

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Memory Café Co Ordinator's Recommendations.

1. To note report.

June

On June the 12th the Memory Cafe used their painting skills to paint some Forget Me Not Flowers that had been hand made by a local resident, especially for the Sensory Garden at Goodearl Allotments. We welcomed the Arval Choir, they were brilliant in their brightly coloured t-shirts singing a medley of songs keeping everyone very engaged.

The 26th June was an interactive floristry Memory Café, the residents made some wonderful arrangements to take home, showcasing their artistic flare.

July

July the 10th we met Sue, a talented Violinist from Wilts Rural Music, she played an assortment of classical music, the whole room fell silent and appreciated her wonderful music. Shane from STFC brought along John Trollope for a Q & A session, this was very interactive and informative, talking about the old days of football and how things have changed.

July the 24th John from the local cookery school in Pond Street , came along and made bread rolls.

Companions Café

The new Companion Café had its 2nd session on the 27th of June in the Parish community room, changing to the 4th Thursday of the month, seems to be more beneficial, not clashing with any other group. Homeinstead came along with some leaflets and sat sharing information with the companions, the Memory Café Co-Ordinator found the information shared, very moving open and honest. Moving forward the Memory Café Co-Ordinator is going to do some feedback forms to assess the future of the Companion Café.

The volunteers supported the resident living with Dementia, they played music and assisted with crosswords and flower pressing. We have a new volunteer Anita that will be helping at the Companion Café, Anita lives within the Parish, and is on the committee of the Bowls Club which will be useful for partnership opportunities.

Working Towards

- Finalising Karen (volunteer) with her Singing for the Brain module two assessment, to hold the sessions without Alzheimer's Society Support.
- Looking into more ways to advertise and reach out to the community, i.e., bus stops advertisement, moving notice boards, minibus signage, roundabouts signage – developing a plan with the Marketing & Events Co Ordinator and the Finance Officer.
- Finding funding options for the Memory Café/ Companion Café sessions and activities.
- Planning with the Pinetree's Co Ordinator (Central Swindon North PC) & Highworth Forget Me Not Café to plan an inclusive 5-decade disco.
- Mini sports event for the Memory Café as requested by the group, will be on August the 14th.
- Fish N Chip Friday 6th September 11.30am -1.30pm Entertainment Mitch Coleman.
- Community Garden planning 2nd phase with the POS Team to finish.
- Growing the Companion Café (feedback forms been done).
- More networking to reach out into the community, waiting on replies from care companies who work within the Parish.
- Looking at new spaces to hold a Memory Café if we become full.
- Finishing planning of the Christmas Memory café.
- Contacting The Admiral nurses to come in and have an informal chat at the Companion Café.
- Looking to do a trip to Lotmead pick your own.
- Also waiting for correspondence from the company that do the barge trips by Hall & Woodhouse, they have come up with a deal for us.
- Resin for get me not brooch/bookmark activity in September.

Memories from the Memory Café





Companion Café Pics

