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# From the Editor...



## AS GOOD AS IT GETS

As readers will know the fantastic news is that the Werrington Community Volunteers Group has been granted a Queens Award for excellence in voluntary service. Heartfelt congratulations go to our

army of volunteers who have made this very special achievement possible. Yet another WCVG accolade putting Werrington on the community map. And if you think that's it, think again as the group has even more exciting plans in the pipeline designed to enhance our village even more – and don't forget all these things are done without any cost to residents.

## JEWEL IN OUR CROWN

The unique-concept Werrington Community Library & Wellbeing Centre is one of the most successful projects of its kind in the whole UK and which other libraries are imitating. The spin-off of the Wellbeing Centre is that more people than ever are using the library and here we could do with some extra help. In the past it was OK to operate with two volunteers per shift but we will soon need three. Remember our volunteers choose their own time so it's easy to join in. It's a great way to help our community, nice place, nice folk to be with and a lot going on. Just pop in and have a chat, could open up a new life interest for you.

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Jiffy Bear is hiding somewhere in Village Life. Can you find him? >>>>>>>>

## Craft mornings every school holiday

Calling all young budding artists, let your child loose with a paintbrush and get creative at Werrington Library.

Come and join us for fun filled mornings, with various things to make and paint every school holiday at the Werrington Community and wellbeing centre.

If you would like to book a place please go to the library for more info or contact Carolyn Hollinshead on 07824555212.

Nikki Milward and Carolyn Hollinshead (DBS checked) - Volunteers at Werrington library

Calling all 9-15 year olds!!!

# Fun Friday

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### The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

wonderful band of volunteers without whom none of this would have been possible. This unique recognition highlights the exceptionally high standard of work we undertake on behalf of the village

“The news that the Werrington Community Volunteers Group has been granted a Queens Award for voluntary services is a wonderful accolade for our many members and follows ten years of

The Werrington Community Volunteers Group is delighted to have been granted a Queens Award and all thanks go to our

service to the community. During this time over £350,000 has been raised without cost to residents, to undertake many hundreds of activities and events, over 850 in the Werrington Community Library & Wellbeing Centre alone since the group took the library over to prevent its closure just two years ago plus over 150 projects in the wider community.

The wellbeing initiative was the first of its kind in the UK and due to its success, with over 2,500 visitors each month, is now being used as a template for others. The prestige the award will give our group will enable us to move forward in a more positive way as we are proposing to transform the way in which health and lifestyle care is delivered in our village, particularly for our aging population where we have nearly twice the national average. For our future this award is worth its weight in gold!”

*David Shaw*

Chairman  
Werrington Community Volunteers Group

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## YOUR VOLUNTEER ARMY NEEDS YOU

No, you won't have to go into space, but maybe launch a new and rewarding interest if you have some time to spare. The library is gathering pace and so is looking for some extra librarians, where you can pick your time and join with happy volunteers. Pop in and have a chat to see if it is for you.

But that's not all. There are times in the year when we could do with some extra

help on odd days. When we are planting for Werrington in Bloom, helping to set up at Funday, putting the poppy display up, doing an occasional night at the Friday Youth Club and so on. We could also do with some extra men for the big stuff. Interested? –

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# Gardening on a budget



When you visit a garden centre, especially a famous or high quality venue, your wallet goes into panic mode. I view these places for ideas or at a time of year when there are bargains to be had. However there are

ways one can garden very inexpensively and these are the methods you can employ yourself without any, little spending.

## **Saving your own seed**

This works well in both the vegetable and flower garden. Runner, French, and Broad Bean seed can be easily dried after harvest and kept in cool frost free conditions.

Lupine, Poppy, and Marigold seeds etc also work well. I lift Myosotis, plant a number in a quiet area of the garden and when the old plant has died young seedlings develop which then can be replanted to be ready for the autumn / spring display.

## **Saving Tubers and Corms**

The classic examples here are Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Gladioli, and Potatoes, all respond well when lifted, protected from frost and replanted or used for cutting material the following Spring. Here the key is ensuring that careful selection is undertaken to ensure that you save the very best plants as your propagation source and that these are disease/virus free.

