

AGE UK TEESSIDE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018



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Annual General Meeting 2018



On October 24th, Age UK Teesside held our Annual General Meeting of 2018, the first in our new premises, the afternoon was filled with updates on our organisation from our finances to our projects, with a host of guests and presentations by our staff.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Hannah Bows welcomed our attendees and Treasurer, Jon Berg, presented the company accounts before announcing that JBC Accountants would be appointed as our auditors again this year.



Celebrating our Achievements



Each of our project leads spoke at the AGM, explaining their roles within the charity and presenting their achievements in the community. Christina Bonner, head of the Phoenix Project and MCST, brought along a special guest speaker, volunteer and former client. Robert Banks (73), joined the Stockton MCST (Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) group as a client living with Dementia, however, he has recently become a group volunteer to ensure this

incredible service can continue to benefit others as it has benefited his own life. Robert spoke at our AGM about his own experiences with the program and how vital it is that funding be secured for this important service, which can improve the lives of those living with dementia significantly.

Also present was Emma McCalley, who works for Santander and volunteers for our Phoenix Project; Santander have supported our groups for several years now, funding afternoon tea's and Christmas parties, with volunteers going to groups and even taking part in fundraising events.

Other staff presentations included:

- Fundraising—Laura Wedgwood
- Hoarding—Jackie Johnson
- Older Offenders—Susan Robinson
- Middlesbrough Befriending—Paula Taylor
- Redcar Befriending—Amanda Bowstead & Robynne Orton
- Better Health Better Wealth—Karen Parkin
- Hartlepool Befriending—Pamela Cairns
- Information & Advice—Graham Lyndsey













Awards Presented

This year we presented awards for special individuals and organisations who deserved recognition for their ongoing support and past contributions.

Trustees

This year we said goodbye to two of our trustees; Leslie Howes (trustee since 2011) and John Sweeney (trustee since 2007). Our trustees are highly-respected professionals who volunteer their time and expertise, for which we are very grateful. Both Leslie and John will receive awards for their service.

Santander

Santander have supported Age UK Teesside for several years now and had already been presented with their award prior to the AGM; their staff have taken part in our fundraisers this year, skydiving, abseiling and bungee jumping.

Tilly Bailey & Irvine



Tilly Bailey & Irvine solicitors work with Age UK Teesside as legal advisors. In 2017, we launched our Wills Month, where TBI solicitor Nicola Dalzell (pictured right) freely offers her expertise to those needing a will, in return for a small donation to Age UK

Teesside. Not only does Nicola freely give her time to our clients but she also took part in this year's Bark in the Park event.

Nicola collected Tilly Bailey & Irvine's award from CEO Anne during our AGM









Cutting the Ribbon

On September 24th this year, Age UK Teesside moved from our building on Borough Road to the new office in the TAD Centre. One month on and we are settled in and business is back to normal.

Dorothy Rose continues to be guest of honour at Age UK Teesside's Annual General Meeting. In recognition of her lifelong commitment and dedication to Age UK Teesside, the charity named their Middlesbrough Headquarters, "Dorothy Rose House". To continue this tradition, we chose to christen our new office the "Dorothy Rose Suites" and invited Dorothy to formally open the office.



