



SHH - Raising Funds in Chilterns Villages December 2025

It has been a very busy summer and autumn for our fundraising group this year.

In July, we ran a plant, flowers and preserve stall at **Speen Fete** on one of the hottest days of the year. Fortunately, the SHH stand was in the shade and kept cool with some very chilled prosecco! Hildreth's in Prestwood donated a large quantity of the plants, which all sold very well.

On 29th July, the Chairman of Hypnos Bedding, **Peter Keen**, from North Dean, passed away. His wife, Judy, has been on the SHH committee for many years and she and her family requested that any donations in Peter's memory be donated to SHH. We are very grateful to the family for this, as over £5,000 has been raised and this has made a significant contribution to the fundraising for the hospices.

In early September, the group organised a very successful '**Sip and Sparkle**' luxury afternoon tea at **Speen Festival 2025**. It was very well-attended, and featured tea, sandwiches, scones, cakes and fizz. The chintzy crockery and white tablecloths made it a very classy affair, as did the quartet entertaining the visitors with cello, viola and violins.

On 1st October, the first **Ladies Autumn Lunch** was held in the Sefton Barn, at The Horse Trust. For many years, apart from during the Covid pandemic, there has been a spring lunch, in May, at The Horse Trust. The ladies attending the spring lunch were asked if they would be interested in an autumn event. The answer was a definite 'yes' and 60 tickets were sold (the maximum that the barn can accommodate). The £40 ticket covered a complimentary glass of wine and a three-course lunch, followed by coffee and chocolates.

SHH received donations from both Speen Fete and Speen Festival for our contribution to their events.

On 11th October, we had the second **Comedy Night** organised by Eliot Wengler at Lacey Green Millennium Hall. There were five comedians: Michael Akadiri, Kathryn Mather, Phil Alexander, Nick Byard and Caitriona Dowden. 125 tickets were sold and everyone had a great evening out.

The **Annual Bridge Afternoon** at North Dean Village Hall rounded off the autumn events, and this year we had more tables than ever participating, with everyone enjoying the now-legendary afternoon tea.

We are now planning the Christmas Market in Speen in November, selling tickets for the Christmas Hamper and the carol singing in December. Happy days!

If you are interested in raising money by taking part in an event, finding out more about becoming part of our fundraising group at SHH, or helping us to sell tickets for events, please contact me at events@shh-shop.org or on 07778 803260.

For detailed information about all our events, please visit our website at www.shh-shop.org

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