

Speen Group's Chilli Evening

This year the Speen Group wanted to hold an additional fundraising event. With so much going on in local villages it is quite difficult to fit in another function but we managed not to clash with *anything!* We thought it would be good to have an evening that could include the menfolk for a change and decided that dancing to a live band, with some food included, would achieve this. We hoped for a sizeable audience to make the evening go with a swing so hired Lacey Green Village Hall. We even attracted some locals!

The Dirty Mavis Band, who had previously played at the King William to an enthusiastic audience, agreed to play for us at a special rate, as they regularly fundraise for Iain Rennie themselves, so we were all set for 'Hot Chilli, Cool Music and Dancing'.

Once decorated, the hall created a party atmosphere and set everybody in the right mood for the evening to come. When we had finished our light supper of Jacket Potato and Chilli con Carne, which went down a bomb, the band started to play and our audience took to the dance floor. So many in fact that the seats were deserted, the aisles were full and the hall was heaving. It was wonderful to see so many people letting their hair down and enjoying themselves.

The evening was a tremendous success for all. Many people commented that as they seldom had the opportunity to dance these days they had definitely made the most of the evening.

The Speen Group would like to thank all their supporters who made this event go with pizzazz and helped us raise substantial funds all of which will be given to the four hospices that we support. By the time this is published we will have also had our Christmas Market in the King William IV; how quickly the year moves on. We look forward to seeing a number of you at our Spring Lunch next year, which will hopefully be at the newly refurbished Horse Trust barn. Watch out for the date on the Village Diary or posters and don't forget you will need to book early to be sure of a place!

Diana Summers

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, I sent this letter to David Wiltshire in response to his letter in your Summer/Autumn Issue.

Dear Mr Wiltshire

I was intrigued to read of your interest in the plane crash in the field above North Dean in 1945. The boy you mentioned, Felix Cribb, died some years ago but his brother, Colin, is my brother in law. I thought it best to check with him first, but there has never been any suggestion that Felix rescued two pilots from the wreckage, or was given a medal for it (!).

My family lived at Glasyers directly above the field, and I was four years old when the plane crashed. It was evening when I heard a violent explosion and brilliant flash. My mother told my elder sister not to let me out of house but I persuaded her to take me down to the fence above the field where the plane crashed. By that time my parents and most of the people from Pigotts (possibly Felix as well though the Cribbs lived in Bryants Bottom) were watching, helplessly, as the wreckage blazed. One of them, Anthony Foster, thinking he could see a man struggling to get out, became extremely agitated and tried to approach the plane but was forced back by the blaze. I thought that there were two men in the plane and that they had taken it out (on April 30th) for a joy ride to celebrate the end of the war (which ended officially on May 8th) but I may be wrong about this. However I am sure that nobody survived.

With regards, Joseph Nuttgens

Dear Editor

Your readers may be interested in the Princes Risborough Music Society. Come and join us on Sunday 24 March at The Wycombe Swan when we perform Verdi's Requiem with Marlow Choral Society. Tickets £16 and £12, available from 01844 342202, choir members, Princes Risborough Information Centre and The Wycombe Swan. You can also find more information on the website - princesrisboroughmusicsociety.org

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