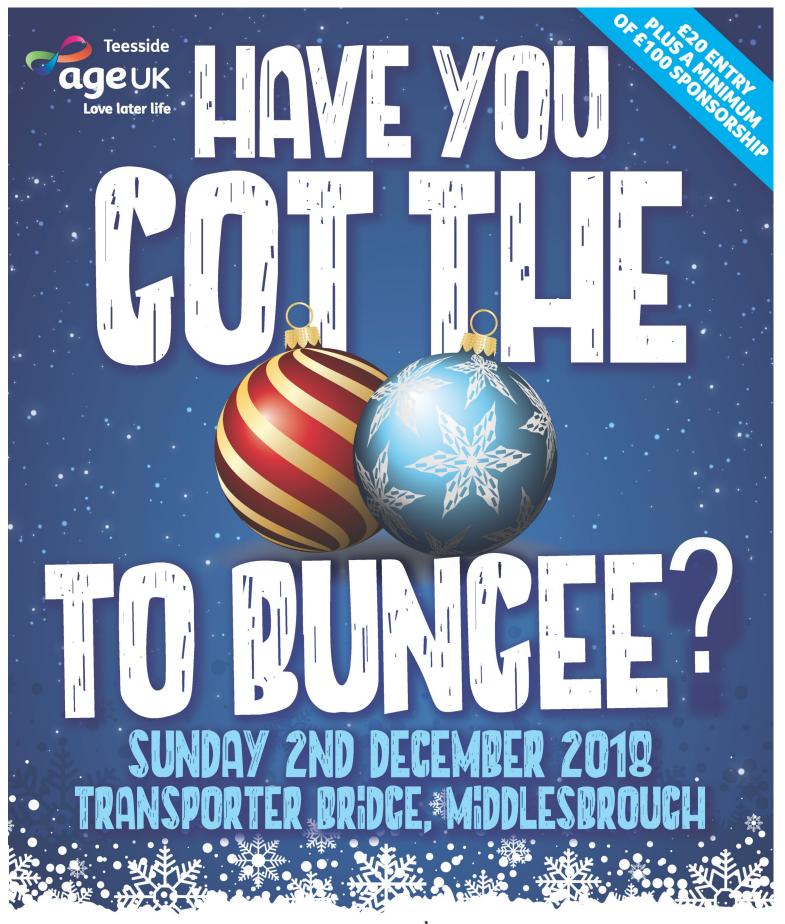




Dorothy Rose has been involved with Age UK Teesside for the past 74 years, in that time Age UK Teesside have moved a total of 8 times; buildings come and go but Dorothy's support for Age UK Teesside has never wavered. Dorothy, 93, was Chair of the Board for many years and continues to host and organise events such as chair-based exercise classes with daughter Margaret and Fish Friday at St Andrews Church in Hardwick.

Anne surprised Dorothy with a "thank-you" floral basket after she cut the ceremonial red ribbon and all AGM guests were invited to see the new premises.





Climb 210 steps to the top of Middlesbrough's iconic Transporter Bridge taking in the panoramic views of Teesside, before jumping 160ft in aid of Age UK Teesside

For more information or to sign up please contact

Laura-Jane Wedgwood on 07921464126 or email laura.wedgwood@ageukteesside.org.uk www.ageuk.org.uk/teesside



DEMENTIA WALKING GROUP

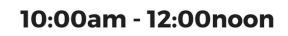
FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA & THEIR CARERS. THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE A LOCAL WALK AND REFRESHMENTS IN A SOCIAL SETTING. THE SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN

THE SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE TEESSIDE AREA TO ATTEND.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANNE SYKES OR LOUISE WHEATLEY ON :

01642 80 55 00

Walking routes will rotate on a 4-weekly basis, including: TEES BARRAGE ROPNER PARK PRESTON PARK THORNABY



Live Well Dementia Hub Thornaby



Dementia Walking Group

Come and join our Dementia Walking Group; walkers meet at the Live Well Dementia Hub in Thornaby before embarking on one of 4 routes, that will rotate on a 4-weekly basis.

Routes will include:

 $\Rightarrow THE TEES BARRAGE$ $\Rightarrow ROPNER PARK$ $\Rightarrow PRESTON PARK$ $\Rightarrow THORNABY AREA$

All are welcome to join the sessions and enjoy a walk at a relaxed pace followed by refreshments. If you would like to take part, please call today and speak to Anne or Louise on **01642 805500**.



