

# SPEEN HELPING HOSPICES

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## *Retro Night*

What a night this was! Speen certainly partied at the Seventies Retro Party Night that opened Speen Festival 2019. We had bingo caller extraordinaire Sam Laughton to start the evening off and the "Babycham, Black Tower and Blue Nun" prizes brought back old, if not fond, memories! Our resident DJ Paul Rogerson excelled himself, the music was fantastic and the dance floor was wild all evening, and I mean wild.

However, all was surpassed by the stunning seventies attire as the pictures below will attest. There were minis and maxis, hippies, flares and flower power. Everyone strutted their stuff and all the dance moves of the seventies came alive on stage. Videos available at a price! A very big thank you to Max Brownridge and his team for creating a spectacular lighting display, the smoke machine adding to the atmosphere. We raised lots of money and thank you all for that.



## *Bridge Afternoon*

If it's October it's the Bridge Tea at the Keen barn in North Dean. Once again a Ritz Hotel-style afternoon tea with cucumber sandwiches, dainty scones, meringues and eclairs was prepared and served by the SHH committee. The card players left very satisfied, good bridge and quality food. Should you wish to get involved next year please let Sally Codling know on 01494 488506.

The hospices we support include Helen House for Children, Rennie Groves, South Bucks Hospice at Home and Florence Nightingale. All the hospices need our financial support more than ever, to date this year we have raised over £6,000. We hope, with your help, to raise over £8,000 before the end of the year.

## *Christmas Market*

Now we are really looking forward to the Christmas Market on Saturday 16th November from 11.00 to 4.00pm at the Chapel. This will be an ideal opportunity to get your Christmas shopping sorted, from doggy presents to exclusive chocolates, wines, jewellery, wood craft and so much more. But most importantly the children can come to Santa's Grotto. The Grotto is going to be even better than last year, and that was pretty cool! Your children will love it. We will have the famous Judy Keen sausage rolls on sale again, along with bacon rolls, bucks fizz and mulled wine. So come along bring your family and friends, shop till you drop and help us raise lots of money at what is our biggest fundraising initiative of the year.

## *Carol Singing*

Our final fundraiser this year will reinstate an old tradition of carol singing in the village. Two sessions outside the shop on the 14th and 21st December from 9.15am onwards, organised in a very professional manner by Christopher Boyce. Also a more informal approach - door to door early evening carol singing during the last ten days before Christmas. Please do contact me on 488540 if you would like to get involved. Please, please have some cash ready when you hear us singing, even if it's only to get rid of us!

**Saturday 16th November 2019**  
11am-4pm  
**SPEEN CHAPEL**  
Chapel Hill, Speen HP27 0SP

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