



80 year old “Cornerstoner” Ernie Kearney chats to us about his experiences.

Ernie is a “born and bred” Salfordian and has had a varied and very interesting career within the city. He worked as a docker for several years before spending approximately 22 years as a joiner at Salford University. Following this Ernie, along with his wife, worked at The Lowry as ushers selling programmes and checking tickets. He then became an Information Assistant, using his wealth of knowledge about Salford to provide guided tours.

Tragically Ernie lost his wife in January 2012, followed by the death of his youngest son in May 2012. “It knocked the stuffing out of me. I was doing nothing but messing about at home not leaving the house” said Ernie. His other son became worried about his Father’s health and wellbeing and encouraged him to get involved in the community again.

Ernie joined a Friday morning keep fit class in Eccles and joined an over 60s social group in Monton on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This ran a range of activities including day trips, dominoes, cards and bowling . As he began to benefit from these activities Ernie remembered that Doreen, a colleague he once worked with at the Lowry was now working at Langworthy Cornerstone. This gave him the confidence to approach the Cornerstone as he already knew someone who worked here. Ernie joined our Computers for Beginners Course... although he had a Degree in Computing Ernie had not used a computer for a while and felt he needed to brush up on his skills.



At the same time Ernie joined our Kurling class which he attends regularly on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. The Kurling group compete with 7 other teams and are ranked 4th at the moment on the leader board. About a month ago Ernie was promoted to Secretary of the Kurling Group which he “generally enjoys”. As he has held previous similar roles he is used to dealing with the “challenges” his new role brings.

Ernie commented that attending these classes have “improved my health and wellbeing and my attitude to life is more positive”. He said of Langworthy Cornerstone “it appears to be the ideal place for someone who is lonely and wants something to get involved in. There’ll be something to suit everyone if they come along and have a look”.

Ernie would love to do more activities, but nowadays doesn’t have the time!.