

TENDRING OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Report from the July 2011 meeting

A number of organisations were represented at the meeting including: Age Concern Lunch Club Clacton, Citizens Advice Bureau, The Salvation Army, Tendring District Council, Essex Carers Support, Great Bentley Good Neighbours, Alzheimer's Society Tendring Branch, Essex County Council, Community Voluntary Services Tendring; Anglian Community Enterprise; Home Instead.

ESSEX CARERS SUPPORT

Ryan Jones gave a presentation about the range of services provided by Essex Carers' Support which includes one to one support, respite care, advocacy, carers drop in and advice, information and guidance. Tel: 01255 474410, admin@essexcarerssupport.org.uk.

VIRTUAL WARD PILOT PROJECT

The Community Matrons from South Tendring gave a presentation about the new Pilot Virtual Ward Project which was an initiative led by NEE NHS PCT, ACE, ECC, TDC, Practice Based Commissioning, Colchester Hospital & CVST. The project started in January. The virtual ward is for patients with complex, long term conditions or an identified risk of emergency admission to hospital who are referred by the GP, district nurses, hospital staff and social services staff. The ward works with community staff visiting the patient at home who will assess the needs of the patient, give advice to the carers and family and develop a plan to help the manage the patient's condition in partnership with the GP. Patients will be discharged from the virtual ward when it is agreed by the patient and the Community Virtual Ward Team. Tel: 01255 201752

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gill Burden, TDC talked about a survey that had been undertaken in Torbay by Age Concern. It is intended to replicate this survey here in Tendring in partnership with the Clacton Gazette. The timescale is to begin the survey in the Autumn. Members of the Forum were invited to give views on what needs the Forum want to identify from the over 50's living in Tendring and then to submit to Gill by September. There will be a free post facility and the results will be analysed by Essex University. Tel: 01255 686868 (Gill Burden) gburden@tendringdc.gov.uk

COACH TRIP TO BIBERACH-AN-DER-RISS 12- 17 October 2011

A coach trip to Biberach an der Riss is open to any resident living in Tendring (cost £75) Guests will stay with host families and participate in the English Week celebrations. To book call Jean Pound 01255 431069 or email jean.pound@virgin.net or Colin Knight on 01255 880675

On a separate note, Biberach Older People's Forum has invited members of the Tendring Older People's Forum to celebrate the International Day for Older People and to visit and exchange information during 30 September – 3 October. Representatives visited Tendring last year and visited the Dumont Lunch Club, participated in the Tea Dance and Older People's Exhibition. Their costs will be covered by the Biberach District Council. Up to 3 guests are invited and it was proposed that the Chairman be one of the guests and other members are welcome. Telephone Sharon Alexander on 01255 425692 or sharon.alexander@cvstendring.org.uk to find out more.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS:

- Homestead has recruited a Care Manager.
- Alzheimers Society will be at the Town Centre Community Fayre during the Air show
- Age Concern Lunch Club are still searching for a volunteer cook.
- Salvation Army will be at the Air show on the seafront
- TDC and CBC have secured 3 year funding for a Macmillan Cancer Support Welfare Rights Officer, who will be in post by September and based in various centres around Tendring.
- Village agents which are already working in Mid – Essex may be established in Tendring.
- CVST has launched the Tendring Volunteer Directory – available online at www.cvstendring.org.uk

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.