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Obituary

**Kathleen Judd passed away
in April 2023**

**Joan Lomas passed away
late April 2023**

**Joyce Knibbs passed away
11 May 2023**

Our thoughts are with their
families and friends at this sad
time.

Coffee Mornings

At The Connaught Hotel,

44 -50 Tettenhall Road

Wolverhampton

WV1 4SW

Doors open 09.50.

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Monday 12 June 2023

Today we welcome

Krystian Dawiec

Krystian is a Clinical
Practitioner in Primary Care
and PCN MSK lead at NHS
England, he is coming along to
talk about the challenges of
managing Chronic Pain and
Fibromyalgia.

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Monday 03 July 2023

**We welcome Ria, from
Silverstone Legal.**

This talk is about Tax, Care,
and updates on Estate Planning.
This talk is for information
only, no sales efforts are
involved.

Kay Starkey from West Midlands Air Ambulance.

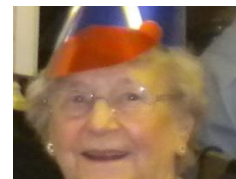
Kay came along and gave us a very informative talk about the West Midlands Air Ambulance (MAAC) which first started in 1991. They are involved in assisting ill or injured patients and getting them to hospital as quickly as possible. They attend all traumatic incidents and remote locations where ambulances cannot travel. They cover 6 counties. Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and west Midlands. Our nearest base is RAF Cosford. Each craft carries a crew of Pilot, 2 paramedics or 1 paramedic and a flight doctor and full life supporting medical equipment. They also have 3 Critical Cars, which usually attend at night or when the weather is too bad for a helicopter to fly safely. Kay advised that the crew on board can perform lifesaving operations (such as open-heart surgery, amputations) on site before transporting the patient to a hospital best suited to treat the condition / injuries. This is not always the nearest to where they live. Each helicopter mission costs £2,950. Critical cars missions cost £288; all this

can amount to £11 – 12 million per year. When you dial 999 the dedicated staff there make the decision if MAAC should be deployed.

I am proud to say that WRSB members rallied round and made personal donations adding up to £94.46, put together with the groups donation we were able to hand Kay a cheque for £145.



Congratulations on your



100 th birthday Betty

**Bridgemere Garden Centre
Wednesday 10 May**

The weather although mixed did not spoil the day. Although I am told there was a lack of chairs and misplaced toilets, however, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day. Thank you Mary.
**Nottingham Winter
Wonderland**

Wednesday 16 November.

£35 includes time to browse the market then lunch on a boat cruising along the river Trent. A £3, non-refundable deposit is required or as soon as possible.

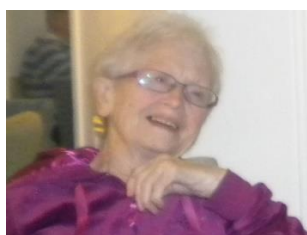
Only 4 seats left.

Contact Mary

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Mary is also taking names for the pantomime Thursday 25 January 2024 **Jack and The Beanstalk** at the Hippodrome, Birmingham. £5 deposit required.



Joyce Knibbs

Some of you, if not all, will remember Joyce, she was a founder member of the WRSG. She was a phenomenal fund raiser; she was once featured in the Express & Star for raising over £1000 for the group by

raffling a home-made dolls house. Thanks to this the group survived and went on to become what it is today. Joyce arranged holidays, annual Tinsel and Turkey breaks, days out and of course our coffee mornings.

Joyce was also a dedicated Vice - Chair before she became too poorly to carry on. It was Joyce who introduced me to the WRSG many years ago, as the time went on, we became the best of friends. I am proud to have known Joyce, she will be missed.

Joyce's funeral is on
Thursday 08 June at 10.45
Bushbury Crem.
West Chapel

Stay Safe Everyone

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