

COUNCIL

22nd March, 2018

Dementia Champion Report

4,000 people in Pendle are affected by Dementia. Either living with it or caring for someone who does.

14th November – Christ Church, Nelson – This was the first meeting in a series of three. The subject was medication and new techniques in combating Dementia. The problem is that when talking about medication it gets quite technical and leaves many people, often myself included, struggling to understand it.

The meeting was not too well attended and we wondered how the next one would go.

4th December – Dementia Action Alliance Steering Group – Walshaw House

28th January – St John's, Colne – Fortunately, despite very wet weather, we had a full house for this event. The subject was 'Carers' and we had Carers Link and Age Concern to give a presentation and give advice afterwards. It was all very well received.

5th March – Dementia Action Alliance Steering Group – Walshaw House

13th March – St Joseph's, Barnoldswick – Money and legal matters

I have used the Mayoralty, wherever appropriate, to further awareness of Dementia in Pendle and to advertise the events we had organised.

21st March – As Mayor, I have been asked to open the Mental Health Challenge in Nelson and give an opening address.

Once again, many thanks to Paul Gauntlet and Gill Dickson for doing such a great job!

Councillor David Whalley