



Speen Supporters' Group
(raising funds for local hospice charities*)
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**Speen Supporters' Group
Invites everyone to**

The Annual General Meeting

**(On 25th May 2005 at 8.00pm)
(at Speen Village Hall)**

Agenda as follows:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Presentation to our five charities of £1,000 each**
- 3. Chairman's report for the period May 2001 – May 2005**
- 4. Treasurer's and auditor's presentation of accounts**
- 5. Voting of officers**
- 6. Any Other Business**

Everyone welcome. Wine and nibbles.
New SSG brochures available giving details of forth coming events

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is 4 years since Speen Supporters' Group was devised, a constitution drawn up and a bank account opened. Within a few months a core membership of approximately 5 women grew to a committee of 12. Between them, these spirited and determined women thrashed out the ideas for raising funds for our five local charities assisting those patients and families struck by cancer and terminal illness.

A Corporate theme of black on pink plus the excellently designed logo by local artist John Davies were ready by January 2002. This Corporate image appears on all of our tickets, posters and brochures, printed free of charge by estate agents JNP. We thank them all for their support and assistance.

At this point I would like to express my great thanks to Christine Oliver for chairing our group, not always easy in a noisy pub with such a vociferous group as SSG and to Shelley who produces accurate and detailed accounts, floats on all occasions and happily staggers to the bank with vast bags of small coins for us.

The accounts, produced by Shelley and audited by James Entwistle, show the variety of events produced, not only for fundraising but also for entertainment. We have organised little coffee mornings and a ball, three evenings of theatrical entertainment (thanks to good friends willing to donate their time for our cause), a fashion show, parties and theme evenings including a beautifully staged Chinese Party, not to mention the on-going fortnightly quiz and we have many ideas for the future including the possibility of our own charity cookbook.

The Speen Supporters' are the Speen villagers who, time and again, pay out for tickets to join in the fun. These, truly, are the Speen Supporters and we thank them for their enthusiasm and generosity.

However, we also have supporters in our partners, spouses, families, work colleagues and neighbours of the Speen Supporters' Committee, ranging from small children saving odd change through to colleagues at work donating fees, and neighbours, such

as Ian Waterman, running the London Marathon (wearing a daft headdress of pink butterflies), and raising £2,000 through sponsorship via friends, work colleagues and neighbours.

But as everyone knows, fundraising is hard work. For a big do, it's all hands on deck. SSG has never failed in rallying the troupes. For the Ball at Grace and Barry's last September, the "Men of Speen" (or Speen Erection Committee as they are affectionately titled) put the marquee up and pulled the thing down for us. Our flower committee assisted us with superior aplomb transforming the Wycombe Town Hall into a reception hall fit for a wedding for our first major event, the Spring Fashion Show, in April 2002 and decking the marquee for the Ball last Autumn. You are all honorary SSG members and we thank you.

As current Chairman and founder member of Speen Supporters I would like to thank each and every one of you who has supported us in any way. There are many who could be named but I would miss someone out and offend them.

The SSG committee has seen a couple of changes and we will be voting the officers of Chair and Secretary later. We bid Maureen farewell as she moves away. She will be missed as a brilliant mind on the quiz teams and as backstage helper at all the functions. We wish her health and happiness.

Finally I would like to state how proud I am to be part of such a vibrant, friendly and dedicated committee who has successfully donated £16,000. We have put the "fun" back into "fundraising" – long may it continue.