Food Donations

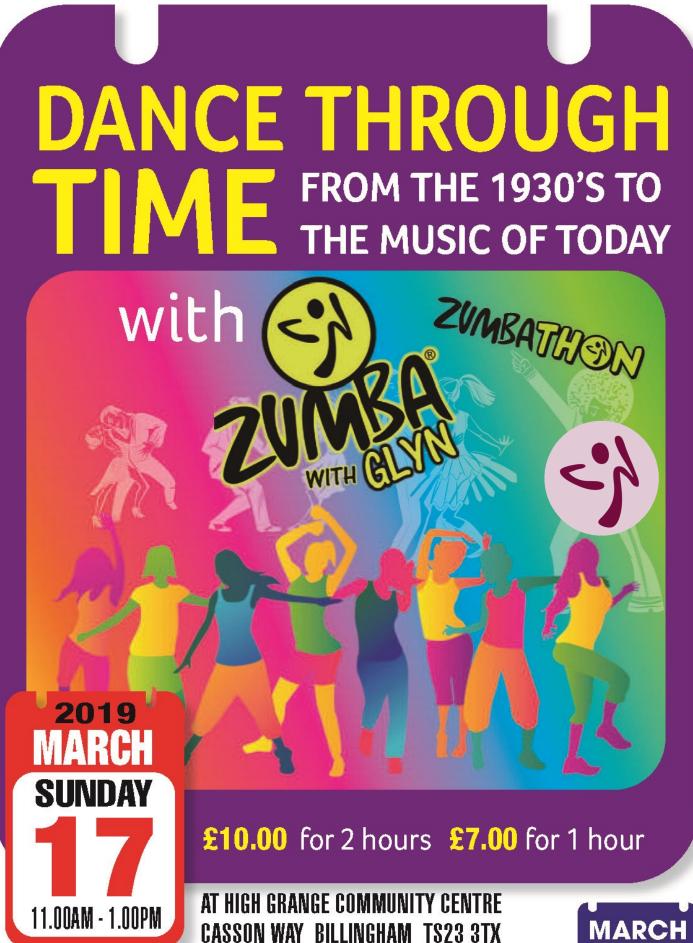
With the season of giving upon us, residents and staff of Westmoor View kicked things off with a generous donation of 2 food hampers. Anne Sykes went to collect the wonderful gifts from the care home in Marton and thank them for their thoughtful donations (below).



The hampers were then delivered to the Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Welfare team; dedicated volunteers who run their own homeless café on Princes Road. Susan Gill and her team help those in Middlesbrough who are in need, serving meals and drinks for free, to the homeless and those who are struggling.

Anne presented the hampers to Susan (below left), who then gave one of them to an older gentleman who recently became homeless (below right).





To sign up visit www.ageuk.org.uk/teesside email laura.wedgwood@ageukteesside.org.uk or call 07921 464126







Friendship Friday



Enjoy a Quiz, Raffle and Prize Bingo! Bingo & Raffle tickets available to purchase (bring along a raffle prize) Fish n Chip lunch £4.60 or bring a packed lunch. 11.15am – 2.30pm £2.00 Admission (includes refreshments) Do you live in Teesside? Want to be more socially active? Join our Friendship Friday group!

At St Cuthbert's Church Hall Stokesley Rd Marton Middlesbrough TS7 8JU

For more information please call

01642 433 723

email **tina.bonner@ageukteesside.org.uk** or visit **www.ageukteesside.org.uk**

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M.C.S.T Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy

A 12 week structured programme for people with mild to moderate dementia.

MCST is a proven method of maintaining the mental wellbeing and cognitive ability of those living with dementia, whilst promoting choice, aiding recall, improving concentration and maximising individuals potential. Group sessions* stimulate the mind, whilst providing fun, friendship and inclusion.

*Session Fee will apply



For more information, please contact: Tina ⁰¹⁶⁴² 433 723 Gill ⁰¹⁶⁴² 433 728



Registered Charity Number: 702714

Phoenix 2018

Mondays

Carpet Bowls Fun, Social, Group (Bring a packed lunch) 10.30am – 2.00pm £1.00 per session At Grove Hill Community Hub **Bishopton Rd Grove Hill** Middlesbrough TS4 2RP





Tuesdays

Lunch n Social

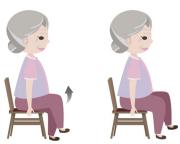
Come along and make new friends, enjoy Dominoes, Scrabble, Chess or tackle a jigsaw! Light lunch plus refreshments provided. £4.00 per session (catering) or bring a packed lunch. 11.00 am – 2.00pm Booking essential contact Tina for details 01642 803328 At North Ormesby Community Hub **Derwent Street.** North Ormesby Middlesbrough TS3 6JB **Podiatry Service** Contact Tina for details and appointments.

