reaches its climax in Jesus, who knows each of us by our real name. He knows how many hairs are on our head [or not!] and how many days will make up our life. He hasn’t called us to be weird, fanatical or religious, He has called us into a relationship, into friendship with him, and is waiting for our response.

*The Dog Who Thought His Name Was No*, saw his identity in the negative. Through the Bible we discover that God always has and always will see us in the positive. The “no’s” that have undermined our confidence can be replaced with the incredible truth that God loves each one of us unconditionally right where we are, right now.

Listen out for God’s resounding “yes” to you. “Yes” - you are loved, “yes” he has made you and “yes” he wants you to be free to be fully the person he designed you to be.

**John Perkins**



SPELDHURST  
CEP SCHOOL PTA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
4:30-6PM

**TICKETS ON SALE  
10TH OCTOBER**

Buy yours at the school,  
Speldhurst Community Shop  
or scan the QR code



## **‘Sanctuary of Sound’ Group Sound Baths at Speldhurst Village Hall**

Henny Broderick, a qualified sound therapist and health and wellbeing coach, will be holding regular ‘Sanctuary of Sound’ group sound baths at Speldhurst Village Hall as of October.

### What is Sound Therapy?

Sound therapy is an ancient holistic healing practice that uses the vibration and frequency of sound to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. It is based on the idea that everything in the body (and universe) has a natural frequency, and when these frequencies are out of balance – due to stress, illness or emotional strain – sound can help restore harmony by bringing you into a state of deep relaxation and inner balance.

Long before modern science, cultures intuitively recognised that vibration, rhythm and resonance could alter states of consciousness, support healing and strengthen spiritual connection. Modern research is now catching up and confirming many of these effects.

Instruments such as Tibetan bowls, crystal singing bowls and a variety of chimes and other instruments create soothing sound waves that work at a cellular level, helping your body and mind to shift out of stress and into a state of harmony. During a group sound bath, you simply lie back, close your eyes and allow the sounds to wash over you. The experience can be deeply restorative, calming the nervous system, quietening the mind and allowing emotional release.

### Benefits often reported:

- Deep relaxation and stress relief
- Better sleep
- Reduced anxiety and depression
- Improved focus and clarity
- Enhanced mindfulness

Henny’s first group sound bath at Speldhurst Village Hall will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm – 8.45pm. Please visit [www.hennybroderickhealth.co.uk/events](http://www.hennybroderickhealth.co.uk/events) to book your place.



# Carols by Candlelight

with

## Speldhurst Community Choir

Saturday 20th December



Rehearsals: Every Friday starting 14<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church

*If you have a passion for singing, join us.  
No experience required with no auditions.*

Contact: [hhughes8dw@icloud.com](mailto:hhughes8dw@icloud.com)



### All Welcome!

St Mary's Church, Speldhurst



As the days get shorter and the weather grows wetter and windier, I hope that you will be cheered by this colourful reminder of the glorious days of summer. Speldhurst School prides itself on its art and extramural activities as well as impressive academic results – you only have to look at the recent SATS results and then also wonder at the pupil's beautiful floral entries (see below) in last month's Vegetable and Craft show to appreciate this.

At Speldhurst the aim is to inspire students to develop their talents and potential in a variety of ways. There are a wide array of after-school clubs from sewing, netball, chess, football, Spanish and many more including JCK martial arts club ([Martial Arts Karate & Kickboxing Classes | JCK Martial Arts](#)) which meets every Friday. Three of the pupils in the club have achieved great success and last term obtained their black belts, having shown determination and perseverance to complete the ultimate test of a gruelling two-hour physical challenge.

Meanwhile the School's newest and youngest pupils in Reception have settled in well since they started their educational journey this term in Pippin Class. To make them feel at home, there was a special welcome at the beginning of term with a Teddy Bear's picnic for them and a treasured cuddly 'plus-one', and despite the changeable weather everyone had a wonderful time. Speldhurst School has a real sense of community and is also offering a welcome to the prospective parents of NEXT year's Reception children with the opportunity to visit and get a feel of the School. Full details can be found on the School website which gives the dates of a number of these Open days. If you have a child starting in Reception in September 2026, please sign up. It would be lovely to see you.

**SARA ANDREW, GOVERNOR**



# Garden & Allotment News

## Turning Leaves into 'Garden Gold'

As autumn sweeps in deeper and the trees around us put on their fiery display, most of us are busy raking up leaves. It's tempting to bag them for the green bin or cart them off to the tip – but on the allotment or in the garden, those piles of leaves are far from waste. With a little patience, they can be transformed into one of the most valuable resources a gardener can have: leaf mould.