## **Cuttings**

If taken at the right time of year these can be a very easy (and inexpensive) method of propagation. Most gardeners are receptive too request for a cutting or two. These can be from

softwood, semi-hard, or hardwood according to the nature of the plant for example a softwood cutting of Phlox taken in June will root easily, Wegeia, roots well when taken as a semi-hard cutting and the hardy ornamental Willow roots from all three methods.

## **Division**

This is mainly used for a wide range of herbaceous perennials but can also be used for a range of tender annuals which are sown not as single plants such as lobelia or Begonia semperflorens. I visit plant nurseries in the spring and autumn to get best use from this technique and by examining the plant stock choose which will give me best value. In addition friends will often let you have stock of a perennial, especially if they have lots of it.

## **Use of low cost plant sources**

Here I would include plant sales held as part of a larger event such as County Show, Fetes, and Car Boot Sales. These can be very low cost but care has to be exercised in terms of value for money and freedom from disease.

Finally I would suggest that above all, plant knowledge is the most inexpensive key to gardening on a budget. It simply requires personal effort from a variety of free/low cost sources and a will to learn. (Confucius is supposed to have suggested that hearing about an issue led to forgetfulness, seeing something led to remembering and the action (doing) led to full knowledge) This I subscribe to in my own gardening world.

Have a good season!

*Joe Smith*



## NEW "AL FRESCO" LUNCHTIME SPOT



The new Sensory Garden has been a real show with the wonderful pansies planted by Tony & Jean. Carolyn & Paul dug it over and Donna &

Jason carried out weeding duties. It has been a great success and is frequently used as a tranquil spot for locals to have their lunchtime picnics. The pansies were just a stop-gap prior to the children from Werrington Primary School planting and tending sensory flowers. The illustration shows a sign that will soon be erected to thank all involved.



## WERRINGTON SENSORY GARDEN

Sponsored by ASDA, KINETIC and the HMYOI to whom the WERRINGTON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS GROUP would like to extend their grateful thanks.

**"SIT AND REST A WHILE"**

## THE LUTYENS BENCH

The benches in this garden are Lutyens Benches named after its creator – Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869 – 1944), one of the greatest British architects whose works are renowned for a unique blend of traditional style. In addition to garden furniture he designed many stately homes including Lindisfarne Castle and much of a section of New Delhi, the capital of India. Profoundly influencing garden furniture design, the Lutyens Bench became the standard-bearer for garden seating.

**THE SENSORY PLANTS WERE CHOSEN BY THE PUPILS OF WERRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WHO TEND THE GARDEN.**

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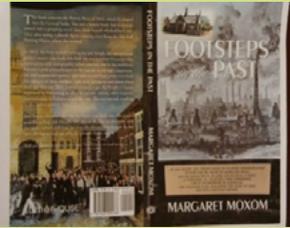
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## FOOTSTEPS IN THE PAST

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I moved to Werrington in 2016, and started investigating the area and a particular eye-catching

Gothic-looking building, which is now the Ash Hall Nursing Home. My investigations proved so interesting that I delved further into the history of the area, finding out about the Pottery Riots - This, plus also finding out there is supposed to be a ghost that haunts the Ash Hall Nursing Home, led me onto the idea of this book.

This isn't a history book, but it's history turned into, what I believe is a gripping novel, and I hope you do too. Jane finds herself whisked back into 1842 after seeing a ghostly figure running away from the Ash Hall Nursing Home, where she worked. In 1842 she finds herself working for Job

Meigh, the entrepreneur pottery master, who built Ash Hall.

The book delves into the starvation of the workers, following pay cuts, and the Chartists, imploring the workers to throw off their shackles of slavery and to fight for freedom and their rights. This led to the violent Pottery riots in August 1842 and the death of Josiah Heapy, commemorated by a plaque put up this April in Burslem.

Jane has to discover why she has been sent back into the past –which will lead her into life-threatening danger - and who the ghostly figure was. Will she get back to her own time? You will have to read the book to find out.

The book is available through Author House and Amazon at £12.95, but I am holding a book-signing at Werrington Library on 21 September, when books will be £10. I look forward to seeing you.