Wednesday

Chair Exercise & Reminiscence Activities 10.am – 11.am

Chair exercise is a fun seated workout for people living with dementia, including a vast range of gentle exercises without leaving your chair. Join in and reap the physical benefits all whilst having fun with friends and reminiscing about past times.

At Grove Hill Community Hub **Bishopton Rd Grove Hill** Middlesbrough TS4 2RP





Thursdays

Craft sessions

Knitting Embroidery Card making Crochet – or bring along your own craft/idea?

10am – 12noon

60p to include refreshments

At Grove Hill Community Hub **Bishopton Rd Grove Hill** Middlesbrough TS4 2RP

Fridays

Friendship Friday

Enjoy a Quiz, Raffle and Prize Bingo! Bingo & Raffle tickets available to purchase (bring along a raffle prize) Fish n Chip lunch (£4.60p) or bring a packed lunch. 11.15am – 2.30pm £2.00 admission to include refreshments **Booking essential contact Tina** At St Cuthbert's Church Hall **Stokesley Rd** Marton Middlesbrough TS7 8JU



Saturday & Monday evening

Zumba Gold – Shake it at your own pace – A class for all abilities! 1st 6 sessions free for 50 + Contact Glyn for times and venue Tel .07512 661895.

Contact Tina 01642 433723 / Mobile 07834 181188

or reception 01642 805500

Better Health Better Wealth: Group Timetable

Try-It-Tuesday

Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm.

Live Well Hub, Thorntree Road, Thornaby.

Friday Friends (for those living with Dementia)

Fridays, 1pm-3pm.

Live Well Hub, Thorntree Road, Thornaby.

Sessions are 50p.

Carers meet at the same time in the room next door.

<u>Billingham Buddies</u> Billingham Buddies' last session will be November 29th 2018.

Thursdays 10.30 – 12.30pm

East Avenue Community Centre

Sessions are £2 per week with no charge for carers.

Thornaby Sociable Club

Wednesdays from 10.30 till 12.00pm

Live Well Hub, Thorntree Road, Thornaby.

Sessions are 50p.

Zumba Gold Class

Monday from 2.00pm -3.00pm

South Thornaby Resource Centre, Havilland Road, TS17 9NG.

Classes are £3.00 per session.



Phone the BHBW Team on 01642 805500 to book your place for any of our events/ groups.

calling all knitters





the Big Knit is back

send your hats to:

Age UK Teesside The Dorothy Rose Suites, The TAD Centre Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough TS3 7SF



ge UK is a registered charity (number 1128267)

post box hat

intermediate pattern by Juliet Bernard

Yarn: Red, white and black

Needles: 4mm

Hat

Cast on 31 sts in black Knit 2 rows (garter st) Change to red.

Now work from chart in stocking stitch until row 13 has been finished

Continue in red

Next row (ws): knit all sts

Next row: k1, *k2tog, k3, repeat from * to the end of the round (25sts)

Next row: purl all sts.

Next row: k1 *k2tog, k2, repeat from * to the end of the round (19sts)

Next row: purl all sts.

Next row:, k1 *k2tog, k1, repeat from * to the end of the round (13sts)

Next row: purl all sts.

Next row: k1, *k2tog, repeat from * to the end of the round (7sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx 10cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

Age UK Teesside are once again taking part in the Big Knit Campaign. This year's target is 2,000 hats and we welcome all participants of all knitting experience to help us raise money to battle loneliness amongst older people across Teesside. You can use the knitting pattern we have provided or go online to thebigknit.co.uk for further inspiration.



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For more information, wool or to

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donate hats, please call Tina on:

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advanced pattern by Juliet Bernard 01642 433 723

Yarn: Yellow DK with some brown for the mane and black for the face

Needles: 4mm

Hat

Cast on 31 sts in yellow Beginning with a knit row continue in st st for 14 rows Next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts) Next row: purl Next row: k2tog to end (8sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx 10cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Head

Cast on 12 sts Row 1: *k1,kfb repeat from * to the end of the row (18sts) Row 2: *p2, pfb repeat from * to the end of the row (24sts) Row 3: repeat row 1 (36sts) Beginning with a purl row continue in st st for 13 rows. Row 17: *k1, k2tog repeat from * to the end of the row (24sts) Row 18: *p2, p2tog repeat from * to the end of the row (18sts) Row 19: repeat row 17 (12sts) Row 20: k2tog across all sts (6sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx 10cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Making up

Sew the head up stuffing with fibre as you go.

