

THE SPEEN & NORTH DEAN *News*



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WHAT'S ON

in Speen & North Dean

REGULAR EVENTS

Sundays	Regular Service of Worship	Speen Chapel 10.30am	Speen Baptist Church Administrator Sandy Mitcheson 01494 488 875 speen-northdeantoddlers@gmail.com
Tuesdays Term Time Only	Speen & North Dean Tiddlers & Toddlers	Speen Chapel Hall 9.30am - 11.30am	trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk
3rd Thursday of each month	Memory Cafe	Speen Chapel Hall 10.00am - 12.00pm	stjohnschurchlaceygreen@gmail.com
1st & 3rd Sundays	BCP Holy Communion	St John's Parish Church, Lacey Green 8.00am	
Tuesdays	Said Communion (Common Worship)	St John's Parish Church, Lacey Green 9.30am	
Sundays (1st Sunday All Ages)	Parish Communion with Hymns	St John's Parish Church, Lacey Green 10.00am	

AUGUST

Thurs 20th	Memory Cafe	Speen Chapel Hall 10:00am - 12:00pm	trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk
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SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3rd	Speen WI Working for Auntie	Speen Village Hall 7:30pm	Jenny Pearce 07035188093
Thurs 17th	Memory Cafe	Speen Chapel Hall 10:00am - 12:00pm	trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk
Sat 26th	SHH Comedy Night	Lacey Green Village Hall Bar open 7pm	Tickets SHH Website

OCTOBER

Thurs 1st	Speen WI Film Night	Speen Village Hall 7:30pm	Jenny Pearce 07035188093
Wed 7th	Ladies Autumn Lunch	The Horses Trust	SHH Website
Wed 14th	Bridge Afternoon	North Dean Village Hall	SHH Website
Thurs 15th	Memory Cafe	Speen Chapel Hall 10:00am - 12:00pm	trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk

NOVEMBER

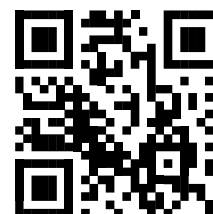
Thurs 19th	Memory Cafe	Speen Chapel Hall 10:00am - 12:00pm	trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk
Sat 21st	SHH Annual Christmas Market	Speen Baptist Church Hall	SHH Website

SPEENHELPING HOSPICES



Charity Comedy Night at Lacey Green on **Saturday 26th September**. Organised by local resident Elliot Wengler of Select Comedy, this year's show will be headlined by Ria Lina and will also feature Chris Norton Walker, Andy Gleeks and Sally Firth, and Elliot as MC. Tickets are £20 each, and the Box Office is now open.

TICKETS AVAILABLE USING THE QR CODE BELOW



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SHH

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Fundraising since 2001 for local hospices in Chiltern Villages

Helen & Douglas House for Children - Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care

South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House - Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

SHH - Raising Funds in Chilterns Villages for 25 Years

by Gráinne Suter, Chair SHH

Since the spring edition of Speen & North Dean News, SHH has continued to celebrate its 25th anniversary with several fundraising events.

We held a pub night in April and a Ladies Spring Lunch at The Horse Trust in May. We also launched our 25th Anniversary Recipe Book that you can buy at our events throughout 2026 and via our website. All recipes are well tested and pretty foolproof!

The metal detectorists Martin Radvan and Paul Trendall, accompanied by Martin's Border Terrier Poppy, fascinated their audience with a brilliant talk on their many finds around Speen. We had a packed house and many calls for a return visit, So, watch this space.

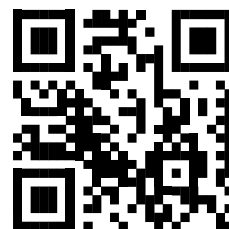
On the 5th July we held our 25th Anniversary celebration luxury afternoon tea in the gardens of Willotts Farm. It was a hot afternoon however, the garden had lots of shade under the trees that kept the 58 guests cool ably assisted by chilled prosecco and rosé!

Once again, the **SHH Committee** has been supporting the community helping at other events. The Horse Trust was celebrating 140 years at the end of June and held a family fun day. On the 11th July we ran the Children's Books, Plants Flowers and Preserves store at Speen Fete. **Hildreths Garden Centre** once again donated a large selection of plants.



Our next major fundraising event is a **Charity Comedy Night** at **Lacey Green** on **Saturday 26th September**. Organised by local resident Elliot Wengler of Select Comedy, this year's show will be headlined by Ria Lina and will also feature Chris Norton Walker, Andy Gleeks and Sally Firth, and Elliot as MC. Tickets are £20 each, and the Box Office is now open. As with all SHH events, there are no additional card processing fees. Speenies and North Deanies, we would love to see lots of you enjoying a night out in Lacey Green. It's not too far away!

Tickets can be purchased by using the QR code below.



Dates for your diary

7th October

the second SHH Ladies Autumn Lunch
at The Horse Trust

14th October

Annual Bridge Afternoon with tea
at North Dean Village Hall

21st November

Annual Christmas Market
at Speen Church from 11am to 4pm.

Details of all our events can be found at our website www.shh-shop.org You can also follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Expanding the fundraising activities: This is where you might be able to help or know of someone who can support us.

If you are planning or considering taking part in a sporting event or other event, would you help others by fundraising for SHH in the Chiltern Villages. Maybe you are involved with a local cricket or football team or play tennis and could be interested in organising a match this year. You might also consider a fun run, half marathon or a bike race.

We, at SHH will support you on your fundraising journey, we would promote your participation locally and via social media and our website to attract sponsorship.

If you are up for this challenge, now is the time to plan it.

Please contact me at events@shh-shop.org

SPEEN & RISBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS

by Peter Johnson

A while ago I wrote on Speen WhatsApp group that the service to Princes Risborough on Tuesdays by Risborough Area Community Bus was in danger of being cancelled because of low passenger numbers.

Some judicious lobbying has helped that threat to recede although it is likely that the service will be just two runs in the morning and the current afternoon run will be cancelled.

But, and it is a big but, low usage will continue to threaten continuity of the service, and the danger has not fully gone away.

As a reminder, the bus leaves the George & Dragon bus stop in Risborough High Steet at 08.45 on Tuesdays running up the Hampden Road around 08.55. It then drives around Studridge Lane, arriving back on Hampden Road at the KW4 around 09.00. It then wends its way back to Risborough via Bledlow Ridge arriving at the George & Dragon at 09.30. The same route is repeated leaving the George and Dragon at 11.40, arriving in Speen around 11.55.

So, what is there to do in Princes Risborough for over



two hours? Well apart from shopping, and there is lots of room on the bus for shopping bags or shopping trolleys, there is a plethora of cafés in around the High Street plus the lively Crew Cafe at the Community Centre in Stratton Road. The new favourite is Moc &

More in the High Street which since opening earlier this year has become very popular.

Chaps are spoiled for sartorial choice by at least four barbers shops and the ladies can enjoy two high quality hair salons. Charity shops abound, the butchers at the top of the High Street is top quality and the new restaurant @39 opposite the Cross Keys surgery is a real hit, offering delicious meals from 10.00 in the morning.

In Spring and Autumn in particular the scenery on the ride to and from Risborough is truly spectacular and for those mature souls sporting a bus pass it is all free!

So do please come along and make full use of the bus so that growing numbers guarantee the service's future.