



From all at Dementia Forward, we hope that you have a relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Helpline and services will be closed from the 22nd of December and reopen on the 2nd of January. If you require any support over this period, please contact the Adult Health and Social Teams: North Yorkshire **0300 131 2131** or York **01904 555111**.

## Our Glittering Winter Ball

Earlier this month, we hosted Dementia Forward's first Winter Ball at the Old Swan in Harrogate. It was a wonderful evening with 150 guests, all in the mood to enjoy the party, give generously, and dance the night away to fantastic entertainment from St Aidan's Swing Band.

The evening began with a drinks reception, with harp music from Georgina Wells, and an opportunity to have a go at our fundraising activities. These included a very popular Wishing Tree, with prizes such as an overnight stay at the Rendezvous Hotel in Skipton, afternoon tea at Rudding Park and tickets for Harrogate Football Club. There was also a fabulous hamper raffle and a silent auction, where prizes, including a Christmas ham, were hotly contested. We are so grateful to everyone who attended and are delighted to announce that over £7,000 was raised. We are already looking forward to the next one!

Thank you to Promedica24 for sponsoring this event and for their continued support. Also thank you to Springfield Healthcare, St Aidan's Swing Band, Georgina Wells, Alison and Emma Bishop, Maureen Ingleton, Caine of Harrogate and everyone who donated raffle prizes. Plus a big cheer for everyone who came along on the evening and helped to make it such a success!



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## Stray Ferret Christmas Appeal

We are excited to announce that the Stray Ferret has chosen Dementia Forward as their Christmas Charity 2023. The appeal is aiming to raise funds to buy a new minibus for the Harrogate area. The Stray Ferret (the popular online news service for the Harrogate District) is running a series of articles on Dementia Forward's clients, volunteers and staff and asking their readers to donate towards the campaign. They are also selling a calendar of reader's photographs of the district, which has kindly been sponsored by the Victoria Shopping Centre, so all profits can come to Dementia Forward. You can buy the calendar for £5 on their website - [www.thestayferret.co.uk](http://www.thestayferret.co.uk)



### Volunteer Workshops

In October, Fiona, our Community Education Coordinator ran a workshop at George Armitage House, for volunteers on understanding and supporting people who are expressing unmet needs. The feedback has been very positive, so we are looking at running these sessions in different areas over the coming months, to support volunteers in their roles. The next session is at Ballerina House, Barmby Moor on December 5th and then at Garget Walker House, Richmond on January 19th. The workshop lasts about an hour. Debby will be in touch soon with further dates for next year.

## Service Update

Our newest Hub Club, which started in Green Hammerton at the start of the month, is going really well. Plenty of fun has been had with games, crafts and lots of fun with After Eight chocolates! Thank you to our new volunteers who have joined us at the Hub Club and have helped create such a welcoming atmosphere.

After Christmas, the Welcome Wednesday cafe at Acomb Garth will be changing to a morning. The day and room will stay the same, but it will now run from 10am to 12 noon every Wednesday.

For more information on any of our services, call our Helpline on 03300 578592.



# Christmas is coming...

We have lots of Christmas events throughout November and December across North Yorkshire. Everything from Christmas coffee mornings to carol concerts, Christmas tree festivals to festive fairs. Visit our website for a full calendar of events.

## York Christmas Concert

On Saturday 2nd of December, we are looking forward to a festive treat - a Christmas Concert in York with brilliant local choir 'Singphonia'. The choir will be singing favourite carols and popular festive tunes to get you in the spirit!

Tickets cost £5 per person and can be bought by calling or emailing Dementia Forward. This event is kindly sponsored by Carefound.



## Jilly-Anne's 'Journey to Identity'

First time author Jilly-Anne has donated half of the proceeds from her book 'Journey to Identity' to Dementia Forward. Jilly and her husband Charlie attended the Winter Ball, and Hilary (one of our trustees) proudly received the cheque of £1,015.

To find out more about the book visit

[www.atmospherepress.com](http://www.atmospherepress.com).



## Crafty Christmas Tree



People from all over North Yorkshire have been knitting and crocheting green and red squares over the past nine months, which will be used to create a handmade Christmas Tree. The tree (which will be similar to the one pictured right), will be on display at St John's Church in Settle. Look out on our social media for pictures of the finished result!



Thank you to Walker Foster who have been the dedicated drop off points throughout the year.

## Coop Community Fund

Thank you to all Coop customers in Settle and York who supported Dementia Forward over the past year, and between the two stores raised £4,716! Over the next 12 months, as of October, we are one of the causes you can choose to support in Selby and Scarborough. The money raised will be used for resources and awareness raising activities. To sign up as a Coop member, visit their website or ask in store. Thank you!

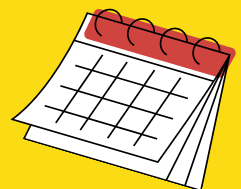
## [www.dontsendmeacard.com](http://www.dontsendmeacard.com)

If you would prefer to send eCards rather than real cards this year, please consider making a donation to Dementia Forward, and ordering them through Don't Send Me a Card. Environmentally friendly, and helps support our work!

Community Education Coordinator Fiona is running an online dementia education session for anyone recently diagnosed with dementia or families who want to understand more. The next one is December 7th at 7pm. Please email [fiona.andrews@dementiaforward.org.uk](mailto:fiona.andrews@dementiaforward.org.uk) for the online link.



# Dates for the diary



**23rd November** - Boot and Slipper Quiz, Barmby Moor

**1st December** - Christmas Fair, Pocklington

**2nd-23rd December** - Knaresborough Christmas Tree Festival

**2nd December** - Copt Hewick Christmas Fair

**2nd December** - Singphonia Concert, York

**6th December** - Coffee Pot Coffee Morning, Settle

**6th December** - Skipton Christmas Fair

**7th December** - Richmond Coffee Morning, Richmond Town Hall

**8th and 20th December** - Booths Carol Singing, Ripon

**13th December** - Harrogate Christmas Hut

**14th December** - Musical Afternoon Tea, Selby

**15th December** - Christmas Coffee Morning, Scarborough

**16th December** - Pocklington Christmas Market

For full details of any of these events, visit [www.dementiaforward.org.uk/events/](http://www.dementiaforward.org.uk/events/)  
or email [amy.senior@dementiaforward.org.uk](mailto:amy.senior@dementiaforward.org.uk)



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