Embroider the face and the mane.

Sew up the hat and sew on the head

send your hats to: FAO: Tina Bonner, Age UK Teesside

Dorothy Rose Suites (29-32), The TAD Centre

Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 7SF

Abbreviations: St(s) - stitch(es) | st st - stocking stitch | k2tog - knit two together | p2tog – purl two together kfb – knit into the front and back of the same st | pfb - purl into the front and back of the same st



Funded by Middlesbrough Council, the Community Connect service is led by MVDA in partnership with Carers Together and Middlesbrough CAB.

The service supports local people to access community-based services and activities, helping to prevent, postpone and delay the need for formal care. Delivered by a small integrated team of Community Link Workers, this person-centred service helps people to remain independent for longer and maintain a good quality of life.

They spoke with Age UK Teesside about their Middlesbrough Befriending Service and here's what Befriending Services Manager, Paula Taylor, had to say:

"Following in the footsteps and the successful delivery of Befriending services in Redcar and Cleveland, Hartlepool and Stockton, Age UK Teesside now offers a service in Middlesbrough The commissioned pilot, in partnership with Middlesbrough Council, aims to deliver a specific Older People Befriending Service, targeted at people aged 65+ who are living alone, are lonely/socially isolated, have no/limited family or friends and have a clear identified need for befriending. The service will enable older people to engage and connect in their local area and will create opportunities for older people to feel less lonely and increase their wellbeing.

Although the Service is new in Middlesbrough, it has already received a healthy number of referrals and has recruited volunteers who are starting to support some of the most in need in the area.

Work on establishing the service and reaching out in communities is being developed and it is expected that in the first year that numbers will be realistic with a steady increase once initial community development work has been done

Working alongside and with, other relevant organisations the Service has been able to signpost and support individuals who may benefit from engaging in community groups or accessing more appropriate services. Although some referrals have not been appropriate for the current service, client feedback has been positive and encouraging.

Recruitment of suitable volunteers remains a challenge but with manageable targets and the support of the wider voluntary sector we are confident that the

Service will gather momentum and be able to further reach those who are the most in need in our community."



For further information regarding the Service, referrals or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact:

Paula Taylor on 01642 433 725

Or paula.taylor@ageukteesside.org.uk

Hartlepool Befriending Network



The Hartlepool Befriending Network (funded by Hartlepool Borough Council) continues to provide a valuable service to the most lonely and isolated in the town.

Offering residents the opportunity to have a 'Befriender Volunteer' to visit and have a chat over a cuppa, help with small daily living tasks, or introduce them to community groups & activities. The service has proven invaluable to those who use it.

If there is something you miss doing or something you would like to see take place in Hartlepool, please give Pam a call on **07808 306 184** or email: <u>Pam.cairns@ageukteesside.org.uk</u>, all ideas are welcome.





Hartlepool Befriending Network

Volunteering opportunities available now!

Interested in befriending individuals aged 65+ living within the Hartlepool Borough area? As a volunteer you will:

- Offer friendship and a listening ear
- Have a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee
- Assist with small daily living tasks
- Accompany clients on short walks, outings or to local social groups

For more information contact:

Pam Cairns, Befriending Co-ordinator Tel: 07808 306184

FESTIVE LUNCH STOCKTON

Are you over 50 years old? Facing a lonely Christmas? Want to spend time with others like you?

Join us for a festive lunch this December, with good company and new friends, there'll be fun and food hosted by the Age UK Teesside team.

Robert Atkinson Centre Thorntree Road, Thornaby, Stockton, TS17 8AP



Friday 21st December 2018 12.00pm—2.00pm

FREE EVENT

01642 80 55 00

Spaces Limited—Call Today to Book





ageuk FESTIVE LUNCH MIDDLESBROUGH

Are you over 50 years old? Facing a lonely Christmas? Want to spend time with others like you?

Join us for a festive lunch this December, with good company and new friends, there'll be fun and food

hosted by the Age UK Teesside team.

