

## **Just Good Friends**

### **December 2025 Newsletter**

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#### **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS**

MONDAY 1pm - 3.30pm 'DRAMA FOR A CAUSE' - Great Drama Class at the Links Pub, Heeley Rd, St

Annes. Call Bev (number below) if you are interested in joining the Drama Group.

MONDAY 1pm - 4pm 'PLAY AND CONNECT' - Chat, Games, Dominoes, Cribbage at the Links Pub

TUESDAY 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.

WEDNESDAY 10am - 12noon 'WEDNESDAY WARMTH' at St Annes Palace, 18, Garden Street, St Annes.

Tea/coffee and chat.

**THURSDAY** 6.30pm **'TEA TIME FOOD'.** A friendly early evening get-together at various locations.

FRIDAY 10am 'YOUR PACE OR MINE' - Fitness walk round Fairhaven Lake then meet up for

coffee in the café.

**FRIDAY** 1pm 'CUE CONNECTIONS' - Snooker Club at the Victoria Pub, Church Rd, St Annes

'FUN IN THE SUN' - St Annes Square. Enjoy chatting and laughing with friends.

Call Bev on number below. Winter details to be advised.

**SATURDAY** 2pm - 4pm 'FUN AND FELLOWSHIP' - at the Well Community Hub, St Albans Rd, St Annes.

Tea and chat with speakers and activities: Quiz - Bingo - Music

**SUNDAY** 12.30pm 'GATHER & DINE' - at the Clifton Park Hotel and other venues.

LUNCHES Contact Sheila to book Clifton Park on 01253 374009 or 07486 466855.

Contact Beryl for various locations 07530 588037.

Plus Events at St Annes Tennis Club and St Annes Palace – Nights out – Days out – Coach trips – Quiz nights For more information please call Bev on 07557 734233

### **MONDAYS AT THE LINKS**

1pm

**FRIDAY** 

1pm - 4pm - Plenty of options

1pm - 3.30pm DRAMA FOR A CAUSE
- Drama Class
1pm - 4pm PLAY AND CONNECT

(Chat, Games, Dominoes, Cribbage)

### Member subscriptions due 1st November 2025

If you would like to renew and pay your annual membership (£25 per person or £40 per couple) straight into Just Good Friends' bank account, see details below:

Sort Code: 16-23-13 Account No: 10145809 Account Name:

> Just Good Friends (North West) Ltd

Please add your name as a reference

SATURDAYS at the Well Community Centre DECEMBER 2pm - 4pm

6th Steve's Triple Choice Christmas Quiz and a Raffle

13th Christmas Blankety Blank

20th Christmas Party with buffet, music and games. Cost of £10 payable to Jean Mason by 14th December

27th Bingo

# TUESDAYS AT THE VIC 1pm-4pm DECEMBER Programme: Singers:

2nd - Johnny Roxx

9th - Marianne Ryan

16th - Johnny Roxx

23rd - Paul Allen

### FRIDAYS AT THE VIC

1pm - no specified end time

Our Private Members' Club Snooker & Pool 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.



Another fantastic Just Good Friends fundraiser afternoon at the Tennis Club for our Hallowe'en Party.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a great event and especially for helping us raise £796.37. Well done everyone.









Laura Johnson-Walford, Bev, Mandi Lambert, Carol Jacques, Annie Rivett, Les Hickey & Julie

War Babies Event continued... Just a few more pictures taken when members joined AKS students last month when they recalled and related stories of their lives during WWII. Click on the link below to listen to one of the podcasts made by the students, this one being Eddie Morris's story (pictured right) of growing up as a young boy in Plymouth being told to two of the students alongside Bev.

https://youtube.com/watch?v=ZsN1bevX7kw&feature=shared

Dorothy Shenton below chatting with students and holding a photo from

her treasured memories.





Eddie Morris with the 2 boys who interviewed him for the podcast.



### Don't be alone at Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time for many reasons and it is very important

to me that I know people will not be on their own so please let me know if this could be you.



We are a family of friends and we look out for each other so please make sure you let me know if you or anyone you know of in our group who may be worried about this: we are always here to help.

With love, Bev.



Thanks so much to everyone who has donated raffle prizes, Beaverbrooks, Funny girls, Mark Rae, Bistro and all our amazing members.

# Upcoming **EVENTS**



Our next JGF fundraiser, suggested by a lovely member, is going to be *Doctors and Nurses* and will take place in January.

For more details see Matron Campbell (AKA Joanne)!!!



To all my lovely Friends

I wish you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and
Healthy New Year. Sent with all
my Love and Friendship, Bev xx



#### Our bid for the Charity Christmas Nol. 1 Single



I was so proud of everyone who came to dance at the St Annes Lights Switch-On on Saturday afternoon and many thanks to Anna from Across the Boards for teaching us another dance routine to Merry Christmas Everyone. Huge thanks also to our most fantastic Johnny Roxx for always supporting us as he ended his session with the beautiful song he wrote for Just Good Friends. Thank you all so much, Bev.



Many thanks to Tammy, a lovely lady from KC Cleaners who has kindly made a donation to Just Good Friends.

### **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 TEA TIME FOOD

Please ring to check which venue where we will meet. It is a great early evening gathering - come and join us every Thursday 6.30pm.

Please call Bev if you would like to attend.

### Sunday lunch - 12.30pm

We meet at the Clifton Park on Clifton Drive South and other venues.

To meet at Clifton Park call **Sheila on 07486 466855** and for details and to book The Links or any other venue call **Beryl Dale on 07530 588037**.

### Subscriptions Just a gentle reminder

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your new subscriptions, but we would appreciate those of you who wish to renew Membership would make your payments as soon as possible.

Details are on the front page.

Please note that I am always here for you if you wish to chat with me. Bev



#### **DECEMBER Birthdays**

- 2 Kathleen Gell
- 5 Margaret Chadwick
- 9 John Burgess
- 10 Joyce Day
- 10 Sheila Gardner
- 11 Terry Yates
- 12 Linda Ballinger
- 12 Keith Jones
- 14 Paul French
- 14 Mary Waller
- 16 Tony Battle
- 19 Barbara Shepherd
- 26 Gillian Elliot
- 28 John Munn
- 28 Denise Potts
- 29 Marie Sheridan
- 31 Barbara Field

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