Unlike traditional compost, which relies on bacteria to break down kitchen scraps and garden clippings, leaf mould is the result of fungi slowly decomposing fallen leaves. The end product is packed with goodness. Leaf mould is a superb soil improver, making heavy clay easier to work and sandy ground better at holding water. It's crumbly, earthy and dark – often described as "black gold".

Making it couldn't be simpler. Gather autumn leaves, avoiding the ever-green types which are too slow to rot. Either pile them into a wire mesh cage or stuff them into black bin bags with a few air holes punched through. If the leaves are dry, sprinkle them with a little water before sealing them up. Then tuck them away and let nature take its course.

Patience is key. After a year, you'll have a rough mulch that can be spread around shrubs and perennials. Leave it for two years, and you'll be rewarded with a fine-textured material perfect for mixing into seed compost or improving vegetable beds and garden borders. If you want to speed the process, shred the leaves with a mower before storing them, or mix in a handful of grass clippings. Even so, leaf mould is largely about giving time back to the soil – a quiet, natural cycle that rewards those willing to wait.

So this October, as you sweep your paths or clear your lawn, think twice before sending the leaves away. Bag them, stack them, forget about them – and in a year or two, your soil will thank you with richer structure and healthier crops. If you are interested in these topics / types of discussions, there is a Facebook page where we go into this type of stuff. It is called Speldhurst Allotmentees & Gardeners and the web address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305824050847755>.

Hope to see you there.

**Rob Kyte**

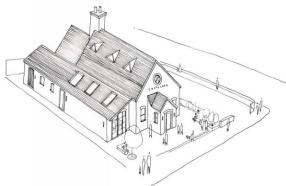


Autumn has arrived, with the return to school, holiday snaps to ponder and jumpers to pull out from drawers for the chillier evenings. Whilst our summer has been fantastic for our builders at the Chapel, the poor old garden is sitting in earth that is like concrete. Little can be done at present but the recent rainfall will hopefully moisten the ground soon enough for planting.

Whilst thoughts are always on the new shop and what it is going to be like, the basement of our current home has been a flurry of activity. It reminds me of centuries ago when I took a cookery exam with an outside adjudicator. My cookery teacher said we all needed to be like swans. Calm and serene on top but paddling like hell underneath. Our shop has been running smoothly on shop level but downstairs shelves have been stripped, lines stopped, lines taken on, phone calls, choices of fridges, freezers, orders being made, lists and plans to make your head spin.

To update you all on the management of the shop, much has been going on to ensure the new premises are well cared for. We are pleased to report that Dima, who moved to pastures new, has taken a role very much aligned with his previous employment in Ukraine. We wish him and his family every success and continued happiness in the UK. We have now assigned the care of our Shop to three members of staff. Chris, Martha and Carolyn, who are known to most shop users. They have all agreed to share the role and are all equally able to help with any questions you may encounter concerning the shop. For the most part at least one of these ladies is present in the shop at all times. They are the swans I mentioned who are working behind the scenes, along with our build committee, to successfully transition to the new building.

Good luck to all concerned over the next few weeks when this tired old building takes on a brand new lease of life. We cannot wait!



Follow us @ speldhurstchapel

## Speldhurst Chapel update

It's been a busy summer at the chapel build, with the main building work complete. Gavin and the team are now focusing on the internal fit out installing the new floor, kitchen and toilet facilities. Decorating inside and out has started too. I'm sure you've all noticed the rejuvenated barge boards on the front of the building that have been lovingly restored to their former glory.

Second fix electrics and plumbing will be underway by the time you read this. The Post Office are finalising their timescales to install the infrastructure for our new post office counter.

Once the internal spaces are completed we will be attending to the external spaces. Gavin has already constructed a small wall adjacent to our Northfields neighbours that will contain a planted border on our boundary. He will be rebuilding the very steep steps at the rear of the building for access to the stock room, the new ones will be much easier to navigate.

Tony Trifillette has been liaising with Gavin and building control on a new rain-water drainage system to cope with our existing building and the new extension. This has now been signed off and Gavin is ready to put the plan in place.

The shop staff are also starting to plan moving the business over to the chapel. Martha has been busy clearing out the stock with some excellent discounts to make sure we start fresh in the new shop with an excellent line of products. We are hoping to introduce some new lines, so watch this space!

We are currently aiming for a November opening date, but please keep an eye on our Instagram page for updates.

