

What's Happening - In Brief

A Note from Amanda Allen (CEO of Age UK BRWF) - June 2024

- Thank you for all the support (including help with the Raffle, Teas & Coffees and the donations of cakes!) for our Staff and Volunteer Get Together event at Amphlett Hall on 22nd June and to Kate, Sam and Angie for organising the event! With performances from the Got 2 Sing Choir and singer Helen Pearson, Tai Chi, Meditation and 'Creative Art' sessions from our tutors Steve, Adele and Natashia, stalls from Suzie at 'Work Well Live Better', our Tulip Tree Friendship Group, Bromsgrove Men In Shed's and Lynne Linley to 'Soak the CEO' it really was fantastic to be able to get so many members of the Age UK BRWF family together!
- The event was also an opportunity for us as a charity to say a very special thank you to volunteer **Roger Custance** who is stepping down from his role as Chair of the Board of Trustees, a position that he has held since 2021 (having previously held the role of Vice Chair). Roger has played an instrumental role in guiding our mission with his insights and unique expertise. We are grateful for all his hours of hard work, and his dedication and vision have helped shaped the success of this charity. His legacy of kindness and professionalism will continue to inspire us!
- Age UK BRWF's Vice Chair, Jonathan Shapiro has been appointed Interim Chair of the charity

Meet the Team - Age UK BRWF's Get Together - 22nd June 2024!



Celebrating our Volunteers!



- The beginning of June was #VolunteersWeek, a chance to celebrate the amazing contributions volunteers make to communities across the UK
- We could not do what we do without the amazing support of our 140 volunteers! As part of our 'Thank Yous' nominations opened for our 2024 Volunteer of the Year. The award is in memory of former Trustee Sue

Davidson who so symbolised all that we are about as a local charity. To nominate, please follow this link to our website www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf/get-involved/volunteer/ nominate-your-age-uk-brwf-volunteer-of-the-year/ .You can also request a Nomination Form from our Windsor Street office. Closing date for nominations **is Monday 2nd September**

 For anyone that would like to join us, at 2pm on Thursday 27th June at our Mason Road Shop we will be holding a 'celebration' for volunteer **Dave Mucklow** who unexpectedly passed away at the beginning of the month. Dave recently featured in our #MeetDave video, as he wanted to share his story and encourage others to support Age UK BRWF by volunteering

Befriending Service on the Radio!

 10-16 June was also Loneliness Awareness Week. Befriending service user Chris Pinner & Befriending Volunteer Judith McCrossan were



recently interviewed by **BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester** to talk about how our Befriending service is helping to tackle loneliness and to appeal for more volunteers for the service. You can listen to the interview (which also includes our Befriending Coordinator Anne Jules) via this link <u>www.bbc.co.uk/</u> <u>programmes/p0j0zrtn</u>

Making a Difference!



If you have visited our **Providence Road (Sidemoor)** charity shop recently (or if you follow us on social media) you may have seen the team's window display to show how, when people donate to or buy from one of our charity shops. they are helping to make a difference to local older people



Twiddle Board Deliveries

 Thank you to everyone that donated items for #TwiddleBoard Day! Twiddle Boards made by members of the Ormerod Rutter team, supported by

members of Bromsgrove Men In Sheds have so far been given to Chandler Court, VIP Day Centre



and the new Memory Café at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre!



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