

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Celebration marks culmination of Golden Age 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary events**

Councillors and other key people involved in organising Golden Age events, which offer advice and support to the over 60s, marked 20 years to the month since the events launched.

The Golden Age events have proven a popular part of the Fenland calendar and continue to go strong with the next one planned at March Braza Club next month.

Earlier this year, many of the partners involved in the Golden Age events [marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) when they got together for a collaboration and planning session for coming events.

Then, on Friday (Nov 3) – 20 years on from the first Golden Age event in November 2003 – others involved in running, building and maintaining the Fenland District Council events came together in the Council Chamber in the council offices at Fenland Hall, March, for tea and cake.

Cllr Sam Clark, Golden Age team leader, said: “The Golden Age events have helped and continue to offer help, advice, information and support to so many people.

“It was lovely to come together with many of the people who have been involved over the years to celebrate the anniversary.

“We’d urge anyone who is an older person themselves or cares about someone who is, to come along to a Golden Age to find out about all the support and services available – from those that help with day-to-day practicalities to those that are social and fun.”

The Golden Age events were founded by the late Cllr Mac Cotterell MBE and are now branded Mac’s Golden Age in his memory.

Marjorie (Madge) Cotterell, widow of Cllr Cotterell and former Elm parish councillor, was at last week’s event.

She said: “I’m so proud of the legacy Mac has left behind and the remarkable Golden Age events that have helped so many people over the years. He was a selfless man who was dedicated to the community, and he had so much respect and admiration for the Golden Age team.”

The Golden Age events continue to be a regular fixture in the Fenland diary. Designed for older people and their family, carers and friends, they are held in villages and towns around the district.

Numerous organisations have stands at the events providing details of all the services and support they offer to older people. Information and advice can range from details of social activities to financial support, volunteering information to transport provision. Free tea, coffee and cake and other free gifts are available on the day.

The next Golden Age event is Monday 4th December, 10am-1pm, at March Braza Club, Elm Road, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 8NZ. Everyone is welcome. Just turn up.

Find out about future events at: [www.fenland.gov.uk/goldenage](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/goldenage)

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### Photos:

Current Golden Age committee members with Marjorie (Madge) Cotterell, from left to right: Cllr Anne Hay, Cllr Kay Mayor, Cllr Jan French, Cllr Brenda Barber, Cllr Sam Clark, Madge, Cllr Nick Meekins

Some of the people involved over the years in organising Golden Age events with Marjorie (Madge) Cotterell.

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