

SPEENFESTIVAL2011

"A powerful demonstration of what a small community can do"



Your programme
& booking form for
SPEENFESTIVAL2011
8 - 18 September

Booking opens Monday 20 June

Celebrating local talent
and creativity in the
heart of the Chilterns



www.speenfestival.org

Science Matters Thursday 15 September Festival Marquee 7.30pm

A night guaranteed to keep you young. A thought-provoking debate with experts on topical science issues, including the brain, the mind and ageing, compered by Professor Barry Stickings CBE. Come and join Speen's own take on Question Time, without the politicians. Doors open at 7pm. Email questions by 8 Sept to: director@speenfestival.org.

Tickets: £5 adults • £2 students • Refreshments available

Youth Takeover Friday 16 September Festival Marquee 7pm - 10pm

Can you walk the walk? This could be your moment. A talented young line-up will take the Festival platform as artists, comedians, singers, video artists, dancers - performers in many different guises. You could be one of them, or book a ticket to support your friends and neighbours who are keen to do just that! Sign up to perform or help (including adult mentors) via email: director@speenfestival.org or visit Speen Stores.

Tickets: £2 • Registered participants and youth organisers free
BBQ and soft drinks available (not included in ticket price)
NB this is an evening presented by young adults for young adults between the ages of 13 to 25

Friday Folk Friday 16 September The King William IV Pub & Restaurant from 8pm

Folk music is enjoying a renaissance, come and find out why and enjoy live acoustic music at its best. If you can't get to Dingle, or even Towsersey, come and join us for a great night in the local.

Free admission • Families welcome before 9pm • Refreshments available

Teatro Unfortunato Saturday 17 September The Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Festival Marquee 10.30am

This local children's theatre company, riotous as ever, return to Speen with a re-working of the Lewis Carroll tale told through the eyes of the sleepy dormouse - with lots and lots and lots of cups of tea. For children under 10, and parents, if silly enough.

Tickets: £5 children • Adults free • Refreshments available

Speen Bike Park Challenge Saturday 17 September Speen Bike Park, Ridgley's Field 2pm - 4pm

With new biking challenges, this event will test your biking skills to the limit. You can also just come and have fun! Three age groups (6-18 years) will compete for the coveted awards and prizes. Bike helmets compulsory and bikes are checked for condition.

Tickets: £2.50 (incl BBQ) • Spectators free

Cabaret Supper Saturday 17 September Festival Marquee 6.45pm - late

An intoxicating and stylish evening of food, drink & entertainment with a twist of Art Nouveau. The Festival ends as it began with a riotous ball in a hilltop village surrounded by woodland - only 100 years on. Some regular and some surprising events come together to form our homegrown, and sumptuous, cabaret supper.

Tickets: £25 (including a reception drink and 3 course meal) • Advance booking essential • Licensed bar • Dress: Black tie 1911 or 2011

Prom in the Playing Field Sunday 18 September Festival Marquee/Playing Field 3pm

Just when you thought it was all over: a fabulous free finale afternoon treat for all ages. Settle down for an entertaining afternoon of music classics and some prom style participation with impresario Sam Laughton. A collaboration of local orchestras and soloists will showcase their talent and perform favourites from film, TV and the classical masters. Collections will be made for various charities nominated by participating musicians.

Free admission • Bring your own refreshments and rugs

PLUS
Creative learning through SPEENFEST INTERACTIVE!
Come and join in the following free performances and workshops:

SpeenSchoolFest!
Arabian Midsummer Nights Wednesday 22 June
Speen C of E School 2pm

Speen Festival visits Speen Fête (Speen Playing Fields)
Isokan Big Sing and Play! Friday 8 July
Allcomers drumming workshop 7pm - 8pm
Speen Marquee

Isokan Project Performance Saturday 9 July
Fête Arena 3.45pm

Wild Graffiti Art Workshop Saturday 9 July
for 13-25 year olds 2pm - 5pm
Speen Festival Tent

Workshops during Festival Week

- Local sculptor and artist Jenny Fairey will create a 'Fairey' Glade with toddlers and pre-schoolers.
- Workshops to support our Youth Takeover showcase, and more ...

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Festival menus available at The King William IV Pub & Restaurant
www.thekingwilliamivspeen.co.uk

All dates, times and events are subject to change

The Speen Festival is ever evolving so if you would like to step up for 2013 please contact us now

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advance booking recommended

Find us on Facebook & Twitter
www.speenfestival.org

The Dreaming

Thursday 8, Friday 9

Saturday 10 September

7.30pm

Festival Marquee

Based on A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare with music by Howard Goodall (of Blackadder & Vicar of Dibley fame) and book and lyrics by Charles Hart, The Dreaming is the magical opening for this year's festival. Set in a hilltop village surrounded by woodland 100 years ago, our entirely local cast and production team will take you on a journey of mystery with comic twists and turns. Fantastical family musical. (NB not recommended for under 7s.)



This production is part of the Royal Shakespeare Company Open Stages Project.

Tickets: £10 adults • £5 for under 16s • Licensed Bar

Wild Workshop Saturday

Saturday 10 September

Wild About Craft 10am - 4pm

Speen Village Hall

Traditional craft workshops for children including papercraft (10am), buttons and beads (11am), plaiting (12 noon), patchwork pictures (2pm), knitting and pompoms (3pm). Each session has a different craft focus but with a variety of activities within each one. All children will make something to take home. Workshops last 40 minutes and will be led by members of Speen WI.