Trinity Centre

The Market Place, North Ormesby, TS3 6LD

Wednesday 19th December 2018

12.00pm—2.00pm FREE EVENT

Teesside

01642 80 55 00

Spaces Limited—Call Today to Book

Teesside ageuk FESTIVE LUNCH HARTLEPOOL

Are you over 50 years old? Facing a lonely Christmas? Want to spend time with others like you?

Join us for a festive lunch this December, with good company and new friends, there'll be fun and food hosted by the Age UK Teesside team.

St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road, TS25 9SF

Thursday 20th December 2018 12.00pm—2.00pm FREE EVENT

01642 80 55 00

Spaces Limited—Call Today to Book

FESTIVE LUNCH REDCAR

Are you over 50 years old? Facing a lonely Christmas? Want to spend time with others like you?

Join us for a festive lunch this December, with good company and new friends, there'll be fun and food hosted by the Age UK Teesside team.

Redcar Literary Institute, Lord Street, Redcar TS10 3EN Monday 17th December 2018 12.00pm—2.00pm FREE EVENT

01642 80 55 00

Spaces Limited—Call Today to Book



Community Hub Middlesofter Advice Service



NEWPORT SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY HUB ST PAULS ROAD, TS1 5NQ	MONDAY 9AM - 12PM	01642 802 892
HEMLINGTON LIBRARY CROSSCLIFF, TS8 9JJ	MONDAY 1.30PM - 4.30PM	01642 591 918
THORNTREE COMMUNITY HUB BIRKHALL ROAD, TS3 9JW	TUESDAY 1PM - 4PM & FRIDAY 9AM - 12PM	01642 246 827
EASTERSIDE COMMUNITY HUB BROUGHTON AVENUE, TS4 3PZ	WEDNESDAY 9AM - 12PM	01642 513 150
GROVE HILL COMMUNITY HUB BISHOPTON ROAD, TS4 2RP	WEDNESDAY 1PM - 4PM & THURSDAY 1PM - 4PM	01642 278 444
NORTH ORMESBY	WEDNESDAY 9AM—1PM &	01642

New Retail Development in Hartlepool Coming Soon

STOCK NEEDED

Donate you're unwanted clothes and furniture to Age UK Teesside and make a difference to people in later life.

For more information on where to donate or for furniture collection, please call 01642 80 55 00



WALK AGAINST LONELINESS

Together we can help reduce loneliness & isolation in Teesside

Walk back to the 60's with music & memories

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5k sponsored family walk around Stockton Riverside **£5.00** entry plus sponsorship

AT THE RIVER TEES WATERSPORTS CENTRE - 11:00AM The Slipway North Shore Stockton-on-Tees TS18 2NL

To sign up visit www.ageuk.org.uk/teesside email laura.wedgwood@ageukteesside.org.uk or call 07921 464126





Good to know! Useful Contacts in Teesside! Age UK Teesside 01642 805500 Age UK Factsheets (All services) 0800 009966 -Freephone Age UK Legal Services (Will Making) 0845 6851078 Adult social services (Middlesbrough) 01642 726004 Staying Put Agency (Middlesbrough) 0800 5875184 Community Warden (Middlesbrough) 01642 228500 Welfare Benefits – Financial Inclusion Group & Age UK In Partnership: Grove Hill community hub – Tel 01642 278444 Thorntree community hub – Tel 01642 246827 North-Ormesby community hub – Tel 01642 726190 Hemlington Library – Tel 01642 591918 *Newport Settlement community hub – Tel 01642 802892* Health watch (Need a new GP or Dentist?) 0808 172 9559 -Freephone Talking Matters (Mental Health services) 0300 3305470 - Freephone EVA (Women's aid and Rape Crisis) 01642 490677 **Cleveland Fire Brigade** (Free Home Fire-Safety Visit) 01429 874063

Thank you for supporting

Age UK Teesside Dorothy Rose Suites (29-32), The TAD Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 7SF www.ageukteesside.org.uk 01642 80 55 00



Age UK Teesside Annual Carol Service

Trinity Centre North Ormesby Middlesbrough TS3 6LD





Thursday 13th December 2018 From 11.00am



For More Information