

# Speen Group

Speen Group's Annual Charity Arts & Crafts Fair held on 14th July was a great success and raised £1,360 of vital funds for Florence Nightingale House, Helen & Douglas House, Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and The South Bucks Day Hospice, the four local hospices supported by the Group. Work by local designers and artists was on display in the village Marquee and outside on the playing field was the added attraction of a car display by members of the Porsche Club GB and the MG Car Club. The King William IV also provided a BBQ especially for the Fair.



It was a chance to enjoy the lovely village, relax, have a stroll round the cars and craft fair, refuel at the pub or barbecue and Speen Group would like to thank all those who came along and helped make the day such a success.

The Speen Supporters Group was founded by Suzi Rose in 2001, with the aim of raising funds for the local hospice charities by putting on local events. They are now known as 'The Speen Group' with several of the original members still on the committee and everyone giving tirelessly of their time and effort for free. With limited Government funding the Hospice Charities rely heavily on organisations like Speen Group to raise the funds necessary to care for people with life limiting conditions and give support to their families.



**The next event to be organised by the Group is their annual Christmas Market.** This is held in The King William IV and is a 2 day event and like the summer Fair there will be work by many exciting local designers and artists in jewellery, ceramics, art, quilting, glass, candles and much more, but with a difference. For the Christmas Market there is the addition of Cakes, Game and other festive foods. The Vendors will differ over the 2 days and of course also available will be Charity Christmas Cards supplied by the Hospices supported by Speen Group.

The King William IV dates from 1668 and creates a wonderful atmosphere for the Christmas Market, with the old beams bedecked in decorations, the log fire lit and the Market running the full length of the pub. There will be seating near the fire where you can enjoy drinks or the special menu available from the bar. The pub is steeped in history, starting life as a farm, John Free obtaining its first Liquor Licence in 1827. The idea of the owners having two professions continued into the 1850s when the Landlord and Master Tailor was Thomas Stevens and the 1890s when the Landlord Thomas Gomme was also a Wood Turner. In 1935 Speen residents purchased most of the land from the Wheelers Wycombe Breweries (2.75 acres) for £160 with the Brewery retaining the land between the pub and Studridge Lane. In 1960 the Courage Brewery owned the pub and over the next 30 years the pub changed hands several times even becoming an Indian Restaurant. In 2008 after total refurbishment the premises were re-established as The King William IV by the current owner Mr David Hill and re-opened as a free house and home to the family. The rustic style food is inspired through locally sourced suppliers including gluten and wheat free dishes.  
[www.thekingwilliamivspeen.co.uk](http://www.thekingwilliamivspeen.co.uk)

Come and enjoy Speen Group's Charity Christmas Market and find unique gifts for your family and friends whilst raising vital funds for the local hospices. Admission of just £1.  
Address: King William IV, Hampden Road, Speen, Bucks, HP27 ORU

Opening: Friday 15th November 10am to 4pm  
and Saturday 16th November 10am to 3pm  
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