

Gorgeous gifts!

It may be a tad early to mention the 'C' word but you won't want to miss this unique gift and card buying opportunity in the pretty village of Speen...

Nestled in the heart of The Chilterns is the picturesque village of Speen. The annual Christmas Market is held in The King William IV in the centre of the village, a two-day event, (November 15th & 16th this year) which is becoming increasingly popular year on year.

Originally a humble sale of Hospice Christmas cards over a cup of coffee, the event has grown over the last five years and David Hill, the owner and Landlord of the pub now allows Speen Group to fill The King William IV with the work of many exciting local designers and artists from jewellery

to ceramics, art, quilting, glass, candles and much more. Charity Christmas Cards supplied by Florence Nightingale House, Helen & Douglas House, Rennie Grove Hospice and The South Bucks Day Hospice, the four Hospices supported by Speen Group will of course also be on offer and in addition there are Cakes, Game and other festive foods. Vendors will differ over the two days

The Speen Supporters Group was founded by Suzi Rose in 2001, with the aim of raising funds for the local hospice charities by putting on local events. They are now known as 'The Speen Group' with several of the original



members still on the committee and everyone giving tirelessly of their time and effort for free. With limited Government funding the Hospice Charities rely heavily on organisations like Speen Group to raise the funds necessary to care for people with life limiting conditions and give support to their families.

The King William IV dates from 1668 and creates a wonderful atmosphere for the Christmas Market, with the old beams bedecked in festive glitter, the log fire lit and the Market running the full length of the pub. There will be seating near the fire where you can enjoy drinks or the special menu available from the bar.

The pub is steeped in history. It started life as a farm, with a John Free obtaining its first Liquor Licence in 1827. The idea of the owners having two professions continued into the 1850s when the Landlord and Master Tailor was Thomas Stevens and the 1890s when the Landlord Thomas Gomme was also a Wood Turner.

In 1935 Speen residents purchased most of the land from the Wheelers Wycombe Breweries (2.75 acres) for £160 with the Brewery retaining the land between

the pub and Studridge Lane.

In 1960 the Courage Brewery owned the pub and over the next 30 years the pub changed hands several times even becoming an Indian Restaurant at one point.

In 2008 after a total refurbishment the premises were re-established as The King William IV by the current owner David Hill and re-opened as a freehouse and home for his family. The rustic style food is inspired through locally sourced suppliers including gluten and wheat free dishes, with special event evenings running throughout the year. www.thekingwilliamivspeen.co.uk

The pub is well worth a visit and especially so when Speen Group's Charity Christmas Market is in residence and you can find unique gifts for your family and friends whilst raising vital funds for the local hospices.

● The King William IV, Hampden Road, Speen, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0RU.

Christmas Market Opening:
Friday 15th Nov: 10am to 4pm
Saturday 16th Nov: 10am to 3pm
Email: jem@symondson.co.uk or antoinette.james@hotmail.co.uk
Admission just £1 per person

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Saturday 16th November
11am - 3pm

Charity Christmas Cards • Wonderful Gifts • Jewellery • Cakes • Raffle
Bucks Fizz breakfast & food available all day
Entrance fee £1 on the door

We support Florence Nightingale House • Helen & Douglas House
Iain Rennie Hospice at Home • The South Bucks Day Hospice



Gift Fair in full swing