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Welcome!

Dear Readers,

With summer approaching it's good to have some book recommendations for those lazy hours by the pool or in the garden. The book club have tried a variety of authors this year so far, with mixed reviews; DH Lawrence (Sons and Lovers) 'hasn't aged well', Ian McEwan (What we can know) 'an intriguing view of the future and interpretations of the past', Geraldine Brooks (Horse) 'educational and emotional, if a little uneven' and Kate Sawyer (This Family) DNF!

To pick up your next read you can visit three places in Speldhurst...the village library on Mondays, the lending shelf in the community shop or the book box in the bus shelter on Southfields Road.

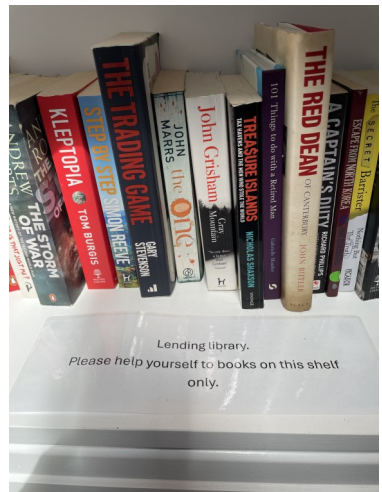
Did you know that there is a Japanese word to describe a pile of books that you intend to read? Tsundoku...We would love to know what is in your 'holiday tsundoku' please send in your suggestions for our July/ August edition.

Happy reading,

Judith

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News & Events



What's on in Speldhurst for the Under 5's in June?

Bumps and Babes enables new Mums in the village to get to know each other. We meet for coffee fortnightly in each other's homes on Mondays from around 10.30am. This month we'll be meeting on 1st, 15th & 29th 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 (9.30-11) and Fridays (9-10.30) during term time. 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 07891318123** or at **jenny50fitz@gmail.com** so she can give you more information.

There are a number of mums who came to this group as bumps and babes themselves!





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

June 2026

7th June

10am Holy Communion (CW) at St Mary's, Speldhurst
11am Matins at St John's, Groombridge

14th June

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

21st June

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's, Speldhurst
10am Holy Communion (CW) at St Mary's, Speldhurst
11am Morning Service at St Martin's, Ashurst

28th June

10am All Age Worship at St Mary's, Speldhurst
11am Holy Communion at St Martin's, Ashurst
4pm United Parish Evensong at St Mary's, Speldhurst

Priest in Charge: Reverend Rob Hindmarch
The Church Office can be contacted on 07960296027
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NATURE QUIZ



These were all spotted around Speldhurst in the last few weeks, do you know what they are? Answers on page 14.

DRAMA CLUB

'The Drama Club are incredibly proud of all the children who performed Into the Woods and a trio extravaganza of Harry Potter, Annie and Matilda at the village hall to a packed audience of proud parents, grandparents and friends. Outstanding work! Well done all!!' Bethan Walker



The Speldhurst Village Flower Show 2026

The **Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show** will be back on **5 September 2026**, and it is always a joy to see what you talented folk have been growing and making. It's time to start planning, now that the weather is getting warmer.

There will be all the usual vegetable categories, which will include potatoes, beans, courgettes, beetroot, tomatoes. Also returning again this year will be an 'Emoji Pumpkin'. Did you ever, as a child scratch your name into a pumpkin when it was young, and watch with amazement as your 'personalised' pumpkin grew? Our twist on this idea is for you to scratch your own emoji design on to your young pumpkin – let us know how you are feeling – we're hoping some emoji-pumpkin fun will cheer us up in September! Start sowing your own pumpkin seeds soon (check the seed packet for instructions) or come and buy some pumpkin plants at the flower show stall at the Village Fete on 20th June!

In fact there will be a whole host of categories that children can enter and with the Summer holidays in the not too distant future - now is the perfect time to start thinking about which crafts or bakes they may want to prepare. Categories include, lego models, hama bead creations, cakes, hand print pictures, models and much more.

