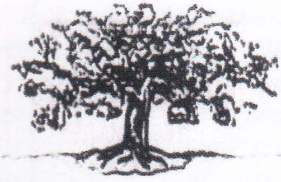


Speen and North Dean NEWS



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Having a good time?

Helping others



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Winning awards



SPEEN BUSINESS WINS AWARD

Jude Awdry's Speen-based Woodside Secretarial Services gained some extra kudos recently when the firm was proclaimed winner of the 2003 International Newsletter award by ASIS, a worldwide association of security companies. ASIS has about 33,000 members worldwide, formed into over 200 chapters, the majority of which publish newsletters. Woodside produces the newsletter for the UK chapter and was chosen for the award from an extensive field of potential winners. Congratulations to Jude and her colleagues (*see picture on front cover*).

It's fun raising funds with the Pub Quiz

The fortnightly quiz in the King William IV continues to be a popular night out every other Thursday night. Entry is by a donation of only £1, and yet Geoff and Claire Smith, who run the evenings, have managed to raise over £1000 for Speen Supporters Group since the quiz started in February 2002. SSG donates money to five local hospices.

It was standing room only for late arrivals at the SSG Christmas Quiz! Some 60 regulars, friends and supporters from Speen, North Dean and Bryants Bottom turned out on the last Thursday before Christmas to join in the fun at the second themed SSG Christmas Quiz. (*See picture on front cover*). Festive hats and costumes were encouraged with prizes awarded for the most outrageous and most adventurous. A raffle, a name-the-bear competition and a contribution from mine hosts Mike & Zena saw the fund target for the evening easily reached and surpassed. Quiz winners on the evening were the "Silent Knights", closely followed by "Jose Carreras", but the real winners were the 5 local hospice movements that benefit from the SSG's ongoing fund raising effort.

The SSG Pub Quiz, which is open to everyone,


takes place every other Thursday at the King William IV Speen starting around 8:30pm. Mike and Zena offer a special "Quiz" supper menu from 7:00pm.

Spring Quiz dates are:

March 25th
 April 15th
 April 29th
 May 13th
 May 27th

North Dean Charity Lunches

North Dean continues to hold its regular lunches in aid of selected charities and Village Hall funds. Last November, the occasion raised money for the St John's Sitting Service, which is unique to Buckinghamshire and provides trained "sitters" to care for elderly or sick persons so that the regular carer can have time off. After the meal, the lunch guests were given a talk by a speaker from the charity. (*See picture on front cover*).



Marquee Hire



Wedding Parties Fetes Discos Open Air Dances Barbeques

The village of Speen has bought a large marquee, primarily for use by village organisations, which is available for general hire. Any income raised will be used to support village events and charities. The Speen Millennium Marquee is an attractive, modern, traditional marquee made of the latest fire retardant fabric. The fabric is white and therefore light and airy inside. A lining is usually not necessary. The walls are removable to suit all weather conditions. Internal background lighting is available. Tables, chairs and other fittings appropriate to an event are not supplied with the Marquee.

Specifications:
 The Marquee is 60 feet long by 40 feet wide, with an eaves height of 8 feet. The Marquee can be reduced in size to 40 feet by 40 feet.

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