



It never seems to amaze me how kind and generous people are in giving their time, energy, and money in support of the project. This month especial thanks are due to Ruth and Jamie Monck-Mason for organising the concert by the Auer String Quartet at their home, Tawny's Barn on the 3rd of last month. It was a truly wonderful occasion for the 75 of us in the audience – four extremely talented young (well one wasn't quite so young!) Hungarian musicians demonstrated how, no matter the quality of our Hi Fi equipment, there is something very special about a live performance. The event raised £350 for the project – so many thanks Ruth, Jamie, the quartet and everyone who was there.

Also at the early part of the month, our second Education and Awareness meeting was held at which Jacqui Martin, Chief Exec of Suffolk Family Carers, helped us to understand just how important it is for Suffolk to have organisations like SFC and The Debenham Project, but never to lose sight of the fact that personal contact and small things can make an enormous difference to someone who needs help. Our other speaker was Sue Nicholson. She has been instrumental in developing, for Suffolk, easier and higher quality access to all forms of health and social care information and advice – how the library service is not just about borrowing books, and CDs but an important contributor to those in need of support.

Our next meeting is on the 18th of November; please do try to come along when we shall welcome: Alan Reynolds (Area Manager, Adult and Community Services for Suffolk County Council) who will be talking about how the County is responding to the ever growing numbers of those with dementia – especially difficult in the present financial conditions. Our other speaker will be Julia Dawson from The Alzheimer's Society. Julia is an old friend of the project – one of the wonderful professional outreach workers – the "front-line" - and so important to so many who are trying to cope with dementia.

As always, thanks to all in Debenham, the surrounding villages, the local authorities, and our partners for all their support. If you would like to know more please see our display in the Post Office; or ring 01728 862003; or call in at the Library Resource Centre or visit www.the-debenham-project.org.uk

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