We would also happily welcome any new members to the committee – if you are interested (horticultural prowess not required) please contact Iain Fenn on 864908 or Katya Hall on 07747808833



Garden & Allotment News

A Fleece on the Plot

Visitors passing through the allotments may have noticed that some of my plants appear to be wearing jumpers. This is not, I promise, a new fashion in gardening, but an experiment with sheep's wool. Gardeners are always being told to mulch, feed the soil, conserve water, deter slugs, recycle more and waste less. Sheep's wool seems to sit somewhere in the middle of all these good intentions. It holds moisture, breaks down slowly, and is a natural material. Whether it performs miracles is another matter, but I thought it was worth a try. My first experiment is with potatoes. Instead of planting them in the usual way, I dug a hole, filled it with sheep's wool, and planted the potato on top. The idea is that the wool will act like a moist cushion underneath the plant, holding water and perhaps giving the developing tubers a slightly softer, damper place to grow. Potatoes are thirsty plants, especially once they get going, so anything that helps retain moisture during dry spells has to be worth investigating. And it cuts a corner - growing jacket potatoes rather than cooking them (tee-hee).

The second experiment is rather more daring. I have planted tomatoes in gutter hoppers using only sheep's wool. No compost, no carefully mixed growing medium - just wool. This may turn out to be ingenious, or it may turn out to be one of those gardening ideas quietly abandoned before anyone asks too many questions. Tomatoes are hungry plants, so I shall be watching closely to see whether the wool alone gives them enough support, or whether they will start looking at me reproachfully and demanding proper food.

There is also the famous slug question. Many gardeners hope that slugs and snails dislike crossing wool. I would like this to be true, particularly where young plants are concerned, but I am trying not to get carried away. Slugs have a way of making fools of us all.

The great pleasure of allotment gardening is that there is always room for experiment. Some ideas work, some half-work, and some are useful only as warnings to others. But even the failures teach us something. So this year, alongside the potatoes, tomatoes, beans and weeds, I shall be growing a little curiosity. By the end of the season, I hope to know whether sheep's wool deserves a regular place on the plot - or whether my plants simply spent the summer lying on a very comfortable mattress.

Interested in having a Speldhurst Allotment and giving it a go?
Contact Phil Hall at speldhurstallotments@gmail.com.

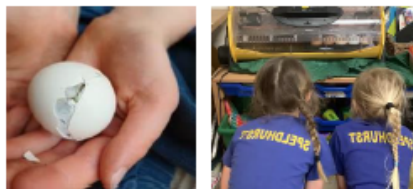
Rob Kyte



Speldhurst CEP Primary School News



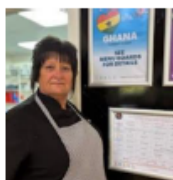
By the time you read this our reception children in Pippin Class will hopefully have some fluffy new classmates. Every year the pupils have this first-hand experience of new life – and this year is no exception. It takes 21 days for the eggs to hatch, and it is an unforgettable part of the class's learning about life cycles, culminating in the hatching and care of the chicks until these cute little classmates are grown enough to go on to their forever homes.



Following last month's story about the renovation of an outside reflection area, Polly and Tony Joyce have been giving the space its finishing touches with a colourful fence, new planting and an astroturf floor, in keeping with this calm and inviting space where children can breathe in the wonderful nature all around them.



Many thanks to Polly and Tony from St Mary's for all their hard work. And a big thank you as always to our wonderful, dedicated PTA who are working non-stop to raise funds towards renovation of the old part of the school roof. Fresh off the heels of the Mini Marathon, the PTA organised another fantastic Family fun day, bringing together over 100 families to picnic, relax together and take part in exciting activities for all ages. There was everything from tug of war, family rounders, football fun and 'Beat the Goalie' to drama workshops and face painting. It's a wonderful celebration of our school's community spirit, whilst raising much-needed funds.



