



Working Together

# The Tortoise



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Hello and welcome to our early autumn edition of the Tortoise newsletter. We hope you have had a lovely summer and good luck to all of you who are beginning a new term at school or college or any other new venture!

## ~ New Autumn Programme for Diversity Club ~

Diversity Club members should have received the new programme of autumn events by now. The first activity takes place on **Tuesday 11th September**, at Nicola North's home, Sheet Farm House, The Sheet, Ludlow, SY8 4JT 6-8pm

Bring bags or boxes if you would like to take some fruit home. Plums, apples and blackberries are there for the picking. Hotdogs will be provided for the workers!



## Barbecue at Nicola North's House

Another lovely evening took place at Nicola North's house on 21st August. The good weather held and although sadly Nicola was ill that evening (we hope you are much better now, Nicola!), her husband Alistair and sons Simon and Tim, valiantly carried on and there were sausages, burgers, salads and dips for all. Everyone pitched in to pick apples and blackberries and earlier in the day Chloe and Steph had made crumble top. A real team effort Here are the photos:



## *The Writers' Club*

This week The Writers' Club would like to share some of their recent work. The club meets every other Wednesday 2.30 to 3.30pm at The Working Together Café, next session Wednesday 20th September, run by Sarah Edwards. Our four members, Steph, Chloe, Thomas and Rachael each wanted to get together with other writers to share ideas, chat with friends and maybe some colouring or a word search if the writing juices aren't flowing. It is a relaxed, jolly and peaceful hour or so and we are delighted when other writers and artists come to join us. Below are pieces by Chloe and Thomas. Next week Steph and Rachael share their work:

### **Love Poem by Chloe Shepherd**

Love is a beautiful thing to touch  
With your beauty is golden brown  
The rose like a pink like your skin  
And I was thinking about my love  
But the perfect thing is friendship  
Like laughing, talking with each other  
And other days together

### **Extract from Thomas Geuter's Autobiography, 'My Granny'**

My Granny was born in 1915, in Plymouth, Devon. She was my father's mother. When she was growing up she started her career in classical music by learning the cello. Her mother was very strict with her about practising for two hours every day. The practice paid off!

Denyse became a professional cellist, playing with professional orchestras and making recordings. I know that one of the pieces she played was 'The Swan' by Camille Saint-Saëns. I love this piece.

A long time ago, when my dad and I were looking in our big, white cupboard, we found a bulging, yellow, worn folder with the words 'BRILLIANT CAREER' on the cover. Denyse's dad was obviously very, very proud of her and he seems to have kept every concert programme, newspaper cutting, certificate and report relating to Denyse's wonderful music career.

Praise from the press: "Little Miss Denyse Holdaway gave a splendid rendering of Bridge's "Spring Song", with an understanding of the motif which was beyond her years."

Photos: Sarah and Nicola

Roving reporters:  
Steph, Chloe,  
Rachael, Thomas

Editor:  
Sarah Edwards



Just space for a final photo! This is Tom at the Working Together Café making one of our fab Victoria Sponges. His mum, Helen is a regular volunteer. The café would love to hear from more volunteers. Could it be you???

**All the very  
best!  
The Tortoise  
News Team**