Tickets: £2 for children ages 3-12 • Accompanying adults free (children aged 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Surviving in Ridgley's Field 12 noon - dusk (all weathers!)

Join us for a Festive picnic lunch or tea and get stuck into some outdoor activities: help set up a camp fire, cook some traditional Bucks delicacies, create some woodland inspired arts and crafts. Those aged 10 and over are invited to help build a Bodger shelter as used by Speen craftsmen in the past. Expert and novice outdoor craft enthusiasts welcome to demonstrate skills.

Free admission • Bring your own picnic and rug

Speen Photo Shoot and Exhibition 2.30pm - 5.30pm

The King William IV Pub & Restaurant (NB: bar not open)

Run your own fun photo shoot using wild and whacky props with the help of local photography experts. We supply the professional kit and props (or provide your own) and you just book 15 minutes of our 'Studio' to use as you like. Don't forget to bring family and friends to photograph. View your images, print your favourite to take away and enter the best shot into our photography exhibition held at The King William IV Pub & Restaurant for duration of Festival. 15 minute slots start at 2.30pm.

Tickets: £2

Food Festival Sunday 11 September

Festival Marquee/Playing Field

11am - 4pm

Everything for the fine food lover, including cookery demonstrations and beer and wine tastings. Sample a diverse and delicious range of local fayre as we celebrate some of the best producers and suppliers in the Chilterns. No need to bring lunch or tea but do bring your shopping baskets to stock up your shelves.

Tickets: £3 adults • Under 16s free
Licensed bar and refreshments available

Echoes of Old Village Life Sunday 11 September

Pictures, Poems & Prose

8pm

Featuring our own 'instant' exhibition: for one night only!

Festival Marquee

Share an informal evening with Stuart King, local craftsman, artist and photojournalist, broadcaster and international lecturer. Stuart is a highly skilled and accomplished craftsman with an extensive knowledge of Bucks history, our countryside and the fascinating trades and traditions that shaped it over the centuries. Stuart invites you to bring your own interesting, peculiar and unfathomable pieces to create an instant exhibition for one night only! Anything that fits the theme, or relevant artwork of your own making. Exhibits welcome from 7pm.

Tickets: £5 adults • £3 for under 16s • Licensed bar

The Elysian Singers Monday 12 September

Your Song Will Live In My Heart

8pm

Speen Chapel

Song can weave together memories and events in most unexpected ways. Readings devised from oral accounts by some treasured Speen residents are complemented by stunning music from one of the UK's top chamber choirs, led by musical director Sam Laughton. All profits of this concert will be donated to the charity Agape Alive in India.

Tickets: £10 (including a glass of wine & tasty nibbles)

Refreshments available

Young Speen Goes Wild Tuesday 13 September

Festival Marquee

4pm - 6.30pm

How do bees make honey? What do owls eat? Join our team of local experts on safari in Speen to uncover the secrets of the natural world. A host of hands-on fun activities inspired by nature for 4-10 year olds with a bit of art and poetry thrown in.

Tickets: £1 for under 11s • Adults free • Children's tea provided by The King William IV Pub & Restaurant (not included in ticket price)

Wild About Speen Tuesday 13 September

Speen Village Hall

8pm

A fascinating talk and slide show revealing the secrets of the fauna and flora in Speen and North Dean during the course of the year by local expert Peter Symonds. Peter has been busy collating his most up-to-date wildlife sightings not far from your doorstep: a chance for us all to stop and reflect on the wildlife treats so close to home. Doors open 7.45pm.

Tickets: £3 adults (including a glass of wine) • £2 for under 16s

Refreshments available

Jazz Concert Wednesday 14 September

Johnny Mercer - A Life In Music

8pm

Festival Marquee

An evening of jazz by the Martin Hart Quintet with Lynn Garner featuring the music and life story of Johnny Mercer, one of the quintessential giants of the 20th century popular-song genre. A man who won 4 Academy Awards and was nominated for a further 19. Doors open 7.30pm.

Tickets: £12 • Advance booking essential • Bring your own drinks

BOOKING FORM

EVENT	NO. OF TICKETS @ PRICE	SUBTOTAL
The Dreaming Thursday 8, Friday 9, Saturday 10 <i>Please circle date required</i>		
Wild About Craft Saturday 10 <i>Please state 1st/2nd choice of session</i>		
Speen Photo Shoot Saturday 10 <i>Please state preferred 15 minute slot</i>		
Food Festival Sunday 11		
Echoes of Old Village Life Sunday 11		
The Elysian Singers Monday 12		
Young Speen Goes Wild Tuesday 13		
Wild About Speen Tuesday 13		
Jazz Concert Wednesday 14		
Science Matters Thursday 15		
Youth Takeover Friday 16		
Teatro Unfortunato Saturday 17		
Speen Bike Park Challenge Saturday 17		
Cabaret Supper Saturday 17		
Prom in the Playing Field Sunday 18 <i>Free but please help us by indicating numbers</i>		
Souvenir Programme Voucher <i>Redeem at Speen Stores from August A glossy memento of 2011</i>	@ £2	
		TOTAL:

Please complete and send to Speen Festival Box Office, Canastel, Water Lane, Speen, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 0SW with your cheque made payable to Speen Festival and an SAE. To make alternative payment arrangements contact the Box Office on 01494 488315 or email boxoffice@speenfestival.org.

All seating unreserved. Please state if you have special needs, eg accessing events or seating/car parking arrangements. For the Cabaret Supper, please indicate any special dietary requirements.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Tel: _____

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