

SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

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Our Sunday Afternoon Jazz in the Park event was idyllic, everything you would want from a music event. Fabulous setting on the cricket ground at Great Hampden, a hot sunny Sunday afternoon sitting around with friends, sharing a picnic, drinking Pimm's and chilling to jazz from the Martin Hart Quartet supported by Johnny Thirkell on trumpet and Frank Walden on saxophone. We were treated to an amazing afternoon, great musicians giving their time and talent free to support Speen Helping Hospices.

Thank you to Martin and his group and Johnny and Frank. We are so lucky to have all this talent on our doorstep. The event raised £3,100, our most financially successful event this year.



What a glamorous setting we had for our pop-up Pub Night on Grubbins Lane. Thanks to the considerable dedication of the attendees the bar made a profit of £308. Keep up the drinking Speen! Keep an eye out for details of the next pop-up pub night.

Thank you to Speen Fete Committee for nominating Speen Helping Hospices as its charity of the year on Fete Day. It provided an opportunity to raise our profile around the locality. There was a great atmosphere, lots of fun stalls and the weather was kind.

SHH was honoured to be the recipient of charitable donations at the funeral of Jane Oury who died in February. We would like to thank Jane's family for their kindness.

Have you seen the Festival Programme yet? Speen Helping Hospices are running one of the big Saturday night entertainments on Saturday 4th September. Organise your friends and get your tickets now for Party Music through the Decades. Tickets are £20 each and include a Disco and a two course supper. Retro Night two years ago, again organised by SHH, was a pretty wild night and we look forward to welcoming all those ravers back on the 4th.

A wine tasting evening is planned for late September. Tickets will be on sale shortly to include wine tastings, cheese and charcuterie platters.

On 6th October we are organising a Bridge event with afternoon tea in North Dean Village Hall. This is a call out to bridge players to get a table together and join us for a stimulating (of brain and taste buds) afternoon.

Our Christmas Market is on the 13th November in the Chapel Hall. This is always a popular event in a lovely setting. We have new stall holders this year and can promise you the perfect setting to buy early for Christmas.

With Christmas in mind, we have carol singing around the village over three nights, a Christmas Hamper raffle and

maybe another village fun run booked for December. All the dates will be on our website www.shh-onlineshop.org.

We really need your support at all our events, and just to remind you the charities you are supporting are Helen and Douglas House, the children's hospice in Oxford, Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove Hospice and South Bucks Hospice. They all need us to support them to ensure they can support us should/when we need their services. If you think you can support or sponsor a fundraising event, offer a prize for a raffle or would like to help us in some way, please contact me grainnesuter@btconnect.com or 07778 803260.

