

Nora Parsons Centre

Registered Charity 513990

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Secretary's Report for 2020/2021

The centre started in 1977 when Nora Parsons, as a retired district nurse, realised there were many older people in her area who spent much of their time alone, and they would enjoy being in a safe and comfortable environment with similar folk, chatting over a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy a hot 2 course meal supplied by The Cob House.

Nora's dream is continuing with many of her original volunteers.

Since Corona virus entered our lives, people of all ages over the last 18 months have experienced loneliness and wanted to talk and just see people and enjoy time with others. The volunteers have worked very hard to return to the numbers pre Covid despite some sadly dying.

The members enjoy armchair exercise classes, talks, playing games. We have a visiting hairdresser and a podiatrist. We are financially supported by all the local parishes. Schools and organisations, who provide entertainment, at Christmas, Easter and Harvest time.

The centre is open to all, some to be members and some want to use their time to help. The centre is moving into other directions by opening its doors to Dementia UK - on Fridays.

The centre is open every Monday 09:30 to 15:00. We will return to Thursday, subject to demand. We have many requests for this from the Monday group.

For those who need it we offer free transport to the centre and return them back to their homes. We are still working to Covid recommendation being 1 member per car, so where ever possible it helps when members can be brought to the centre.

We have been very successful in raising funds via Christmas and Easter Fairs, we do have donations from grateful members from their estates, and local businesses. During Covid understandably we did not receive the usual donations from previous sources.

We are needing to enter the media market to spread the message and promote our services.

I needed to occupy my time and volunteer as Treasurer and Secretary - perhaps you have a talent that can help us.

For details, ring 07535 512 556 or please visit us at Venn Lane, Wichenford WR6 6XY. Or short term my email is: ianb4474@gmail.com.

From all the volunteers and members, a big thank you for your support.

Ian Brown, May 2022