A multitude of 'thanks' go to make up a School. And there is a team of what in my school days were called 'dinner ladies' who come in every single lunchtime, rain or shine. They are the midday supervisors who, despite only being in School for one or two hours a day, provide one of the most important and popular services to pupils and staff. At lunchtime, they turn the main hall into an inviting dining space and the food which they serve is vital to learning and well-being. Yet they can feel they go unheralded in the hurly burly of a school

day. So, in this article I want to sound a loud fanfare of thanks to them and their dedication and hard work and particularly to Natalie Dowling who is currently the longest serving after becoming a midday supervisor when her son started school in 2013. Here she is in the photo below, showing the menu for the week which balances the healthy with child favourites – and as you'll see from the poster next to it, there's also a chance to experience cuisine from around the globe. A big thank you Natalie and to all the team of midday supervisors.



Speldhurst CEP Primary School News



One highlight of the term was a visit from the Scholastic Book Fair. This time feeding minds and imaginations. The Fair offers the opportunity for pupils to explore and expand their appreciation of the written word, introducing them to a variety of books, writers, styles and genres. And if they decide to buy a book or books at the Fair, from old favourites to new authors, the school receives money from each purchase to buy more titles for the shelves of our fantastic school library.



Now, do you know the work of American Pop Artist James Rizzi. Look at these pictures painted by Year 1 children in Jazz class. Aren't they fantastic?

The pupils were inspired to paint these by Rizzi's vibrant and imaginative world of bold, bright colours, thick black outlines and playful, simplified shapes to bring buildings, streets and characters to life in bustling, anthropomorphic cityscapes. They explored and experimented with his techniques of layering, pattern, and repetition, and the use of expressive facial features which Rizzi gives to objects in his landscapes to capture the spirit of city life.

I wonder how Rizzi would have interpreted the gentler ambience of the Kent countryside in summer with the buzz of bees and the distinctive thud of leather on willow on a languid sunny afternoon – a welcome sound to many cricket lovers. For Yr 6 pupils in Speldhurst's Russet class, the return of the cricket season prompted its own learning about the refined art of the sport and pupils brushed up on their throwing skills, using bean bags and javelins. The power these children have is incredible – cricketers in the making!!!

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to put the date of the Summer Fete in your diary...I'll be there.

Sara Andrew Communications Governor



Speldhurst Allotments

Held their first Seedling Sale, raising over £100 and giving lots of villagers a challenge to grow the tallest sunflowers - we look forward to seeing more results at the Flower and Veg show in September.



What a busy time we have had in the shop this month!

Warm weather has seen our renovated garden bloom with rhododendrons, the lilac tree, the Pieris in full bloom and lots of growth on all our new planting from last November. Our one casualty is one of the yews in the containers outside the front door. This has been re-potted with more drainage and moved to a temporary spot to see if in fact it has suffered from wind damage or over watering.

Our shop was represented at the recent Speldhurst Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting in Langton Green village hall. Our new Chair Mary and Deb were showing off the Speldhurst own brand items available in the shop, and also advertising exactly what is on offer to residents of Langton who have not yet ventured here.

We have to thank Martin Steibelt in particular, who has voluntarily done the painstaking job of painting our step railings. A long and laborious job but we are all very grateful to him.

On the subject of volunteers, we have held two sessions in the shop informing potential volunteers exactly what is involved in being part of the team. Thank you to all who attended, we are always in need of keen people who wish to ensure the continued success of the shop and post office. These sessions were well attended and have resulted in new recruits. It is never too late though to offer your skills in garden maintenance as one of the many tasks that our team undertake!

Our social space hosted a fabulous wine tasting evening recently, hosted by Jo from Wine Savvy. Jo is a resident of Speldhurst and carefully curates all our wines. She has worked hard to find us a competitive supplier ensuring we have interesting wines at great prices, many of which you won't find anywhere else locally.

She is extremely knowledgeable, and brings the wines to life with her anecdotes. We had great fun and hope to make this a regular feature in our calendar. Funds were used to pay for the upkeep of the social space.



Strawberries are a massive hit in the shop and also Groombridge Asparagus, please get yours from us and help support the shop.

Planning a holiday? If you are, then don't forget we can get your currency for you, right on your doorstep.

