



Hello everyone,

Wow! What an afternoon. Each year Mike and Lyn Rouse open up their wonderful garden and so very generously provide a “thank you” party for everyone who has been directly involved in the project over the last 12 months – volunteers, carers, cared for, professional support workers, donors, participants, etc. In the past Mike and Lyn have put on a Garden Luncheon Party with the most sumptuous buffet for us but this time we felt like a change. This year they treated us to “Afternoon Tea in the Garden” with a scrumptious spread, a marquee, a jazz band, and glorious sunshine (pre-ordered of course!). I know that every one of the 100+ who came will remember that afternoon for many years to come. Thank you so much, Mike and Lyn.

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that one of our great friends in the project – Nic Cass – passed away last month. Nic was 90 years of age and cared for Kath, his wife of over 70 years, with total devotion despite being very, very frail himself. As is so often the case, Nic became a part of the project because someone in the village, who had come to know him, felt that a little extra support and friendship would help. It took several months of gentle encouragement for him to join in with the Carers Club and one of the Food ‘n’ Friends lunch clubs but he and Kath soon became much loved participants. He was often heard to say “I have led a very interesting life” and that was so true – a man of many skills and wide experience. Many of you will remember his wonderful models of agricultural carts and wagons that were exhibited in our “Harvest through the Ages” festival in St. Mary’s Church. We shall miss him greatly.

Finally, I want to sign off by expressing our grateful thanks for two very generous donations. The first was for the £550 that we received in memory of Freda Harvey, who was a longstanding member of CAMEO, by her family and friends – someone who we really miss for her ready smile, chuckle, and kind words. The other, equally unlooked for and unexpected but so welcome – a donation of over £360 from the Corinthian Lodge as their chosen charity on the occasion of their Ladies Evening – thank you so much.

Also, don’t forget that with summer outings coming on we have a wheelchair for loan.

With best wishes,

Lynden

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