



Alzheimer Scotland
Action on Dementia

*Making sure nobody faces
dementia alone*

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St LEONARD'S St NEWS

Welcome to this edition. I hope you are enjoying the summer. The Branch AGM was held in June. Numbers attending were slightly disappointing but those who did attend heard a fascinating talk by Sarah McGrory, a recent recipient of the Edinburgh Branch Bursary to the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Research Centre at Edinburgh University. Sarah had travelled to Sydney, Australia to work with colleagues on Item Response Theory, ensuring that tools used in assessments for dementia were as effective and responsive as possible. It highlighted to me the very diverse aspects of research into dementia, all playing a vital part.

The AGM confirmed the committee as Chairperson: Barbara Mitchelmore, Secretary: June Henderson, Treasurer: Grace Durham and members Kathleen Birchall, Andrew Gillie, Alison Glen, Janet Ingleby, Allison Littlejohn and Joyce Shepherd.

Earlier in June we had held a Branch Open Day. I think that the dreadful weather may have put people off but we did have visits from three local councillors and two MSPs with meetings arranged with two further MSPs. Let's hope we can influence them as to how people with dementia and their families and carers can be better supported, locally and nationally. I would like to thank those volunteers and staff who helped to keep the office open all day. Thanks, too, to VOCAL who provided information. See page two for information about the valuable courses that they are running this autumn.

Alzheimer Scotland's mission is 'making sure nobody faces dementia alone'. As ever, if you have ideas how we might do this better, please contact the office with your telephone number and I will return your call.

Barbara Mitchelmore, Branch Chair

DCAFE

Thursday 25 September is our next meeting. Edinburgh might be a bit quieter after the excitement of the Festival but we'll enjoy our own music and singing. In a slight change to the programme, Stuart Brydon and his friends will join us. On **Thursday 30 October** we will welcome Katherine Brookfield who is doing research into 'Mobility, Mood and Place', exploring how places can be designed to make mobility easy, enjoyable and meaningful. And on **Thursday 27 November** we will have our St Andrew's Day party.

We meet from 1 – 3 pm at the Quaker Meeting house at 7 Victoria Terrace (above Victoria Street), EH1 2JL Anyone with limited mobility who needs to arrive by taxi can be dropped off at the lower end of Upper Bow, adjacent to the Quaker Meeting house. Please contact the Branch office on 667 6289 for more information.



Forget-me-not Ball 2014

Alzheimer Scotland would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us at our 2nd Alzheimer Scotland "Forget-me-not Ball" on Saturday 15 October November 2014 at the George Hotel.

Join your host, Bryan Burnett (from Radio Scotland), for what will be a truly magical evening. Enjoy a delicious three course dinner with coffee, a full cabaret, a Charity Raffle with magnificent prizes and dancing until midnight to "Big Night Out". Individual tickets are £70. To book a table of ten or individual tickets please use http://www.alzscot.org/Edinburgh_ball

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