

**From:** The Village Messenger [mailto:Village@SpeenBucks.org]  
**Sent:** 28 August 2023 22:55  
**To:** 'Villagers@SpeenBucks.org'  
**Subject:** Late August Message

Dear Villagers,

Let's hope the weather sorts itself out for the duration of Speen Festival – it certainly looks an incredibly good programme.

In this message :-

- Speen Festival
- Gt Hampden Village Show
- North Dean Quiz Night
- Speen WI
- Playing Fields Draw winners

But before all that here is the usual (but more detailed) extract from the Village Diary on the village website :-

## VILLAGE DIARY

### What's on in Speen and North Dean

Date	Event	Where	Contact / More Info
<b>2023</b>			
Sundays 10.30am	Regular Service of Worship	Speen Chapel	<a href="#">Timothy Deller</a> or <a href="#">website</a>
1st & 3rd Sundays All Sundays 10am Tuesdays 9:30am	8am BCP Holy Communion Parish Communion with Hymns Said Communion Service	St John's Church, Lacey Green	<a href="#">see Pew Sheet</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Thur 3rd	Speen WI – Shackleton's Antarctic – Jeremy Holmes	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm	Jenny Pearce 562333
Sat 19th	St John's Garden Party	Lane Farm, Church Lane Lacey Green 3 to 5pm	Music, Raffle, Tombola, Stalls Adults £12, Children £6
Thurs 24th	N Dean – Meet up & Chat "Get Together"	N Dean Village Hall (or Field) From 6pm onwards	Bring own drinks & glasses
Sat 26th	Survival Night	meet – Speen Playing Fields 3pm	Speen Festival
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sat 2nd to Sun 17th	Speen Festival	In and around Speen	<a href="#">More info here</a>
Sat 2nd	Kids Baking	Speen Village Hall 2pm	Speen Festival
Sun 3rd	Meditation Masterclass	Speen Village Hall 2pm	Speen Festival
Mon 4th	Creation Station	Festival Marquee 10:30am	Speen Festival
Mon 4th	Yoga	Festival Marquee 7pm	Speen Festival
Tues 5th	Jazz Night	Festival Marquee 8pm	Speen Festival
Wed 6th	Yoga	Festival Marquee 6pm	Speen Festival
Thur 7th	Yellow Brick Road	Festival Marquee 7pm	Speen Festival Production
Thur 7th	<b>Speen WI</b> – RNLI Chris Lowe	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm	Jenny Pearce 562333
Fri 8th	Yellow Brick Road	Festival Marquee 7pm	Speen Festival Production
Sat 9th	Sourdough Workshop	Speen Village Hall 10am	Speen Festival

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Sun 10th	Yoga Flow	Speen Playing Fields 9:30am	Speen Festival
Sun 10th	Being Human	Speen Village Hall 10:45, 1:30, 3:45 & 5:15	Speen Festival
Sun 10th	Speen Heritage Walk	meet – KWIV Car Park 2pm	Speen Festival
Sun 10th	Speen Toots	Festival Marquee 3pm	Speen Festival
Sun 10th	Ensemble La Notte	Speen Chapel 7:30pm	Speen Festival
Mon 11th	Black Swans Studios : An Evening with the Designers	Speen Village Hall 7pm	Speen Festival
Tues 12th	AI: Terminal Risk or Industrial Revolution	Festival Marquee 6:30pm	Speen Festival
Tues 12th	Above and Below : Why Boosting Diversity Matters	Festival Marquee 8pm	Speen Festival
Wed 13th	Wildlife Talk	Speen Chapel 8pm	Speen Festival
Thur 14th	Elegy in the Mountain	Speen Chapel 7pm	Speen Festival
Fri 15th	Notflix and DJ Set	Festival Marquee Bar from 7pm, Show at 8:30	Speen Festival
Sat 16th	Lampshade Workshop	Speen Village Hall 10am	Speen Festival
Sat 16th	Ukrainian Headdress Workshop	Speen Village Hall 2pm	Speen Festival
Sat 16th	<b>Great Hampden Village Show</b>	Great Hampden Village Hall 2:30pm	<a href="#">Schedule &amp; Show Rules</a> <a href="#">List of Sections and Classes</a>
Sat 16th	Comedy Night	Festival Marquee 8pm	Speen Festival
Sun 17th	Tai Chi	Speen Village Hall 10am	Speen Festival
Sun 17th	Festival Prom	Speen Playing Fields 3pm	Speen Festival
<b>FUTURE DATES</b>			
Thur 5th Oct	<b>Speen WI – Film Night</b>	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm	Jenny Pearce 562333
Fri 6th Oct	<b>SHH Lloyd's Wine Tasting</b>	Speen Chapel Hall 7.30 for 8.00	<a href="#">Visit SHH website Here to buy tickets</a>
Wed 11th Oct	<b>SHH Charity Bridge</b>	North Dean Village Hall 1.30 for 2.00	<a href="#">Buy Tickets Here</a>
Thur 2nd Nov	<b>Speen WI</b> War Graves Commission	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm	Jenny Pearce 562333
Sat 11th Nov	Quiz Night	North Dean Village Hall	more info later
Sat 18th Nov	<b>SHH Christmas Market</b>	Chapel Hall 11am to 4pm	more info later
Thur 7 Dec	<b>Speen WI</b> Christmas Quiz	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm	Jenny Pearce 562333

