



Gloriously Us

Poetry booklet raising funds for dementia services in Bucks

A group of volunteers is launching a new poetry booklet, 'Gloriously Us', to raise funds for dementia services in Buckinghamshire. The introduction to the booklet has been written by award-winning author, Joanne Harris.

Supported by staff from the Aylesbury office of the Alzheimer's Society, the volunteers have held a number of successful poetry workshops with the dementia community and the booklet showcases the results of these sessions, along with photographs taken by a local carer. The book includes poems from people living with dementia, carers, professionals and several from those who have never written poetry before. The book will be available in printed form and also as an eBook via Amazon and Smashwords. All profits will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

Chair of the volunteers, Margaret Morgan-Owen, herself a long term carer says:

"We initially had a poetry reading session and were surprised at how popular that was so we decided to try a workshop to encourage people living with dementia to express themselves and they did! The great thing about it was the release and we laughed a lot and enjoyed playing with words. Then people came forward with their poems, some of whom have never written before, and we thought what about a book and here it is!"

For further information please see the website: www.gloriouslyus.wordpress.com or contact the volunteers at: gloriouslyus@hotmail.co.uk Order forms are also available from tel: 01296 651113