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- Please take a lateral flow test on the day of the event before you attend, whether you are a performer, a volunteer or an audience member.
- If this test is positive or you have symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend; we will refund your ticket if you tell us before the event.
- Capacity at indoor events has been reduced to 80% of maximum.
- We would prefer you to wear a face covering at indoor events.
- Please maintain a respectful distance from others.
- Sanitiser is readily available for use throughout the festival sites.
- We will be maximising the ventilation at indoor venues. The marquee will have some sidewalls removed and will not be heated. The chapel will have all windows open and the ventilation system on. Please dress warmly because venues will be cooler than usual.
- We will only be accepting card payments, no cash, at the bar and for tickets at the door. As well as reducing infection risk, this is quicker and safer for our volunteers.
- At the door, we will only sell tickets to the event about to start. Tickets to other events will be available at the online box office.

# Welcome to the 2021 Speen Festival!

It takes more than a pandemic to stop the Speen Festival!

It feels great to be able to announce the line up for Speen Festival 2021 after compressed timescales and uncertainties, but the spirit of Speen is strong and we have emerged with a programme of which we can be proud. It wasn't all plain sailing; the centrepiece of our Festival, the famed show, has been a casualty of COVID. Usually rehearsals would begin in March with weekly gatherings and musical collaborations. For 2021 we got going in June, with our indomitable director Emma Large creating an immersive outdoor theatre experience; however, our small cast soon fell foul of bad weather and the pingdemic so Plan B was put into action. Instead we have 4 theatre workshops including stage combat training sessions for all.

The Festival is always a reflection of the community. It is fabulous to have new faces behind the scenes, new events on the programme, and hopefully lots of new villagers joining us at the events. Nothing would be possible in this our 11th Festival without the commitment of wonderful volunteers and enormous gratitude goes out to the core team members who make it happen, and the event organisers who share their passions. Ever since the Stockleys started the Festival in 1999 the willingness and creativity of the community have continued to deliver an outstanding range of events year on year. The success of our Festival in 2019 meant that when the dust had settled we were able to donate over £10,000 to a wide range of local charities, which was a marvellous result.

There will be a few other new things this year; we are going to be a cashless Festival as part of our COVID protective measures and it might be a bit chilly at evening events as we maximise ventilation, so please dress for comfort. One familiar element is the generous support of Aston Hearing who are our headline sponsors again this year – always good to have them on board.

We hope you enjoy the Festival. You can book your tickets via the online box office at [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org) and there is still time to get involved via [volunteer@speenfestival.org](mailto:volunteer@speenfestival.org).

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*Catherine Cook*

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Saturday 28th August

8pm

## Jazz Night

The Great American Songbook

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £12

Martin Hart and his Jazz sextet celebrate the compositions of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irvin Berlin, Henry Mancini, Rodgers and Hart et al.

The Festival bar will be open before the event and during the interval. Feel free to bring your own food.



Sunday 29th August

3pm

## Survival Night

Meet on the Playing Fields

TICKETS: £5

A chance to spend a night out under the stars at a hidden location with only your wits to keep you alive. The aim is to create a bonding experience for all around a small camp-fire and survive the night! No tents allowed - just tarps & string!

Please register your interest at [boxoffice@spenfestival.org](mailto:boxoffice@spenfestival.org) so we can get in touch to confirm arrangements.



Monday 30th August

3pm

## Tote Bag Decorating

Speen Village Hall

TICKETS: £5



Design and paint your own tote bag using fabric pens, stencils and fabric paint. Available for children of all ages.

Sunday 29th August 6pm

## Celebrating Violas

Speen Chapel

TICKETS: £10

This short and creative viola recital aims to inspire, dazzle, shock and awaken a curiosity into the depths of the individual and cosmopolitan sound of the viola. Performed by 2021 graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and local Chiltern Music Academy teacher Eleanor Walton, the recital will include the idiosyncratic baroque composer Franz Heindrich Biber's Passacaglia, twentieth century Paul Hindemith's Op.25 Sonata no 2. and J.S. Bach's Suite no.3 in C major.