Any questions please contact [Lynsay.bischoff@gmail.com](mailto:Lynsay.bischoff@gmail.com)



Newly renovated barge boards



Latex underlay being poured and the new glazing on the internal door



SPELDHURST VILLAGE HALL

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come and get some great Stocking  
Fillers and unique, handmade Christmas  
gifts for all the Family.

15th November 12.30pm to 4pm

FREE ENTRANCE



For more information contact  
Julie on 07917 606542

# COURGETTE AND LIME CAKE

Prep 20 min. Cook 30 min.

Makes 1 (21cm) cake

## For the Cake

3 medium eggs

125ml vegetable oil

150g caster sugar

225g self-raising flour

½ teaspoon bicarbonate soda

½ teaspoon baking powder

250g courgette, finely grated

## For the Icing

400g cream cheese

175g icing sugar

2 tablespoons lime juice

40g pistachio nuts (finely chopped). These are not a necessity and can be omitted, as only decorative.

1 tablespoon lime zest

## Method

Preheat oven to 180c/160c fan, Gas 4. Grease and line two 21cm sandwich tins

Beat together the eggs, oil and sugar in a large bowl until creamy.

Sift in the flour, bicarbonate soda and baking powder and mix well.

Stir in the grated courgettes until well combined.

Divide the mixture into the cake tins.

Bake in the middle of the oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Use a skewer to check the cake is done. If it comes out clean it is done. I like to also listen to see if it still makes a crackly noise when lightly pressed. If it does, it may need a few more minutes.

Remove the cakes from the oven and carefully turn out onto a wire rack. Carefully peel off the paper lining and leave to cool.

For the icing, beat the cream cheese in a bowl until smooth. Sift in the icing sugar and stir in the lime juice.

Use a bread knife to level one of the cakes if necessary.

Use 2/3 of the icing to sandwich the 2 cakes together, with the levelled one at the bottom and use the remaining icing to cover the top of the cake. Sprinkle with the pistachio nuts (if using) and zest.



## SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Scan the QR code  
To visit our website



**VOLUNTEER FOR SPEEDWATCH** With road safety issues in Speldhurst a concern we all share, we're keen to get Speedwatch back up and running.

It's been a while since regular Speedwatch sessions were carried out. But when they were held frequently, particularly on Barden Road, speeding data told us average speeds were decreasing. Speedwatch works in other ways you might not have considered. Drivers caught speeding more than once in a Speedwatch area are contacted by the police. Plus, the police are likely to join your sessions if they happen regularly, which has an impact!

The volunteers who used to coordinate Speedwatch sessions can't continue this commitment, so we're looking for 1 or 2 people to replace them. A Speedwatch coordinator's role involves organising volunteers for weekly or monthly sessions, taking responsibility for Speedwatch equipment, and submitting speeding data - full training is given. So, whether you're a volunteer who previously worked alongside our coordinators or new to Speedwatch, we'd love to hear if you can step up and re-establish this important initiative. Email Katie Neve, Clerk, to find out more (contact details opposite).



Speedwatch is a community initiative with Kent Police. The parish council supports efforts by providing speed monitoring equipment & councillors volunteer too. We also use the speeding data you collect to persuade Kent County Council of traffic calming requirements. But ultimately, this is YOUR opportunity to make a difference to road safety in your village.



# SPELDHURST FLOWER,

Another fantastic show enjoyed by all ages. Thank you so much to the organisers and visitors who support this favourite, yearly event.





If you didn't manage to make or grow anything this year - don't worry - there's always next time!



# Blackham Village Market

SATURDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
10.00AM TO 12.15PM

Coffee/Tea & homemade cakes served from 10am

Locally made produce for sale:  
homemade pasties, cakes, scones, free range eggs, honey, bread, bird food, jams and chutneys, craft items and lots lots more

## 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	
		firstspeldhurstbrownies@gmail.com
Bumps and Babes	Jenny Fitzsimmons	541200
Cricket Club	Ed Wesson	07799 731247
Junior Cricket section	Francis Booth	07738474144
Cubs	Karol Leeves	531104
Flower Show	Iain Fenn	864908
Football: Speldhurst Rangers	Ollie Crees	07919467576
GP Surgery		863040
Guides	Sybil Oddy	862746
Library	Pat Carter	861646
Men on Wednesday	John Perkins	863239
Mothers' Union	Christine Baker	540793
Mothers & Toddlers	Jenny Fitzsimmons	541200
Nursery School		07984 793 974
Parish Council: Chair	Vacant	
Vice Chair	Alan Rowe	863404
Parish Clerk	Katie Neve	862927
Parish Councillors	Paul Curry	07515 938765
	Richard Ellery	864077
Police Community Support Officer	Laura Horn	
Primary School	Stephanie Hayward	863044
Rainbows	Julia Constable	
		speldhurstrainbows@gmail.com
Recreation Ground	Ed Wesson	07799 731247
Running Group	Paul Eames	07975 577630
Speldhurst Association of Men	Brian Tasker	862301
Snooker Club	Nick Fenton	864144
Speldhurst Art Exhibition	Maria Turner	863394
Speldhurst News Editors	Maria Turner	863394
	Judith Malim	864268
	Andrea Burgess	863362

