

**West Moors Dementia Action Group**  
**Notes of meeting 23rd September 2025 1-2 p.m.**  
at St Marys church

**Present:** Lynne (chair) Jo (local resident, Martyn (library) Penny (WMTC), Debbie (BV c/h)

**Apologies:** Kate M, Caroline, Kate A

**Actions** from last meeting: 6: Publicity : Nadine 'Time for Dementia' prepared an article for the local Directory as agreed and liaised with Lynne. Other Actions are covered in today's agenda.

**Communication:**

a) Jo has had one wanting information and Lynne has had one similarly. Lynne has also had one from Danielle (at Oakley House) regarding fundraising for an Admiral Nurse in this area. After some discussion Jo to make contact and find out more including the possible cost; Lynne to make contact with other local Dementia groups to try and gather us together as a 'Meeting of Minds' to share what is happening, what's working & what's not as well as the possibility of fundraising for an Admiral nurse to cover West Moors, Verwood, Ferndown and Wimborne. **Action:** Jo & Lynne

b) Tap & Rail: Kate M has had contact with Matt the manager regarding putting some of our literature out for their customers. Matt has agreed. There is a small table where literature can be placed. We agreed our generic trifold plus ART4dementia - this can be varied to keep it fresh. **Action:** Kate M

**DAG Publicity:**

- a) WM Directory: Sept is out, October - Lynne to prepare. **Action:** Lynne + Jo
- b) Living Well magazine: Summer edition came out in July. Next edition due out late November. Copy deadline 3rd October. **Action:** Lynne
- c) WMTC Website is up to date.
- d) Facebook page also up to date.

**Updates & Planning**

a) Stall at the Tap&Rail in Aug made some good connections and raised our profile but most of the footfall was round the back with a greater number of stalls. Kate will ask if we can move location if the event is repeated.

**Action:** Kate M

b) ART4dementia had a good start with 4 participants plus carers. volunteer helpers all worked well together as a team, t+c with cake, courtesy of Brook View was greatly appreciated.

c) Pocket Prompts cards - Kate & Jo still to work out plan to visit the remaining businesses. **Action:** Jo & Kate M

d) Collection boxes 6 still out. **Action:** Jo & Kate M.

e) Christmas Tree Festival: 4-6 Dec set up Tuesday.2nd. Discussed the given theme of Christmas carols & songs. Plan: Lynne's tree; Old-time Christmas fav's - words (possibly the first line or well known line on tape draped on tree and large baubles with suitable images). We were reminded that the 'memories' of the elderly with dementia would remember the 40's, '50's & '60's . Lots of ideas flowed.

a) Carols on the Petwyn - Saturday 6th December : Stall - yes. Possibly much the same as last year. Several offers of help. **Action:** Jo to co-ordinate.

**Accounts:** Lynne presented the bank statement with explanations.

The Dorset Council Grant for the ART4dementia is in the account and the first expenditure for initial start-up as indicated. It had been expected that this would have been considerably higher but with a generous donation of much of the basic equipment from a similar group that had closed has made a substantial difference. Other donations of paint and paper have also been received.

DAG have not had any expenses the past couple of months.

Jo affirmed to others that she was also a signatory on the account.

**AOB:** Martyn mentioned changes of the Cuppa & Company group. The cuppa was going to be weekly and Rewind and Reminisce will be on 4th Friday.

Date of next meeting: **Tuesday 11th November** 1-2p.m. St Marys church hall.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.