### Speen Festival

The whole programme of this year's festival is summarised in the village diary, but, if you do not have a printed copy of the programme, you can see much more detail about each item and purchase tickets by going to the Speen Festival Website (<https://www.SpeenFestival.org>).

One event has asked for a bit of extra unpublished information about it to be included :-

**AI: TERMINAL RISK OR INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?** Venue: Speen Village Hall - Date: 12 September at 6:30 pm

Contributors to this discussion are **Dr Timo Hannay** and **David Worlock**.

**Timo** is by background a neuroscientist with a doctorate from Oxford, but he has become a foremost expert on data science and AI in

education. He worked for Nature, and was the founder of Digital Science, the international investment company in advanced digital information in science. As well as running his present company, SchoolDash, he is a director of SAGE, and has been a contributor to Nature and the Economist.

**David** has lived in the village for over 20 years. He is a publishing and information technology consultant who has been writing and talking about AI since it was “expert systems and neural networks” during the last two decades. He tracks key developments in fields like AI through his video blog FutureScapes

### **Great Hampden Village Show – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September**

In the middle of our festival comes the Great Hampden Village Show. This is organised by the Gt Hampden WI who are celebrating their centenary and is an opportunity for all of us in Speen & North Dean to enter.

There are 9 classes :-

Domestic – Open; Domestic – Men Only; Craft : Children’s Classes; Family Class; Vegetables; Fruit; Flowers; and Flower Arranging

Copies of the rules and entry forms are available in Speen Stores, but you can download them from their village website – [www.GreatHampden.org.uk](http://www.GreatHampden.org.uk).

An edited version of the message from the WI about their show follows :-

At our last show in 2021 we had several hundred exhibits from nearly 90 individual entrants, many of whom lived outside the village boundaries. We would be delighted if we could match (or even beat) those numbers this year – perhaps you could join us and enter some of the classes? There is something for everyone to enter, so . . . whatever your age, do have a go and make our Centenary Village Show something special.

We do need separate entry forms for each person, so either download them from the website, pick one up from Speen Stores, or telephone Hilary Reid on 01494 488611 for a copy.

You don’t need to be top notch at anything to take part – you don’t need to be a Mary Berry or a Hairy Biker to enter the domestic classes. So, whatever you fancy trying your hand at, don’t be shy, enter and join in the fun. And don’t leave it for another day – **do it now!**

Completed entry forms (plus a small entry fee) need to be dropped off at the Hampden Arms (or directly to Kate Brocklehurst, Marcia Fendom, Sally Nash, or Hilary Reid **by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**).

We look forward to a bumper turnout for entries on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – but please remember, they must be displayed in the Gt Hampden Village Hall by 10:30am at the latest, after which judging will take place *behind closed doors*. The Hall will re-open at 2:30pm, when everyone can see the results – whilst sipping a good cup of tea and eating a slice of WI home made cake!! **We hope to see you there.**

### **North Dean Quiz Night – 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Have you made up your team yet? Is the date in your diary? Further details will appear soon on the NorthDean.org website.

**Speen WI** have published their programme of meetings through to next March in the website version of the Village Diary. If you fancy joining the WI, visit their page on the “Groups” section of the Speen Village Website.

A list of the latest winners in the monthly **Playing Fields Draw** is available on their “Groups” page.

and, as usual, if you have any information you wish to be included in the next “Village Messenger”, or if you have a local business that is not yet included on the “Local Businesses” page, then please send details in an email to “[Village@Speenbucks.org](mailto:Village@Speenbucks.org)”. Don’t forget, the Village Diary is updated whenever a new event is advised, so to see the latest version visit the website.

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