

RETIRED FARMER Pete Baker, now wheelchair-bound, has an endearingly cheeky grin and clearly enjoys remembering his childhood and how he first started his 40-year career in farming. "I started milking when I was nine-years-old. First of all, we used to hand milk the Jersey cow because her milk was for the house

only. You started milking at half four in the morning and used to milk a couple of cows before we had to go to school," he pauses, before adding: "The farmer's wife was the infant school teacher too." Once he left school, he carried on working on the farm. "We used to hand milk 10 to 12 cows every morning and every afternoon. It was a

grand life and I would go back to farming, as it was then, like a shot. They were good days." Pete and his wife, Mary, are at the memory cafe which is held every fortnight at Sheldon Road Methodist Church in Audley Road, Chippenham. He is one of the 850,000 people who, according to the national Alzheimer's Society, are estimated to live with dementia in the UK.

Geraldine Faulkner visits a memory café in Chippenham to find out how Alzheimer's Support is helping people affected by dementia.

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