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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER IN REVIEW:

To celebrate English Football League (EFL) Action Week, two Doncaster Rovers players visited the Tuesday Walk and Talk session, ran by Club Doncaster Foundation in partnership with the Keep in Mind Service. Luke Molyneux and Owen Bailey took part in the bingo, and took the opportunity to see the work of the Club within the community.



For Carer's Rights Day we attended two fantastic events. The first one was organised by Making Space and the 'We All Are One' Carers Support Group. This saw a variety of organisations come together to share the ways in which they can support unpaid carers in Doncaster. We then attended the Carers Right Event held at the Eco-Power Stadium, organised by the Wellbeing team at the council.



DonMentia had a wonderful 'Remembering The Forties' Event organised by Eileen. This was a brilliant day held at Wheatley Golf Club, where everyone had a good sing of all the favourites!

The Point has now completed its renovations. It's a welcoming public building where people of all ages can take part in inclusive and accessible creative programmes that support wellbeing, learning and connection — including the Keep in Mind Singing for Memory group delivered by darts. The Point is the home of darts, Doncaster's award-winning participatory arts charity. For further information, please contact 01302 341662 or hello@thepoint.org.uk.



Emily from Age UK Doncaster and Dave from Home Instead hosted a drop in at The Burns Practice in Cantley to spread awareness of the dementia support available in Doncaster. The What's On Where guide for Doncaster (2025-26) was updated by Home Instead and Age UK Doncaster, detailing over 200 activities available for older adults across Doncaster. The WOW Guide also details clearly where to go for dementia support in Doncaster- providing the contact details for the Keep In Mind Service and Mindset.



Age UK Doncaster worked alongside Home Instead on our 'Be A Santa To A Senior' Campaign. We had over 200 gifts donated from several people and organisations, including 23rd Owston Beavers Group, Switalskis Solicitors, The Linney Centre, Club Doncaster and CLYDE Pneumatic Conveying- thank you so much for all your support- you have helped us make many people's Christmas.



We had our SilverLink Christmas Party for our Young Onset Dementia group. The centre was beautifully decorated by the group ready for the day, with three trees and paper chains all around! The day started with warm drinks and raffle tickets, for the prizes very kindly donated by G4S. There was a Christmas quiz, pass the parcel, draw the nose on the reindeer, and a lot of Christmas carols. There was a Christmas buffet, several Elfie Selfies (see below!) and then a wonderful performance from Sean who had everyone up dancing and singing along!



We also held our Christmas party for our Friday SilverLink session. This saw very similar activities to our Tuesday Keep in Mind session!





Club Doncaster Foundation hosted their Christmas party which had a brilliant turn out of around 90 people. There was live Christmas music, a big screen quiz, a Christmas dinner and of course a few games of bingo. We were also joined by members of the Doncaster Rovers Academy!



Royal Voluntary Service had their Christmas Party at Carcroft Club, with around 90 people joining them on the day! There was a delicious buffet, music and dancing with fun and laughter all around. They also had a visit from Santa and his Elf!



Alzheimer's Society held four fantastic Christmas Parties at Cantley, Thorne, The Cheswold and Conisbrough. These were all fantastic- we even had a couple of performances from a choir of Alzheimer's Society volunteers, conducted by Brian, one of our Keep in Mind clients!





USEFUL LINKS:

Other things that may be helpful.

[Dementia Directory 2025](#)



This document is full of useful information about support services and groups for people living with dementia in Doncaster, as well as their carers, families and friends.

[Live Inclusive](#)



Live Inclusive offer support such as benefits information and advice, energy advice, as well as community integration and social prescribing.

[Jackson Hope Foundation Timetable](#)



Here you can find all of the dates and time's for different Jackson Hope Foundation groups throughout Doncaster.

[Age UK Doncaster website](#)



[Updated WOW Guide for 2025-26](#)



[Your Life Doncaster- Dementia](#)

This page is full of information about Dementia. This includes signs/ symptoms, ways to minimise risk, information on making advance decisions, diagnosis as well as the support available for those living with dementia and their carers.

[Citizens Advice:](#)



Citizen's advice offer a wealth of different support including help with benefits, debt, money and much more.

[Alzheimer's Society Factsheets and Publications](#)



This page has a wide range of resources that you may find useful.



More information on the Remembering Rovers project, including the referral form for a space at a match!

OTHER NEWS:

Any further notes and updates.

Age UK Doncaster:

- The Keep in Mind Service is finally on Facebook. Have a look at our page 'Keep in Mind Age UK Doncaster' to keep up to date with all things Keep in Mind!

Alzheimer's Society:

- One of the attendees of our Alzheimer's group: Singing for the Brain used to be a conductor of an orchestra. He has asked whether they can form a choir for Christmas so that he can conduct it- and they did! They did a fabulous job and photo's can be seen on the 5th page of this newsletter.

Club Doncaster Foundation:

- Club Doncaster Foundation successfully launched their 'Remembering Rovers' initiative. This has been a huge success so far, making match days accessible for people living with dementia and their carers. For further information please visit the link on the 'Useful Links' page.

