Friday Café

Doubtless to say the Covid Pandemic has halted our activities over the past two years. We closed the cafe in March 2020 and re-opened September 2021, briefly closing January 2020 due to a spike in covid cases in the village.

We had quite a number of mums who brought new toddlers and lots of new babies to our doors. Our older children pre covid now at school. New friends made and now we have another generation who know “how to eat cake with a fork!”

Our volunteer staff are all committed to the safe running of the café. We have had made a Perspex shield for the front of our food table thus preventing little fingers from touching the food.

Singing and story time remain under the guidance of  Suffolk Libraries. To this effect 5 of us have been enrolled as Suffolk Libraries Volunteers. We had an interesting session with a member of the library team sharing our experiences  and learning some new songs to add to our repertoire. Although we have been “singing and reading” for about 10 years it was good to know that we are implementing the libraries policies with this aspect of the Friday Cafe.

On Friday 25th March we held a fund raising event in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. All the donations from the café and following soup lunch raised a lovely sum of £280.00. It was good to be back to “normal”.

My grateful thanks to all the volunteers who help make this venture so successful. The cake makers who make such delicious cakes –  we have quite a selection each week. Stuart and Nick who help put out the tables and chairs. Not forgetting, our lovely mums, dads and carers and everyone who attends, for without them, we would have to eat rather a lot of cake.

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