Heading to a wedding? Find that long forgotten suit or dress and let us get it dry cleaned for you in preparation for the big day.

The patio outside the shop is a beautiful place to spend ten minutes with a coffee and enjoy magnificent views over towards Bidborough and Southborough. Take a breather and have a seat. Our new sun umbrellas should be with us any moment!

We love our shop, and we hope you do too.

Reminder. Annual Members meeting 23rd June 8.00 pm Speldhurst Village Hall. All welcome.

From your Shop Committee.

SPELDHURST ART EXHIBITION

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ARTISTS**

**29th October - 1st November
2026**

Private Viewing 28th October

Contact:

mariamarianni63@gmail.com

For more details.



Our social space is currently displaying some art works from a local keen painter. If you are a budding artist and have work you would like to display, or sell, please use the social space to do just that. Ring Deb on 07834159605 or leave a note in the shop if interested.

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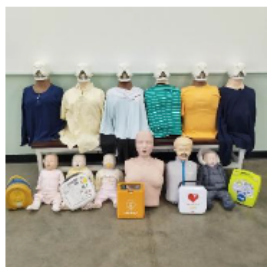


DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



Speldhurst Parish Council organised free defibrillator training for Councillors, staff and members of the public on Wednesday 6th May at The Pavilion. Ken Hopkins from Hopkins Training and Support led the session

which was very well received by all that attended. We hope to be able to hold further sessions later in the year and will promote these via social media so look out for that if you are interested in attending. Places will be limited and offered on a first come first served basis.



The main benefit of using a defibrillator is to significantly increase the chance of survival during a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). While CPR helps circulate oxygenated blood to the brain and vital organs, only a defibrillator can deliver a shock to a heart in a shockable rhythm, allowing the heart's normal electrical activity to restart.

Modern defibrillators (AEDs) are designed to be used safely by members of the public and will only deliver a shock if one is needed and often, depending on the model, will talk you through what to do.

Key Life-Saving Benefits:

- **Significant Survival Improvement:** When defibrillation is delivered within the first 3–5 minutes, survival rates can exceed 70% in some witnessed cardiac arrests.

- **Brain Protection:** Early CPR and defibrillation help restore circulation quickly, reducing the risk of prolonged oxygen deprivation, brain injury, and long-term disability.
- **Every Minute Counts:** For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival decreases by around 10%.
- **Critical Early Intervention:** Ambulance response times can often exceed 8–10 minutes, meaning publicly accessible AEDs and trained bystanders play a vital role during the first critical minutes of a cardiac arrest.

NO MOW MAY



Speldhurst Parish Council reduced grass cutting on SPC land (except Groombridge Green) to support pollinators and local wildlife. This

not only helps nature, but it can look surprisingly beautiful too - as shown in the photo.



OTHER NEWS

The short focused inquiry into the water outages has now ended and the formal report was published on 5th May and will go to the scrutiny committee. Of relevance to the parishes is a general view that parish councils and localised community and volunteer groups were underutilised, despite their willingness to assist.

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS – EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday 1st June 2026 7.30pm – Speldhurst Village Hall
Monday 6th July 2026 7.30pm - Ashurst Village Hall



TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Call the Clerk, Helen Chater : 01892 862927/07760 769513 or email
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Speldhurst parish covers the villages of Ashurst, Langton Green, Old Groombridge and Speldhurst. The councillors representing these villages are:

Paul Curry (Chair); Jade Dickens (Vice-Chair); Neil Barrington-Johnson; Hugh Cleaver; Richard Ellery; James Farley; Rebecca Leach; Giles Littlefield; Simon Norton; Domenico Tarricone; John Turner



The new Nourish Foodbank in the Community Shop.