*Margaret Moxom*

## PALMS IN WETELY ROCKS

Recently Wetley Rocks was treated to a classical recital by the Palm Trio. Emily Pond on viola graduated from the Royal Academy of Music and is a founding member of the Fitzroy Quartet. She has appeared as principal violist of the Royal Academy Opera and Chamber Orchestras and with the BBC and Liverpool Philharmonic amongst others. Her sister Lucy plays flute, an undergraduate of the Royal College of Music, having played to Sir James Galway at Birmingham Conservatoire. She has played as principal flautist in the National Youth Chamber Orchestra of Great Britain. Rosanna Rolton plays the harp, being Principal Harpist of the European Union Youth Orchestra and performs regularly as a chamber musician and gives regular recitals in Europe as well as the

UK. Rosanna won the Suoni d'Arpa International Harp Competition in 2014. Emily and Lucy come from Werrington and along with their sister Amy who introduced them attended Wetley Rocks Junior Church. The Trio gave us a lovely afternoon of classical music from Ibert, Dubois and Beethoven, the combination of viola, harp and flute was beautiful. The proceeds from the Recital were donated to The North Staffs Heart Committee.



# Werrington

## Scarecrow Weekend

### 15th & 16th September

### Theme: 'Film Folk'



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Freshfields farm had been in the same family for hundreds of years, it was there after Sunday lunch that John age 8 asked his Grandfather about when he was the same age what the farm was like then, even his older Brother and Sister were interested to know about it, alright said their Grandfather George lets finish lunch and we will go and sit outside in the garden.

He then began to describe how the farmhouse looked then, he said it had a very large kitchen with a very big fireplace and range where the cooking was done, either side of it was two large wooden seats a bit like pews you sit in at church and down the middle of the room was a very long kitchen table that would seat at least twelve, there was just alcove for the sink and draining board along with a few cupboards, at the back of the room you went through a doorway and down a few steps to a comfortable lounge and the stairs were there to go up to the bedrooms as well as some on the other side of the kitchen in a porch.

Where was the bathroom John asked there was no bathroom you had to wash at a wash stand with a large bowl and jug full of water, the toilet was outside or you could use a potty, what is a potty they all asked, it was a large bowl with a handle you kept under the bed to urinate in, they all laughed, of course over the years it has been altered as you know you are all used to the modern version.

Underneath the house was a cold room where they had a big churn to make butter and they also made cheese, my Grandmother did that with the help of my Mother, she also looked after the hens and some turkeys, I used to help her feed them and also collect the eggs, mind you I was a little scared of the turkeys they could be quite nasty.

My Father used to deliver milk around the village on a large three wheeled bike with a little truck on the back that held some large metal milk cans they were also called churns customers would come to their doors holding jugs which he would fill with a ladle, I did go with him when I was not at school.

At harvesting time we did not have tractors or any machinery like today, the hay was cut with a thresher pulled along with a horse then stacked in a baler and then the bales were put on a horse drawn large cart and at the end of the day most of the helpers rode back to the farmhouse on the top the hay bales were stacked in a barn and that was where me and my friends used to play hide and seek.

You are all used to all the modern machinery that is used today and since I have retired and handed the farm over to your Father he has purchased that massive tractor that I have seen you all having a ride in I must have a ride on it as well.

Did you have any cows John asked? How did you think we got our milk they all laughed again, we also had a few sheep and pigs but as you know we have a very large herd of cows and no sheep or pigs your dad is more interested in growing produce in our large fields. Thank you Granddad for telling us all that in was very interesting thank you he said you have bought me a lot of memories.



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entry' for the Leek Agricultural Show on 28.7.18. Four of us joined forces to share skills, and enthusiasm in building such a structure which eventually represented the Wetley Rocks entry at the Leek Show. The theme was based on a City which had to include two produce and two craft items. We chose 'Venice' and although some of us perhaps displayed more enthusiasm than skill, we managed to complete our objective and off we went to the Leek Show. The whole experience of sharing this task was nothing but enjoyable and fun. Three of us were relatively newish to both the WI and entering any competitions, whilst our fourth member was a font of knowledge and experience and who guided us through the do's and don'ts of our venture. Before we

set upon our task we only knew each other from attending our monthly WI. However, this venture brought together a comradery and special bond which will stay with me. The WI's motto is for Inspiring Women and this indeed was proved for each of us as we committed to our challenge. We didn't win the main combined entry but were in admiration of other works from other branches. We are however, looking to next year and not feeling fazed about any potential project in the future. We know each will be supportive of one another and that standing together brings strength and inspiration. Below is picture of our entry with left to right: Paula Peacock, Cynthia Hawkins, Linda Brindley and Kath Aust. Wetley Rocks individual members did have other success in that Pat Aults Millionaires Shortbread won 1st prize (centre picture) and Paula Peacock won overall produce of the show as well as winning the best produce on an exhibit. (I can recommend her Zabaglione cake)!



