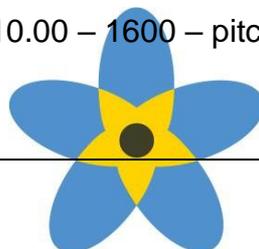
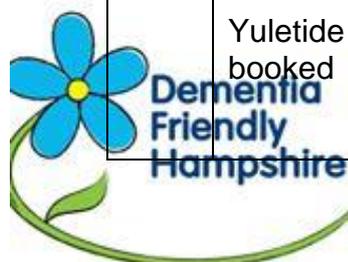




**Dementia Action Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2021**  
**1700 - 1820 at Sensory Garden, Alton Park**

Item	Content	Action
1	<b>Present</b> - Karen Murrell (KM), Anne Heath (AH), Judy Aiken (JA), Maxine Ford (MF) <b>Apologies from</b> – Sarah Westbrooke (SW), Janet Dunkley (JD),	
2	<b>Notes of last meeting</b> – were agreed <b>Matters arising</b> – To be addressed as part of agenda.	
3	<b>Dementia Friends update / Champions update</b> - Next Friends session booked for 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept at Austen Place	KM to do
4	<b>Finance report (Grants and Support)</b> – we currently have £8469 thanks to 5K donation from screwfix for gardens, so looking quite good but we may need to bid for more as activity increases. Still waiting to see if we can develop sensory garden in Beech. £1200 from 3 councillors spent in sensory garden £710 donated by Holybourne Cllr Graham Hill; put towards ACC garden, another bench and musical instruments – he visited this on 28 <sup>th</sup> July and is keen to offer more support. £400 each given by other 3 councillors for ie benches for sensory garden in the town park for horticultural sensory sessions. Waitrose unable to help at present although they donated £30 voucher for church service McCarthy & Stone donated £500 to spend on ACC garden (Note 29.9.21 visit to view) Entered Alton in Bloom on 31.7.21 under Community Garden section – results to be announced on 4 <sup>th</sup> sept . Allotment coming on slowly – MaCarthy stone to visit on 29 <sup>th</sup> to agree how they can help with weeding, raised beds and bench	KM to attend  KM to attend  KM to attend
5	<b>Events 2021 / 2022</b> - 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). Plan for the event agreed – revised version circulated with these minutes. Trolley token is medal. Mini garden set and or torch and memo pack are thank you gifts  Yuletide Festival 4.12.21 – 10.00 – 1600 – pitch booked	KM to revise plan KM / AH / GN / MF/ JA / SW to attend  All to respond if they can help



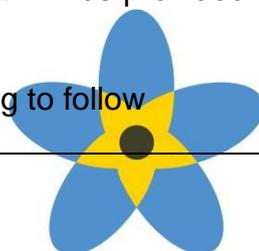
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6	<p><b>Forget me not church service</b> 4.8.21, 2.30pm Very successful event – enjoyed by all - £165.00 raised for DFA. Thanks to all who helped to make this a great success</p>	
7	<p><b>Newsletter / Website / Facebook -</b> Aug/September newsletter include tea dances starting again from late September, sensory garden update, Forget-me-not walk etc – these will be handed out on 4<sup>th</sup> sept Website updated with events for Sept 2021. Regular posts on Facebook are raising profile of our activity and being positively received</p>	KM & JD to continue to action
8	<p><b>Development of Meeting point on a Wednesday at AC</b> – in consultation with HHH and DFH still looking at Wednesday being designated as an EH meeting point day for Dementia related events in Alton.</p>	KM to chase DFH re new date for meeting to plan
9	<p><b>Review/plans for:</b> <b>Memory Lane singing</b> – has restarted on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday monthly <b>Tea Dances</b> – At British Legion from Sept on Tuesdays once a month – dates on Newsletter – to advise the care homes and mini bus driver <b>Friendship Café at Brendoncare</b> – JG hoping to do. KM to catch up with JG though unlikely in current climate <b>Lounges at the Lawn &amp; Wishing Well Music Experience</b> – in-house event this year due to COVID so not open to people outside of HOME Dementia Choir - to explore this with DFH and HHH for later in the Year <b>Wishing Well Choir</b> – to liaise with Borovere about restart</p>	<p>KM KM/JG  KM to follow up KM</p>
10	<p><b>Gardening/Outdoor events</b> – Sensory garden/town park – Gill and Mick, local keen gardeners have worked very hard on developing this to support our proposed activity - Opening on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – first Let's Get Growing session - 2.30-4.30 pm on Sundays from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Gardening calendar prepared and will be posted on town park notice board by Saturday Maxine / Karen to provide cakes for first session – then invite members to bring a cake along £2.00 per person to attend to cover cost of discounted tea / coffee (thank you Acorn) – gardening activities / material will be provided for use free of charge.</p>	<p>Gill and Mick will be in garden on Sunday afternoons  KM to deliver – all welcome</p>



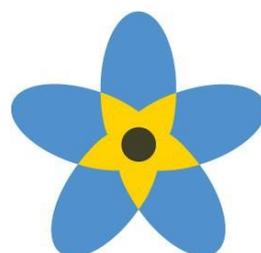
Plans for Allotment for Spring to follow



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11	<p><b>Activities – scrap book / activities resource book / local guide for newly diagnosed from DFA</b></p> <p>Alzheimer’s Society website</p> <p>KM reported a newly diagnosed resource support person; Gill Neave, who is expert at getting CHC funding. Gill is keen to support those needing help. When more attending events from September agreed to invite Gill to events to speak with Carers and offer possible follow up help.</p> <p>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 meet with Sharon / Jane / Altonian Staff and GN to plan Memory lane activity schedule</p>	<p>JD / KM still trying to log DFA activities on site</p> <p>Revisit with GN in Jan 2022 as busy with garden at moment</p> <p>KM and all others</p>
12	<p><b>Calendar for 2022</b> – aim to pull together in November and carry on regardless of Covid.</p> <p><b>Calendar photos</b> - SW to take pictures when possible throughout year so that we have good choice for calendar if we decide to have one</p>	<p>September meeting</p> <p>SW</p>
13	<p><b>Events / forward planning 2022</b></p>	<p>To be discussed by all at Oct meeting</p>
14	<p><b>AOB</b> – None discussed</p>	
15	<p><b>Date for next meeting:</b> October 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 4 – 5.30 pm – venue TBC - to review progress with events during sept / plan for Yuletide day and discuss dates to meet at allotment</p>	



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