

We hope that you have found the support from the Plateforme des Aidants of the Charente useful and timely. We appreciate that for you working in a second language can be difficult no matter how competent you are, especially with some of the medical vocabulary. Most of you are caring in partial isolation albeit with some outside help. We thought that there were probably sufficient anglophone carers within our bailiwick to create a network of like people who have similar daily problems and issues. Although we will and can support you as much as we can, we think you could benefit from contact with one or two other English speaking carers, who may have had a similar issue and found or know of a solution. Just speaking to someone else (even out of exasperation!) is often a morale booster when you may, at times, feel alone.

To make the initial contact we thought that having afternoon tea would provide an opportunity to meet other carers in a congenial environment and to start a network for support and sharing information.

We propose to hold this tea party on Maundy Thursday 28th March at the Hospital de Chateauneuf, place de l'Eglise, 16120 Chateauneuf sur Charente.

If you are interested, even if you will not be able to join us on the 28th of March, please send either:

- an email to Plateforme.des.aidants@ch-chateauneuf.fr

Subject: Tea Party

text: YES + contact details.

- Or an sms message to Emmanuelle Merveille : 06 43 00 90 56

Text: Tea Party - YES and a contact detail.

If sufficient people show some interest in the idea, a formal invitation will follow before the end of February.

Please respond promptly so we can proceed with the arrangements. We will probably request those who have the ability and time to supply an item e.g cake etc. Unless you want to drink your tea from paper cups we will ask you to bring your own 'couverts'.

Finally, as with other meetings your 'proche' will also be welcome and we will make arrangements for them to be cared for so you can relax and enjoy a few hours in convivial company and hopefully new embryonic friendships.

We look forward to welcoming you here.

Yours sincerely

Plateforme des Aidants