

# SPEEN HELPING HOSPICES

Ann James, Treasurer

2016 was a very successful year for Speen Helping Hospices and everyone on the team would like to thank all those that continue to give their support and make the events such fun.

At the end of the year we were able to donate £6,800 raised from The Spring Lunch, The Bridge Afternoon and The Christmas Market. The money was split evenly between the four Hospices supported by the SHH – Florence Nightingale House, Helen & Douglas House, Rennie Grove Hospice Care and The South Bucks Day Hospice. They were delighted with the donations and in response the SHH received lovely letters and certificates of thanks from each of the Hospices. The SHH team do work very hard during the year to put on these events, giving freely of their time, but it is so worthwhile when the vitally needed funds we are able to donate are so gratefully received.

## *Spring Lunch - 24th May*

The Spring Lunch to be held on Wednesday 24th May in the beautiful Tythe Barn at The Horses Trust is the first event of the year and the team are already planning the menu. This is one of the most popular events run by the SHH and sadly as we can only seat 60 people it is already sold-out. There is a waiting list in the event of any cancellations so if you have missed out and you would like to add your name please ring Sally Codling on 488506.



The later part of year is going to be very busy for the SHH as we have events running in September, October and November.

## *Food Fair - 10th September*

In September the SHH have been invited to run a Food Fair as part of the Speen Festival and is scheduled for Sunday 10th September. The SHH

team are very excited and this will definitely be an event not to be missed, so please make a note in your diaries! If you know of any local producers of food or drink that might be interested in taking part would you please contact our Chairman, Christine Symondson on 488654 or email [christine@symondson.co.uk](mailto:christine@symondson.co.uk)

## *Bridge Afternoon - 11th October*

The Bridge Afternoon is scheduled for Wednesday 11th October at the lovely home of Judy Keen. This is the third year for this event which is proving to be very popular. There is limited space but if you would like to enquire about playing please contact Sally Codling on 488506.

## *Christmas Market - 18th November*

The final event of the year will be the Annual Christmas Market which after the great success of last year at its new venue will be held again at The Lacy Green Village Hall on the slightly later date of Saturday 18th November. We value the support we have always received from Speen residents and apologise for the Market not being in the village but hope that you will all still come and see us. It is always such a fun day with the opportunity to choose unique gifts from the work of local artists and designers and of course homemade cakes!

