



Hi everyone,

What a Day!

I just hope that you all managed to get through Storm Babet without being flooded, or stuck and unable to reach home, or suffering damage to your properties and gardens. The way our local community rallied round was as wonderful as always - tractors ferrying children from the school and families to safety; the Parish Council organising refuge at the Leisure Centre and Dove Cottage for 70+ families who had been flooded out or stuck in Debenham; The High School caring for 150+ pupils overnight who couldn't get home: the Coop providing food; residents offering beds; volunteers with canoes to rescue those trapped by the water; the firemen; etc; etc; and so many others. If you need help, please don't hesitate to ask.

I mentioned last month that we were hoping to set up a regular get-together for us all to remember the old-time songs, the wartime songs, the songs of the 50's, 60's, and 70's - and sing along as if "we were there" in the pub, the village hall, the disco, and the gig. I can tell you that it is well on the way to becoming reality.

Karen has been beavering away sorting out the "play list" of (at the last report) 92 songs for us to choose from – We have already printed enough folders with the words just in case we can't bring them to mind (which I seriously doubt!) - We have a lovely team of volunteers who will keep you served with morning tea, coffee, biscuits, and the occasional cake on special days – Coopersfield has very kindly offered their lounge as a venue – And it will be called **"Songs for Sharing"**.

It will initially begin on Thursday 23rd November, and on every 1st and 3rd Thursday after that. As you can imagine, the membership of the group will have to be limited, so, if you would like to join, please contact me as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, if you have a relative or friend, who might be struggling to cope with caring for a loved one with symptoms of dementia, please let them know about The Debenham Project. And, finally, a big, big thank you to all our volunteers, and donors without whom there would be no Project.

With all my thanks and best wishes, Lynden Jackson

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