

Devon Memory Café Consortium



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Message from DMCC Chair – Jim Delves

I recently attended a Health Dance organised by the Chairperson of Devon County Council, Mrs Caroline Chugg.

Devon Memory Café Consortium was honoured to receive an invitation to be represented at a recent 'Health Dance' promoted by Councillor Caroline Chugg, newly appointed Chairman of the Devon County Council.

The event was held in the St Georges Hall (The Old Corn Exchange) in Exeter. We took along a stand and were able to distribute leaflets publicising the Devon Memory Café Consortium service to over 80 people who attended.

The time was worthwhile as we were well received and were surprised at how many people knew of the Memory Café services and praised their contribution to Dementia Care across Devon.

I think a pat on the back is due to all Memory Cafes.

Jim Delves, Chairperson

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

To all members. We have just agreed a date for our next Convention on Thursday 28th November 2019 – we hope you will put the date in your diary and be able to join us once again at Westbank Healthy Living and Community Care Centre, Exminster.

MEMORY CAFÉ MATTERS PROJECT



PROJECT UPDATE

Our Memory Café Matters project is working on developing a package of training courses dedicated to the specific needs of those who are involved in running Memory Café in a bite size format that can be used by our members at a time and place and suit any Memory Café, These will be available via DVD or online.

We are building the project around the central theme of our Quality Assurance Mark. We have used the feedback we received from you at the workshop held at our Convention in November 2018, to identify several key areas i.e. dementia awareness, volunteering, memory café activities, publicity and fundraising. We are now developing a set of six videos of between 4-7 minutes which will support and complement the overall Memory Matters Project and a resource that will be in printable format that only DMCC Memory Café Members will be able to access.

Filming for the videos will hopefully start in the Summer and we plan they will visit about six Memory Cafés of various sizes in different locations across Devon to film content that will be useful in the production of the short training videos. Content will include: people living with dementia, their carers, volunteers in Memory Cafés.

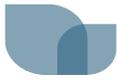
We hope to be able to present the finished product at our Convention in November 2019.



Can you help with our Memory Cafe Matters project?

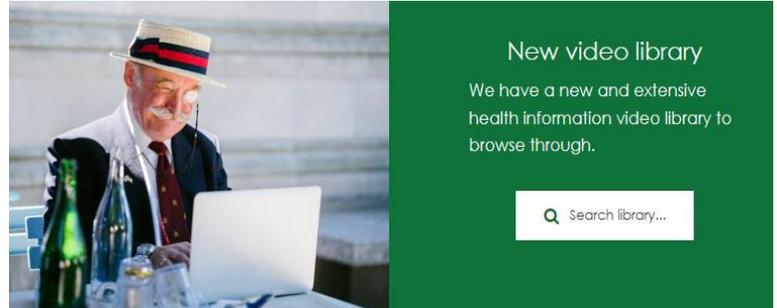
We are looking for examples of your Memory Café leaflets and some Memory Café posters advertising events you have held

We would be pleased to receive anything you have created to info@dmcc.org.uk (before the end of June 2019).



FREE VIDEO HEALTH LIBRARY - AVAILABLE ON THE DMCC WEBSITE

We have recently introduced a new page to our DMCC website that contains a resource on a wide range of health issues that might be of interest to you and a useful tool to give you more information about just some of the health conditions you may come across day to day,



These Health and Care videos are kindly provided to DMCC by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust to whom we express our thanks.

(the screenshot is where you need to click to access the resource)



DONATION TO DMCC FUNDS FROM DAVID LIGHT'S FAMILY

DMCC would like to thank the family of David Light for their kind donation of £200 from the remembrance service in celebration of his life.



Devon Memory Cafe Consortium Quality Assurance Mark Awards

Congratulations to two Memory Cafés: Uffculme Memory Café and Culm Valley Memory Café (see photograph on right) on gaining their Quality Assurance Award.

They have both demonstrated that they have reached the required standard of the Quality Mark when providing support, services and activities to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with dementia and their Carers in their Memory Cafés.

The scheme has been devised in conjunction with Teignbridge CVS, especially for Memory Cafés with the approval of Devon County Council and NEW Devon. We still have a limited amount of funding available for Memory Cafés,

To register your interest either contact June Wildman (Trustee) at info@dmcc.org.uk or Katie Chaplin at Teignbridge CVS (see email contact below). Katie Chaplin will process your application and you will then be referred to your local branch of CVS who will be able to offer you free help and advice on completing the process.

For more information or to register your interest, contact Katie Chaplin at: office@teigncvs.org.uk



Ann McClements receiving her QA award



Seaton Memory Café links with local primary school

My name is Yvonne Addington: I am the chairperson and coordinator of Seaton Memory Cafe.

We had a great year in 2018, firstly with being awarded the Quality Assurance Award, secondly I have started working with Seaton Primary School Year 6 pupils with a view to bringing generations together.

Preparation that took place prior to their visit for the coming together of people was as a Dementia Champion. I visited the students at the school and ran two Dementia Awareness workshops to 60 students.

Our first visit, took place on 5th November 2018. The Theme was the infamous "Guy Fawkes". The students researched the story and then they shared their findings with the Seaton Memory Café members. Then, together we built some items for Guy Fawkes night. We had some great and positive feedback from all the people involved. The Headmaster and myself agreed that similar events should continue in 2019

In April this year a school group visited Seaton Memory Café again but beforehand all the children attended Dementia Friends workshops delivered by myself a Dementia Champion.



This time the theme of their visit was "St Georges Day": they came along to one of our meetings and told their stories to the members and volunteers. They had also set us a quiz. We later came together again and had an enjoyable workshop making Red Cross Shields. Feedback from Mr George the Headmaster said the event was very successful. More importantly, we plan to hold another yearly event - a venture of cross generations.



Thank you very much Yvonne.

We would like to hear from any Memory Café who has a good news story they would like to share with other members.

To do this please send an email with a description of the event and a photograph or two if possible, to: Jane (our Administrator) at admin@dmcc.org.uk



We have recently created a tri-fold flyer to advertise the work of the DMCC so that we can take them out to events. If you are going to hold an event and would like some, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@dmcc.org.uk.



MODEL RAILWAY FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR DMCC

Model Railway Open Day - Sunday 18th August, 10 am to 4 pm

3 Luscombe close, Woodlands, Ivybridge, Devon. PL21 9TT

My late Uncle John Heale a brilliant engineer who worked at Fort Dunlop in Birmingham from starting his apprenticeship sadly passed away 3 years ago suffering from Prostate cancer and Dementia- a terrible loss to us all. He had been collecting model railway stuff for years and years but sadly never got around to actually building a layout .It was his wish to pass his wonderful collection on to me and so I started building "Heale Station" and have loved every minute, but time is always against me, but by August it will be 99% finished!(They are never finished!)

I thought it would be good to open up the shed, have a raffle (got some great prizes off companies like Hornby and Peco etc) and sell Tea /coffee and cakes and split all the proceeds between DMCC and a Prostrate Cancer charity. I am working flat out to get the garden ship shape and planted a few baskets attached to the train shed so hopefully by August we will have a lovely display for people to enjoy whilst enjoying a coffee a cake and a chat. Here's to a great day and hopefully the start of many and help towards the great work you and your colleges do, as my own Mom is now starting to show signs of Dementia. You are all doing a fabulous job and we will be so proud to contribute whatever we can. A good start my late Uncle's wife has started off proceedings with a £100 cheque, so fingers crossed for a good day and we look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us on the day.

Best wishes Craig and Maria

Parking: It's only a small cul-de-sac so parking on the Cornwood Road, adjacent to the A38 is a good place to park..

