



Just Good Friends

June 2024 Newsletter

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JUNE 2024 REGULAR SCHEDULE

MONDAY	1pm - 4pm	The Links Pub, Heeley Rd, St Annes - Dancing, Dominoes, Darts, Pool, Bingo
TUESDAY	1pm - 4pm	Fun & laughter at The Vic Pub, Church Rd, St Annes - alternate weeks with Johnny Roxx and other artists.
WEDNESDAY	10.30am -12noon 12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Palace at 18, Garden Street, St Annes - tea/coffee & chat Lunch with Just Good Friends after the above meeting - various venues
THURSDAY	10am - 12noon 2pm 1pm - 4pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Fit & Dance at the Drive Methodist Church, Clifton Drive, St Annes Meet-up at Bernie Worsfold's house. Please speak to Bev for details Daytime Disco with DJs at The Vic Pub The Water's Edge for Curry Night - See page 3 for details
FRIDAY	10am 1.30pm - TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Walking round Fairhaven Lake followed by coffee and chat in the café Picnic in the Park - weather permitting. Ashton Gardens, Rose Garden
SATURDAY	2pm - 4pm	Well Community Centre, St Albans Road, St Annes - Tea & chat with speakers & activities: word games - bingo - music - see June Programme below
SUNDAY	12.30pm	Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel and the Water's Edge: see page 3 for details

Saturday at the Well Community Centre

June 2024 - 2pm - 4pm

1st	Table Games
8th	Graham's Music Quiz and Raffle
15th	'South Fylde - Recent and Past' A presentation by Jon Harrison
22nd	Blankety Blank
29th	Bingo



The meeting on Saturday 1st June will be in the

Well Church on Blackpool Road and NOT the Well Centre. More details from Jean Mason if you're not sure where that is.

Card sharks and dominos at **The Links Pub every Monday - 1pm till 4pm** or just pop in and enjoy other activities in the company of friends.

Also lovely food being served. It's always a great start to the week.



Enid Green, Stewart Threlfall, Don Norman, Frank Ridehalgh, Jim Price, Joanne Campbell and Claire Pipon

Upcoming EVENTS



ST ANNES CARNIVAL
28TH. 29TH. 30TH JUNE

We are very proud to have received the Porritt Shield twice at St Anne's carnival - 2019 and 2023. This year we have the challenge of doing the circus theme! Very exciting so please let me know ASAP if you're joining us on the 29th June.



Also if anyone is interested in doing the dance routine again let me know. Bev

TREASURE HUNT - JULY

Date & cost not yet confirmed

Many thanks to our lovely member Frank Ridehalgh who has prepared a Treasure Hunt for us which will start and end at the Vic Pub. The winning prize will be awarded back at the pub when food will also be available.

Further details when confirmed will be announced.



More details at Meet-ups



Just Good Friends
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- Being there for each other



ALSO POOL AND DARTS

Call Bev for more details:
07557734233



MURDER MYSTERY

We are starting rehearsals soon for our next Murder Mystery and this time we have a brilliant actor from a soap opera helping.

Please let Bev know ASAP if you would like to learn more and be in our next drama.



DAYTIME DISCO

AT THE VIC PUB ST ANNES every THURSDAY WITH DJs - 1pm-4pm

Thanks to all our DJs



Mike Dean



Marianne



Guy Griffiths



Chris Vee

THE VIC PUB - TUESDAYS
1pm-4pm - JUNE PROGRAMME

Singers:

4th - Johnny Roxx
11th - Paul Allen
18th - Johnny Roxx
25th - Paul Allen

THE VIC PUB - THURSDAYS
1pm-4pm - JUNE PROGRAMME

Disco DJs:

6th - Chris Vernon
13th - Marianne
20th - TBA
27th - Guy Griffiths

JGF DINING OUT

Wednesdays:

Bev books a table at various venues for us on a Wednesday after our meeting at St Annes Palace.

Please let her know if you would like to join us. **Her number is 07557 734233.**

Thursdays:

CURRY NIGHT

Curry Night at the Water's Edge on Heyhouses Lane is a great evening out - come and join us every Thursday 6.30 for 7pm.

Please call Bev if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY LUNCH - 12.30pm

We meet at both the Water's Edge and Clifton Park hotel on Clifton Drive South. If you would like to join us at the Water's Edge call **Beryl Dale on 07530 588037**. To meet at Clifton Park call **Sheila on 07486 466855**.

The food is great at both venues and it's a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon after lunch with friends.



June Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Slater
- 1 Sheila Quin
- 2 Steve Mason
- 3 Elle Wilson
- 3 Josephine Evans
- 6 Sally Gooch
- 7 David Young
- 7 Victoria Martin
- 7 Molly Steinhofel
- 9 Jean Pritchard
- 11 Michael O'Neil
- 13 Janet Lonsdale
- 15 Jennifer Sadler
- 15 Jim Adamson
- 15 Jim Morrissey
- 17 Lynda Bannister
- 18 Alan James
- 18 Emma Lyttle
- 18 Lyn Connor
- 18 Marcia Brodie
- 20 June Mellor
- 21 David Cowan
- 21 Valerie Walker
- 22 Kelvin Gardiner
- 24 Christine Powell
- 25 Helen Munn
- 25 Hilda Parkinson
- 28 Esther O'Neill
- 30 Margaret Fish

Happy birthday to all with June birthdays & congratulations to those of you with extra 'special' birthdays.



The 75 Club Draw

The winning number in the 75 Club draw for MAY was 11 and the lucky winner was **Joyce Day**

If you wish to take part in the Draw, have a chat with Jean Mason at any of the meetings on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and she will be happy to give you all the details.

Remember me saying a while ago - "Have you ever heard or seen something and thought to yourself *"Ooh, I wish I could do that, go there, meet him, or try that etc etc"*?"

Well our lovely member Susan Smith did and look what happened next.

Sue wanted to meet her idol actor Jonas Armstrong and her wish came true when he popped in to see her at one of our meetings and spent quite a while with a very excited Sue. Thanks Jonas for granting this very special wish for her.

Below is the article from the local paper along with a picture of Sue and Jonas. As the saying goes, nothing ventured - nothing gained. If you have a special wish, speak to Bev about it and see what she can do for you.



Sue's big wish to meet her idol Jonas comes true

Tony Durkin

A big fan of Fyde actor Jonas Armstrong had her wish come true - when she got to meet and chat with her idol. The 43-year-old TV star, born in Dublin but long based in the Lytham and St Annes area, went along to chat with fan Sue Smith at a meeting Just Good Friends, the St Annes-based companionship group of which Sue is a member. The group has had a 'Wish List' scheme for its members for several years and when Just Good Friends founder

Bev Sykes heard of Sue's liking for Jonas, she remembered an offer he had made at a random encounter with Bev some time ago - and so she arranged the special get-together. "Sue has been following Jonas' career for a long time, has always watched everything he's been in and thinks he's a brilliant actor," said Bev. "I'd bumped into Jonas some time ago and he said that if ever there was anything he could do for our charity to let him know. The rest was easy. "Trang Jonas and arranged the date and time, then I told Sue that he would be coming to meet her.

"She was very nervous but so excited. "Jonas came to Just Good Friends Wednesday group at St Annes Palace and spent a long time chatting with Sue. He also said he would keep in touch with her." Back in 2015, after being surprised on TV's Surprise Surprise by the dance group Diversity, Bev set up the 'Wish List' for Just Good Friends members - and the response was overwhelming. Wishes which came true for members included dancing in Blackpool Tower ballroom, conquering a fear of heights on the Tower's Walk of Faith, meeting comedy star Sir Ken Dodd and motorcy-

cling champion Carl Fogarty, as well as the opportunity to appear on stage with an Abba tribute act. Meanwhile, all one member wanted was to dip her feet in the sea, as her disabilities left her unable to walk to the shoreline. Bev contacted Fyde Council and found they had a beach wheelchair, which helped her achieve her dream. Jonas made his name on TV's Robin Hood and has featured recently in television dramas such as Coma and After The Flood. Earlier this year, he officially opened the new Off-shore pub with rooms on St Annes' South Promenade.





Another fantastic night at St Annes Tennis Club for our **JUKE BOX QUIZ NIGHT** with our fabulous Quiz Master and Singer Paul Allen, our entertainer and quizmaster for the evening.

It's amazing how many questions you can answer once you get going and many of us surprised ourselves when we knew the answers. Tremendous fun along with a great buffet and raffle prizes.

Many thanks to all those who made the event such a success and the amount raised was a brilliant £667.98.



Laura Johnson-Walford, Julie & Andy Rodgers & Bev



Two groups studying for answers and on the right Andy Rodgers with our entertainer Paul Allen



Great music at our Daytime Disco events and joining in with the fun are Ellen Thomas (L) and husband Graham along with Jean Pritchard.

Day trips **Friday 14th JUNE - Barton Grange Afternoon Tea and Canal Trip**

The Canal Trip is now fully booked and we are looking forward to our day out.



We couldn't do it without you. We send a huge thank you to our Wonderful Volunteers as we celebrate on

FRIDAY 7th JUNE - 1.30pm

This is our annual event and again thanks to Bernie Worsfold as it will be held in his lovely garden. Buffet and as always, lots of fun and thanks to you all. Bev



There have been some good sunny days and some very wet and windy ones this month but let's hope the sun manages to stay out for a bit longer this month. Happy days ahead!



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