

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

1. To note the report.

Background/ Project Update

On the 27th of July the Memory Café held a floristry session. The Council's Administration Assistant, Darry, demonstrated her floristry skills and guided the attendees to produce their own displays. This was a really popular activity, every couple made an arrangement and showed off their flair.

Cat from Home Instead hosted another singing for the brain session. The attendees of the café all loved this activity, everyone joined in and requested their favourite songs.

Fish 'n' Chip Friday held in August was a great success again, this time the fish and chips were brought from Thames Avenue Chip Shop which demonstrated excellent value for money and tasted delicious. ASDA Swindon Orbital kindly donated the trifle and cheesecakes desserts and local entertainer Brian Slade provided the rock and roll accompaniment.

Future Plans

- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is coming in during September to share knowledge of the latest treatments and research into Dementia and Alzheimer's.
- On Wednesday the 31st August the Memory Café is doing a small trip to the Richard Jefferies Museum at Coate Water. This was cost neutral, except for the Memory Café Co Ordinator's time as attendees arranged their own travel.
- The Memory Café Co Ordinator is also planning a trip to Lotmead Farm at Wanborough and has secured half price admission. The cost and detail of this trip be brought to the next Committee meeting.
- Haydon Wick Bowls Club has kindly offered its social area to hold a Memory Café, the Memory Café Co Ordinator will be arranging a date soon.
- In October, Dinky Ponies will be coming to the Memory Café, the ponies are a great therapy source for people living with Dementia, the residents will be able to pet, groom and feed the ponies. Officers have told the Haydon Centre about the pony visit and will let the two playgroups know so that they can see the ponies whilst they are at the Council Offices.
- The Memory Café Co Ordinator is starting to look at ideas for a Christmas lunch for the Memory Café residents.



Photo Memories from the Memory Café

