



The Wombourne, Swindon, Penn & Kinver PARISH PUMP



ANOTHER AID CONVOY STORY

The very first humanitarian aid convoy I drove in during my ten years as a member of the German Red Cross consisted of twelve aid lorries plus our mobile kitchen lorry. We left Bremen at 1800 hours on Friday with two drivers to each truck, driving through the night all the way south into Austria. The convoy was several hundred metres long and the kitchen lorry, which could travel faster independently, went on ahead to meet up with the main group at pre-arranged stopping points. At these we were able to refuel the lorries and ourselves. Breakfast on the Saturday morning always amused me as it consisted of a steak sandwich, chocolate cake and copious amounts of coffee.

Approaching the city of Linz on Saturday afternoon before we entered the city, we were met in a lay-by that was big enough to take all the lorries and had been closed off for us by the Austrian police. We were then provided with a police escort front and rear into the city and with all our blue lights on we sailed through red traffic lights and, where necessary, even driving on the wrong (left) side of the road! The night was spent in an Austrian Red Cross centre in the city. Sunday morning we were off again to get to the Hungarian border. Most lorries, unless they were carrying perishable goods, were generally not allowed on the German and Austrian motorways at weekends but we had special dispensation as we were carrying humanitarian aid. Going through the international borders was always strange as it didn't matter if there were twelve trucks in the convoy or, as I did on occasion a single truck, it always took four hours to go through customs. In the very rear of each truck we also had a few "goodies" such as children's toys in case any of the eastern European border guards decided they wanted to check our loads. In that event you simply offered the guard something for his own children which invariably had the desired effect

Alan Peace—Himley Hall and Park Senior Warden 1985-2012



The OVER 60's CLUB
meet at **Swindon Community Centre, High Street, Swindon, Dudley DY3 4NR**
on **Monday afternoons between 1.15pm and 4.15pm.**

If you are looking to meet new friends then why not consider popping along to join this friendly and fun loving group and enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits, bingo and a raffle. For further information please contact Lorraine on **07855 200 736.**

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Craft & Chat!

Starting Friday 6th February
11am til 1pm
At The Red Lion Wombourne

Bring your crafts & have a natter!

Penn Singers

www.pennsingers.org.uk

Musical Firsts

Penn United Reformed Church

(WV4 5QP)

Saturday March 28th 2026

Featuring

Laura Davies

£10.00 Starts at 7.30pm

Tickets: Joy - 01902 429468

Alex - 01902 338570

Penn Singers supporting
acorns children's hospice



PENN SINGERS is a Registered Charity No 503894

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WARSTONES LIBRARY

37 Pinfold Grove, Warstones WV4 4PT



Warstones Library are offering Rhyme Time for children every Tuesday from 2.30-3.00pm

Why not pop along for rhymes, giggles and play. Fun, music and stories are provided by the Library for little ones under 5. Rhyme Time is designed to teach toddlers early literacy skills in preparation for reading. On the agenda will be singing songs, reading books and making rhymes. For more information why not pop in and see a member of staff at the Library or telephone **01902 556275** or email them at libraries@wolverhampton.gov.uk



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Sit and Sew Group

Fortnightly on Thursdays—10am-12.30pm

**The Guide Hall
Mill Lane, Wombourne**

**Everyone welcome, experienced
sewers or beginners.**

**Bring along sewing of your choice
or just join us for coffee, biscuits
and a chat.**

£6.00 per session

No charge for first visit

**Telephone Babs on 07902 622894
or email Erica at
ericawiddowson@hotmail.co.uk**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Retired Himley Park warden and acclaimed fundraiser and ambassador for Cancer Research UK, **Alan Peace**, will be entertaining the Wall Heath Wednesday Club at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 11th February in the Wall Heath Community Centre. Of the many talks Alan does, this time he will be telling the audience about "*Why You Should Never Work With Children or Animals*" which is just what he spent a lot of his working life doing! The talk takes a light hearted look at some of the comical situations that Alan has been in with both children and animals.

WOMBOURNE QUILTERS

meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at the Hand in Hand (next to St Benedicts), Church Road, Wombourne WV5 9EZ

We currently have 16 members from very experienced quilters to those new to the craft of quilting and sewing.

Our programme is varied with members volunteering to share specific techniques and skills with the group. In these mini workshops we have just finished making tie bags and in the next few months we will be exploring Manx quilting, denim upcycling and Hawaiian technique. We also work on our own projects.

Anyone with an interest in working with textiles and who enjoys sewing is very welcome. We offer a free taster session and our annual subscription is £40 (payable in September). For new members joining during the year the rate is reduced.

Telephone Kate Brierley on 01902 711983
or email Erica at
ericawiddowson@hotmail.co.uk

**THE NEXT PARISH PUMP WILL
BE IN THE MARCH 2026
EDITION AND THE COPY
DEADLINE IS Tuesday, 17th
February 2026.**

Don't forget that insertions are free if you run a Group or Association that is non-profit making. Please send your details via email to Gail at
villagevoice@hotmail.co.uk

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Game On!

at Wombourne Library

Join Us for Board Games,
Card Games & More
More Fun Every Week!



Wombourne Library

Every Wednesday 3:30pm-6:00pm
Every Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm
All Ages Welcome!

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Exciting Weekly Activities for Little Ones at Wombourne Library



Call 01902 506055 or email Wombourne.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

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Family History Course



Wombourne Library will be offering a FREE 5 week Family History course in association with Penny from Midland Ancestors, starting in February. Get help and advice to begin your journey into your family's story

5 week course starting:

Wednesday 25th February at 10am

The courses are absolutely FREE, but please book as places are limited

Contact Wombourne Library on 01902 506055 to book



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Join Us Every Tuesday Morning!



Coffee, Conversation & Community at Your Library

Every Tuesday, from 6th January
10:30 - 12:00
Wombourne Library

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