

West Moors Dementia Action Group
Notes of meeting Monday 12th March 2024
St Mary's WM 2-3pm.

1. Present: Jo B, Angela M, Sarah R, Carol D, Laura, Kate, Lynne M.
2. Apologies: Alex C, Rachel K.
3. Matters Arising: The launch of Jolly Days West Moors is almost here. Sarah informed us that 30 were planning to attend the launch 27th March, 20 of those are potential future users, which is great. We continue to advertise this new activity.

4. Living Well magazine: 9th edition is due out early April. Jo prepared, LM checked, our 'Lead' article.
West Moors Directory - Jo put an article in the March edition and will do another for April. (JB & LM)

5. **National Dementia Action Week: 13-19 May.** Plans:
 - **Tues. 14th 1-3pm.** Jo asked if we can arrange for the Citizens Advice bus to be available in a prominent place in the village on 14th May. If it's feasible to move the bus Jo will liaise with EDP Citizens Advice to see if they agree. **Jo & Lynne** to have conversation with Alex (Town Council rep.) re location/parking. DAG Stall.
 - **Wed. 15th May – 10 to 3pm/10-12.30?:** 3 x Stalls near/outside GP surgery:
 - o DAG
 - o Barchester
 - o Social Prescribers
- > gazebo/pitch on Station Rd (**JB & LM to check with Alex C**):
 - > **Laura (MM)** general information about dementia, carers and some about what MM can provide.
 - > **Social Prescribers** would like a presence with information on their role and support/help available.
 - > **DAW** to have information about our group (Generic) LM; lots of information leaflets, booklets, etc, (**JB & LM**) free gifts of twiddle mitts, wiggle worms, sm hand teddys (**LM**).
 - > It was suggested we have a bucket or similar container for cash donations for WM DAW,
 - > Knitted Forget-me-nots for all the team to wear and any spares can be given away. **LM/St Marys**. Other items on suggestion list at meeting
 - > **Jo** to look into Go fund me and have suitable QR Code for use.
 - > **Laura** offered to bring 2 or 3 tables, as needed, and the **MM** gazebo(s). Confirmation on whose bringing what nearer the time.
- **Thurs 16th** URC Community Sing a-along; **Laura (Moors Manor)** offered to provide cakes for this session. Leaders are happy to have a table for **literature/information - us to provide**, and they will try to plan, advertise and make it a special week.
 - Library use? Nothing fixed yet.
 - > Large Banner: This was handed to **Social Prescribers** and needs to be accessed and taken to the Library before this week.

> Feather Banner: Jo has sourced info re possible styles/ purchase. After discussion it was thought 3.2mH, double sided with WM DAG and a Forget-me-not symbol (art work to be paid for). General agreement to go ahead and **Jo to move forward on this** asap. (check weight of base, suitability to stand up in wind). It was suggested we put in an application to our local town council for funding to cover this banner.

Advertising of this week to be got out locally. (Nothing decided, but perhaps a flyer with information and spread as liberally/widely as possible) **LM/JB?**

> **JB** to look up Help & Care Dorset Dementia Co-ordinator service. Might they be able to help?

> **JB** to Contact Kiteleys solicitors (or others) to see if they would want to have a stall alongside DAG or in Library with any offers related to Wills / LPAs etc..

> **JB** – look up Diverse Abilities re LPA's and how much they charge.

6. **WESTIVAL** 13 July, 10-4. Fryer Field: After previous reservations it is agreed that we do have a pitch and have lots of tactile things to do: table and chairs for puzzles and games from our box (**Soc.Prescribers** to bring); Technology items to assist people with dementia; Cakes with forget-me-not flower iced on top, small Forget-me-not plants to give away (**JB**); information; Sibstar independence/money management, etc. **JB & others**. Gazebo, poss **LM**; Table and chairs - tba; More detail to be sorted at next meeting.

7. **Fund Raising**: Lynne advised of funds available and two recent donations or £200 and £150. Gifts acknowledged.

8. **Needs, Vision**, etc for West Moors

- Designated Dementia Champion ?

- Questionnaire as in last meeting note: we are unsure of the purpose and hoped for outcome as we would be unlikely to fulfil most hopes and wishes, i.e. the need for some respite care, There have been plenty of Surveys, including only last year and nationwide with some challenging recommendations. **JB** had downloaded a booklet Dementia Carers (???). **Kate (Soc.Pr)** agreed to have a chat with the other SocPr to discuss and feed back to next meeting. They would be best placed to design suitable questions in order to get (hopefully suitable focused responses.

- Dementia Friends training - schools, etc: **JB & LM** to meet to discuss.

9. **AOB**

- Town Council Annual meeting Thurs. 11 April 2024 7pm St Anthony's Hall; Community groups stands - what they are about, etc. We will try and secure a place for WM DAG. **JB** to action.

- WI - is this a group that we could go and present a talk/share what we about. We felt it would be possible **JB & LM** could work together on this.

- Dorset Dementia Partnership meetings - bi-monthly.???

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 21st May, St Mary's Hall, 2-3pm**