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Tuesday 31st August

11am-12noon

## The Creation Station

Rainbow Craft, Magic & Fun

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £2

Join us for a colourful rainbow art, craft and fun session and brought to us by the Creation Station. The children will do a variety of activities including colour mixing, painting, finger printing and will create a rainbow festival kite to fly on the Playing Fields after the class.

*Age: Ideal for 2-7 year olds*



Wednesday 1st September

4.30pm - 6.30pm

## Lindengate Visit

TICKETS: £5



Enjoy a visit to Lindengate and experience the stunning five-acre site where nature breathes new life into anyone looking for support with their wellbeing through nature. The natural beauty and richness of the site helps to restore and heal, whilst specialised gardening, conservation, construction, cooking and nature based arts and crafts activities provide focus and purpose.

Wednesday 1st September

8pm - 10.30pm

## Wildlife Beyond Speen

Speen Chapel

TICKETS: £5

Local wildlife photographer, Peter Symonds has on previous occasions provided a close up vision of the wildlife around Speen. This year he takes us beyond Speen and away from regular tourist locations to look at some of the stunning wildlife further afield.

*Age: 8 years and upwards*



Thursday 2nd September

**FREE EVENT**

11am

## Understanding Dementia

Dementia Friends Information Session

Speen Chapel



Join Trudi Scrivener for tea and cake and get talking about Dementia. Many of us worry about saying the wrong thing to someone with dementia, yet a friendly face or listening ear can make the world of difference.

Trudi has been volunteer Dementia Friends Champion for many years and will give practical advice and information about the personal impact of dementia, and what you can do to help. It's easy and informative. The session lasts approx. 40 minutes with the opportunity for questions at the end.



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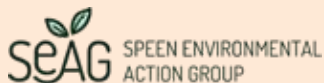
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Thursday 2nd September

**FREE EVENT**

7.30pm - 9.30pm



## Home Energy Event

How to heat your home, not the planet

Festival Marquee

Four experts talk through the ins and outs of solar PV, heat pumps and energy efficiency for the home, as well as giving us a glimpse of a possible decarbonised future.

Local homeowners who have travelled the renewable energy road already will also share their experiences, with tips on pitfalls to avoid and why it has been worth it in the end.

Friday 3rd September

9.30am - 11am

## A Treat for your Feet

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £5

Join this gentle chair-based, self-care session for your feet that combines the techniques of self-massage and yoga to bring some relief to tight feet. In this session, you will learn some techniques with a massage ball that you can do at home to help bring more mobility and reduce tightness in the toes, feet and ankles, which in turn help to bring more fluidity to your movement and a greater sense of stability.

*Small massage ball included in fee. No requirement to wear masks during exercise. Please bring a Yoga mat (if you have one) or towel.*

*Not suitable for children.*



# We may not have a show this year, but we do have some fun theatrical workshops ...

Friday 3rd September

10am - 12noon

## Woodland Monster Puppet Theatre Workshop

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £3

Welcome to Speen's Zoo for Magical Creatures! Using theatre techniques, natural materials and rubbish from your own homes, we will create weird and wonderful creatures and bring them to life in this workshop. There will even be a chance for your friends and family to meet the creatures you make!

Please make sure you bring some clean rubbish to make your monsters with!

*Age: Ideal for primary school age children.*



Friday 3rd September  
2pm - 5pm

## Battlefields Stage Combat

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £5

Ever caught yourself wondering how a large fight scene is managed? Come along to our Battlefields Stage Combat Workshop! Using techniques from The Royal Shakespeare Company, we'll teach you everything you'll need to know to punch, kick, pull hair and grapple safely on stage, and we'll be putting together an epic fight sequence to show your friends and family at the end of it! Please make sure you're wearing comfortable clothing, trainers and bring water and snacks! But don't rush off afterwards, for your cast party we have a silent disco for you, plus you can watch the adults have a go!



*Age: 12+*

Friday 3rd September  
6.30pm - 7.30pm

**FREE EVENT**

## Happy Hour Fight Club

Festival Marquee

The first rule of Happy Hour Fight Club is you tell everyone about Happy Hour Fight Club!

