

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	6 th June 2023
Report Title	Memory Cafe Report
Agenda Reference	7
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the report.

Background/ Project Update

The last few months at the Memory Café have been really busy, we have had Pottery classes making bowls and ornaments, and painting and glazing them. This was a wonderful activity, which everyone found very relaxing, and it sparked a lot of creativity.

The residents have also enjoyed the regular seated exercise classes.

Swindon Town Football Club visited in April, with a guest appearance from John Trollope. This was a highly informative session with lively conversation, and questions were flowing. This activity really sparked an interest with the gentlemen in the group.

The Memory Café is very pleased to welcome Daphne as its newest volunteer. Daphne used to attend the cafe with her husband Michael who sadly passed away three months ago. Daphne is a fantastic complement to the team of volunteers, as she has valuable knowledge of living with dementia and can be supportive with the companions who use the café.

On the 10th of May 2023 Wiltshire Rural Music came to play at the Memory Café. Chris played the guitar and sang songs from a selection of genres. The room was full of singing and dancing, especially when he sang some classic country songs.

The bird feeder activity sparked some real imagination, and a selection of brilliantly decorated feeders were made.

Working Towards

Arts and craft activities for the Sensory Garden.

The Memory Café Co-Ordinator has contacted Haydonleigh pre-school, they have been given an area at the Sensory Garden to plant sunflowers and pumpkin seeds. They can sow the seeds and watch them grow and progress to the next stage of planting and nurturing.



Memory Café Pictures

