



Communities Co-ordinator report for C.O.P.S. July 2017

Poynton Dementia Steering Group



Reminiscence box for Poynton

Avro Museum have kindly provided items of interest for Poynton's memory box including model aircraft and an Avro paperweight. We are still looking for items of interest.

Dementia Awareness sessions have been proposed for the end of the Summer, to be promoted to local shops, groups and organisations.



Through contact with Poynton's Dementia Steering Group, Cheshire Dance are delivering free taster Dementia Dance sessions to the volunteer-led Poynton Golden Memories and Living Well dementia groups. We hope that this become a regular activity for Poynton's residents who are living with dementia and their carers.

Sing-a-long sessions



I have met with the new Singing Co-ordinator from Carers Trust 4 All, Helen Smith. Helen is keen to continue the good work that was started in Poynton at the pilot Sing-a-Long session in March, and has confirmed dates for a monthly session until the end of the year. The dates are as follows; 18th July, 15th August, 26th September, 24th October, 21st November, 19th December. The Poynton Area Community Partnership have agreed to cover the cost of hiring the Council Chamber and I will help to promote the sessions.

Poynton Area Community Partnership (P.A.C.P.) - Getting Poynton Active

I'm working with a couple of volunteers from P.A.C.P. exploring the opportunity for a health walk programme for Poynton. We are talking with existing walking groups to identify volunteer health walk leaders and liaising with the Bridgend Centre at Bollington to learn about their health walks programme. We have a meeting planned with Everybody Sport and Recreation to discuss a potential partnership with them.

The group is still looking for a new Chairperson and continue to develop future projects for Poynton.

Time Out Café - social events

The group have expressed an interest in visiting local destinations including Avro Museum, Blackpool Illuminations and Bents Garden Centre. I am working with the volunteers to see how these activities can be organised.

World War 1. Follow up work

Men in Sheds are keen to support the community by making poppies for Poynton. The details are being considered along with identifying suitable, robust materials and locations. As agreed at the last COPS meeting, this will be worked up over the coming weeks with the £200 made available. Contact has also been made with the local primary schools involved with the exhibition. I have spoken with the Education Co-ordinators from Cheshire Reflects with a view to them doing follow up work with the schools involved with the exhibition, with a possible 'soldier walk' from information researched by Cheshire Villages Great War Society.

Poynton High School - Afternoon Tea

Poynton High School
and Performing Arts College



Afternoon Tea Party

12.15pm arrival
12.30pm – 2.45pm Wednesday 19th July 2017
in the main school hall at Poynton High School,
Yew Tree Lane, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1PU

Please join us for complimentary afternoon tea
& light refreshments, entertainment by
students and the opportunity to join in seated
dancing with Jody and Emily from Cheshire
Dance.

Places are limited so RSVP by 14th July if you
would like to come.

Please telephone the school on 01625 871811
to be added to the guest list.

I am working with Poynton High School and others, with their annual Afternoon Tea event at the High School on the 19th July. Year 8 students are inviting up to 70 older people to join them and will make sandwiches, cakes and goody bags. The junior choir will also perform. Local Dementia Champions will deliver Dementia Friends awareness sessions to the pupils involved. The recent connections with Cheshire Dance, will mean there will also be intergenerational dancing too!

Pupils will be given our 'What's on for Older People' leaflet along with Herbert Protocol information and be asked to visit an older family friend or neighbour with the information.

The school were successful in securing 'The Great Get Together' funding.

Men in Sheds Open Day



The group held an Open Day on the 10th June and invited people to come along to find out about the group and to show their hand-made wares. The day went very well and generated a lot of interest for the group.



Wednesday Lunch Club

The Wednesday Lunch Club is taking a short Summer break for two weeks on the 5th and 12th July. The group will return on the 19th July to attend the Afternoon Tea at Poynton High School. There are currently two vacancies and we continue to identify volunteers to support the group.

Cheshire East Council. Live Well

Cheshire East Council has set up a database for groups and services across the borough, including Poynton.

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/livewell.aspx>

Gardening and maintenance volunteer

Our volunteer Gary, has been working with us most Wednesdays, since May. Over the last couple of weeks, he has been busy improving the area around the Civic Hall, weeding the beds and spreading wood mulch, which has been kindly donated by a local tree service. In the near future, Gary will be working on the corner of Burton Drive, with staff from the Royal Bank of Scotland.



Friday Morning Shoppers

The service continues to operate without the minibus with the volunteer drivers using their own vehicles to transport older residents to the village, through Open Hands Community Transport. This approach seems to be working, with further discussions planned to determine the long-term arrangements.

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