

## SPEEN SUPPORTERS GROUP SUPPORTING LOCAL HOSPICES

### Regular Thursday night Quiz

Every alternate Thursday there is a Quiz in the King William IV. It's great fun and everyone is welcome to just come along and join in. You can simply link up with others to form a team after you arrive - or bring along your friends as a ready-made team (we usually reckon a team is 4-6 people, but it's all pretty casual!). There is a nominal £1 per head entry fee which goes into SSG funds. Most people enjoy the special pre-quiz supper that Mike and Zena lay on in the pub before the Quiz starts at 8.00pm. Give it a try.

### SSG Christmas Quiz - Great Hampden Village Hall 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 for 8.00pm

This is a separate fund-raising event, entry £6 by ticket from Christine Symondson (488654) includes glass of mulled wine and mince pie. Otherwise BYO bottle, glasses and nibbles.

### New Year Party - Speen Village Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> January 8.00pm

Celebrate the New Year with friends - bar, fork buffet, music, dancing. Tickets £10 from Gloria Holmes (488420) and Christine Oliver (488409)

### "Pot Luck" - a rediscovered piece of Bucks history. Naphill Village Hall March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

This is an extraordinary story. We discovered that back in 1910, a young actress named Gertrude Robins, quite famous at the time and living in Naphill, wrote a short comic play in local dialect called "Pot Luck". It was performed in Naphill by "The Buckinghamshire Players".

What's remarkable about that? Well, for a start, the patrons included G K Chesterton (who subsequently wrote about his visit to see the play in Naphill), Jerome K Jerome (3 Men in a Boat etc), John Masefield (later Poet Laureate), the Earl of Buckinghamshire, the Mayor and Mayoress of High Wycombe, Lord Desborough, Lady Dashwood, Arthur Lazenby Liberty (founder of Liberty's Store), members of the Disraeli and Rothschild families and several other celebrities.

Furthermore, the national press turned up, resulting in articles and photographs in the Daily Mirror, the Star, the Daily Mail, the Daily Chronicle,



the Standard, the Daily Express, the Observer, Vanity Fair, Queen etc etc.

"The Buckinghamshire Players", by the way, were the local wheelwright, a couple of chairmakers (including the wheelwright's wife) and a road maker.

Quite how Gertrude Robins, who was in her early twenties at the time, had such clout among the great and good at the time we have yet to discover. However, Marjorie Stockley has decided to revive this little farce and stage it in its original location in Naphill. The play is quite short, so the evening will also include some Bucks songs and verse, and tickets at £12 will include supper. Proceeds for SSG and thence local hospices. Further information and ticket reservations from Marje on 488101.

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