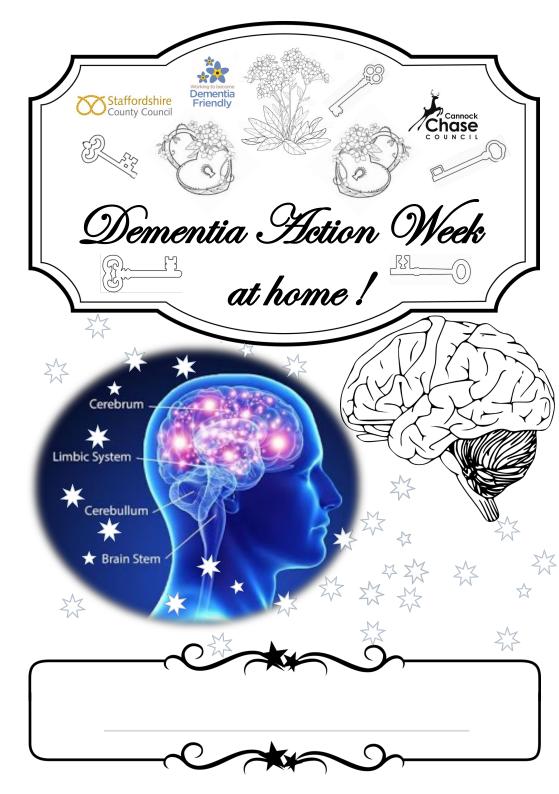


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# Key messages about Dementia

Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain.

There are over 400 different types of diseases that cause Dementia, Alzheimer's & Vascular Dementia are the most common.

Dementia is not a natural part of aging.

For example Vascular dementia is caused by narrowing / blockages in blood vessels which causes parts of the brain gets starved of oxygen and dies. A stroke can cause vascular dementia. Any one can have a stroke at any age, the causes of strokes in children and babies tend to be different to those in adults.

Dementia is not just about losing your memory

The brain has many functions, anything can be affected by Dementia.

It is possible to live well with Dementia

The Alzheimer's Society together with the UK government started a national campaign Dementia Friends. This is an awareness session to teach people about dementia, so that we can understand their needs and support people to live amongst their own community and friends.

There is more to the person than the Dementia

We are all different and will react different to living with dementia. We all have skills to offer and a place in our community!

Dementia Action Week was going to be 11th—17th May, the Alzheimer's Society has postponed it due to Coronavirus, but we can all still do our bit to make a positive difference for so many people living with Dementia.

There are 50 million people world wide living with Dementia and numbers  $\approx$  are expected to triple by the 2050, how many is that?

The stigma through lack of understanding about Dementia causes the biggest problems for individuals and families living with dementia:

a) people are frightened and don't go to the doctor for help
b) they are treated badly by people in the community who don't understand

If you and your family would like to make a difference, go on to the Dementia Friends website and watch a virtual awareness session and become a Dementia Friend: https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/

If you haven't got the internet, you can contact Lynn Evans and she will arrange to deliver a session with you when it is safe to do so.

Telephone: 07855 099353 Email: lynnevans@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

## Beetroot and Feta Patties

(You must have adult help!)

### **Ingredients**

100g sesame seeds (for coating)
140g raw beetroot (coarsely grated
140g apple (peeled and coarsely grated)

100g feta cheese coarsely grated

2 spring onions very finely chopped

50g oats 1 large egg

2 teaspoons ground cumin

2 teaspoons turmeric

#### For the avocado dip

1 large ripe avocado

8 tablespoons pro-biotic live Yogurt

1 small garlic clove

½ lemon squeezed for the juice

### Method

- 1. Whizz the **dip** ingredients with a food processor until smooth, 1a. Put the **dip** in the fridge hill until ready to serve.
- 2. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6
- 3. Line a baking tray with baking parchment or grease the tin with oil
- 4. Mix all the ingredients for the patties together until well blended
- 5. Divide mixture into 12 round patty shapes in your hands
- 6. Coat the patties in the sesame seeds in a bowl.
- 7. Put patties on the baking tray and bake in the oven for 20 mins
- 8. The patties should be golden brown, serve with the dip.

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/beetroot-patties



Betalain is the red pigment in beetroot used as a natural dye, (you will see it when you cut it up)

In 2014 research, scientists found that betalain and choline in beetroot helps to remove toxins in the liver and increase blood flow to the brain.

Have a look at facts about dementia, why is it important that you get good blood flow to the brain?



### Connections in the brain

Electrical sparks build pathways and connections in our brain as we learn news skills and practice them.

\* Write down the order you get dressed

\* Relate the order you get dressed to the spiders web

\* The web symbolises connections in your brain

\* Dementia cuts those connections

\* You would get dressed as normal

\* But some parts of your brain have gone

\* Your brain would tell you that you were dressed

\* Check the web, what connections are missing? \* What clothing would you NOT have put on?

\* You would look funny without that piece of clothing?

\* How would you feel with people laughing at you?





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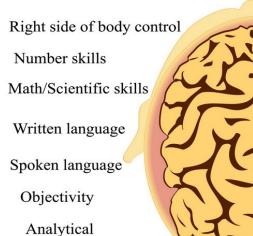
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Learning songs uses different areas of the brain including emotions. People living with dementia remember and respond well to music.

#### LEFT BRAIN FUNCTIONS

RIGHT BRAIN FUNCTIONS



Logic

Reasoning

Left side of body control 3-D shapes

Music/Art awareness

Intuition

Creativity

**Imagination** 

Subjectivity

Synthesizing

**Emotion** 

Face recognition

#### **AVACADOS** Good for the brain! **BERRIES BLACKCURRANTS BLUEBERRIES BROCCOLI** D **COCONUT OIL** S 0 DARK CHOCOLATE **EGGS** K 0 G У **EXERCISE** Н S У 0 **GREEN TEA** E Н X E **KALE** W Н E G **MINDFULNESS** R A **NUTS**

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Travel the brain maze and see if you can name any of the good brain foods.

