

Volunteer Meetings

This year we have changed the format to meet on different days and times in order that more of you can attend. Meetings are usually held in In St John's Parish Hall.

Dates for the rest of the year:

Tues 10th September
12.30 – 2.00pm

Sat 26th October
10.30am – 12noon

Weds 11th December
Christmas Social – time
TBA

Summer Celebration

We have cancelled the scheduled July meeting as we have a summer celebration planned on the 20th July. This will take place at 1pm in Hillworth Park, and will coincide with the Sing Alive Choir coming to the park to present us with a cheque from their tea and coffee donations. Please let Hilary or Angie know whether or not you can come, and bring a plate of food to share.

Homeless?

We might be able to help:
Call: 07493 825258

What We Do

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Quiz Night



Thanks to the dedication of our brilliant volunteer organisers Pat and Pete Taylor, our Quiz Night was a really super evening.

Many thanks to the Nursted Centre, Morrisons, Honey Street Café, Total Produce, Dolciani, Walter Rose, Devizes Books, the many volunteers and well wishers who donated prizes and food and drink to help make the evening a really fun event.

The winning team were the all-conquering: "Nice But Dim" and overall we raised £976.92, which is a fantastic boost to our funds.

Health and Wellbeing Day

"Opendoors exhibited at the Devizes Health and Wellbeing event, which was held on 15th June 2019.

Thanks to all those who stopped by to have a chat and find out more about us!"



We have been delighted by the support from local organisations recently and a

Big Thank You Goes To...

The outgoing Mayor Andy Geddes for adopting Opendoors as one of the Mayor's 3 charities last year and presenting us with a cheque for £500 on 18th June. This was received by Sue Buxton, Jacky Thomas and John Saunders on behalf of Opendoors in the Council Chamber.



The Sing Alive Choir's event on the 11th May, along with their very generously donated tea and coffee money has resulted in over £400 for Devizes Opendoors.

Darren Worrow for organising two music events at the Cellar Bar, which together raised over £200.

Year 6 at Trinity School who baked and sold lots of cakes recently and raised £72.12 which they presented to us on 19th June.

Devizes Lions who presented us with £500 on 13th June. Hilary and Helen attended the Devizes Lions Presentation Evening and received the cheque on our behalf.

A Date for Your Diary

Not to be missed!
Music for a Summer's Evening with The Devizes Good Afternoon Choir. Get your tickets now!

St Mary's Church – Devizes
Saturday July 20th 7:30pm
Music for a Summer's Evening
with The **DEVIZES** good afternoon CHORUS
Founder Conductor – Grenville Jones
with guest **Lizz Lipscombe**
Violin
Tickets £15 includes welcome buffet at The Castle Hotel from 6:15pm
Call 01761 472468 Supporting Devizes Opendoors

Team Contact Emails

For information on any of the items in the newsletter please contact us by email.

- **General Volunteer Enquiries:**
volunteers@devizesopendoors.org.uk
- **John —Chair of Trustees**
admin@devizesopendoors.org.uk
- **Hilary—Coordinator**
coordinator@devizesopendoors.org.uk
- **Angie—Deputy Coordinator**
info@devizesopendoors.org.uk



Other Useful Numbers

County Housing Options
01225 718005

Impact (Turning Point)
01225 341520

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“ Going for 100 – a new target for individual monthly giving from our wider friends and supporters”

Opendoors relies on donations small and large throughout the year and we are delighted that a number of local organisations have chosen us as their charity recently. We are also very grateful for regular donations from our supporters.

Our volunteer team offers a safe place for vulnerable and homeless people to come to, with hot meals, laundry and washing facilities. We support in different ways too; from access to a computer to bus fare loans for interviews and appointments. Our volunteers offer a listening ear and we have regular visits from specialist advisers to help with navigating housing options through to support with more complex needs.



My name is Rachael Ross and a couple of years ago I started volunteering with Opendoors and lately have stepped up to lead the group organising fundraising for the charity. I live just outside Devizes and work as a trustee and campaigner with a number of community projects, following a career in industry and then running my own business.

Our new fundraising group is already getting busy over the summer, planning a mix of events, grant applications and requests for sponsorship from generous organisations, so that we can continue to meet our annual costs and plan ahead to meet new challenges.

“One way we can all contribute is with our new “Individual monthly giving target.” Individuals who would like to support Opendoors in this way agree to give a regular amount each month – one or two kindly offer as much as £50 per month, but the average so far seems to be around £10 per month – the price of a round of coffees!

Having this regular income the charity can rely on month in month out will help us plan ahead on a firmer foundation.

We have set ourselves a target of **100 individuals donating monthly by May 2020**. So far we have 25 regular givers and if you would like to help in this way you can download our form from the [Financial Support page of our website](#) or email Hilary at coordinator@devizesopendoors.org.uk and she will send you out a copy.

I am looking forward to continuing working with Opendoors and together with you all, we can support the charity onwards and upwards.

Rachael Ross

Calling all Cooks!

We know that many of our kitchen volunteers have a few tried and trusted recipes, or ones that they have adapted and which are well received. We would like to put these together in an Opendoors cookbook. So, if you have a recipe or an idea to share, please send it in.

Volunteer Training

The main training programme will recommence in the Autumn. We plan to offer new courses on Safeguarding and First Aid. Full details will be emailed and will also be published on the website: devizesopendoors.org.uk. Kitchen Food Hygiene is now available as an online course. This has already been offered to food providers and kitchen volunteers; ask Hilary if you would like to take the course.

News and Views

If you have any interesting news or stories that you would like to see included in future editions, or maybe an idea for a new feature please speak to Hilary or email coordinator@devizesopendoors.org. Look forward to hearing from you.

