

Dementia Action Group Meeting Wednesday 7 July 2021 1615 – 1730 at Community Centre Garden, Alton

Item	Content	Action
1	Present - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Sarah Westbrooke (SW), Maxine Ford (MF), Sylvia Stamp (SS), Marilyn Walker (MW), Louise Driver (LD) Janet Dunkley (JD) Apologies from – Judy Aiken (JA), Janet Graham (JG), Dids St John (DSJ), Sharon Wood (Craft for Memory Café), Sarah Mancini (SM), Shella Marshall, Marlfield (ShM)	
2	Notes of last meeting – were agreed Matters arising – Welcome to Janet Dunkley (Desk Fairy) who will be updating website / putting up policies, minute taking/writing, assisting with grant applications / monitoring etc. Since last meeting Karen approached other care services in Alton to extend invite to join the group. Welcome also to Marilyn and Louise from Acqua Doria who also joined the meeting with a view to working further with DFA. Apologies from Shella and Anna of Marlfield who will be bringing residents to some of cafes in future – making use of HCC access to minibus.	
3	Dementia Friends update / Champions update - No friends sessions at present	
4	Finance report – we currently have £6265 so looking quite good despite little activity. KM reported applying to our 4 Councillors for sensory gardens/horticultural-based financial support and this looks promising. £710 donated by Holybourne Cllr Graham Hill; to date put towards ACC garden, another bench and musical instruments. £400 each given by other 3 councillors for ie benches for sensory garden in the town park for horticultural sensory sessions.	
Der	Waitrose unable to help at present. McCarthy & Stone donated £500 to spend on ACC garden (Note 21.7.21 visit to view) KM suggested we enter Alton in Bloom on 31.7.21 under Community Garden section – all agreed.	KM to ligica
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	Wooteys Allotment now at our disposal and				
	suitable for possible gardening group springtime Events 2021				
5	Community Day, Town Park 19.6.21 – went very well Councillor/Developer visit to ACC 21.7.21 Alton in Bloom, 31.7.21 – agreed we should enter	KM to apply			
	Victorian Cricket, 2021 did not take place, interest noted for 2022 (JD on AVC Committee) Forget-me-not Walk/Charity Day 4.9.21- agreed we can participate by council, being held in Town Park (when we also have a stall). Sponsorship /Sponsor opportunity (Santander already keen to help) Treasure hunt on way round? Markers? Aim also to engage younger generation on history / environment etc At the Hop, Legion 18.9.21 - not suitable for 2021 due to COVID to revisit in new year Classic Car Show, 18/9/21	KM to do new poster New sponsors to be sought KM to speak to Wey Valley Radio KM to measure walk Discuss			
	Yuletide Festival 5.12.21	Save the date			
6	Forget me not church service 4.8.21, 2.30pm All Saints Church, for anybody affected by Dementia (Rev Rachel Sturt) followed by afternoon tea at church hall. Kate Dando arranging raffle etc. KM has designed poster. Agreed DFA to do tombola. AH/SW offered to help. Gifts requested please. Help also requested with cakes; AH offered scones, MF Victoria Sponge, SW daughter-in-law assistance. No longer runs in conjunction with Alzheimer's Society (AS) so all funds to DFA.	KM/SW/AH To help All to help with gifts and cakes			
7	Newsletter / Website / Facebook - KM to update with new events – as above. KM to arrange handout of laminated newsletters to venues. For Aug/September newsletter include tea dances starting again from late September, sensory garden update, Forget-me-not walk etc KM volunteered to oversee 2-4pm at our sensory garden slots on Sundays Happy to talk benches – A31 health wellbeing	KM to action			
	group in consultation with Abri and town clerk				
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	Teach at Whitedown, Town Park (near DFA	<u>)eme</u> ntia			
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	sensory garden) and Market Square. DFA will be contributing to the funds of two benches, using funds from EHDC. Benches will be QR coded to share times when visiting 'help/companionship' will be timed.	
8	Development of Meeting point on a Wednesday at AC – in consultation with HHH and DFH looking at Wednesday being designated as an EH meeting point day for Dementia related events in Alton. Key day for Dementia staff; with potential funding from DFH to resource a day for this. Central day for dementia support in different areas.	KM to add event to WhatsAp group KM to attend meeting on Monday
9	Review/plans for: Memory Lane singing – restarting end July then 1st and 3rd Friday monthly Tea Dances – At British Legion from Sept - to do poster	KM
	Friendship Café at Brendoncare – JG hoping to do. KM to catch up with JG though unlikely in current climate Lounges at the Lawn & Wishing Well Music Experience – likely to be an in-house event this year due to COVID so not open to people outside of HOME	KM/JG
	Dementia Choir - to explore this with DFH on Monday Wishing Well Choir - unlikely but could look at possible alternative.	KM to discuss on Monday with DFH
10	Gardening/Outdoor events – sensory garden/town park – 2-4pm Sundays from September 2021 / allotment group	KM to discuss with Avalon KM to discuss with Acorns
11	Activities – scrap book / activities resource book / local guide for newly diagnosed from DFA	Review Sept meeting
	Local Guide for newly diagnosed from DFA. KM sent details to EH group who are putting together a booklet/online	
	Alzheimer's Society website	JD to log DFA activities on site
Frie	KM reported a newly diagnosed resource support person; Gill Neave, who is expert at getting CHC funding. Gill is keen to support those needing	eme
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	help. When more attending events from September agreed to invite Gill to events to speak with Carers and offer possible follow up help. Put on guest speaker list for Legion Legends Louise - offered possible help from Cadets Bordon representative. Legion Legends held 2 nd Thursday of the month, 2-3.30pm at British Legion. Good practice to keep records and hold memory books. KM liaising with Sharon and Jane at ACC re memory book for Wednesday attendees.	KM to contact AH to contact LD to contact AH KM
12	Calendar for 2022 – aim to pull together in November and carry on regardless of Covid. Calendar photos - SW to take pictures when possible throughout year so that we have good choice for calendar if we decide to have one	September meeting SW
13	Events / forward planning / meeting dates (Sept/Dec) 2021/2022	
14	AOB – reaching out to ie Acqua Doria and Marlfield – Marlfield can access Social Services minibus to ie tea dances, Acqua Doria are keen to be involved and encourage people to join our events, also linking also with Bordon/Kingsley venues. Acqua Doria happy to spread word with their Carers and work in collaboration and with us going forward.	
15	Date for next meeting: September 1 st – 5-6 pm ACC Garden - to finalise plans for Charity Day / Forget me not walk – plans for this to be circulated via whatsapp over summer – plus dates to meet at allotment	



