

Notes from special meeting of CTiR to move discussion further concerning Dementia Care 11th March 2020 at The Methodist Church

Present : Sharon Tunstall, Margaret Brankin, Maxine Laughton, Cllr Kate Walsh, Fr Chris and Ruth Colling.
Apologies from Rev Geoff and Ann Peill

Margaret and Sharon are Carers for their Mother who is living with Dementia. They have both worked in the Social Care Sector and were able to share valuable insights with us. They have accessed many available services but indicated how difficult it often was to get information and appropriate help. They were concerned that there was nothing available to assist carers over the weekend and stressed that this is a particular time when more help is needed. Fr Chris also said that a member of their congregation had also expressed this need for help at weekends.

Ideas ;

Publicise useful information - dementia help groups, details of benefits etc so that they are more available.

“The Carers’ Link” 54, Blackburn Rd. has a lot of helpful information. Clayton Baptist has a Dementia Lunch once a month on a Thursday and Blackburn Rovers works with Age UK to put on events at Ewood Park. Sharon and Margaret agreed to try to draw some information and leaflets together and perhaps these could be available in our churches and in community centres like “The Rishton People’s Centre” The Library, Eachill Sheltered Accommodation and doctors’ surgeries.
Also a large community noticeboard may be helpful.

Visitors – A team of visitors to call and help Carers as appropriate. Telephone friends were also mentioned as often Carers need someone to talk to.

Social events – Tea and Coffee mornings – not too early as often mornings are challenging!
Films, dancing, singing and simple keep fit maybe in chairs.

Educating and raising awareness amongst our children and young people.
Taking the Dementia Friendly course into our schools (KS2) Perhaps having a shared interschool session bringing our three y6 classes together after SATS.

Other Things

Christian Aid.

It was agreed that each church would do their own fund raising during Christian Aid Week (10th – 17th May)
- Our joint Target is £1000

Rishton Festival

This will take place on the 7th July – We hope to have the CTiR Banner and a shared information table.
Plans for this will be discussed at our meeting in May.

If you didn’t manage to attend the meeting please consider whether there is anything you could add to these ideas. **We will discuss them further at our next CTiR meeting at 7.45pm on Wednesday 13th May at St Peter and St Paul’s Parish Church.**