

Just Good Friends

November 2024 Newsletter

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REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- MONDAYS** 1pm - 3.30pm **DRAMA CLASS** at the Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes. Please call Bev if you are interested to let her know you wish to attend
 1pm - 4pm **PLAY AND CONNECT:** Chat, Games, Dominoes, Cribbage at the Links Pub
- TUESDAYS** 1pm - 4pm **PARTY WITH PURPOSE:** Entertainment, dancing, food, fun and laughter at the Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Annes with Johnny Roxx and other entertainers.
- WEDNESDAYS** 10.30 - 12 noon **WEDNESDAY WARMTH** at St Annes Palace, 18, Garden Street, St Annes. Tea/ coffee/biscuits and chat.
- THURSDAYS** 6.30 pm **CURRY & COMPANY:** Friends get-together at the Water's Edge, Heyhouses Lane, St Annes.
- FRIDAYS** 10am **YOUR PACE OR MINE:** Fitness walk round Fairhaven Lake then meet up for coffee in the café.
 12 noon **CUE CONNECTIONS:** Snooker Club at the Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Annes
- SATURDAYS** 2pm -4pm **FUN AND FELLOWSHIP** at the Well Community Hub, St Albans Road, St Annes. Tea and chat with speakers and activities: Quiz - Bingo - Music
- SUNDAY** 12.30pm **GATHER & DINE** Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel. Contact Sheila to book 01253 374009 or 07486 466855 or Contact Beryl for The Water's Edge 07530 588037.

**Saturday at the Well Community Centre
 2pm - 4pm NOVEMBER**

2nd	Steve's What's The Link Quiz and Raffle
9th	Graham's Race Afternoon
16th	Beetle Drive
23rd	Beat the Rooster ... a quick fire word game
30th	Bingo

**THE VIC PUB ST ANNES
 1pm-4pm every TUESDAY
 November Programme:**

- Singers:** 5th - Johnny Roxx
 12th - Paul Allen
 19th - Johnny Roxx
 26th - Marianne


Member subscriptions due 1st November 2024

If you would like to renew and pay your annual membership (£15 per person or £25 per couple) straight into Just Good Friends' bank account see details below:
Sort Code 16-23-13;
Account Name: Just Good Friends; (North West) Ltd
Account No: 10145809
ensuring that you put your name as a reference

Please note the new due date for subscriptions



The 75 Club Draw

The winning number in the 75 Club draw for OCTOBER was **6** and the lucky winner was Gerry Cummins (pictured) 
 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.

Also at The Vic on **FRIDAYS - 12noon - no specified end time** our Private Members' Snooker Club with Darts.
 We'd love to see more people joining us. Don't forget, you can also bring friends and family along with you.

Trip to Emmerdale

At the end of October, we had a great day out visiting the sets of the TV show Emmerdale.

It was an excellent trip and we had a great G-line coach driver and a fabulous tour guide at Emmerdale.

Thanks so much to Joanne for organising the outing; we all loved it and are looking forward to our next one.



The Woolpack



Dorothy Shenton popping into David's shop



JGF group (Ellen and Graham were in the coach when this was snapped)



Bev Barton & Dingle garage waiting for Cain!



Pauline having a rest next to the Emmerdale set for the Nativity Scene



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 6.30pm.

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 Sh. 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.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Gerry Higgins
- 1 Marjorie Ward
- 3 Susanne Burnett
- 5 Irene Butcher
- 7 Philip Hall
- 9 Helen Morrod
- 10 Pam Britton
- 13 Mark Albion
- 13 Ken Wooding
- 15 Susan Sadler
- 17 Stewart Threlfall
- 20 Dean Cowell
- 21 Ken Shaw
- 27 Fiona Reid
- 29 Clare Pipon

Happy birthday to all with November birthdays & congratulations to those with extra 'special' birthdays.

Upcoming **EVENTS**

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT AKS SCHOOL - 27th November - 1.30 - 4pm

The School are amazing and have again invited us for Afternoon Tea and games. We are so proud of the school and excited to be invited again. We had availability for 100 spaces but now there are only 11 left so please let Bev know if you would like to join us.



AKS Lytham

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY - 18th December - 1pm - 4pm

Again we are blessed that AKS have invited us to perform our Drama in their studio at the school. It takes place on the 18th December and there is space for 50, but its getting a lot of support from you all, so please let Joanne know if you are interested. We are so very lucky to have Rachel Gill Davies helping us and teaching us some acting skills, as none of us can act!!! She really is amazing and its been a pleasure having Rachel with us.



CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY - 24th December - 1pm - 4pm at St Annes Tennis Club

We have our fabulous singer Paul Allen entertaining us and there will be a Christmas quiz and of course our own Chef Julie preparing a wonderful buffet - Tickets are £10 - see Julie to book.

BOXING DAY - Thursday - this takes the place of our normal Wednesday meeting

26th December at St Annes Palace - 10am - 12noon

Tea, coffee and cake.



A fantastic Hallowe'en afternoon



Jean Pritchard & Alan James



The Hallowe'en team



Millie McGill, Alvina Wolfenden & Ken Tyldesley



Andrew Jamieson & Les Bird



Graham & Ellen Thomas



Dorothy Shenton, Sheila Gardner & Brbara Shepherd

What a marvellous lot of friends we are!! JGF gatherings would lift anyone's heart and fill them with laughter. *(Just a little bit concerned about the green man's membership status although he does only turn up once a year.)*



17 members joined us for our health walk round Fairhaven Lake then social tea coffee and chat



Thank you so much to our members Sue and Eric Hornby for their generous donation of £50 and also our thanks to the anonymous member who also donated £50.

JGF CHRISTMAS CHARITY NO. 1 SINGLE

SATURDAY, 30th November - 4.30pm in St Annes Town Centre

Written and to be performed by our own Johnny Roxx at 4.30pm in St Annes Town Centre where some of the members will also be performing a little dance routine. Please let Bev know if you can come along and for those of you who may not know about this activity, see below.



The following is extracted and edited from an article in The Gazette newspaper in April this year relating to one of our Tuesday afternoon gatherings at the Victoria pub. The occasion was to record a special performance of a song written specially for us and recorded with the Christmas No. 1 Single spot in mind.

"If LadBaby can do it with their songs about sausage rolls, why not us?" said Bev, as she joined the rest of the group in a rousing rendition of Just Good Friends to Me, written for us by St Annes-based Simon Slater, who, under his stage name Johnny Roxx (above), has provided the entertainment at Just Good Friends' regular gatherings for many years.

"Johnny wrote the song some time ago and I've always thought what a brilliant song it is and what a shame it's not been taken any further, so we came up with the idea of putting it forward for the Just Good Friends Christmas Charity No. 1 Single.

"It's a lovely song about loneliness and how meeting friends, having someone near can help combat your loneliness and isolation. I truly believe it explains what

we are about and we're hoping it will reach No 1 for Christmas.

"Johnny said he needed to video some of the event, so in April we asked the Vic if we could do Christmas at their venue, all dressed up as if we were going to a Christmas party, and they even decorated the pub as if it was Christmas, with a Christmas buffet."

The song has been reimagined for the Christmas No. 1 bid, with the aim of promoting awareness of the charity and the hard work that's being done.

"Just Good Friends' values are about love, kindness, respect and being there for each other and it works. We have all become a family with more and more people joining us all the time," added Bev.

Simon aka Johnny said: "Coming to Just Good Friends gigs has been a very humbling and an amazing experience, to see everyone come together and enjoy themselves and what a fun lot they are."

Just Good Friends member Bernie Worsfold said: "Having the Just Good Friends group is a necessity providing a means for lonely people to become part of the community and the Charity Christmas Single is a good way of advertising what we do, as people don't always realise until they get involved with us."

Extracted from The Gazette

MEMBERSHIPS

Thanks to all our members who have already renewed their membership and we also extend thanks and a warm welcome to all our new members. At the moment we have over 120 renewals/new, so please let Joanne know if you are renewing your membership. Payment details for subscriptions on page 1.

VOTING AT THE SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY -

Many thanks to everyone who has been in to the Skipton BS in the Square and voted for our charity. We seem to be doing well at the moment, but if you haven't yet voted please pop in and they will give you a token to put in your chosen box. **Voting closes this Friday 1st November at 4.30pm.**

JUST GOOD FRIENDS SURVEY

We are pleased that 90 people have completed the Survey via the website but would be very pleased if more of you completed it.

The Survey is very important to us so if you haven't yet done so, please complete by clicking on the link below (www.justgoodfriends.org) then go to Feedback Questionnaire) or if you prefer, ask me for a paper copy. Bev



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