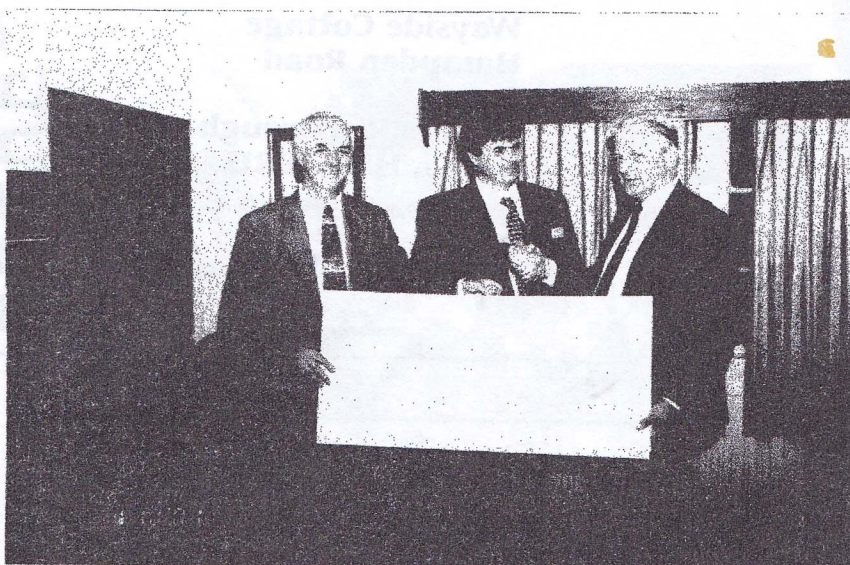


## CHARITY NEWS

### Speen Fete – the 2001 Odyssey

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, Speen Village Fete Committee was proud to present Iain Rennie Hospice at Home representative, Steve Grudgings, with a cheque for £800.00 which was 40% of the proceeds of this year's Speen Fete. This was prior to a meeting held in the King William IV where all village organisations received their share of the profits. Steve voiced much appreciation and thanked not only the committee for their hard work but all of Speen for supporting the Iain Ren-



nie organisation. As a resident of Tylers Green, Steve understood the work involved with days like a village fete and told the Committee that Iain Rennie have a policy of helping local communities with their fund-raising days, even if IRHH does not benefit, as part of their awareness campaign. He happened to mention that he was good at putting up and pulling down marquees so John Holmes took immediate note and I suspect we shall see Steve in Speen again! The picture shows Steve, centre with Dave King, Chairman and Paul Rogerson, Treasurer, both voted unanimously to hold on to their key roles on the Committee for another year.

There are now plans afoot for next year's Fete which will have a "Kings and Queens" theme to fit in with the Golden Jubilee celebrations to be arranged in June. Once again we have a lively committee with a representative from every organisation in Speen.

### Door to Door Collections

The only door to door collection since the last edition was that of the British and International Sailors' Society for which Bill Chinn collected £66.00 in the North Dean area. Well done Bill.

### Speen Supporters Group

The SSG have held their first fund-raising event – yippeee! It was a rather a low key affair as many people happened to be away or working. However, it served a purpose because not only did we raise £100 with a raffle and bring and buy, but

many senior citizens were gathered together for a natter over coffee and biscuits at Sue Taylor's. The whole point with this local group is that we have fun raising money, and bring people together. I am now forming the official committee and we are voting for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer within the next few weeks. Our next event will be a lunch with a speaker telling us about the various local hospice charities and will be held at the King William (date to be arranged – watch for posters). We are making progress with the plans for a grand Ladies' Day and Fashion Show in April. For further details on any of the above or for news about charity collections/fund-raising events please ring me, Suzi Rose, on 488696.

### GIVE WHAT YOU DON'T WANT A SECOND HOME

Next time you are having a clear-out and don't know what to do with old blankets, shoes, coats, cloths and house-hold goods, for children & adults.

Please give me a ring and we will have them re-cycled for reputable charities, who will distribute them at home and abroad.

Please telephone me to arrange collection on

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