

SWAN Transport is a volunteer car scheme providing transport for those in B&NES who are older, frail or disabled and on a low income. If you would like a journey or to drive for us, please call: 01761 439548.

What's In A Song 🎵

In the spirit of SWAN'S community focus we joined in with the Jo Cox foundation 'Winter Gathering' national event and enjoyed an afternoon of tea and refreshments, organised by Swan's Young Volunteer Co-ordinator Helen.

It was a cold and misty January day so huge thanks as always to our volunteer drivers Carl, Sue, Gary, Chris and Derek, and one of our trustees Colin, for driving people safely in the fog. Our long term volunteer Carol was greatly missed but we sang her a song and sent her the video with our well wishes for her recovery. We were especially proud to have some of our new young volunteers; Edie and Drushti with us for the afternoon. They both made it extra special and got stuck in to help set up, make tea, and most importantly chat to our passengers; it was fabulous to see a mix of generations spending time together and sharing stories. Drushti took polaroids to hand out as keepsakes from the day for all the passengers who attended.

With the help of another volunteer, we made a SWAN playlist for the afternoon, with a collection of favourite songs. This went down a treat, with some Elvis, ABBA, Johnny Cash, Sinatra and Jazz and dancehall favourites from the 50's. We asked attendees for their favourite tunes. Talking through favourite songs with people was so interesting and moving, there were lots of memories brought back and significant life events revisited through music.



Above: Gary and Lily meet Swan volunteer Drushti



Above: Hazel, Valerie, Celia and Jane with Swan volunteer Edie

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The afternoon showcased SWAN values; connection, community, plenty of chat and laughter, all brought by the people who make our charity what it is; our passengers, local community, current volunteers, past drivers, and SWAN staff and families. The afternoon was greatly enhanced by special canine guests Bali and Lily. A big thanks to Swallow Café for the cakes and to Shane at Riverbank Café Radstock who donated the sandwiches, and also to Helen who ran the event.



Quotes from the day:

'so grateful to be part of the Swan Family'

'Its been so good to get out, January is a difficult month'

'Its great to have some younger people around'

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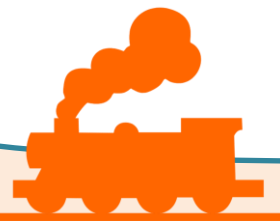
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All Aboard at the Station!



*Swan Passengers
enjoying their day out*

Top: Celia and Valerie

Right: Ann, Brian, Alan & Thalia



Swan organised free transport for everyone to the station and paid for each person's drink, while the passengers bought their £15 train tickets, which included an enjoyable meal of fish and chips served on the train as it travelled along the tracks! It was a lovely sunny day and we all had a great time. Many thanks to Carol the Swan organiser and to everyone at the Station for making it such a lovely day out.



Above: Janis and Jane

Do you know anyone who might like to drive for Swan Transport? We would be very grateful if you chose to support us by cutting out the two tickets on the right and passing them on to people who may be interested. There is also a poster on the back of this sheet for anyone who wanted to display it – thanks!

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