## Managing Diabetes - Friday 5 October 9.00 - 3.30

Pop into the Library to meet the DESMOND Education Team who will be there to promote this Type 2 Diabetes Structured Education Course and, pass on the tools and skills to manage Type 2 Diabetes. Come and meet the Team, ask about the Course and get your questions answered. The team can complete a referral for you to attend the Course which is a relaxed informal educational day and, free to attend! No booking required – just come along at a time to suit you.

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## **LOTS IN STORE**

Some retailers are having problems but not your local Community Shop in the Library which just goes from strength to strength raising funds to enable the volunteer group to put on such an amazing range of activities for all ages. So come and shop and let us have your unwanted items to put on display and raise even more to expand the things we do. Jean Fryer is in the picture and organises the shop so come along and have a good look around at the host of bargains. If you have items we can sell but don't have transport we will collect. Just call the library On - **01782 302706**

## KIDS PAINT A BUG HUT!

Craft Mornings at the Library have proved to be remarkably successful with youngsters, and parents! enjoying a wide variety of activities during school holidays. The latest one as por pictures show was "Paint a Bug Hut" which were then taken home for the garden. This really was great fun. There is always something going off and if you want to know more contact Carolyn Hollinshead on 07824 555212



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donated by the Red Cow Golf Team and has provided toiletry packs to distressed mums in refuges. To date the fund has distributed over £120,000 worth of toys, toiletries and emergency cash to deserving families throughout the Moorlands. We also work with and donate to Scotties Little Soldiers to help the children of the fallen

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### WERRINGTON COMMUNITY LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS 2017/2018

JULY	142	DECEMBER	166	MAY	113
AUGUST	31	JANUARY	110	JUNE	155
SEPTEMBER	177	FEBRUARY	63	JULY	57
OCTOBER	27	MARCH	23	AUGUST	63
NOVEMBER	167	APRIL	155		

**The lottery is now based at the Werrington Community Library & Wellbeing Centre where you can get an entry form - REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

# WHATS ON WITH WENDY AND DEREK



## The Library and Wellbeing Centre

still offers the usual varied programme of activities: -



Library Services, Computer access, Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Werrington Breast Babies, Staffordshire Police drop-in, Knit & Natter, Friendship mornings, Creative Writing, the Ukulele Group and, District Councillor surgeries. Look out for special activities and events both in this magazine but also via the Library notice board, e-news and posters around the Village. You can also visit our website - [werringtoncommunitylibrary.org.uk](http://werringtoncommunitylibrary.org.uk) .

The children's craft sessions which ran during school holidays were as popular as always. Thanks to our lovely volunteers who organise and run these great activities. We will be hosting the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning in the Library on Friday 28th September thanks again to the organisation of the lovely Liz. Pop in for a cuppa and a treat – there is always a delicious choice of delectable cakes and gateaux. See the separate article shown within this magazine.

Our Community Shop continues is as popular as ever and we have plenty to offer to suit all tastes. We had some great items for Father's Day in June. Thanks to our Knit & Natter Group for the supply of beautiful knitted items for sale.

As always, thank you to all those who have kindly donated such a wide range of items for sale in the Community Shop, we have an amazing range of items and stock constantly changes. Further donations will be greatly received

For further information on activities, session times and contact details please call into the Library, phone 302706 or visit the website (address above).

If you would like to offer an activity or put on a session please contact Wendy Sandbrook on 01782 302493.



## The Village Hall

also has a busy diary with on-going regular meetings including, the Women's Institute, Endon Players Dramatic Society, Weightwatchers, Slimming World, Werrington Parish Council, Werrington Village Hall Committee and the Werrington Young Persons' Support Group as well as a range of activities for all levels of abilities i.e. Yoga and Pregnancy Yoga, Jujitsu, Ballet & Tap, Kick Boxing and, Judo. There is now a Pilates class on Tuesday morning from 10.30 and a Kettlecise class on Tuesday evening from 6.00pm. as well as Drovers Line Dancing twice monthly on Saturday evenings and, a small and friendly Line Dancing group on Thursday afternoons.

