

# Just Good Friends

## January 2025 Newsletter



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### REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- MONDAYS** 1pm - 3.30pm **DRAMA CLASS** at the Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes. **NEW PLAY READING STARTING SOON.** 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 JANUARY	
4th	Jon's "Name the Place" Quiz and Raffle
11th	Table Games
18th	Blankety Blank
25th	Bingo



**The 75+ Club Draw**

There was no Draw in December but this will continue as normal in January.



Love & kindness at Christmas from a lovely member

**POSTAGE STAMPS**

*One of our members, Rita Kendrew, saves stamps to raise money for Parkinson's UK and Rita asks if we would save our used postage stamps and she will collect them at the Wednesday meetings.*

*This is such a worthy cause and Rita thanks us in advance.*

**THE VIC PUB ST ANNES**  
**1pm-4pm every TUESDAY**  
**January Programme:**  
**Singers:**  
 7th - Mike Dean 80s Disco  
 14th - Johnny Roxx  
 21st - Paul Allen  
 28th - Johnny Roxx

**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 and don't forget, you can also bring friends and family along with you.



Wow - did we have fun! Our drama, *Murder in the Library* was performed at AKS, and was excellent with a great cast and equally great audience. Fifty people watched the show and no-one managed to solve the identity of the murderer. (We have already decided that we will do lots more acting and play reading next year.)

Enormous thanks to Graeme McIntyre at AKS for arranging for us to perform in their Drama Studio which was very professional with lighting and props etc. We really are blessed with their support. Thanks to everybody who made this such a brilliant afternoon.



AKS PROMOTER & SUPPORTER Graeme McIntyre, ACTRESS & DIRECTOR Rachel Gill Davis, Sheila Gardner, Sandy Whittle, Ann Kidby, Graham Clark (behind), Steph Whiteside, Beryl Dale, Bev, Dorothy Shenton, SCRIPT WRITER Di Timmins & Julie Evans



Sandy Whittle & Bev



Graham Clark & Dorothy Shenton



Sheila Gardner & Sandy Whittle



Beryl Dale, Dorothy Shenton & Sheila Gardner



Julie Evans & Steph Whiteside



Dorothy Shenton & Beryl Dale



Beautiful Christmas cake from the amazing David at the Vic Pub



Management door staff - better hope you're on the list! Joanne Campbell and Marie Wylde

Thanks to BBC Radio Lancashire for inviting us to join Sharon's Morning Show & thanks to Dorothy Shenton for being amazing on the radio.



Just Good Friends having breakfast with Santa at the Water's Edge

Thanks to all you beautiful people at the Vic Pub who support us all year and for inviting us to your table on Christmas Day



Thanks Joanne for arranging the Christmas Party at The Links & thanks to Liz Gorner for your love, hospitality & everything!



Huge thanks to everyone who has donated money and raffle prizes over the years which helps the charity so much and thanks to all the volunteers who give their time helping others making the charity what it is today - you are all amazing.

Thanks to Johnny Roxx for writing the song for us which we put forward for the Christmas No.1 single. It wasn't our turn to win it this year, but we'll do it again next year.

Not forgetting many thanks to Peter Taylor for popping round to see me and dropping off 11 bottles of prosecco!!! That went down well!!!

So many people to thank but mainly to all you members for being with us on our Just Good Friends' journey to combat loneliness and isolation and enjoy making special memories of us all being in this together.

Happy New Year to us all - with lots of love from Bev



Jim Price, Don Norman & The Grinch



Stella Grimshaw



Eddie Morris



Brenda Moulin & Stewart Threlfall



June Smith & Joanne Moxham



We had breakfast with The Grinch too!  
Ann Kidby, Beryl Dale, Joanne Campbell,  
Stewart Threlfall & Susan Sadler

## 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 on Clifton Drive Sth. 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**.

### JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Frank McLaughlin
- 1 Audrey Rostron
- 3 Hilary Smith
- 5 Elsie Travers
- 6 Brenda Doyle
- 7 Sandy Whittle
- 8 Ann Manser
- 12 Joan Shaw
- 13 Colin Bond
- 13 Rory Jebson
- 17 Stephen Salisbury
- 18 Susan Smith
- 19 Robyn Cornes
- 22 Gladys O'Dea
- 24 Ann Ing
- 25 Patricia Longstaffe
- 25 Fran Yates
- 26 Eric Brown
- 27 Jonathan Pitt
- 29 Debbie Harrison
- 29 Jean Mason
- 30 Mary Craven



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