Speldhurst News Advertising	Speldhurst.News@gmail.com
St Mary's Church Rector	vacant
Administrator	Rachael Foster 07960296027
Stoolball	Donna Burden 524793
Scouts	Nick Burgess 07810 048599
Shop & Post Office	07773044374
Village Fete: Chair	862824
Village Hall	Mike Harrowing 0772 5561154
Village Website	Rachel Bourdin 07766 830303
	Miranda Hawkins 863601

## Opening Hours & Local Information

Buses	Timetables for bus 285 Speldhurst to Tun Wells - Hams Travel 01580 879629 For info: <a href="https://hamstravel.com/services">https://hamstravel.com/services</a>
George & Dragon PH:	Mon - Fri 12pm - 11pm Sat 12pm - 12pm Sun 12pm - 8pm 01892 280494
Dragonfly Farm Shop & Café:	Mon closed Tues- Shop 8.30am - 5 pm; Café closed Wed-Sat 8.30am - 5 pm Sun 10 am - 4 pm
GP:	Mon - Fri 8am-6pm Tel: 01892 863040
Dispensary:	Mon - Fri 8.30am -1pm; 2.30am - 6pm (dispensary calls 8.30am -11.30 only)
Library (village hall):	Monday 2.00 - 4.30pm.
Speldhurst Shop:	Mon-Fri 7.30am - 5.00pm Sat 8.00am -1.00pm Sun 9.00am -11.00am
Post Office:	Mon-Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm Sat 9.00am -1.00pm; Sun Closed

To advertise please email  
[speldhurst.news@gmail.com](mailto:speldhurst.news@gmail.com)

---

**ANTIQUE CLOCK REPAIRS AND RESTORATION:**

John Mathieson MBHI, West Dean/BADA Diplomas - 01732 359006  
[www.clockcare.co.uk](http://www.clockcare.co.uk).

**GREAT GARDENS:** Tim Welch HND MCI Hort.

Professional Gardening with 33 years in the industry. All types of pruning & training, border planting schemes and garden tidy ups undertaken. Based in Tunbridge Wells. Call Tim on 0759 777 6104 or email: [tim@twgardening.com](mailto:tim@twgardening.com).

**SCIENCE MADE EASY: GCSE CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY & PHYSICS.**

Science teacher, MSc PGCE & DBS checked, offers tuition in your own home covering all exam boards plus intensive pre-exam tuition. Call 01892 512704 after 7.00pm. or m. 07745 249361 after 3.30pm.

**SP ENGLISH LEADWORKS:** All aspects of roofing undertaken. New roofs, lead, slate and tiled, also repairs and restoration work. Very reliable. Call Steve 07881 641244 or email [englishleadworks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:englishleadworks@hotmail.co.uk).

**PRIMARY TUTOR**

*Building confidence and skills  
for those struggling at school  
or needing more challenge.  
11+ tutoring also available.*

**01892 863102**

Email: [jkent@emailprice.net](mailto:jkent@emailprice.net)  
[www.jpkenttutoring.com](http://www.jpkenttutoring.com)

**GARDENING SERVICES**

Mowing, Weeding, Hoeing  
and Pruning, etc.

Call **Gardenproud** on

07725 173820  
[www.reallygardenproud.com](http://www.reallygardenproud.com)



AIRPORT CAR SERVICES

(01892) 731 221



Book online

[www.airport-car-services.co.uk](http://www.airport-car-services.co.uk)

[bookings@twacs.co.uk](mailto:bookings@twacs.co.uk)

*“Arrive in style with  
ACS Chauffeurs”*

## THE RETREAT AT BRAMERTON BEAUTY SALON SPELDHURST

DERMALOGICA SKIN EXPERT

OPI NAIL TECHNICIAN

Dermalogica Facials,  
OPI Manicures & Pedicures

Waxing, Eye Treatments  
& St Tropez Tanning

**SANA SMITH-TILLEY**  
**BABTAC, City and Guilds**

Phone 07732 632944

Email [sana.st@btinternet.com](mailto:sana.st@btinternet.com)

Facebook The Retreat at Bramerton  
Instagram @sanasretreat



AMORA CARE

2024  
WINNER

BUSINESS AWARDS UK

Care Awards

► Best Care Company To Work For

Amora Care Limited

Regain peace of mind with our  
award-winning home care.