In addition to all of that, there is also a wide range of 50+ activities - Sewing & Craft, Table Tennis, Sequence Dancing and, Art classes. During the school terms, Pre-

School, which caters for 2-4 year olds, is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings and Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons.

We are pleased to announce a new booking – Advanced Drivers East Midlands are in the Johnstone Room every second Sunday from 9.00am. Many people consider taking advanced driving lessons for all sorts of reasons, call in and see what being it is all about. You can also book a free assessment drive.

The Village Hall could be the perfect location for your special event. The main hall is available for regular or ad-hoc hire on

Fridays from 8.00 pm for just one hour or up to 11.45 pm.

The smaller Johnstone Room can provide a lovely alternative function room and currently has more availability for hire.

For further information on; the Village Hall schedule, contact details for the activity organisers, how to make a room booking for a private event or to offer an activity, please contact Derek Fielding on 01782 303093



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### Werrington Methodist Church

#### “Alive and Kicking”

..... was the title of our concert in June and what a great time we had! There was music from our choir and lots of comedy from the concert party and, of course, tea. The title, was meant to reflect our church’s 80th Anniversary celebrations but our church is not just “Alive and Kicking”, but is growing and going from strength to strength.

Our celebrations continue with the Church Anniversary at 10.40am on Sunday 9th September when the Rev Will Hunter will be the preacher. The Rev Hunter was our minister from 1985 to 1990. The service will be followed by a cooked Sunday lunch.

One of the highlights of our celebrations is a performance by the much acclaimed Biddulph Male Voice Choir. Established in 1922, the reputation of the choir is known far beyond the borders of the UK and we are thrilled to welcome them to Werrington on Saturday 15th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7-50 each from Josie ‘phone 860105

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th October, any

time between 10.30am and 5pm, you are invited to meet some Inspirational Women from the Bible. Free tea and biscuits, late opening and transport can be arranged if required. Phone Carolyn on 303345 for more information.

On 17th November there will be a quiz with pie and pea supper. Tickets will be £6.

A craft day, entitled “Christmas Cracker” is planned for Saturday 24th November.

The beginning of Advent will be marked by Fanfare to Christmas. This extravaganza of artistic talents will focus on the nativity but with displays based on carols and other Christmas songs. Designed to appeal to all age groups it will be open 10am to 4pm Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December, 2pm to 4pm Sunday 2nd and 10am to 8pm Monday 3rd December. Free mince pies and drinks. Please call in and spend a little time with us.

All of the above are in addition to the usual round of weekly or monthly gets-together and of course the heart of church life: our 10.40am Sunday Service. You need never be lonely if you become part of our church family!

*John Smith*

## ST PHILIPS & ST JOHNS

This Autumn starts off with the annual Scarecrow festival on September 16th – you are welcome to call in to St Philip's from 1pm.

We have all our usual events at the churches, plus something old and something new.

There's a new event for those who have enjoyed Messy Church, this time with more substance for adults but also plenty for the children to do, on Sunday 30th September at 4pm at St Philip's. Messy Church continues on October 14th and November 18th, same time and place.

St Philip's will be holding a special service of traditional Evensong with the Thomas Cranmer choir at St Philip's on 23rd September at 6pm.

We will be celebrating Harvest this year on October 7th, with a lunch following the service at St Philip's.

As usual we will be holding a Memorial Service for the recently bereaved on October 28th , 6:30 pm at St John's.

This year is of course 100 years since the end of the First World War, and it will be good to finally celebrate the outbreak of peace. There will be several new aspects

to Remembrance this year, as you can read elsewhere. We will have an act of Remembrance at both churches at 11 am. There will be a short service at the Memorial at 2pm, then you are welcome to come to St Philip's for a special service at 2:30 pm (with refreshments at the Village Hall after that). In the evening, there will be a service at St John's at 6:30, with refreshments in the Hall, and the ringing of the church bell. Both churches this year will have a display of figures from "There but Not There". You will find these ghostly silhouettes taking their places in the congregations, equal in number to the names are on the war memorials. You are more than welcome to make a donation towards the cost of these figures, perhaps in memory of someone who gave their life in service.

