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Shevington Dementia Carers Support Group

- 13th Birthday

Shevington Dementia Carers Support Group recently celebrated its 13th birthday. The Group started in March 2005 because a need had been identified within the community.

Initially there were just four people in the Group and meetings were held at the local garden centre, where listening, understanding, empathy and bacon baps were the order of the day.

The original Group still attend. Beryl and Joan who started the Group and facilitate it, while Dorothy and Mary continue to give everyone a warm welcome with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit at every meeting. Since October 2012, the Dementia Carers Group has come under the umbrella of Shevington Surgery's Patient Participation Group, who pay our overheads and support the Group, which now numbers in the forties, with about twelve to fifteen people attending each meeting.

The Carers who attend are all at different stages on their 'Journey' with their loved ones. Although we no longer have bacon baps, there is a wealth of experience and knowledge and helpful support shared amongst the members over a 'cuppa'. Carers appreciate meeting with others who can understand their situation.

Caring for loved ones with Dementia is a demanding, lonely and isolating experience. The purpose of this group is to help them meet with others who are walking the same hard road. Here they can share their experiences, receive and give support and form friendships. Simply being together is a tremendous help. We have regular outings and social events, enjoyed and appreciated by the Carers, funded by many generous donations and by fundraising and we occasionally invite a speaker on a relevant or helpful topic.

If you have a loved one with Dementia please accept our invitation to come along, you are very welcome to join us. The Group meets every last Monday of every month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the lounge in the Methodist Church in Shevington.

"COME WHEN YOU CAN LEAVE WHEN YOU MUST"

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KEY TO WARDS

N: North
S: South
W: West

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Your NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Achievement

Shevington Parish Council were very saddened to hear last year that Shevington & District Community Association had decided that they would no longer be recognising achievement in the local community through their achievement awards. Having nominated some of the recipients in the past, the Council took the view that this now established and worthwhile tradition should not be allowed to disappear. So, on 15 March - at the Annual Meeting of the Parish - presentations were made to several deserving individuals by the Council's longest serving member - Cllr John Ball:

Louise Wade (shown above) - "In recognition of her dedicated work researching and collating the records of Shevington Community Primary School during the period of its closure in 2017 and also for her research into the lives of Armed Forces personnel from Shevington and District who served and died in the First World War."

Jim Rigby - "In recognition of the many years dedicated to organising and leading the Annual Parish Walk on August Bank Holiday Monday." As Jim could not be there, his award was accepted by Mrs Eileen Longmore.

Barry King (who can be seen in the photo on the right) - "In recognition of his many years of invaluable advice and information to the Council on matters of Transport and Planning both at a local and national level."



Barry Just, David Houghton, Richard Currie and David Fouracre (posthumously) - "In recognition of their contribution towards the organisation of the Annual Bike Ride from Shevington to Southport, through which more than £140,000 have been raised for children with Special Needs." Richard Currie, David Houghton and David Fouracre can be seen with Cllr John Ball in the photo on the left.

Shevington to Southport Bike Ride

The Annual Shevington to Southport Bike Ride is currently in its 25th anniversary year - its aim to raise funds to help local children with special needs. Over the years the participants have raised in excess of £140,000. In the past three years the beneficiary has been 'Kids and Sibs' - an organisation based in Appley Bridge.

The Bike Ride was started in 1994, when members of Shevington FC organised and completed the ride from Windermere to Wigan, raising money for the then Mere Oaks School. Since then further rides have been completed - from Stoke to Wigan and Cleethorpes to Southport. Then the shorter, but more challenging, route from Shevington to Southport and back was introduced. The ride has seen many members of our community taking part, but there has always been a core of veterans who, between them, have ensured the success of this annual event. The funds raised have been an amazing achievement and have given great joy to children within our community over the years.