Personal Care ✓ Live-in and Nights ✓  
Dementia Care ✓ Companionship ✓

Book a Free Assessment Today

**01892 336 842**

[www.amoracare.co.uk](http://www.amoracare.co.uk)



Chiddington Causeway Hall  
Tue & Fri 9:15am-10:15am

Fordcombe Village Hall  
Mon 10:30am-11:30am  
Thur 9:15am - 10:15am

Hildenborough Village Hall  
Tues 11am-12pm



**STILL YOGA**

Booking essential  
Class info:  
[www.still-yoga.com](http://www.still-yoga.com)

Contact  
Alicia Sinclair  
07900 347 870  
[alicia@still-yoga.com](mailto:alicia@still-yoga.com)  
Instagram: [@alicia\\_stillyoga](https://www.instagram.com/alicia_stillyoga)



## Local Will Writing Service

We provide a Professional Will Writing Service in the comfort of your own home at a time convenient to you.

For a FREE Will Review & help with all types of Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Probate.

CALL OUR LOCAL SPECIALIST **Tony Nunn**  
01732 369294 or 0800 1698038

**EKW LEGACY PLANNING**  
[www.ekwlegacyplanning.co.uk](http://www.ekwlegacyplanning.co.uk)

Is your  
**Will**  
up to date?

**Rusthall**  
Dental Practice

Maintain your  
teeth for life...

- Teeth whitening
- Clear braces
- Nervous patients welcome
- Pain free dentistry
- Mercury free fillings
- Emergency appointments available
- Smile makeovers



39 Meadow Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8UN

Tel: 01892 536 598

Web: [www.rusthaldental.co.uk](http://www.rusthaldental.co.uk)

**Ultimate  
Sparkle**

Window Cleaning & Property  
Maintenance Service

*Reliable. Traditional.  
Local.*

Call us today for your free  
consultation and a highly  
competitive quote!

Services we offer include:

Traditional Window Cleaning (Domestic & Commercial)  
Conservatory Cleaning  
UPVC Frame Cleaning  
Fascias & Soffit Cleaning  
Gutter Clearing & Cleaning  
Patio Cleaning  
Path Cleaning  
Driveway Cleaning

**Contact us:**

07305 085639

[ultimate.sparkle@mail.com](mailto:ultimate.sparkle@mail.com)



**James T. Moon**  
**Painting and Decorating**

Interior and Exterior Projects

Free Estimates

Fully Insured

Tel. 01892 861317

Mob. 07766238012

[james@jtmoon.co.uk](mailto:james@jtmoon.co.uk)



### ALL ASPECTS OF TREE SURGERY AND HEDGE CUTTING

01892 769 975 07757 601 170  
[williamgordoncs.co.uk](http://williamgordoncs.co.uk)

Iyengar Yoga  
with Sam Davies  
at Speldhurst Village Hall

BEGINNERS CLASS  
MONDAYS 6.15PM - 7.15PM

MIXED ABILITY CLASS  
MONDAYS 7.30PM - 9.00PM

INTERMEDIATE CLASS  
WEDNESDAYS 6.30PM - 8.30PM

Please call to discuss/book  
07769 975132  
[samdaviesiyengaryoga.com](http://samdaviesiyengaryoga.com)



### SEVENOAKS WINDOW CLEANING SERVICES

Domestic and Commercial Window Cleaning  
Interior and Exterior Window Cleaning  
Cleaning Conservatories, Fascia & Soffits

USING THE LATEST PRESSURE CLEANING TECHNOLOGY WE ALSO CLEAN:  
■ Patios, Paths and Tarmac ■ Block Paved Drives ■ Stone and Brickwork  
■ Drain and Gutter Clearance ■ Tennis Courts ■ Full Insurance Cover

Please call for a free quote, no job too big or small!  
01892 870656 07742 327026  
[pat@sevenoaks-cleaning.co.uk](mailto:pat@sevenoaks-cleaning.co.uk) [www.sevenoaks-cleaning.co.uk](http://www.sevenoaks-cleaning.co.uk)

## SPELDHURST CARS

### MERCEDES S CLASS CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

AIRPORTS SEAPORTS LONDON etc.  
BUSINESS OR PLEASURE

01892 862961 07837 529885

## MEREWORTH MOTORS



Great Customer Service  
Established 45 years



Car and Light Van  
Service and Repair



FREE Local Collection &  
Delivery



MOT Repairs,  
Hybrid Servicing

Unit 2B, North Farm Road Tun Wells TN2 3DR

01892 532276

[www.mereworthmotors.co.uk](http://www.mereworthmotors.co.uk)