Our usual Sunday services are 8:45, 10:15, 18:00 at St Philip's, 8:00, 10:45, 18:30 at St John's – but do check our new website at [www.wwrchurches.com](http://www.wwrchurches.com)

*God bless,*

*Revd. Michael Follin*



## LUCKY BIRTHDAY IN WERRINGTON

It was lucky Number 57 drawn by a lucky girl, Caitlin Derby who was in the Windmill Restaurant celebrating her 16th birthday on the evening of the draw. Our picture shows Caitlin with Chris Lewis and Jocelyn Morrison and the lucky number.

You have to be in it to win it and if you would like to know more about the Werrington Lottery which raises funds for village projects call 01782 303192. You can also pick up a leaflet at Werrington Community Library & Wellbeing Centre.





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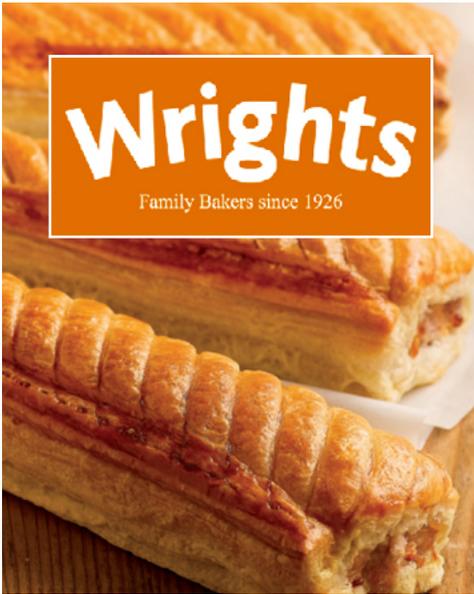
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## Another trip down memory lane...

Kath Reynolds is again available to give us another "Blast from the past".

On Friday 23rd November she will be talking about "**Gymslips and Chalkboards**" – an interactive schooldays reminiscence recalling the highlights of the 'best days of our lives' – uniforms, books and poems, times tables, inkwells ... and playtime! This will be held in the Wellbeing Centre starting at 2.30 pm and finishing at approximately 3.30 – depending on how much fun everyone has! Due to the popularity of these sessions, booking is essential. Call the Library on 01782 302706 or pop in to register. The admission fee is just £2.00 which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

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## Biggest Coffee Morning

It's that time of year again! The Macmillan Big Coffee Morning is back. Werrington Library and Wellbeing Centre folk have agreed to let me inflict coffee and cake on anyone who dares to brave it! All in a good cause - to raise money in support of the wonderful work that the charity does for those suffering from cancer, and their friends and family.

I'm sure we all know people who have been affected by this horrible disease so pop along and contribute to our fundraising event. Every penny raised goes to Macmillan, and it's always good to meet up with old friends and make some new ones. Make a note in your diary - Friday 28th September from 10.30. Look forward to seeing you there!

*Liz Sherratt*

## Creative Writing Group

The Werrington Creative Writing Group has awarded the Summer 2018 prize to Sheila Knight for her short story "The week at Freshfields Farm". Well done Sheila! New members are always very welcome. Please contact Dorothy on 01782 303698.

## Quiz Answers

**Q1** - The letters R, S, T, U can be rearranged to spell "RUST"

**Q2** - Fork in the road

**Q3** - 81 As you go down, subtract the sum of the separate digits in each number from itself to give the next number.

See your local community pharmacist to help you diagnose and treat your minor illnesses



## Calling all drivers!

On 7th November, Ian from Advanced Drivers East Midlands, will give a very informative talk on Winter Driving. There will be a short video presentation on tyres and hazards of winter conditions after which Ian will be happy to answer any questions. Refreshments will be available to buy for a modest sum. You can try your brake reactions on the simulated tester, always interesting! This is a free event bought to you by the Werrington Community Volunteer Group as part of the Wellbeing agenda. The session will start at 7.00pm and is expected to conclude at 8.30pm. Spaces are limited so to avoid disappointment pre-booking is advisable. Pop into the Library to register or ring through on 01782 302706.

See you there!

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