**March 2023 AGM**

**12 Month plan**

Alzheimers Society have changed the way they operate and from July 2022 they no longer train ‘Dementia Champions’ but have changed the role to ‘Dementia Friends Ambassadors’ and with the name change there is also a role change. Ambassadors are expected to:

* deliver at least 6 information sessions per year in the community
* raise awareness of Alzheimers Society work and how individuals, groups and businesses can support them financially
* support and promote their fundraising activities, including through social media and community networks
* commit to this role for at least 12 months

As a community group of volunteers with other commitments and jobs our spare time is taken up doing all we can for DFR and local people living with dementia so sadly we will not be taking on the new role of Ambassador and so will no longer be able to raise awareness of dementia with Rossendale businesses and groups as we have done in the past.

Another change to our regular activity is the steam train trips; since Covid-19 and the fact it is now something we have to live with the train trips have not commenced and are unlikely to in the near future due to the severity of covid and the devastation it can cause.

After our successful flower arranging workshops in the community last year we are considering changing this years Easter and Christmas flower arranging activities to community workshops.

We will continue to:

* support cafes and groups in Rossendale who are working with people living with dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends.
* try and reach those living in the community with dementia who do not attend groups, cafes, choirs, workshops etc and help them where we can
* manage ‘Ukulele Buddies’ as they entertain care home residents
* sign post and advertise for others through our Facebook page
* organise community events for those living with dementia, their carers, loved ones and friends.
* raise awareness of DFR and seek new trustees and volunteers to keep our work going.