



Hello everyone,

Once again Christmas is almost upon us and I am sure preparations are well in hand! Each of the groups in our project is planning a festive lunch, party, or special event. So let me begin by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And if you are passing St. Mary's Church, do call in and explore this year's Advent display of Christmas trees. Sue Holifield and her husband Colin have once again created a wonderful entry for The Debenham Project – It's a 'talking' tree which tells us about "what makes me smile and what gives me joy" in the words of some of our participants.

As I mentioned last month, the kitchen in Dove Cottage has undergone a complete professional refurbishment and is now, not only well-designed to modern standards, but is attractive and a pleasure to use. Many thanks to St. Mary's Church for raising the funds and organising the work - as a major user we much appreciate it. Although it has meant cancelling our groups for a fortnight it will be great to have such a lovely facility for our events over the Christmas period.

One such event has already become almost a Debenham tradition. That is the Carers Club Christmas Party on December 6th – mince pies, sausage rolls, chocolates, crackers with silly jokes, AND our very own Music Man (Stephen McKie) to entertain and make it the most special occasion.

As ever, we are so grateful for your donations to support our work. Because of you and your generosity we are one of the lucky community projects that knows that, with your support, we can continue to help those who are living with the impact of dementia on their lives without worrying about "where the next penny will come from". Thank you.

Don't forget that if you need to borrow a wheelchair, just ask. Over Christmas you may have a guest who is frail with mobility difficulties and it might be a pleasure just to show them the lake and around our lovely village.

With best wishes, Lynden

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