Royal Voluntary Service:

- RVS have launched a new volunteer platform: GoVo. All registered charities can upload their volunteering opportunities for free to support with volunteer recruitment- the platform will also complete the initial identity check for free.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT AGE UK DONCASTER:

Client Journey Manager - Keep in Mind

Age UK Doncaster is looking for an experienced Client Journey Manager to oversee the coordination of our Keep in Mind (KiM) dementia support pathway. You will ensure people living with dementia and their carers experience a smooth, well-managed and person-centred journey through the service.

For further details please [click here](#) to visit the Age UK Doncaster website, or scan the QR code.



Dementia Pathway Coordinator - Keep in Mind (Maternity Cover)

Age UK Doncaster is seeking a compassionate and organised Dementia Pathway Co-ordinator to support the delivery of our Keep in Mind (KiM) dementia pathway.

You will act as a single point of contact for clients and carers, coordinating community-based support and ensuring timely access to services.

For further details please [click here](#) to visit the Age UK Doncaster website, or scan the QR code.



OTHER PARTNER SESSIONS:

If you are interested in attending any of the following, please get in touch with the Keep in Mind Team at Age UK Doncaster.

Phone: 01302 812813

Email: keepinmind@ageukdoncaster.org.uk

Alzheimer's Society:

- Thorne Dementia Café. First Monday of the month. 11am-1pm.
- Cantley Music Café. First Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm. FULL, waiting list in place.
- Singing for the Brain. Third Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm. FULL, waiting list in place.
- Conisbrough Music Café. Fourth Wednesday of the month. 1pm-3pm.
- Doncaster Dementia Support Group. Second Friday of the month. 11am-1pm.

Club Doncaster Foundation:

- Doncaster Lakeside. Chair based exercise, walk, bingo and more. Every Tuesday 11am-2pm.
- Askern Lakeside. Walk and bingo. Every Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Crossroads Care:

- Crossroads Dunsville. Every Tuesday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads at the Silver Link Centre. Every Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads Denaby. Every Thursday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Crossroads Scawsby. Every Friday. 1:30pm-3:30pm.

darts:

- Singing for Memory. Every Monday. 2pm-3:30pm. FULL, waiting list in place.

Royal Voluntary Service:

- Dementia Support Balby. Every Tuesday. 10am-12pm.
- Dementia Support Stainforth. Every Wednesday. 1pm-3pm.
- Dementia Support Bentley. Every Thursday. 10am-12pm. 1pm-3pm. FULL, waiting list in place.
- Dementia Support Rossington. Every Friday. 1pm-3pm. FULL, waiting list in place.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

AGE UK DONCASTER:

Age UK Doncaster has a range of volunteering opportunities on offer. These include:

- Information and Advice Volunteer
- Ageing Well volunteer (based at our Silver Link Centre)
- Handyperson volunteer
- Keep in Mind volunteer
- Local distribution and Engagement volunteer
- Befriending volunteer.

For more information either call 01302 812345 or email volunteering@ageukdoncaster.org.uk

CROSSROADS CARE:

Could you spare a few hours to support in our Doncaster Carer's groups 1-4pm? Crossroads Care are looking for kind, reliable volunteers to offer a listening ear, making refreshments, supporting group activities and helping with setting up and clearing away. You'll be part of a friendly team and make a real difference to someone's day.

Full training and ongoing support provided.

Make connections. Build confidence. Support your community.

For more information call 01709 360272 or email rebecca.bellis@crossroadsrotherham.co.uk

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE:

Royal voluntary service are looking to recruit new volunteers to help at their Bentley and Rossington sessions.

For more information please contact: jan.burrows@royalvoluntaryservice.co.uk

AGE UK RESOURCES:

All of the booklets shown below as well as many more can be found on the Age UK National website: www.ageuk.org.uk





Stay ahead of the chill this winter

Are you and your home ready for the cold weather?

If you find it difficult to keep your home warm in winter, contact Age UK for a home energy check. We can help by making sure your home is energy efficient.

A member of staff can come and visit you in your home to provide useful tips on saving energy and install practical equipment in your home.

For a free* home energy check, contact:

T: 07880742206

E: admin@ageukdoncaster.org.uk

**This service is free, however, funding is limited to older people who are at risk of cold-related illnesses.*

DONCASTER DEMENTIA COLLABORATIVE

Come and join us to influence the dementia services in Doncaster!

Our next meetings:
29th January 2026
26th March 2026

10:30am - 12:00pm.
Wheatley Golf Club,
Armthorpe, DN25QB



Photo Credit: Hannah Baines, City of Doncaster Council



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NEW: Ageing Well Network!

Are you over 50 and want to shape how we age well in Doncaster?

We'd like your help to create an Ageing Well Network – a group where adults aged 50+ can come together, share their ideas and talk about the issues that matter most to them.

The network will give older adults a voice. It will be a place to listen, learn from each other and work with local organisations and decision makers to make real changes.

We want to build this network with older adults from the very beginning. Your knowledge, life experience and ideas will shape the network, so it truly works for you and others in the community. How should the network look? Do you want to attend in person meetings, fill in surveys and questionnaires or just respond to consultations when the topic interests you?

We want to make the network accessible to all, so please share your thoughts with us.

By working side by side, we can create something meaningful, impactful and long lasting. A place where older adults feel heard, respected and valued.

To find out more, visit [Ageing Well Network - YourLifeDoncaster](#) or contact Nikki.greenfield@doncaster.gov.uk



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