



Hello everyone,

“Summer-time and the livin’ is easy”. So the song goes, and for most of us it is a time for holidays, relaxation, and being out in the sunshine. However, not for those families who are trying to cope with the impact of dementia on their lives. So our annual garden party, hosted so generously once again by Mike and Lyn Rouse, was an opportunity to, for a short while, show that the project is not simply a service or a set of clubs / activities but is a “community” in which friendships are made and in which we turn to each other for support when we need it. Yet again it was a wonderful occasion despite the rain – we were all dry inside the marquee, enjoying a luscious afternoon tea, the band, and most of all, the great atmosphere. Thank you all for making it such a special occasion.

Whilst on the topic of generosity, I am always touched by the number of unsolicited donations we receive. Broadly, in order to keep the project running, we need to find between £8,000 and £9,000 each year. Thank you so much to the businesses and individuals, again despite the weather, who launched Debenham’s Pop-Up Department Store at the street fair and managed to raise almost £300 before being rained off, those people who donated their Co-op “divvy”, those who came to Nancy and Tim Nickel’s organ recital and gave a very welcome £208, the £100 as part of the proceeds of a “Outlaws” charity music event organized by our Leisure Centre, the person who anonymously pushed an envelope containing £25 in cash through my door, and many others. Thank you.

With summer well and truly here - bar the odd shower! - If you know someone who cannot get out without help, or has great difficulty in walking, how about borrowing our wheelchair so that they can get out of the house and enjoy the sunshine.

Also please remember that you can donate your Co-op “divvy” to the project simply by asking for it to be given to The Debenham Project – Number **609313** - or as one gentleman very kindly did, take your dividend vouchers to Daniel (the Co-op manager) who will be pleased to transfer them to our account.

With best wishes,

Lynden

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