



Registered Charity Number: 1169865

Chair's 6th Annual Report
2019-2020

Organisers of



A safe, friendly venue where folk with dementia and those who support them can come for social activities, information and the opportunity to meet and get to know new people.

Review of the Year:

This year began well with 40 to 50 people attending weekly a wide variety of activities. The monthly Carers' meeting run by Marie Potts was very popular and monthly lunches and their afternoon teas were much appreciated. Singing continued every session with a variety of singing groups including Time to Sing with Mary. The monthly visit by John Clifford children was a delight. We also continued with monthly visits from a variety of professional contributors. Financially we were supported by Notts County Council and many donors.

Mary Hastings
leads singing.



The Pandemic came as a great shock and within a week we had to close down in March and did not reopen until September. We were in the worst of times but also in the best of times as volunteers, management, and friends including Middle Street rallied round with other activities to make sure we all kept in touch caring for each other. Marie led with a weekly Bulletin that kept us in stitches. Caroline, Julie and Rosemary with others held 'garden walks!' at Middle Street twice a week for small groups. Mary kept us singing on line! Many volunteers made weekly phone calls to guests. Becky, our administrator kept all the channels of communication going. Yet it was a very hard time for many of our people. We could not exist without our wonderful volunteers. Thank You.

In August we worked with Middle Street management to see how we could restart with small groups. We now have a three-week rota with three groups of guests with activities like hand jiving and quizzes.

A new group has started 'New Chapter' for those who have lost their partners or their partners are too poorly to come. What the pandemic has clearly shown us is that the Memory Café means a great deal to all of us, whether we are volunteers, folk living with dementia and their partners and all others who come to entertain us. Oh, to see children from John Clifford again!!



Small groups in September.

Janet Patrick- October 2020

Beeston Dementia Friends Summary of Receipts & Payments	2019/2020	2018/19
Income	£	£
Grants – Nottinghamshire County Council	5,000	5,000
Donations	2,275	4,562
Meetings	2,271	2,882
Other (includes for badges)	<u>198</u>	<u>138</u>
Total	<u>9,744</u>	<u>12,582</u>
Expenditure		
Room Hire	3,018	4,938
Admin Support	3,121	1,831
Secretarial, Insurance, Training & Publicity	615	781
Meeting Expenses	271	387
Reflex Therapy, Professional Facilitators & Entertainers	2,660	2,660
Games & Equipment	371	309
Volunteer expenses, badges, thank you gifts & event	471	517
Support during Pandemic	<u>1,151</u>	
Total	11,678	11,423
<u>Net(Payments)/Receipts</u>	<u>(1,934)</u>	<u>1,159</u>
Cash Funds at beginning of Year	<u>18,563</u>	<u>17,404</u>
<u>Cash Funds at Year end (30 June)</u>	<u>16,629</u>	<u>18,563</u>
Held at Bank	16,601	18,534
Cash in Hand	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>Total at Year end (30 June)</u>	<u>16,629</u>	<u>18,563</u>

Memory Café sessions were suspended between 19 March and 30 June 2022 due to COVID-19. More detailed accounts can be viewed on The Charity Commission website, or at the Memory Café.

We are very grateful for the continuing financial support of Nottinghamshire County Council, for donations received and for our many volunteers who continue to freely give their time and support, even through the difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Variety of Memory Café

Our guests have always been encouraged to share their own particular interests with us. In October Brian Hughes brought some of his collection of bottles. He told us about how many had been collected from various sites and also gave an indication of the value of many.



At the end of November Mary led Carol-singing at Tesco. We have been well supported by various businesses in Beeston and this was a chance to share our singing skills with the community.