

## West Moors Dementia Action Group (DAG)

Meeting Notes 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
5.30pm at St Marys Church, West Moors

1. **Present:** Lynne M (chair), Jo B Deputy chair, Penny Y WMTC,  
**Apologies:** Kate M, Celia M, Martyn J Library, Karleen BV.
2. **Actions from last meeting:** nothing that is not covered in this agenda.
3. **Ferndown PCN:** Orchid House, Community/Day Centre - Invited ART4dementia to have a space on their Wellbeing Day on Saturday 25th April. Lynne has affirmed and booked her space. The table will also have our WM DAG generics and the Friendship Group (Bereavement support), as well as the ART4dementia information. **Action: Lynne**  
Penny queried about a 'Safe Space' that we discussed a while back, i.e. if someone was found and didn't know where they lived. The Herbert Protocol was referred to and will be visited again at some point.
4. **Publicity:**
  - a) West Moors directory: March touched on the stigma sometimes attached to people with dementia, April about ART4dementia and May will be on the National Dementia Awareness week. **Action Jo**
  - b) Living Well: the next edition is due out end March. **Action - Lynne**
5. **Updates & Planning:**
  - a. Meeting of local DAG's re Admiral Nurse: A meeting took place with George from The Purbecks. It was unfortunate that many were unwell that evening and only Jo B and Lynne M attended. We had a good conversation. George subsequently sent a summary and key priorities to help us. All groups have received this and are due to let Lynne know by the beginning of May what their groups wish to do, i.e. move forward or not.
  - b. ART4dementia is continuing to put out publicity though numbers are still very low.
  - c. WM TC meeting, 16th April 7pm **Jo to co-ordinate** stall and literature. Jo and Martyn will be present.
  - d. National Dementia Action Week 18th - 24th May. We plan to have a stall on Station Road Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st, 10am-noon offering information, literature, Living Well magazines and with a bowl of individually wrapped sweets. **Jo is co-ordinating** these and the helpers needed, plus the banner outside the Library and Collecting boxes - distribution and collection. Helpers thus far are:
    - Tuesday: Jo and Karlene – another helper is needed please
    - Thursday: Jo and Martyn – another helper is needed please
  - e. Westival: 11th July 2026 all-day event (open 12-4). We discussed the need for 'man-power' to help set up and take down the gazebo and others to man the stand. We have 3 volunteers to man the stand,

Martyn J is happy to help with the gazebo and **Jo to contact** Kate M to see if her husband might be able to help.

Stand volunteers: Lynne, Martyn, Kate M – another helper is needed please

- f. Pocket Prompt Cards: distribution plan (**Jo & Kate M**) Jo to liaise with Kate after end March.

**6. Account/finance:** these were presented to the group and all is much the same as last time. Healthy but we need to keep on top of that. **(LM)**

**7. AOB:** Lynne informed the meeting that after 12 years with the Group, since its beginning, and 10 years as chair she will step down at the end of 2026. Sooner if a new chair person can be found. **ALL:** The group needs to start looking for a new chair asap to ensure the group doesn't cease. (see accompanying note from Lynne)

**8. Date of Next Meeting:** 12th May 2026, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.