

# SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

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Fundraising events for 2019 were launched with a Quiz Night in the village hall on the 15th March. Quiz master extraordinaire Tom Dent set the questions again this year and we had a packed house. It was a very good night, with lots of fun and head scratching, and we raised over £800 for the four hospices.

As you know, we fundraise for Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove, South Bucks Hospice and Helen House, the hospice for children in Oxford. The hospices receive limited funds and are increasingly reliant on local support from communities like ours to continue to provide the specialist care of inpatient and day hospice services.



To date the village has raised over £75,000 and our help is now needed more than ever. In January we were able to give each hospice a cheque for £2,000. We have planned a range of fundraising events for 2019 and with your help would like to increase our donation to each charity at the end of the year. With your continued support we can raise more money for hospice care.

We look forward to seeing you at the events!

## *Dates for Your Diary*

**2nd May**

Ladies Who Lunch!

The annual Spring Lunch at the Horse Trust

**7th June**

Race Night and BBQ in North Dean Village Hall

**31st August**

Retro Night

Step back some decades and join us for cocktails, bingo, retro food and a glitterball disco! This will be one of the first events of Speen Festival 2019

**9th October**

Bridge and afternoon tea

**16th November**

Christmas Market at the Chapel

**December**

Door to door Carol Singing, the dates to be arranged.  
Singers welcome!

## SPEENVILLAGE HALL

*Bill Groves, Chairman Speen Village Hall Management Committee*

After some 60 years of Nursery School, Play School and finally Pre-School we will be saying goodbye to the youngsters at the end of this term. This will leave a tremendous hole in our rental income and we are urgently exploring ways of filling this shortfall.

Various ideas have been considered including Table Tennis, Line Dancing, Keep Fit and Singing. If you have an interest in these suggestions please let us know.

The Village Hall is a welcoming place and offers a discount to Villagers and Village Organisations, so please call our booking secretary Sue Taylor on 488500 if you would like to make a booking.

Future events include a Film & Food Night on Friday 25th October and our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December.

We are planning to have the interior of the Hall redecorated so it will be bright and fresh for all of the new bookings! We look forward to greeting you soon.