ENGLISH BESPOKE KITCHENS

## CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS DESIGN

HANDMADE KITCHENS • PANTRIES  
SCULLRIES • BOOT ROOMS

DESIGNED FOR LIFE



07970 898 441 • [www.c-w-design.co.uk](http://www.c-w-design.co.uk)



## ANDY SAYERS ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Domestic & Commercial  
Installations-Rewires-Board Upgrades  
Fault Finding-Maintenance & Repairs  
Inspection & Testing Reports - Portable  
App. Testing  
Qualified to BS7671 2008 17<sup>th</sup>. Edition-  
Building Regs. part P  
Prompt, Reliable & Competitive Rates  
**T. 01892 740631 M 07836 256146**  
[E.info@andysayerselectrical.co.uk](mailto:E.info@andysayerselectrical.co.uk)

## TELEVID

4K Ultra HD/LED TVs, Digital TV  
Home Cinema Systems  
Tune Ups/After Sales Support

### FREE DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

**Steve Turner**  
40, High Street, Rushall  
**01892 521295**



Delicious cakes for all occasions,  
home-baked to order by Karen  
07989 092284

[www.baketastic.co.uk](http://www.baketastic.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook: Baketastic cakes  
"Fantastic cakes, would thoroughly recommend!"

For wherever you wish you were...



...tailor-made holidays with inspiration included.  
Call Claire: 01892 710810 or 07899 065321  
email: [claire@plumtravel.co.uk](mailto:claire@plumtravel.co.uk)  
[www.plumtravel.co.uk](http://www.plumtravel.co.uk)



[www.richards-fencing.co.uk](http://www.richards-fencing.co.uk)

01892 770186

## Unfold

### Holistic Upper Body Massage

Treat yourself to an hour of Pure Relaxation...

Treatments given seated in a chair, either  
through clothing or applying organic oil.

To book contact Rachael:

[unfoldrelaxation@gmail.com](mailto:unfoldrelaxation@gmail.com)

07769 647495

Gift Vouchers Available

## EMMA THE FOOT LADY ~ Foot Care in Your Home ~

Corns & Calluses      Fungal Infection  
Ingrowing Nails      Nail Trimming  
Diabetic Foot      Reflexology  
Thickened Nail      Athlete's Foot

Emma Tamkin MAR MAFHP MCFHP

07759 476912

[emmathefootlady@gmail.com](mailto:emmathefootlady@gmail.com)



**LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE HALL**  
**Movement to Music**  
(seated or standing)  
**Tuesdays at 2pm**

Contact Dianne: 07900 423676

Email: [dianne@seated-exercise.co.uk](mailto:dianne@seated-exercise.co.uk)

**Traditional**  
**Mole, Rabbit, Mouse, Mink & Squirrel Catcher**  
 (no poisons used)  
**PETER KING**  
**07432 813614**  
**01892 520287**  
**pkingmoles@outlook.com**

