



Hello everyone,

It seems that Pop-Up shops are becoming all the rage. Recently Danielle launched “Trinity” at Swan House in the High Street – the first Pop-Up in Debenham. So when Laura, who owns Ruby and the Angel, offered to help The Debenham Project with a very generous offer of some stock for The Debenham Project to sell in aid of funds, it set “the little grey cells” in motion. Maybe it could be opportunity to not only raise funds but also to increase dementia awareness and friendliness in a positive way by setting up a stall at the “Street Fair at the end of June. HOLD ON TO THAT THOUGHT!

You probably remember that, in last month’s article, I mentioned that this year’s awareness and understanding campaign “**Dementia – Be Aware – Be Positive**” would seek to work with our shops and businesses. THEN COMES THE NEXT THOUGHT! - Perhaps other businesses would also be willing to let us have a bit of “sale” stock. Well the result of a few enquiries was amazing – all the shops, the pubs, and the Fish and Chips shop have joined in with offers – so that now we are not just planning a stall, not just planning a Pop-Up shop, but we are planning the first and only “**Debenham’s Pop-Up Department Store**”. Do visit it on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the widest range of merchandise available in the village - for one day only. Moreover, It is demonstrating how Debenham fully deserves its status as one of the leading “dementia friendly communities”. Just as our local shops and businesses are coming together to support the project, please also remember to support them in turn.

I was delighted when Pam Vinten recently stopped me in the High Street and asked if it would be alright if she put on one of her concerts in aid of the project. “Of course, that would be wonderful – thank you so much” was my reply. The concert entitled “Song Cycles for May” will be in St Mary’s Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May – please come to enjoy a “very special” evening and, at the same time support the project. In these articles I have often said how much goodwill there is in Debenham and the surrounding villages and this is yet another example. I would also like to express our grateful thanks to the families and friends of James Christopher Keogh and those of David Terry Wilson for all the kind donations made in their memories.

If you are a member of our local Co-op you can now donate your “divvy” to the project. You simply use your membership card as normal but ask for the dividend to be given to The Debenham Project – Number **609313**. To always have the number at hand please affix a sticker with it onto your card. Thank you.

Finally, if you need to borrow a wheelchair please contact me.

With best wishes,

Lynden

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