The teens have learned the tricks, now it's your turn to have your very own tavern brawl.

Happy Hour just got serious, learn how to stage fights with your friends - in a safe way!

Working with theatrical techniques used by The RSC, you will be taught how to slap, kick and pull hair, all without actually causing injury. Please make sure you are wearing comfortable clothing and trainers.

*Note: this is not a substitute for marriage guidance!*

*Age: Adults*

Saturday 4th September  
2pm

## Speen Heritage Walk

Meet at KWIV car park

TICKETS: £2

Join us for a leisurely stroll around the Speen Heritage Trail, hearing about key elements of the heritage of the village, including bodgers and lace makers, brick and flint architecture and many interesting buildings and features of the village from the earliest records to the modern day. It is a 1.7 mile route starting and ending at the KWIV car park. *Includes Heritage Trail Map.*



Saturday 4th September  
7.30pm

## Festival Party Night

Festival Marquee

TICKETS: £20

Speen Helping Hospices brings you the Festival Party Night, music through the ages, with a live DJ and a two-course meal and bar. Make it your big night out.

Age: 16+



Sunday 5th September

## Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre Workshops

Festival Marquee

Toy Town *for 6-12 year olds*

10.00am - 11.45am

Sticks & Stones *for 13-17 year olds*

12.30pm - 2.45pm

TICKETS: £5

Calling all children and teenagers from who want to learn a new skill, make new friends, show off skills you already have or have lots of fun with friends doing something different! Come and join us for a fun filled workshop of dance, drama and musical theatre! Everyone welcome and no experience necessary! Followed by a mini show if you would like to take part!

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Sunday 5th September

9am - 10am

**FREE EVENT**

## Outdoor Pilates/Yoga

Speen Playing Field



A class combining Pilates and Freestyle Fitness Yoga exercises including breathing and pelvic floor work. Own mat required.

*(Please complete health form online before participation).*



Monday 6th September

7pm Talk 7.20pm Walk

## Bat Discovery Walk & Talk

Festival Marquee

**TICKETS: £5**

Discover the secret world of the local Buckinghamshire bats after hours – listen in on their ultrasonic calls with specialist detectors as we walk and hear about these elusive and misunderstood creatures.

Unfortunately there is no guarantee that any bats will be spotted. However, we remain hopeful and it will be a lovely evening walk regardless.



Sunday 5th September

12noon

**FREE EVENT**

## 20/20 Cricket Slam Down

Speen Stars vs Hampden Rebels

Great Hampden Cricket Club

After a 30 year hiatus, we're resurrecting this once great cricketing rivalry. Kids' games will be organised from 12noon as a warm up to the big match, that will start between 2pm and 3pm. Beer tent, BBQ, bouncy castle, tea and cake - come and cheer your team on. Bring your own camping chairs and picnics if you prefer.

*U13 and U11 please register if you want to play at [boxoffice@speenfestival.org](mailto:boxoffice@speenfestival.org).*



Tuesday 7th September

6pm - 6.45pm

## Adult Tap

Speen Village Hall

**TICKETS: £5**



Ever fancied trying tap dance? Or have tap danced previously and wanted to give it a go again? Or are you just looking for a way to exercise and have fun at the same time, whilst learning a new skill? Join this Tap class workshop for a light workout for your mind and body! Wear comfortable clothes to move around in. Tap shoes not necessary - white trainers ideally, if not white plimsolls.

*Age: 15+*

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Tuesday 7th September

**FREE EVENT**

7.30pm

## Don't Dump It, Repair It!

Festival Marquee

As a warm up for the Repair Barn Workshop on Sunday 12th, Hugh from The Repair Barn in Princes Risborough will be discussing a range of topics related to the role of repair:

- The importance of repair as an aspect of the circular economy
- Models for extending the life of products and materials
- Barriers to repair
- Practical starting points for repair
- How do we make repair a mainstream activity in modern British life?
- How we evaluate and cost an item for repair.

