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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Newsletter

March–April 2023

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Celebrating news of the launch of **Alton Meeting Centre** from July 2023 - thanks to funding from the National Lottery – a comprehensive support programme for people living with dementia and their carers, across two venues and at home.

They gave us £228, 527.00 !!!





 Flourish in the Forest - 4<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April Health and Well-being days at Alice Holt Forest Registration from 10 am at the Activity Centre
Plan your day, choose from: range of cycles, nature walk, horticulture, table tennis, yoga and relaxation
Free to attend for people living with dementia and their carers (discounted parking included)
Places are limited to twenty-four on each date
Book your place via website link or contact email above



In loving memory ..... A fond farewell, with a special cake to remember our long-standing, cheery, head gardener at the allotment - Bob Ogilvie. Special thoughts are sent to Sharon & family



## Plans for 2023 – View of the week

Mondays – Creative & Curious at Allen Gallery – 1030-1230 This amazing collaboration with Hampshire Cultural Trust Enjoy a different activity each week with pupils from St Lawrence. Mondays – FLOURISH at the Sensory Garden – 1400 – 1600 Weekly at the Town Park- check website – refreshments provided Tuesdays – Allotment Group meets 1300 - 1530 – Join the gang and pupils from Anstey School to help on the Allotment (Wooteys) call 07922 022321 to confirm – check website for dates in winter.

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE – MEMORY LANE CLUB EVERY Wednesday – join us ALL day or pick a session: 1030 – 1100 – Meet with Dementia Friends in the Garden/Cafe 1100 – 1230 – Crafts / Quiz / Games / Carer Connections 1230 – 1300 – Love to Move or Tai Chi 1300 – 1400 – Lunch break at your leisure (Regency Café will be open) 1400 – 1600 – Horticulture / Memory-books / Games and

Afternoon Tea with pupils from St Lawrence School

Thursdays – Events at the British Legion Legions Legends - From 1400 - 1530 on the second Thursday of every month – check website for details Tea Dance - From 1330 – 1530 on 30<sup>th</sup> Mar & 27<sup>th</sup> Apr Join Paul O'Brien School of Dance – check website for details

EVERY Friday – Music Café at Alton Community Centre: 1100 – 1215– check website for the act booked – relocating to Edgar Hall, Anstey Park later in year – watch this space! Coming to soon - Friday pm Guided Walk / Love to Move Saturdays – Flourish in the Forest on 4<sup>th</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April In collaboration with Alice Holt Forest and funded by Haskins Garden Centre – Health and Wellbeing days – see overleaf



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The MBE for volunteer groups







## Volunteering with Dementia-friendly Alton

As 2022 recipients of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award within the Voluntary Sector, its clear that we are lucky to have amazing and dedicated volunteers within our team Why not join us, there are many opportunities:

- Supporting our members with arts / crafts
- Joining in singing, movement & dance
- Help out with gardening in four locations
- Join Well-being Days at Alice Holt Forest
- Fundraising and administration support
- Volunteer drivers and support for events

FULL INDUCTION AND TRAINING PROVIDED WHY NOT CONTACT US AND COME ALONG TO FIND OUT MORE. Next Volunteer Training course commences April 2023—**Register NOW** Click on QR code or call 07922 022321 dementia\_friends@btinternet.com



