



Hello everyone,

From the very beginning of the project back in 2009, I have been continuously amazed and grateful for so many in and around Debenham who give their time and money towards raising the ongoing funding of The Debenham Project. In the vast majority of these cases local people or organisations spontaneously decide to put on an event or activity and the first I hear of it is when they ring me and ask whether “it would be ok if they donated the proceeds to us”! Or sometimes they just appear with a cheque or cash saying “please take this to help with your work”! As you can imagine I am always delighted. It is not only for the financial support that I am so grateful, but also because it lifts the burden of spending lots of our time fundraising. I am also reminded of how the Project actually belongs to everyone in the community, and how much the work of the Project is appreciated.

Here are just two examples: Firstly, I want to thank Sarah, Nicola, Jean, and everyone at the URC for their great Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch event which raised £392 – lovely people, lovely occasion, and lovely atmosphere. Secondly, Louise, Ann, Claire and the team who have organized “Debenham Project” Christmas cards to sell at the Debenham Christmas Festival on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and at Abbotts, Spiral and Websters – please support them.

December is a very busy month for us all and the Project is no exception. Every year all our groups - CAMEO, Fit Club, Lunch Clubs, Carers Club, info Café, etc. - each organise a special festive event. And, once more we will be welcoming our very own “Music Man”, Steve McKie to entertain us in Dove Cottage for the Carers Club Christmas Party.

Finally, thank you for all your donations and support throughout the year. Please remember that we can receive donations via the Co-op (just ask for your dividend to be given to **609313**) and on-line using the button on the home page of our website (below). Also don't forget, we have wheelchairs for loan if you need one for a few days.

With all my best wishes for a very Happy Christmas,

Lynden

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