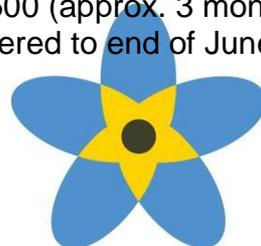




**Dementia Action Group Meeting
Wednesday 2nd March 2022
1600 - 1730 – Alton Community Centre**

- 1) **Present:** Karen Murrell (KM), Josie Neele (JN), Mick Neele (MN), Anne Heath (AH) Janet Dunkley (JD)
Apologies: Judy Aiken / Maxine Ford
- 2) **Notes of last meeting** – were agreed - Matters arising to be addressed throughout meeting
- 3) **Dementia Friends / Champions update** – no sessions planned at the moment
w/c 15 May - Dementia Action week – to be planned KM to share details (Mon – DF Walk 10am, Wednesday - Dementia related Movie to raise awareness, DFH and Legion Legends Thurs, this is to be a week to showcase what we do. Dementia Friendly training being supported by Karen elsewhere across Hants. Recent update from Alzheimer's to management of the Dementia Champion / Ambassador roles, implications to be discussed next meeting
14th May - Town Park Garden - table activity – JN to lead Kokadarma activity as ideal way to start this off
- 4) **Finance report – Accounts / Grants received** – Funding to bid for in April 2022 – some councillors have agreed to provide funding in April. Waitrose 2022 – no funding at moment. McCarthy and Stone Support - waiting to hear re intergenerational allotment funding, Town Council – have awarded £1,000.00 we shall get back to them re asking for more, Postcode (new Friday / singing), Karen to do for April. £7,900 awarded for FLOURISH grant received from NoWrongDoor – Karen currently completing paperwork. Josie working on Allen Lane grant for Butterfly Walk in June. Still have Lottery funding to request. Currently £3,097.71 balance. Had intake of £10k inflated due to Screwfix input of £5K. Spent £11K+ included carry over from year before.
Commitments left for April taken into account,
Rolling into new year with £1500 (approx. 3 months core funding activity money) so we are covered to end of June.



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5) Events

- Lent Lunch 26th March, Chawton Church - KM and AH to attend, ? any others
- Demfest 8th April, showcasing Love to Move, a craft activity and a horticultural activity - KM and JN to plan
- All Things Outdoors / Plants day - Town Park Saturday 14th May. KM to do Flourish poster KM/JN to do talk
- w/c 16 May Dementia Action week / Alton Walking Festival, special DFA walk booked for 13 and 16 May at 10 am, KM to do poster. Suggestion: we showcase art/photography on Butterfly walk
- Jubilee weekend, 3 June. DFA to participate
- Forget-me-not Church Service – August 2022
- National Garden Scheme Open Day (Selborne) at West Worldham on 29/5. Broaden out Sunday Club to all members and do as a group visit instead of our Allen Garden Sunday meet. KM to look at arranging transport. £4 entrance cost.

6) Newsletter Draft / Website / Facebook

Newsletter scheduled for April, aiming for 20 March. Website working well with regular weekly post. Facebook seeing much more activity due to recent 'Shares'. KM to work on restructuring website to reflect changes in activity ie Meeting Centre, Horticulture, Tea Dance etc - this could possibly be topic based.

7) Meeting Centre plans

Following visit from Meeting Centre staff of Worcester Uni – Exploring funding for development of a staffed **Meeting Centre** on a Wednesday (and Friday) at ACC which would incorporate a manager and two staff. This new meeting centre will be managed as a three-way co-operative between Community Centre/Altonian & DFH & DFA 'supported' by DFA volunteers – Wednesday to include: Memory cafe / Love to Move / Light Horticulture & Friday – Walk / Singing / Pamper / Therapy & support plus Memory Café at Home & exploring introduction of Memory Café at home.

Conversations are already in place. If we become a meeting centre, there will be more funds but this would have to be managed by DFH or the ACA or a collaboration of both. Hoping to go live mid/late summer. KM currently preparing draft to share with DFH and Annabelle re implications for QAVS award consideration.



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8) Review of regular events

Sarah running Love to Move 1st and 3rd Thursdays from April onwards at Orchard House. The Carers hub is also on 1st Thursday monthly so this would work in well.

Tea Dances continuing monthly, likely to change to Thursdays from April to coincide with minibus availability.

Legions carrying on as a perfect job. Looking at a trip to Lasham then the Air Museum in the future.

Friendship Café @ Brendoncare to be reviewed later in the year.

9) Gardening / Outdoor events

JN & KM to meet and finalise rolling out of the plans

Surfacing of the park to be revisited. JN to prepare documentation to support our requests. JN & MN have prepared draft plan for Butterfly walk and associated planting.

Flourish – KM to finalise plans in discussion with JN – Allotment day likely to be Tuesday from April onwards.

JN shared horticultural activities suggestions.

Allotment group – A Slow start predicted, maybe new 'interest' relevant
KM working with HSDC (Alton College) who are looking to place students with special needs, and with Anstey Junior School for interaction at the Allotment

Equine therapy - KM to pursue

10) **Forthcoming AVC Meeting dates** - June 8 / Sept 7 / Nov 30th 2022

11) **AOB** – None



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