

Annual General Meeting

17th November 2023



Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Trustees
5. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary
6. Any other business
7. Date of next AGM

Guest Speaker:

Mary Latter, Chair, Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Dementia Action Alliance

Chair's Report

Formation and Governance

- How we came to be formed
- Who we are
- Constitution
 - a) Provide information and training on dementia to the community, and signpost sources of support and advice
 - b) Be an advocate for all local families living with dementia
 - c) Help to co-ordinate and enable community (non-specialist) services for those living with dementia within the community
 - d) Work with partners to define and implement community infrastructure to support those living with dementia

Launch Day – 1 July 2023



Publicity

- csdementiafriends@gmail.com



Who we have worked with...so far

- Mayfair Community Centre
- Alzheimer's Society
- Admiral nurses
- STW DAA
- Field House Care Home/Care Homes/Ley Gardens/Denehurst
- Library Services
- Friends of Church Stretton Library
- Strettons Medical Practice Patient Participation Group
- Mad Hatters Soft Play

What we have achieved...so far

- Survey of those Living with Dementia and their families in order to find out our priorities for the coming year
- Attended Shropshire Dementia Support Information Day at Shrewsbury Town 18th May 23
- Discussed future possibilities with Hily from Glyn's Garden
- Memory Cafés – from August 2023
- Dementia Information and Awareness Training
- Working with Mayfair
- Buying some objects suitable for use by those living with dementia – for loan to other cafes and groups
- Working with Amy (Mad Hatters) to perhaps host Information Sessions or other fund-raising events
- NOT just entertainment but can signpost to other sources of advice and expertise

Conclusions from our survey

There is a need for changes in public attitudes to, and understanding of, dementia in Church Stretton.

Church Stretton Dementia Friends is addressing this need by a programme of Dementia Awareness Sessions open to the general public and local businesses. The group will continue to develop its relationship with local businesses and publicise its activities locally.

There is a demand for a wider range of activities targeted at people living with dementia and their carers in Church Stretton.

Church Stretton Dementia Friends has begun to address this need by a monthly Memory Café at Church Stretton Library and is investigating other activities, for both men and women. Issues arising from public transport will also be investigated.

Mayfair Community Centre is recognised as a place to find out more about relevant activities.

Church Stretton Dementia Friends will continue to work closely with Mayfair Community Centre, to both develop complementary activities and publicise them.

The survey had limited reach with those in care homes.

Church Stretton Dementia Friends will continue to engage with, and develop its contact with, care homes in Church Stretton.

Actions we have planned

- Our tag line is 'working to make Church Stretton more dementia friendly' and this guides everything we do
 - We are operating with our minimum number of trustees. We would love to hear from you if you would like to join our leadership team and help guide our thinking and strategy
- Glyn's Garden collaboration
 - Further information sessions scheduled for the new year
 - Greater involvement of retail outlets "safe spaces" – with our logo
 - Advice to retailers and others on how premises can become more dementia friendly
 - Arts Festival dementia friendly performance
 - Mayfair Healthwalks – dementia friendly
 - Network between care home – dementia group
 - Dementia Week 2024
 - Sports clubs – bowls/croquet/golf/cricket
 - Website – information, news

What we need from you

- The future is very exciting, but do spread the word
- Won't be onerous if there are a few more of us

Thanks to...

- ...absolutely everyone here, and who have supported and encouraged us throughout the year
- Our donors and those who have supported us financially
- To the Mayfair Community Centre and Church Stretton Library
- To everyone who has helped in the memory café, befrienders, cake-bakers, guest speakers

Especial thanks to our hard working committee:

Julie

Caroline

Mary

Sarah