Age: 13+



Wednesday 8th September  
5pm - 9pm

## Luxecycling

Painting & Decoupage

Festival Marquee  
TICKETS: £10

Learn techniques from Jessica Jordan to transform vintage furniture or tired household items into treasured, colourful pieces. Bring along a small piece of furniture or item, eg. a small side table, mirror, box or tray, and we'll 'luxecycle' it using chalk paint and decoupage (with wallpaper and decorative papers).

Jess will also talk about pattern design and digital printing, with tips for those interested in wallpaper and fabric design.

Age: 13+



Wednesday 8th September  
7.30pm - 9.30pm

## La Folia

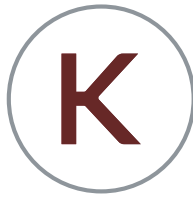
Ensemble La Nottia

Speen Chapel

TICKETS: £10

Ensemble La Nottia presents a programme of virtuosic and often experimental Italian Baroque music, spanning a century and a half: from the beginning of the 17th century, with Dario Castello's sparkling Sonata Ottava, we will journey through the Baroque period, ending with one of Vivaldi's lesser-known works, his Suonate à flauto e fagotto.





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Thursday 9th September

6.30pm - 7.15pm

## Adult Tap

Speen Village Hall TICKETS: £5

Ever fancied trying tap dance? Or have tap danced before and want to give it a go again? Or are you just looking for a way to exercise and have fun at the same time, whilst learning a skill that you can be proud of? Join this Tap class workshop for a light workout for your mind and body! Learn how to break down into basic steps and realise how Riverdance isn't as complicated as it looks! There will be the opportunity for some 1-on-1 tuition and work as a group to learn a short dance routine too! Don't miss out! Wear comfortable clothes to move around in. Tap shoes not necessary - ideally white trainers or plimsolls.

Age: 15+



Friday 10th September  
7pm

## Speen Writers' Forum We've all got a book in us

Speen Chapel

TICKETS: £10

We all have a book in us - or a story to tell. Led by Anne & David Worlock, The Speen Writers Forum is being convened to help everyone to develop, write, speak and tell the story that interests them, with discussion and examples throughout. Everyone who has ever written or thought of writing is invited to join in the discussion. Using the collective wisdom of the village, they would like to explore the barriers to self-expression in words and provide some suggestions about how to get started. David will also talk a little about his experience of writing his latest book and getting it published.

Age: 13+



Saturday 11th September  
2pm - 4pm

## Bike Park Challenge

Ridgley's Field

TICKETS: £5

The bike park challenge is an exciting challenge event for children and teenagers. The aim is to test biking skills on a range of events from BMX trials, to bike mobility skills. It's great fun in a friendly atmosphere with bike mechanics on hand. For those who get hungry and thirsty, a bbq and drink are included in the entry.

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Saturday 11th September

8pm (food from 7.00pm)

## Comedy Spectacular

Festival Marquee TICKETS: £20

Come one come all, Elliot Wengler has summoned friends from across the comedy circuit to delight and dazzle Speen for the final night of the festival once more. From 7pm there'll be street food on the field, and from 8pm the laughs begin. Wengler will be joined by acclaimed acts and rising stars from across the comedy circuit, including Yuriko Kotani, Kathryn Mather, Harriet Braine, Chris Norton Walker and headlining will be Sarah Keyworth.

*Advisory age 14yrs+*



Sunday 12th September  
10.30am

**FREE EVENT**

## Repair Barn Workshop

Festival Marquee

Hugh from The Repair Barn in Princes Risborough will be bringing his team of repairers to see if they can bring new life to your home items that you thought were beyond repair. Meet the team and watch simple repair techniques you could apply yourself.

Please email [speenfestivalrepair@gmail.com](mailto:speenfestivalrepair@gmail.com) with a photo, short description of your item and issue before 28th August 2021. We will try and take a look at items that need repair. If it cannot be repaired, then Hugh can try and find someone who may be able to help.

Costs of repair applicable.



