

# Tunbridge Wells Wargames Society

## Getting to Speldhurst

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The following photo sets will show you the locality as you arrive in Speldhurst from three directions:

- From Tonbridge
- From the North or South via Southborough
- From Tunbridge Wells via Langton Green

### From Tunbridge Wells and Langton

The road in from Tunbridge Wells via Langton Green is the easiest route if you are approaching from the south. In Langton there is a cross roads by a pub, the parish church, and cricket ground. The road (Speldhurst Road) is signposted to Speldhurst. The name changes to Langton Road at the Speldhurst end. Follow this road straight to the village, where you will arrive at a T junction, with the parish church ahead of you.

Turn left at this junction into Peshurst Road, then the road turns immediately sharp right. Follow the road, take the first right into Northfields, then the first Left into St Mary's Lane.



Picture 1: In Langton Road, looking towards the parish church

Pictures 8, 9, 4 and 5 on the following pages show you the final approach.

## From Tonbridge, you can go either

via Brook Street past West Kent College and Judd school, keep following this road, which becomes Haysden Lane. Do not turn off any side roads en route until you go up a fairly steep hill and then reach a T junction. Turn Right here, then immediately left, down BARDEN ROAD,

**or**

via the A26 up Quarry Hill, over the A21, follow this road up hill towards Southborough, and turn right at 'Bidborough Corner' where the sign posts point towards Bidborough and Penshurst. Follow this road through Bidborough out of the village. The road (Penshurst Road) goes downhill, turns right then climbs gently. There will be a road in from the right (Haysden Lane) which has a small finger board to Leigh, shortly after which you turn left down BARDEN ROAD.

Barden Road drops down into a valley with a couple of sharp bends at the bottom. Take care here as the road is also narrow. It then climbs back up into Speldhurst village.

Follow this road (lots of parked cars on the left hand side, and turn right into Northfields, then take the first right into St Mary's Lane, and there you are.



Picture 2: In Barden Road, junction with Northfields



Picture 3: In Northfields, junction with St Mary's Lane



Picture 4: View in St Mary's Lane towards Hall



Picture 5: Speldhurst Village Hall

**If you miss the junction at Bidborough Corner, continue right through Southborough following the instructions below.**

## From Southborough

If coming from the north on the A26, you will pass the Common on your right, down hill, through Southborough. The road curves to the left and right. You will pass a Tesco Metro on your left. Keep going until you reach a road junction with double traffic lights. Keep in the right hand lane. (On your left is Yew Tree Road). Go through the lights, join the turn right lane at the second lights, where you turn right (by the Majestic Wine shop). This leads into SPELDHURST ROAD.

If approaching from the south and from Tunbridge Wells direction on the A26, you will pass the Cross Keys pub on the right. The road climbs up, and you reach traffic lights. You turn left here into SPELDHURST ROAD. The Majestic Wine shop will be on your left.

In either case, follow the road, which is twisty and narrow. It drops down into a valley and there is a road coming in from the right (Stockland Green) as you descend, then from the left (Rusthall) at the bottom. The road climbs up into the village.

Near the top of the hill, there is a junction (shown below) into Barden Road, which you can take if you wish. If you go along this road, take the first on the left (Northfields), then take the first right into St Mary's Lane, then you are there.



Picture 6: Entering Speldhurst, Barden Road is off to the right. If using the recommended route (below) bear left.



Picture 7: Entering Speldhurst, Barden Road is off to the right

Pictures 3, 4 and 5 on the preceding page show you the final approach.

Otherwise the **RECOMMENDED** way is to follow the road round to the left (in Picture 6), past the George and Dragon pub (on the left), parish church (on the right). Keep on straight ahead, the road turns sharp right (now called Peshurst Road), then take the first right into Northfields, then the first left into St Mary's Lane.



Picture 8: In Peshurst Road, view of junction with Northfields



Picture 9: In Northfields, junction with St Mary's Lane

Pictures 4 and 5 on the preceding page show you the final approach.