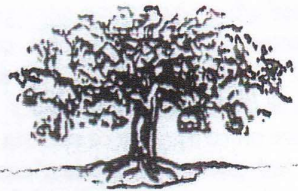


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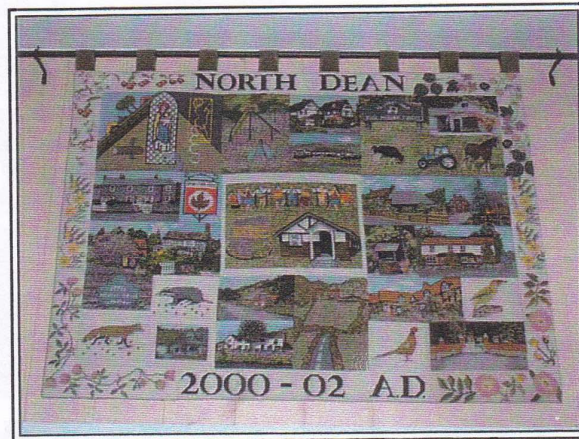


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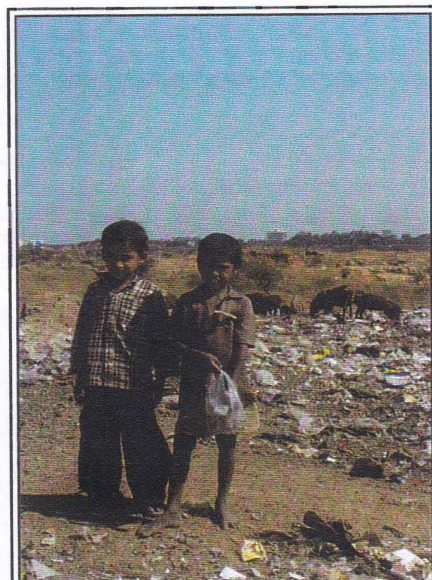
*Speen Supporters Group
raises **£10,000***



Pride of place in North Dean



Speen twinned with Slovakia



Help for the Third World

Quizmasters



Clare and Geoff Hayward-Smith have been enthusiastic pub quiz participants for some time, but didn't realise when they arrived in Speen only 16 months ago that they would be responsible for devising and running a regular quiz night in the village.

Much of their time since last summer has been occupied in working on their house in Chapel Hill, "Spennymoor", where they have been carrying out much of the ongoing extension work themselves. When I dropped in for a chat one evening Clare tried to explain to me some of the problems she'd encountered wiring up the lighting circuit that afternoon; I nodded with what I hope looked like comprehension, but was in reality lost once she'd got past my electrical vocabulary of switch and plug.

Clare is a local girl, coming originally from Holmer Green, but she spread her wings wide as a communications engineer in the world of information technology. Geoff has previously been an IT project manager for the BBC World Service; these days he sees himself in a more entrepreneurial role in business development, with a finger in several pies.

Altogether, there is a lot of grey matter in the Hayward-Smith household and one way it has been put to excellent use is in the quizzes they agreed to organise in the King William IV every alternate Thursday night. The basic aim is to raise funds for Speen Supporters Group, and each participant is

asked to donate £1 towards the charity. It's not a lot, but it all adds up, and in the 12 months since the quiz started Clare and Geoff have raised well over £470 for the hospices concerned.

At the same time, many villagers (and some from elsewhere) have had a great deal of fun taking part in these none too serious evenings. They start at 8.00pm, although most people enjoy the special pre-quiz supper the pub puts on beforehand, and anyone can turn up; you won't feel left out – you will be joined into a team if not already attached to one – and everyone is more concerned with having a good time than with winning.

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Speen Supporters' Group passes the **£10,000 mark!**

Great Hampden WI kindly agreed to donate to us the proceeds of their annual ladies' lunch in November. This amounted to an amazing £800.00.

The beginning of December witnessed a riotous Christmas Quiz at Great Hampden with a superb turnout that raised a further £473.00, and meanwhile the regular fortnightly pub quiz in the King William IV (the photo of Santa Suzi on the front cover was taken at the Christmastide pub quiz) has raised over £470 in the past year.

A further £500 was made at the New Years Party in Speen, yet another popular event enjoyed by all.

In the short time since our formation we are thrilled to report we have already raised an amazing £10,000 to share among the five hos-

pices we support. The SSG committee thank you for all your enthusiastic support for all the charity events and fund raising we undertake. All the hospices we help send regular letters of appreciation for the village's efforts. You all have an opportunity to contribute to this by joining us at our riotous quiz held on alternate Thursday nights in the King William or by joining us at a future event.

You will have received a leaflet and booking form for "Pot Luck", the theatre/supper evenings in Naphill in March (tickets are going fast). Also, we have planned a ramble followed by a smoked salmon bagel/bacon butty brunch with bucks fizz on Friday May 9th - call Christine on 01494 488654 or Shelley on 01494 488895 for further details.

Christine Symondson



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