Nature Quiz answers: 1. Slow worm 2. Speckled Wood 3. Carpet Bugel.



~~~~~ Pull-out programme ~~~~~

**Saturday**  
**20th June, 11 - 4pm**

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# Programme

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|-------|---------------|--------|
| 11am  | Gates Open    |        |
| 12pm  | Samtastic     | -stage |
| 12.30 | Rock choir    | -arena |
| 1pm   | Samtastic     | -stage |
| 1.30  | Dog Show      | -arena |
| 2.30  | Samtastic     | -stage |
| 3pm   | Dance Display | -arena |
| 3.30  | Tug o' War    | -arena |
| 4pm   | Grand Draw    | -stage |
| 4.30  | Gates Close   |        |



All-day  
Donkeys!

All-day  
Bouncies

Beat the  
Goalie

after  
party! 7-11pm

Advance tickets in the village shop

# Take Part

The Village Fete needs the village!

As you can imagine, it takes all of us to come together to make this as fun and full as possible. If you can find any time in your day to come and get involved, you'll find it a wonderful and satisfying way to join in...

## **Friday. 7am til dusk.**

Setting up Marquees, and equipment.

Tea and cake provided!

Anytime you can give would be fantastic.

## **Saturday.**

Slinging coconuts, cooking burgers, touting tickets,  
selling bric-a-brac and much more -  
there's a role for you at the Fete  
Claim a slot using the QR code  
- lots of fun to be had!

## **Sunday. 8am - Midday**

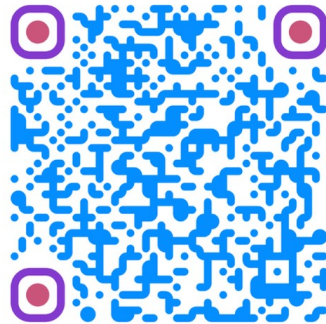
Packing down and litter clearing.

CHILDREN WELCOME

(Usually there are ice-creams to be finished off...)

Please sign up using the QR code, or find us through Facebook, or call Mike and tell him what you'll do - we need you! **Thank you so much for your help!**

*Sign up here*



# Meet the Team



**Mike**  
Fete Chair



**Tilly**  
Treasurer



**Piers**  
Bar



**Rachel**  
Field Fun and  
Youth Stalls



**Merry**  
Dogs and  
Grand Draw



**Nick**  
Admin and  
Vendors



**Ben**  
Socials



**Nikki**  
Afterparty



**Andrew**  
BBQ

It is an absolute joy to work with these guys through the year to ensure a great Fete for everyone. Please do seek them out and thank them for their generous effort they put into making this all come together.

We're always open to new members of the team so come find me if you want to get more involved. Have a great day! Mike.

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# Letter from St Mary's



## I'm not religious!

Great! Neither am I.

If being religious means blindly following rules designed by someone else then I have something in common with those who reject it.

In Jesus' time the Jewish Leaders and Pharisees were famous for inventing new rules. Even the ten commandments weren't safe and they embellished them with all sorts of nit picking regulations and religious practices, especially when it came to the Sabbath Day. One of Jesus' pet phrases was, **"Woe to you Pharisees and teachers of the law"**. Jesus didn't hesitate to condemn those who hid the love of God behind bureaucracy and made people feel bad about themselves.

Jesus summarised the ten commandments as:

- ♦ Love the Lord your God with all your heart
- ♦ Love your neighbour as yourself

These two positive value statements are not designed to make you feel guilty but to inspire you to lead a lifestyle based on love for other people and love for the God who created you and who will always be there for you. It is an amazing thought that God is 100% unadulterated love and that he loves each one of us unconditionally. We don't deserve his love and we certainly can't earn it. God is pure love.

If you are unsure how to apply this to your life and to respond to the love of God, then you need look no further than the example set by Jesus. He is the "way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through him". To find out more about Jesus and how he sacrificed his life to save yours, then you should spend the 90 minutes it takes to read Luke's Gospel. Alternatively pray, "Please Jesus clean me up and count me in". Go for a walk or find a quiet space and turn it into a mantra.

Sheila the unruly vicar – [sheilaperkins123@gmail.com](mailto:sheilaperkins123@gmail.com)

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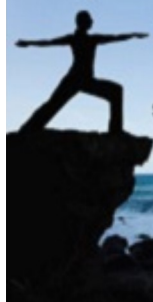
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