**RMW SERVICES**  
**Rebecca Woodmansee**

~~~  
 LADY DECORATOR SPECIALISING IN  
 CUSTOM PAINTED FURNITURE AND  
 KITCHENS

T: 07761 530679

On Facebook, Instagram or email  
**rebecca.woodmansee1@gmail.com**

**Tilly Bee Flowers**



Your local florist providing flowers for all occasions - weddings, funerals, bouquets & gifts.

Call Samantha on 07429198366 / 01892 319677 or find us on Facebook

**GROOMBRIDGE**  
**FARM**  
**SHOP**

• WINNER •

"Best Farm Shop in Kent, 2017"



Open every day

**01892 861753**

**'A DOG'S BEST FRIEND'**  
 Services which go the extra mile for your special friend  
**Home Boarding    Dog Walking**  
**Dog washing**

Fully Licensed and Insured

**Call Adam Gurr on**

Home: 01892 534790

Mobile: 07983 458706

**π MATHS TUTOR**

**Kelvin Paterson BA (Mathematics)**

*Fully qualified and experienced teacher offering local private tutoring to KS3, GCSE and A Level*

$$\int f(x) dx$$

Telephone: 01892 231974

[kelvinmpaterson@gmail.com](mailto:kelvinmpaterson@gmail.com)

Erindale, High Street, Bidborough

$$A = \pi r^2$$



**OVEN LEGENDS**  
 PROFESSIONAL OVEN CLEANING

[www.ovenlegends.co.uk](http://www.ovenlegends.co.uk) / [E:info@ovenlegends.co.uk](mailto:info@ovenlegends.co.uk)

Our family run, fully insured oven cleaning technician will clean your oven to the highest standard. We use an exclusive range of products that are safe for use around children and pets.

**M: 07775 501 797**

**T: 01732 387 007**

**A1**  
**GARDEN SERVICES**

*For all your Gardening and Landscaping*

Turfing, seeding, paths & patios, shed bases, garden clearance, hedge cutting & all tree work.

*Reasonable rates*

Contact Martyn on 01892 544556 or

07787 156513 or

[martyn.lawrence@virginmedia.com](mailto:martyn.lawrence@virginmedia.com)

**Louise Renton**

MICHT MHF ST IIHHT VTCT

**Pilates teacher**

**PILATES**



**ON LINE & FORDCOMBE**  
01892 863075 Mob 07788663107  
[lou.renton@btinternet.com](mailto:lou.renton@btinternet.com)

**Trevor Hinton  
Restorations**

Over 30 years' experience in  
Conservation and Restoration

Waxing, French Polishing, Gilding  
Antique Painted Furniture etc.

**Careful and Concise**

Tel: 07751 364343

2 Peters Bank Cottages, Penshurst Road,  
Bidborough

### **TIRED OF CLEANING?**

Let Houseproud come to your rescue,  
with quality home cleaning and  
ironing for just  
£13.50 per hour.

Call Sarah Sykes on  
**07831 394422**

[www.reallyhouseproud.com](http://www.reallyhouseproud.com)



**Matt Raybone**  
Painter & Decorator

07852 442337

[mattraybone@icloud.com](mailto:mattraybone@icloud.com)



**DRAGONFLY FARM**  
SPELDHURST

*Farm Shop & Café*

[dragonflyfarm.co.uk](http://dragonflyfarm.co.uk)

 [@dragonfly\\_farm\\_speldhurst](https://www.instagram.com/@dragonfly_farm_speldhurst)

**Volkswagen Audi Specialist Ltd**



Volkswagen, Audi, Seat & Skoda Specialist

All Makes Welcome

Service and Repairs

Local Vehicle Collection

**8a, Chapman Way, High Brooms, TN2 3EF**

**01892 530840**

## WELD DONE

Welding, Metalwork and

Ornamental Ironwork

For quotations and advice contact

Neil Davies on:

Tel: 01892 740432 / 07962 502914

Email: [neilwelddone@hotmail.com](mailto:neilwelddone@hotmail.com)

April Cottage, The Lane,  
Fordcombe, Kent, TN3 0RP



30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

**Experienced and affordable Unisex  
hairdresser to the comfort of your home!**

Call Sarah for an appointment

**07787 355019**

Local areas covered

**FOR HEDGE CUTTING  
and MOWING**

and all house and garden  
maintenance

**IAN STUART-BLACK**

01580 200010

07743 472055

## Top Mark Traders

**Mark Pring**

Painter, Decorator and Multi-Trade

**NO JOB TOO SMALL**

Always At Your Service

07935100922

[markpring@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:markpring@hotmail.co.uk)



## MAKING TAX DIGITAL

Accountants and Bookkeepers

**Mike Stoner FIFA, FTA FIPA FAIA**

Contact: ASTON STEELE

07753 132898

Email: [aastonsteele@gmail.com](mailto:aastonsteele@gmail.com)

Website: [astonsteele.business.site](http://astonsteele.business.site)

**LOCAL HANDYMAN**

BY SEB. ELLIS. FENTON

TEL / TEXT / WHATSAPP / EMAIL

**07704 122070**

**SEFHOMEIMPROVEMENTS@OUTLOOK.COM**

**FULLY INSURED - NO JOB TOO SMALL**



**PHOENICA**

DREAM \* DESIGN \* REVIVE

INTERIOR DESIGN

COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN

