



Hello everyone, as I write this, it has been a lovely day which has turned into a gentle sunlit evening. I am looking forward to the project's second garden luncheon party for all those who have been locally involved as volunteers, carers, cared-for and professional helpers. Last year was a wonderful occasion due to the kindness and generosity of Mike and Lyn Rouse and their family – and the sun shone down on us as only it can on an English garden in summer. I pray that we will be blessed with similar weather this year.

Last year the Project was in it's infancy and who could have foretold how it would have grown. It seems incredible that something that started from such small beginnings could now be recognized across the county of Suffolk as an important contribution to tackling the massive problems that face carers for those with dementia, and those that they care for – we have been blessed by tremendous goodwill in the local authorities, NHS and the charities.

The Carers' information programme run by Julia of the Alzheimers Society has proved very popular and very informative and we are grateful to St Mary's for the continued use of Dove Cottage.

Dr Paddy Fielder is a member of our steering group, and a trustee. He has now officially retired from the Debenham Group G.P. Practice and we wish him a long and happy retirement. He will be retaining his roles within the Project.

Once again the Project has been very fortunate in receiving private donations, and especially we would like to thank Harriet Maitland, a former Debenham resident, who has made a donation from her new home in Sweden.

Our Awareness Campaign is beginning to bear fruit; we have had a number of new referrals and enquiries.

As always, thanks to all in Debenham, the surrounding villages, the local authorities, and our partners for all their support.

If you would like to know more please see our display in the Post Office; or ring 01728 862003; or call in at the Library Resource Centre or visit www.the-debenham-project.org.uk

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