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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL NAPA MEMBERS!



SUE BENSON. MANAGING EDITOR, JOURNAL OF DEMENTIA CARE, DEMENTIA PUBLISHING

NAPA and the Journal of Dementia Care have had a long and fruitful association over many years, so I am absolutely delighted that we are now formal partners.

Now that the journal is part of a Community Benefit Society – Dementia Publishing - we aim to have even closer links with organisations like NAPA whose ultimate aim is a better quality of care and quality of life for people with dementia and all those involved in caring for and supporting them.

For the journal, meaningful occupation and activity for people living with dementia, especially those in care homes, has been an important theme from the start – a crucial strand of the aim we set out, guided by the late Professor Tom Kitwood, that we should look beyond the disease to 'Discover the person', their individuality, unique history and interests.

So we have always sought and included practical and inspiring articles on a wide variety of approaches and wonderful projects on activities in dementia care. Some are written by academics, but mostly by practitioners at the 'coalface' of care who know the practical difficulties and setbacks as well as the amazing results of the projects and activities they describe (often confirmed by formal evaluation).



NAPA EVERY DAY

With your group subscription, **all NAPA members** will have access not only to new articles in every forthcoming issue, but all these past articles through the searchable archive on our website.

We are very keen to encourage you (and, with NAPA, we will help you) to do the same - to describe and publish the important work you do. You can tell this is a subject close to my heart – I've had personal experience of organising sessions of music and other activities in the care home where my mother-in-law lived, with varying success.



Our partnership agreement also includes a big reduction on registration for the **UK Dementia Congress (UKDC)** in November.

UKDC is the largest annual UK dementia care conference and provides an excellent learning, sharing and networking opportunity. This year we plan a special stream on activities, including practical sessions – so we very much need your hands-on experience and hope you will want to get involved.

A Call for Presentations and details will be on our website soon, but meanwhile do please get in touch with me if you'd like to suggest or discuss anything at all – I would love to hear from you: [sue@dementiapublishing.community](mailto:sue@dementiapublishing.community)

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*Activity Provision is changing, the importance of professional development as the constant that impacts upon the status and achievement of the Activity Provider is clear. The Journal of Dementia Care champions this by providing engaging articles that inform and inspire, offer breadth and perspective, ask challenging questions and stimulate thinking. I am delighted to launch our partnership with Dementia Publishing which will support the professional development of thousands of Activity Providers and their colleagues across the NAPA membership.*

Hilary Woodhead - NAPA's Executive Director

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*As Directors of Dementia Publishing Community Benefit Society, the 'umbrella organisation' for Journal of Dementia Care, UK Dementia Congress and National Dementia Care Awards, we are delighted to partner with NAPA. We share NAPA's vision for a society that supports people living with dementia to engage with meaningful activities and live creative and connected lives. We are confident that our partnership will be purposeful and productive and lead to mutually beneficial outcomes.*

Richard Hawkins, Barbara Stephens, Sue Benson, Directors, Dementia Publishing Community Benefit Society.

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My fellow directors of Dementia Publishing, Dr Richard Hawkins and Barbara Stephens, and Mark Ivory, Editor of JDC, join me in this warm welcome, and we all look forward to working closely together in the years ahead.

Sue Benson. Managing Editor, Journal of Dementia Care, Dementia Publishing

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