Sunday 12th September  
2pm - 5pm

## Dog Show

Ridgley's Field

TICKETS:

£3 per class

£2 obstacle course



Join us for the fun of the popular Speen Dog Show, with family-friendly classes and a recall distraction obstacle course. It will be a fun-packed afternoon for all the family and our beloved pooches. Who will win the prettiest eyes? Lots of doggy-deluxe prizes to be won!

### SHOW RING RULES

*All dogs to be on a lead at all times.*

*All children under 14 to be accompanied by an adult.*

*No puppies under 6 months.*





Happy memories from 2019





# SpeenSchoolFest

Annually the Festival initiates and funds SpeenSchoolFest which provides the opportunity for artistic, musical or creative endeavours for the children of Speen School and to outreach to other schools.

This year they will be spending the day with a newly fledged local author, Alice Ramcharran, to find out about The Adventures of Little Jim Fit. Speen School will be hosting their Year 2 buddies from St John's School in Lacey Green for another action packed day of storytelling, inspiring children to healthy lifestyles with some fitness, healthy cooking and outdoor art. Little Apples Pre-School also hope to be involved, with their counterparts from Lacey Green.



In 2019 the Festival was able to support Oakridge School in High Wycombe with a significant donation to facilitate a range of theatrical and artistic projects throughout the year groups. For 2021 we are arranging a theatrical workshop at the school to support curriculum learning and continue our association with them. Many thanks to Emma Large, our indomitable director, who is always so enthusiastic to make things happen!

## Easy reference guide to child-friendly events

Survival Night	Sunday 29th August	3pm
Tote Bag Decorating	Monday 30th August	3pm
The Creation Station (2-7 year olds)	Saturday 31st August	11am
Woodland Monster Puppet Theatre Workshop (primary school age)	Friday 3rd September	10am
Battlefields Stage Combat Workshop (12+)	Friday 3rd September	2pm
Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre Workshop	Sunday 5th September	10am
Toy Town (6-12 year olds)	12.30pm	
Sticks & Stones (13-17 year olds)	12.30pm	
Cricket Slam Down (U11 and U13)	Sunday 5th September	12noon
Bike Park Challenge (6-18 year olds)	Saturday 11th September	2pm
Dog Show	Sunday 12th September	2pm



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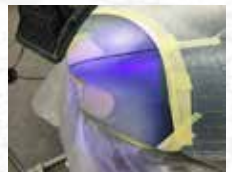


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Speen Festival has become a biennial celebration since it was first run in 2001 based on a festival founded by villagers Martin and Marjorie Stockley in 1999 to celebrate the passing of the Millennium. It is testament to our little hill top village that we have continued to produce our eclectic celebration of local musical, artistic, theatrical, creative and adventurous talent. As a volunteer generated production, every year represents an evolution of the community which remains as diverse and talented as ever. Speen Festival is truly a community event, by the community, for the community in and beyond Speen.

## Venues

Please visit the Festival website at [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org) for a map of venues.

## Car Parking

Speen is a small village and parking is limited! Please be respectful of residents when visiting the Festival and share transport wherever possible. Parking is available on Speen Playing Field and Festival stewards will direct parking at each event. Visitors to Speen Festival are reminded that dogs are not permitted on Speen Playing Fields.

## Core Team

Festival Co-ordinator .....	Cat Cook
Marketing & Publicity .....	Cat Cook
Front of House .....	Sue Taylor & Christopher Boyce
Admin Chief of Staff .....	Tom Dent
Sponsorship & Advertising .....	Philip Suter
Logistics Support .....	Steve Binder & Eamonn Barrett
Car Park Co-ordination .....	Tony Bobroff
Technical Support .....	Max Brownridge & Jessica Cook
Treasurer .....	Nick Knight
Website Design & Production .....	Andy Forkgen & James Palmer
Website & Online Box Office Support .....	Lotte Cook
Programme Design .....	Jacqui Laing

**Our grateful thanks** are due to Speen Playing Fields Committee, Speen Village Hall, Speen Chapel, The Marquee Team, Festival Event Organisers and all the other helpers and volunteers.

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