

THE DAVENTRY & DISTRICT FORUM

DDDF

Enhancing the Quality of Life for the Over Fifties

The Daventry
and District
Forum AGM
Chairs Report

2018

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This has been a positive and eventful year for DDF. Our membership has steadily increased and pockets of funding we have received from Tesco Bags for help and from Waitrose together with Community Grants have ensured a smooth continuum of our work. The Management Committee will continue to seek funding going forward to ensure we can continue our services.

Next year we hope to secure funding for a new microphone which needs replacing to give better quality of sound at our Forums.

The DDF newsletters, information provided by supportive agencies along with the presentations given at our forums continues to offer the much needed support and direction to help improve the quality of lives for older people in Daventry and District. 2018 has been a very special year marking the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. DDF marked the centenary with a special WWI Tea Dance together, joining in the Remembrance Day parade and laying a wreath at the Daventry War Memorial.

DDF continually and proactively encourages partnership working. A great example of this was the annual Good Neighbours meeting at Moulton which Emma and I attended and was primarily funded by Northants Acre. This event was indeed evidence of the benefit of all agencies working together.

I personally took part in a video on Falls Prevention for Northamptonshire Health. This has now been picked up by ROSPA and will be used nationally as a case study for the prevention of accidents in older people.

The Local Lotto is a great way to help fund our group. Many thanks to all who have joined. Please continue to promote this to your friends and neighbours.

The feedback given by members at Forum events and Daventry District Council consultations is always appreciated. The committee work on behalf of the group so your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Our reciprocal and collaborative links with Daventry District Council together with the dedicated support of Emma Parry are much valued and beneficial to our organisation, members and the wider public.

Immediately following the AGM and Tea Dance, we plan to place a Xmas Tree in Holy Cross Church. Town Councillor Lynn Jones Mayor of Daventry initiated the idea of local organisations decorating 4 foot Christmas Trees which identified their organisation. We were very fortunate that Deanna picked this up on this idea so that DDF will be represented in such a seasonal way.

We continue to support the very worthwhile Comfort and Joy campaign. Donations (*new items only please*) are welcome and can be dropped off at DDC offices, SNC offices, Daventry Fire Station and Daventry Police Station.

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All items will be distributed to those children and families staying in refuges that may have fled domestic abuse with few personal possessions. This is particularly sad during the Christmas period.

My thanks go to Emma Parry and all the members of the Management Committee who have helped run DDF. Also to Tesco, Waitrose and all who have provided funding contributions or given presentations or provided information stands at our Forums.

As we approach 2019 we will be forward planning to actively promote rural outreach work within Daventry and District.

DDF will continually endeavour to offer education, support and direction to benefit the ever growing aging population of Daventry and the district.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Gloria Edwards Davidson

Chair DDF December 6th 2018



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Committee Meetings Dates 2019: DDC Offices 2-4pm Committee Room 1

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Thursday 18th April 2019

Thursday 18th July 2019

Thursday 10th October 2019

Public Forum Dates, 2-4pm, Daventry Leisure Centre, Saxon Suite

Thursday 7th March 2019

Thursday 20th June 2019

Thursday 19th September 2019

Thursday 5th December 2019

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Our thanks go out to everyone who has made our events informative and successful!

Guest speakers

Northamptonshire ACRE
DDC's Big Switch Scheme
DDC's Community Lottery
Northamptonshire Disability Information
and Resource Centre
Collective Legal Solutions
Relax and have Fun – armchair exercise
demonstration

First for Wellbeing – Adult Education
Reach for Health
First for Wellbeing
Burt Barber
Danetre and Southbrook Learning Village
The Sweet Arts

Promo Stands

Rural Wellbeing Service (NACRE)
Everyone Active
First for Wellbeing
Futures Housing Group
(Lifeline/Telecare)
Northamptonshire Healthwatch
DDC's Welfare & Benefit Advice
First for Wellbeing – Adult Education
DACT
Northamptonshire Carers

British Red Cross
Reach for Health
NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group
Daventry District Council/DASH Landlord
Accreditation
Daventry Volunteer
Service/Happy@Home Partnership
NSport
Northamptonshire Disability Information
and Resource Centre
Astro Bowls
Citizens Advice Daventry & District

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