



Just Good Friends

December 2023 Newsletter



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December Regular Schedule

Monday	1pm - 4pm	The Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes - Dancing, Dominoes, Darts, Pool, Bingo.
Tuesday	1pm - 4pm	Fun & laughter at The Vic Pub, Church Rd, St Annes - alternate weeks with Roy Rolland and Johnny Roxx
Wednesday	10.30am - 12 noon 12.30pm	The Palace at 18, Garden Street, St Annes - tea/coffee & chat Lunch with Just Good Friends after the above meeting. Various venues.
Thursday	10am - 12 noon 2pm 7pm	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. The Water's Edge for Curry Night - see page 4 for details.
Friday	1.30pm	Lunch with Linda Ballinger and Paul Millington. Please see Bev for venue.
Saturday	2pm - 4pm	Well Community Centre, St Albans Road, St Annes - Tea and chat with speakers & activities. Word game s- Bingo - Music - see December Programme below.
Sunday	12.30pm	Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel and the Water's Edge . See page 4 for details.

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

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2nd	Steve's Christmas Quiz and Raffle
9th	Table Games
16th	Christmas Party
23rd	Christmas activities
30th	Bingo

Dear Friends

I would like to share my thoughts with you on how I feel about our group. It is now over 11 years since I started Just Good Friends and I feel as passionate about it now as I did all those years ago.

I am always in awe of the friendships that have been formed and very proud that we have played a part in marriages, engagements and many lasting friendships. You are all very special to me and I am looking forward to being a part of your lives for many more years to come.

I also would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and hope you enjoy all the festivities we have arranged making more special memories of our time together.

Finally, and very importantly, if anyone expects to be on their own on Christmas Day please let me know.

Merry Christmas

With all my love, Bev



Just Good Friends Celebrate Christmas

4th December (Monday)

The Links Pub - buffet and entertainment by our lovely DJ Chrissie, fun and dancing - £6.00

13th December (Wednesday)

The Palace - Hot Pot and Dessert prepared by the Masonic Chefs - £12.50

16th December (Saturday)

The Well Hub - Lovely Christmas buffet - £7.50

19th December (Tuesday)

The Victoria Pub - Entertainment by our fabulous Johnnie Roxx plus the amazing buffet prepared by David at the Vic - £10.00



Thanks to Andy Rodgers who did the raffle for us which raised £290.



Another brilliant night out at The St Ives as 70 members were entertained by the amazing Switched on Swing. We really enjoyed the evening and many thanks to the St Ives for the gorgeous tasty buffet.

Just to name some of the friends you can see above are Frank Ridehalgh in the blue sweater with Ann Ing sat behind him, opposite Bernie Worsfold and at the front is Enid Green.

The four ladies are Barbara Shepherd, Dorothy Shenton, Elaine Greenhalgh and Ann Manser.

On the right we have Jenny Hood opposite Kath O'Brien and behind her is John Ashby.





AKS Lytham

Following on from a hugely successful Games Night fundraiser (see below) the AKS group Bring Me sunshine welcomed 90 members of Just Good Friends for a Christmas party and Afternoon Tea. It was a splendid afternoon filled with games, musical entertainment and good cheer. We extend our enormous thanks to all our friends at AKS Bring Me Sunshine.

For a full report on the event plus the many photos which were taken, please click on the link below.

<https://www.akslytham.com/news-events/news/artmid/744/articleid/3737/just-good-friends-christmas-lunch>



AKS Fundraiser

The Tycoons and Bring Me Sunshine at their recent fundraiser where they raised funds for Just Good Friends for them to enjoy a lovely afternoon with them on the 22nd November. Thanks so much to JGF for attending and supporting them. Bev



Thanks to Kathleen Carr for the beautiful knitted donations worn by our members.



Our friend Ken is also doing a Santa Dash in Blackpool soon for Just Good Friends - if anyone would like to sponsor him please let Joanne know.

Thanks so much Ken. That's brilliant!!



Ken Tyldesley advertising Just Good Friends in Benidorm. Every little helps Ken. Many thanks and well done!.



Our dominos champions at the Links Pub are Eric Coates, pictured here and Frank Ridehalgh. Well done both of you.

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 Bev. To meet at Clifton Park call Jean Wyatt-Gunning on 01253 713370.

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



December Birthdays

- 7 James Rodgers
- 9 John Burgess
- 9 Sylvia Sylvester
- 10 Sheila Gardner
- 12 Linda Ballinger
- 12 Joanna Reilly
- 14 Mary Waller
- 14 Tony Murphy
- 19 Barbara Shepherd
- 21 Paul Atkins
- 24 Henry Wilson-Stephenson
- 28 John Munn
- 29 Marie Sheridan
- 30 Paul Millington

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



The 75 Club Draw

The winning number in the 75 Club draw for November was 58 and the lucky winner was

Norma Pemberton

If you would like to be a part of the 75 Club Draw, speak to Jean Mason who you will find each Saturday at the Well Hub.



Have you ever heard or seen something and thought to yourself "Ooh, I wish I could do that, or go there, or try that etc etc" ?

I'm sure many of us have and if so, don't forget that we have granted some amazing wishes for members over the years and you could be next.

We've arranged meetings with top sportsmen, danced with a Strictly winner, had a zip wire experience, fabulous meeting with the late Ken Dodd, ride in a hot air balloon and fulfilled many other fabulous wishes.

As the saying goes, nothing ventured - nothing gained. Speak to Bev about it and see what she can do for you.

Merry Christmas everyone and a huge thank you to those of you who have emailed such nice comments about the Newsletters. It's always lovely to hear from you so do keep them coming!!



And so we are nearing the end of 2023 which, apart from the odd hiccup along the way, once again it has been a year of joy and laughter that Bev and her team have provided for Just Good Friends on so many social occasions.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2024 and I look forward to receiving the photos and news from this festive season. Have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family.

Love and Best wishes
from Celia (Newsletter Editor)

