

Up Dates from Older Person and Carers Champion and Chair of Calne Dementia Action Alliance. November 2019

OP/Carers Champion and Local Voices Group The collaboration with Celebrating Age continues to be very successful in helping to reduce loneliness and Social Isolation of Older and Vulnerable People and their Carers. Our last concert in September had 84 Calne Residents come along to listen to an amazing Opera. For the first time we asked for donations and collected £600. As the funding from Health and Wellbeing runs out at the end of March 2020 we are looking at ways to raise monies to continue working with Celebrating Age. December 4th is the date for the Christmas Pantomime again here in the Library. All offers of help welcome, especially cake.

The local Voices Group received an application from Wiltshire Rural Music for funding for a project called Music on the Move. This is a new initiative working with the Mobile Library to take music in all its forms out to the villages and help people reconnect with music and their local Library. It was agreed to recommend this to Health and Wellbeing.

As OP/Carers Champion I am starting discussions with South West Seniors to see how we might be involved as a Community. Also with help from our CEM we want to create a survey to find out what our Older Population and Carers want to see in the Calne Community Area.

Alison Ingham, Chair of Calne Health and Social Care and Health and Wellbeing and I are meeting with Laura Mayes, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health later this month to talk about all the positive things happening in Calne and some issues effecting voluntary organisations.

Calne Dementia Action Alliance. The DAA has been having two evening meetings per year for all groups who have signed up to feed back their actions and be updated on what is happening in Calne and how they might be involved. Due to low attendance we are consulting the members re cancelling these meetings and instead members coming along to our quarterly Dementia Action Steering Group held during the day

Dementia Friends Sessions continue to be held, with recent sessions held for Calne Town Council Staff and the Parish Forum with a session being planned in January for Calne Without Parishes.

Current Members of the Calne Dementia Action Alliance:

1st Choice Stairlift

Beverbrook & Patford House Surgery

Bobby Van Trust

Calne Area Board

Calne Baptist Church

Calne Community Hub Volunteers

Calne Library

Calne Link

Calne Memory Club

Calne Town Council

Dorothy House

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service

Goughs Solicitors

Innov8 Sprotz

Kingston House, Derry Hill

Marden Court

Northlands Surgery

Wessex Water