

SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

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Amidst the gloomy weather, coronavirus and crashing markets Speen ladies turned out in early March for a Pamper Night – an evening of fizz, canapes, health & beauty.

This, our first fundraising event in 2020, was lots of fun and we were very pleased with the amount raised of £960. This type of event was a first for us and we were unsure how well it would work! But with Amanda Dobbs steering the ship it was a great success and definitely an evening to repeat. The Village Hall was beautifully decorated and the storage area unrecognisable when transformed into a massage room. Many thanks to all who came out to support us on a very windy evening, your enthusiasm was very encouraging and the hall was buzzing all evening. All the therapists and stall holders were local and we really appreciated their support.



Rennie Grove Hospice Care, South Bucks Hospice at Home, Helen House for Children and Florence Nightingale Hospice will benefit from the evening. All the hospice charities need to raise a massive amount of money each year to continue to provide essential palliative and end of life care to patients and support to their families. With your support we can help them make this happen. We try to keep the cost of each event down to a minimum to ensure that the hospices receive as much as possible of the money raised.

If you would like to be involved or have fundraising ideas, or would like to sponsor an event or donate a raffle prize please do contact me on 01494 488540. We have lots more events planned for the coming year and we would love to see some new faces.

Dates for Your Diary

Postponed

Our annual Spring Lunch at the Horse Trust

Postponed

Quiz Night

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Comedy Night with Elliot Wengler

13th September

Car Boot Sale

14th November

Christmas Market at the Chapel

December

Door to door Carol Singing

SHORT STORYCOMPETITION

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Amidst the gardening and the decorating and the spring cleaning why not turn your mind to something creative during the period of lockdown and enter our short story competition. The current lockdown places a challenge on us all and the competition is an opportunity to switch off from current restrictions. The topic of your story is your choice, the only rule is that your story may not mention the Coronavirus, or any apocalyptic situation.

WHO CAN ENTER?

This is a competition for everyone who lives in Speen and North Dean with one entry per person allowed.

There are four age groups:

Beatrix Potter Group is from 5 to 7 years

Harry Potter Group is from 8 to 11 years

Anne Frank Group is from 12 to 16 years

Charles Dickens Group is 17 years and over.

HOW LONG HAVE I GOT TO WRITE MY STORY?

You may start now. The deadline is 6pm on the 24th April.

HOW LONG SHOULD MY STORY BE?

Each group will have a different maximum length:

Beatrix Potter Group - no more than 300 words

Harry Potter Group - no more than 500 words

Anne Frank Group - no more than 1000 words

Charles Dickens Group - no more than 2000 words

JUDGES

There are three judges for each age range.

Full details of the competition have been circulated via the Village Messenger. If you missed that, follow this link:

www.jmlproperty.co.uk/Speen_Story_Writing_Challenge.htm

or contact me, Grainne Suter on 01494 488540

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