

Hospice's thanks for funds

A HOSPICE in High Wycombe has praised the fundraising work of the Speen Supporters' Group – after it donated thousands to charity.

South Bucks Hospice and Lymphoedema Clinic in Amersham Road, High Wycombe, was just one of many hospices to receive a donation at the Supporters' Charity Ball in Studridge Lane, Speen, on September 4.

Avril Berry, fundraising director for the hospice, said: "We are extremely grateful for their continued support over the past few years. Donations from the Speen Supporters' Group (SSG) have helped us continue our services."

The hospice received a cheque for more than £1,000 – as did other hospice charities including, Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, which brings nursing support to patients in their home, Florence Nightingale House in Stoke Mandeville, St Francis Hospice in Bovingdon and Helen and Douglas Houses in Oxford.

Suzi Rose, SSG secretary, said: "We had a great deal of sponsorship for the ball from local companies, friends and neighbours as well as committee members."

The event, held on a warm, dry day in the gardens of Gracie and Barrie Stickings's home saw Speen villagers dancing to a live jazz band in lantern-lit gardens.

It was one of many fundraising activities organised by the SSG – formed in 2001 by 12 women who have all been affected by cancer in some way.

Ms Berry said: "The group's fundraising activities are always enthusiastic and imaginative."