

The Newsletter of Supporting Older People

Christmas 2017



Supporting Older People have a number of events planned in the run up to Christmas.

Dine at the Deanery—6th December (£5)

We have our Christmas lunch planned at the St Robert's Centre at 12:45pm. We will be serving you a tasty buffet.

St Peter's Carol Service—6th December

Along with HELP (Harrogate Easier Living Project) we will be hosting a Carol Service at St Peter's Church at 2:30pm. This will be led by Rev Tim Hurren and the children at St Peter's School will be singing. Please bring along friends and family, as this event is open to the community. Mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served.

Tea and Talk Christmas Party—12th December (£4)

The Tea and Talk Christmas Party will be held at the Crown Hotel at 2pm. Entertainment will be provided by the 'Amazing Melodies'.

Harewood House Christmas Trip—15th December (£22)

For the first time in 5 years, Harewood House and grounds will open for the special Christmas season. The house will be festively dressed by Michael Howells, award winning Set Designer from ITV's Victoria series, which used Harewood House as a major location. We will also be going out for lunch to the Harewood Arms (to be paid for on the day)

Christmas Party at Volkswagen Dealership—20th December

Harrogate VW will again be converting their lovely showroom into our party venue. A Christmas lunch will be served, along with sherry, wine or prosecco! We will have raffles, games and a special guest!

Please do let us know if you would like to attend so we can cater for everyone.

**Lifts can be provided (subject to availability) for Tea and Talk,
Harewood House and the Christmas Party.**

Fundraising

Continuing on from the last newsletter, we have had a great response to our 100 Club request. Thank you to all those who have helped raise money, donated or joined the 100 club.

The reason we are asking for your support is because our contract with North Yorkshire County Council will cease next year, along with all the other prevention contracts. We may or may not get this funding back.

If you value our service we really do need your help. Without this funding we will have to raise considerably more money than we do at the moment and if we don't get more support from our clients, volunteers and the general public then Supporting Older People may not be able to continue.

In October we held our Blingo fundraising event. We would have loved to have seen more faces there. However, we still had a great time and raised £124 for Supporting Older People, so well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Let's Connect! —Telephone Befriending

We will shortly be launching our new 'Let's Connect!' project. This is a new venture that we are all very excited about!

We believe this will help more older people, who are waiting for our services or who live outside Harrogate, and are unable to access our current services.

Do you have half an hour to spare for a chat over the phone about shared interests with a likeminded older person?

If you are a good listener and enjoy a chat this is the volunteer role for you.

Please do get in contact if this is something you could help us with.

100 Club Winners

These lucky people have won our monthly draws for £100!

September ~ Helen Holcroft

October ~ Ernesto Rogata

November ~ Brian Needham

The funds raised via our 100 Club help us to maintain our current service levels. The cost is £10 per month, payable by direct debit, cheque or cash.

Please get in touch with us for more details.

Wesley Centre on Christmas Day

The Wesley Centre is opening its doors on Christmas Day for a Christmas Service at 11am and a free 3-course turkey lunch at 12.30pm.

Transport is available.

Please call 01423 563990 to book a place.

25th December 2017

Volunteer Oscars

We are so proud of our volunteer Mick Flynn who won the category, New Volunteer of the Year at the Volunteer Oscars.

Well done Mick!

Huge congratulations go to Volkswagen, Kevin Howe and his team won the Corporate Engagement Oscar for their fantastic commitment to Supporting Older People. Without the Volkswagen team we would not be able to offer lifts to our Tea & Talk sessions and have the best Christmas party in town!

Help Supporting Older People raise FREE funds when you shop online!

Please give this a go, especially over this Christmas period, when we are sure a lot of you do more online shopping than normal!!!

Every time you shop, you will raise a donation for us and it wont cost you a penny !

Please also tell your family and friends.

All you have to do is sign up to easyfundraising
(www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harrogatesop)

Then when you shop online, visit easyfundraising, click through to the retailer and shop as normal.

With every purchase you make you'll raise a donation for us from the retailer.

Its an amazing free way of helping us!!!



Sainsbury's



YOUR M&S

Pianist Needed

David Wilberforce has been a great volunteer at Supporting Older People and has done an amazing job at our monthly singing groups. David has now decided that this will be his last year with Supporting Older People.

We would like to thank David and wish him the very best.

We would love to continue with the singing group so are searching for a new talented pianist. Please get in touch with us if you know of anyone.

Two Ridings Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal

Supporting Older People have funds allocated to assist in supporting vulnerable people who may need extra help during the winter months. If you or someone you know struggles through the winter month's then please let us know and we may be able to help. The fund can be used in a variety of ways by our clients and volunteers.

This may include:

Snuggle blankets, hot water bottles or help with payment of winter fuel bills.

Dates for your Diary

November	15	Singing Group St Peters Church
	23	Outing—Boundary Mill
December	6	Carol Service St Peter's Church
	6	Dine at the Deanery
	12	Tea and Talk—Christmas Party
	15	Outing—Harewood House
	20	Christmas Party

The calendar will be updated in the New Year with lots of exciting outings, fundraising events and monthly activities, including a date to the pantomime in January.

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Please note that our offices will be closed from the Thursday 21st December and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January.

If you need to speak to us urgently during that period then please leave a message on the office answerphone, as we will be checking it regularly.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

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