DESIGN APPRAISAL

PRODUCT SOURCING

Email: [info@phoenica.co.uk](mailto:info@phoenica.co.uk)

Tel: 01892 862248

[www.phoenica.co.uk](http://www.phoenica.co.uk)





Plumbing & heating  
Boiler installations  
Servicing  
Bathroom installations

01892 489028  
[www.bennix.co.uk](http://www.bennix.co.uk)



## *P M Braim Wood Finishers*

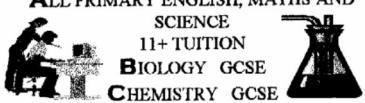
Traditional restoration of fine antique and modern furniture. Commercial and domestic work undertaken. Staircases, doors and panelling. Floors sanded, sealed and lacquered. 20 years experience.

7 St Margaret's Road,  
East Grinstead, RH19 3JH

<http://www.pmbraim.co.uk>  
Tel : 01342 322559

### **"IT'S AS EASY AS ABC"** **PRIVATE TUITION BY** **QUALIFIED TEACHER**

ALL PRIMARY ENGLISH, MATHS AND  
SCIENCE  
11+ TUITION



BIOLOGY GCSE  
CHEMISTRY GCSE



**MRS CORNELIA COLMAN**  
**LRSC, BSC, PGCE**

**01892 862846**

*HANNAH*  
Pilates Teacher

Pilates Studio in Speldhurst  
Offering private sessions promoting strength,  
mobility and movement rehabilitation using  
pilates equipment.

Email: [hfpilates@gmail.com](mailto:hfpilates@gmail.com)  
Telephone/Text: 07813774496

## Your Local Mobile Coffee Service.

Premium coffee, tea, soft drinks & cakes.

Fully self-contained solar-powered trailer. No generator, no  
noise, just amazing quality drinks and snacks.

Available for  
Functions  
and Events



[www.TheJoeBox.com](http://www.TheJoeBox.com)  
07949 690690





Professional Plumbing  
& Heating Services



Your 5 Star  
Plumbing and Heating Specialists



#### BOILER INSTALLATION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, SERVICING & SAFETY CHECK

We can advise you of the best boiler to suit your needs, budget and specification as well as installing and maintaining your current boiler. PPHS would recommend an annual boiler service to keep your boiler running at full efficiency, prevent any breakdowns and save you money.



#### PLUMBING & PIPEWORK

Whether you need a leak repaired, a new tap installed, radiators repaired or fitted or general plumbing and pipe work, we can help.



#### RADIATORS & POWER FLUSHING

A thorough powerflush will improve heat distribution throughout the property, subsequently lowering household energy bills and increasing system reliability.

#### BATHROOMS

PPHS can do as much or as little as you need to help you realise your dream bathroom – including helping you choose the materials, sorting out the plumbing and electrics, plastering your walls, tiling and installing the furniture



Scan Me



07702 082 193

[peter@professionalplumbingandheating.co.uk](mailto:peter@professionalplumbingandheating.co.uk)

[www.professionalplumbingandheating.co.uk](http://www.professionalplumbingandheating.co.uk)



# HENRY PAUL FUNERALS

CONTEMPORARY & TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Independent Family Run | 24 Hour On-Call Service

10 High Street, Pembury, TN2 4NY

**01892 825505**

[HENRYPAULFUNERALS.CO.UK](http://HENRYPAULFUNERALS.CO.UK)



Funeral  
Guide



FUNERAL PLANS FROM  
Golden Charter

Smart Planning for Later Life



SPELDHURST'S  
SHOP

EST. 2019

FRESH BREAD, FRUIT, VEGETABLES & MEAT, ALL AVAILABLE TO ORDER  
NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES • PROVISIONS, CARDS & GIFTS  
WINES, BEERS & SPIRITS • DRY CLEANING & LAUNDRY  
FRESH COFFEE & CAKES

#### OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 7AM - 5PM  
(Post Office 9AM - 5PM)

Saturday 8AM - 1PM  
(Post Office 9AM - 12PM)

Sunday 9AM - 11AM  
(Post Office CLOSED)



CALL US ON **01892 863158** FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE AN ORDER

Front cover image: Katya Hall



# THE GEORGE & DRAGON

SPELDHURST

WE ARE BACK. BACK WHERE WE BELONG. AT THE GEORGE & DRAGON. THE BIRTHPLACE OF SANKEYS HOSPITALITY JOURNEY IN 1960 WHEN DICK AND JEFF SANKEY PURCHASED THE PUB. AFTER THEIR PASSING THEIR SON, GUY SANKEY SOLD THE PUB TO JT DAVIS, WHO ARE NOW BRAK&PEAR.

AFTER ALMOST 3 DECADES, THE SANKEYS ARE BACK. OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE A MEMORABLE HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE, EXCEPTIONAL FOOD & ALL AT GREAT VALUE. THIS IS YOUR PUB AND WE ARE SO VERY PROUD TO BE ITS CUSTODIANS.

[WWW.SANKEYS.CO.UK/GND](http://WWW.SANKEYS.CO.UK/GND)

01892 280 494

[GND@SANKEYS.CO.UK](mailto:GND@SANKEYS.CO.UK)