

Capital friends and family gathered at Margaret's house in Essex on 30th September to support her annual Macmillan Tea Party. There was a magnificent display of sandwiches, cakes and scones and whilst a lot was devoured with copious amounts of tea and coffee, there was still plenty for take-aways and for Margaret's church coffee morning the next day.



We all missed Joe, of course, in his apron making the drinks but Margaret had some willing helpers in the shape of Ginny, Yetti, Ingrid and Wayne. Together, and with the collection boxes stuffed full of paper money, it made for another successful event.

◀ *Star Baker Margaret*

We remembered Joe with all the sunflowers as well as during the £1 Bottle Game in the garden. Yetti officiated over the event with people throwing coins (including some cheats with 10p) at the bottle of Jack Daniel's whisky. Needless to say, after some rotten throws, the money ended up in the pebbled garden and off-course on the grass.



Flying Pounds

The money was eagerly scooped up so as not to be a danger to Margaret's new puppy, Betty, who we didn't meet - she was safely away for the afternoon with another member of the family - but who we know loves to dig in the garden. Surprisingly, the young girls beat the old timers at getting their money nearest the bottle but Chloe just pipped Dani to the prize. Lots of jokes about under-age drinking followed, with Kerrie finally taking charge of the bottle. Someone will have a good celebratory drink at a later stage.

Chloe The Winner ►



Donations both from those present and those who sent monies electronically for Macmillan Cancer Support were very generous indeed. The grand total collected was £1,220.50. Margaret was amazed and thanks everyone for their kind contributions. It was a lovely sunny, warm afternoon in the company of good friends, with a fair number venturing out on their GoldWings.



Well done Margaret for all your hard work and well done to everyone else for your generosity.

Other happenings in September included Bev and Dave's wedding. Another fine, sunny day in the presence of family and friends. We all send the couple our congratulations and wish them a long and happy marriage.

September Nuptials ►



The Skegness GoldWing Light Parade towards the end of the month was supported by Colin Will, Del (Chairman Elect) and Linda and Phil and Liz. They had a good time flashing their lights, all for another very good cause, the LIVES First Responders charity.

Our October Mole Night was a jolly affair and despite only nine people attending, we had discussions on a wide range of topics. We also had our regular raffle and at the end, I traded my perfumed bath bomb (because we only have a shower) for a couple of pounds with Trudy. Taz quipped: "She likes a bath. She's like a hippo." Happy families! Hope to see more of Capital at our final two Mole Nights of 2023 - 2nd November (just before Bonfire Night) and 7th December.

Until then, be good and keep well.

Miss (Helen) Whiplash



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