



Organisers of



Registered Charity Number: 1169865

Chair's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report  
2020-2021

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 has been a difficult year because of the Pandemic, and sadly we have lost several members, yet we emerge and are encouraged by the continuing goodwill and fun surrounding the Memory Café now celebrating its seventh year, and we have welcomed new members.

During Lockdown we closed down but with help from Rosemary Carpenter, Julie Howson and Caroline Baker a small group was able to meet regularly in Middle Street garden in the summer. We have all done our best, aided by Marie's magnificent Bulletins sent every week, which made us laugh. Karen Bennett has been at the heart of all our activities and in addition has helped replace lost volunteers with new ones. Becky Cook, our administrator, has kept us all informed, sending out the songs, Bulletins and other information. We could not have managed without her. The Middle Street Resource Centre has supported us and ensured we kept to all the rules. Presently we have two groups meeting alternate weeks. Activities include: dancing with Doug, singing with Mary, the Ukulele Group and a film afternoon. After Christmas we hope to get back to normal.



Dancing with Doug in April when groups were small.

Celebration in the Middle Street garden when larger groups could meet.



The Memory Café was born out of a Borough Council Committee that I chaired. After seven years as Chair of the Trustees I am now retiring; Karen Bennett's time as a trustee has come to an end and Justine Schneider has resigned. We thank them both for their invaluable support. We are delighted to welcome three new trustees to the committee: Joan Kenyon, Elaine Nilan and Derek Burnett.

With support from Nottinghamshire County Council, Middle Street Resource Centre, volunteers and all of you who have been or are part of the Memory Café we have made a difference to those who live with dementia. I have enjoyed being part of this community and leave it in good heart. It has been a privilege to be part of this community and I leave it in good health. Thank you for all your support.

**Janet Patrick- October 2021**

<b>Beeston Dementia Friends Summary of Receipts &amp; Payments 2020/2021</b>		2019/20
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Grants - Notts CC & Broxtowe BC	5,735	5,000
Donations	2,617	2,275
Meetings	662	2,271
Other (includes for badges)	137	198
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,744</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Room Hire	1,960	3,018
Admin Support	3,633	3,121
Secretarial, Insurance, Training & Publicity	410	615
Meeting Expenses (incl. COVID safety)	418	271
Reflex Therapy, Professional Facilitators & Entertainers	845	2,660
Games & equipment	-	371
Volunteer expenses, badges, thank you gifts & event	94	471
Support during Pandemic	1,175	1,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>11,678</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>(1,934)</b>
Cash Funds at beginning of Year	16,629	18,563
<b>Cash Funds at Year end (30 June)</b>	<b>17,245</b>	<b>16,629</b>
Held at Bank	17,217	16,601
Cash in Hand	28	28
<b>Total at Year end (30 June)</b>	<b>17,245</b>	<b>16,629</b>

Memory Café sessions were suspended from 19.3.20 to 10.9.20 and 7.1.21 to 13.4.21 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, a grant from Broxtowe Borough Council, donations received and for our many volunteers who continue to give their time and support, even throughout the difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

### Community Involvement

One aspect of Memory Café has been the opportunity to arrange visits to places in the community. In August we were very pleased to be invited by the Nottingham Croquet Club to spend an afternoon playing croquet. We were welcomed on arrival, the game was explained, we played as well as we could and were then provided with welcome and well-deserved refreshments.



On the first Tuesday in August Beeston Parish Church arranged a short service followed by refreshments for people living with dementia. Some of our members were able to attend this. Services will be held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 2 p.m.