

Hello everyone and welcome to latest edition of the WSUN Newsletter.

Where does the time go, I ask myself, as we approach the end of another busy year. This year has again offered many challenges for the Management Committee and Staff to address and there have been significant changes for us as an organisation. Like many organisations in these difficult times we have seen a reduction in our funding. To ensure we can still offer the service you deserve and expect, we have looked at and reduced our administration costs by moving into smaller offices and reducing our administration staff. We are also actively seeking new sources for funding.



Lots of positive things have also been happening. The Staff have been busy ensuring our World Mental Health Day was a success, supporting the Memory Groups and facilitating a very exciting day for Medvivo.

To help us address the issues that concern you, we are enclosing a questionnaire for Members based on issues you raised at this year's Annual General Meeting. Please feel free to add any other concerns you might have. We do value your feedback, so if there are other ways that you would like us to engage with you, please let us know. With Christmas fast approaching all the Management Committee Members and Staff would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas.



Diane Gooch - Chair of Wiltshire and Swindon Users' Network

Memory Club Dates over the festive period

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| <p>Calne Memory Group <i>The Marden House</i> Centre, New Road, Calne 17th Dec 10am-12pm 7th Jan 10am-12pm</p> | <p>Tisbury Memory Group <i>Hinton Hall, Tisbury</i> 9th Dec 10am-12 pm 16th Dec pre-booked xmas Meal 6th January 10am-12pm</p> | <p>3M's Royal Wootten Bassett <i>The Church Hall, Rope Yard</i> 22nd Dec 10am-12pm 12th Jan 10am-12pm</p> |
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Let's Loop Wiltshire



WSUN and Rotary are working in partnership with the charity Hearing Link. "Let's Loop Wiltshire" is part of a larger initiative called Let's Loop the UK. The project is currently recruiting volunteers who use hearing aids or cochlear implants with 'T' settings, to carry out checks on hearing loops in their local communities. These are in places such as hospitals, theatres, shops, offices and banks. We are also recruiting non hearing aid users to assist with the auditing. Volunteer 'checkers' will complete an audit form for each local venue they visit and submit their results.



In Wiltshire, to begin with, we are focussing on Salisbury, a city location and Calne, a more rural town. To recognise Hearing Loop Awareness week (2-8th Nov 2015) an audit of pharmacy's loop systems was carried out by volunteers and we look forward to learning the results. WSUN is pleased to support this project. If you are interested in finding out more, please either telephone WSUN on 01380 871800 or email: letsloopcalne.wsun@btconnect.com or letsloopsalisbury.wsun@btconnect.com

World Mental Health Day 2015



October saw our third and most successful World Mental Health Day event to date. We welcomed over 140 people and over 20 different organisations and groups who gave information, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Also on offer was the opportunity to listen to Sue (a long term WSUN supporter) reciting some of her wonderful poetry. In response to feedback received last year we invited four guests to run Questions and Answer sessions on current key issues. This included; Mental Health First Aid, Service Commissioning and Welfare updates. Soundwell Music Therapy hosted a wonderful workshop which was open to all and we were entertained by the Melksham Ukulele Social Club (MUSC) who performed a superb range of songs during the afternoon. Our guests also enjoyed some hands-on creativity, including making pots, wood turning and decorating the leaves of the Thought Tree.



"Very uplifting, a little relaxing, completely enlightening!"

"Very buzzy atmosphere, some excellent stands & very approachable people"

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