

# Just Good Friends

## June 2025 Newsletter

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### REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

<b>MONDAYS</b>	1pm - 3.30pm	<b>DRAMA</b> at the Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes. Please note we have now cast all the parts for the new drama.
	1pm - 4pm	<b>PLAY AND CONNECT:</b> Chat, Games, Dominoes, Cribbage at the Links Pub
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	1pm - 4pm	<b>PARTY WITH PURPOSE:</b> Entertainment, dancing, food, fun and laughter at the Victoria Pub, Church Road, St Annes with Johnny Roxx and other entertainers.
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.30 - 12 noon	<b>WEDNESDAY WARMTH</b> at St Annes Palace, 18, Garden Street, St Annes. Tea/coffee/biscuits and chat.
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	6.30 pm	<b>CURRY &amp; COMPANY:</b> Friends get-together at the Water's Edge, Heyhouses Lane, St Annes.
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	10am	<b>YOUR PACE OR MINE:</b> Fitness walk round Fairhaven Lake then meet up for coffee in the café.
	1pm	<b>CUE CONNECTIONS:</b> Snooker & Pool with Darts at the Victoria Pub, Church Rd
	1pm	<b>FUN IN THE SUN</b> In the Rose Garden, Ashton Gardens
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	2pm -4pm	<b>FUN AND FELLOWSHIP</b> at the Well Community Hub, St Albans Road, St Annes. Tea and chat with speakers and activities: Quiz - Bingo - Music
<b>SUNDAY</b>	12.30pm	<b>GATHER &amp; DINE</b> Lunch at the Clifton Park Hotel. Contact Sheila to book 01253 374009 or 07486 466855 or Contact Beryl for The Links on 07530 588037.

### Saturday at the Well Community Centre 2pm - 4pm JUNE

7th	Steve's "Who Said That?" Quiz and Raffle
14th	Tax, Care and Toy Boys... a talk by Co-op Legal Services
21st	ABC game... but guess which order??
28th	Bingo

### THE VIC PUB ST ANNES 1pm-4pm every TUESDAY JUNE Programme: Singers:

Tues 3rd June	- Marianne
Tues 10th June	- Paul Allen
Tues 17th June	- Johnny Roxx
Tues 24th June	- DJ Mike Dean



Sunday lunch at the Links Pub every Sunday at 1pm. Fabulous food and good company! See **JGF Dining Out** for booking details or Sunday detail above.

**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.

**MONDAYS AT THE LINKS**  
**from 1pm each Monday**  
Come and join us -  
there is always something to  
choose from  
**1pm - 4pm PLAY AND CONNECT**  
(Chat, Games  
Dominoes, Cribbage)



## Tales of the Theatre

In May at St Annes Tennis Club we enjoyed an excellent afternoon with Carrie Ellis entitled **CARRY ON CARRIE** who entertained us with her tales of the theatre as a former West End performer with 38 years in the business.

Following this, we had Afternoon Tea and many thanks to Les Hickey and Carol Jacques (pictured) for all their help preparing the delicious food. The fundraiser event raised £601.26.

Laurence Hathaway (below left) modelling the snood donated by Joy Bertolini and the group with Carry Ellis pictured front centre.



## A Grand Day Out

Also in May, a group of us went on A Grand Day Out to Blackpool with Stagecoach & Age UK. We had a lovely day sharing many memories as we rode on the bus and enjoyed joining in with the dancing in the Tower Ballroom as well as the delicious Afternoon Tea. It was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A few selected pictures here but when we receive the video of the trip we will put it on the JGF website for you to see more. Many thanks to Joanne for arranging the trip and a well deserved bunch of flowers was given to her by Steven Salisbury to thank her for organising it.



Joanne Campbell



Everyone enjoyed the Afternoon Tea



Matt Davis, MD of Stagecoach Merseyside dancing with Dorothy Shenton



Steve & Jean Mason



Part of the group



# Upcoming EVENTS

## Fun in the Sun

**1pm - Fridays - weather dependant**

A couple of weeks ago we reinstated our summer meetings in the Rose Garden in Ashton Gardens. We have been lucky so far and been able to enjoy a few beautiful sunny days, but always keep an eye on the weather as it has changed recently. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on a Friday.



## Hidden in Plain Sight

Hey, take a moment if you will  
to stop and look our way.

We try to be Just Good Friends  
every single day.

Thirteen hectic years ago  
we met one Autumn night  
Our goal? To help the lonely  
who were hidden in plain sight.

There were just a few of us back then  
when our group was floated  
Now we count in hundreds  
those we have supported.

Our volunteers are dedicated  
they work both day and night  
But it's true, when I say to you  
they're hidden in plain sight.

These are desperate times its true,  
money is so tight.

We are struggling to carry on  
as we're hidden in plain sight

Christine Marley

*This poem was written by our friend and member Christine who joined JGF in the beginning as we started up and has written many poems for us along the way.*

## Our next Fundraiser

## HI-DE-HI HOLIDAY CAMP

**Friday 20th June**

**1pm - 4pm at the Tennis Club**

**Games, competitions, raffle and buffet**

**£15**

## New Faces

Many of you may have already have met Martin Bentley who joined us at the end of last month as Charity Operations Officer for Just Good Friends.

Among many other duties, Martin will be involved with social media and he will also be available to advise anyone who needs help with their own technology like laptops and mobile phones.

Our other new addition is Alex McMurdo who will join us in June on a Work Experience Scheme aimed at gaining practical experience with a charity whilst working with Martin on our website.

We are pleased to welcome them both to Just Good Friends and look forward to meeting up with them at meetings.



It is my hope that you are already aware of this, but if anyone is struggling with bills or needs help with anything at all then please know that we are here for you.

We will always try our best to help or guide you to appropriate organisations who can provide more assistance. We may not be able to solve all your problems, but we will do our best to make sure you don't go through them alone.

All discussions will be in the strictest confidence, but please don't struggle, just talk to us.

Bev

One of our members overstayed the 90 minutes stated time for parking at Sainsburys and was fined £50 (the actual Parking Fee is £85, but reduced to £50 if paid within a certain time limit).



Please be very careful when parking in Sainsbury's car park and maybe think of somewhere else to park.



### THE 75+ CLUB DRAW

The winning number in the MAY 75+ club draw was 83 and the winner was John Ashby.

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.



### St Annes Carnival Friday 11th - Sunday 13th July 2025 Theme 'Movie Magic'

At the time of writing, there is nothing to report regarding specific arrangements for dress plans etc.

This is just a reminder of the dates so you can be prepared for this fantastic occasion for us all to get dressed in accordance with the theme - or whatever Bev comes up with this year!! It will be mad crazy fun whatever it is.



### JUNE Birthdays

- 1 Sheila Quin
- 2 Steve Mason
- 3 Josephine Evans
- 3 Elle Wilson
- 6 Sally Gooch
- 7 Victoria Martin
- 7 Molly Steinhofel
- 7 David Young
- 8 Elva McGuinness
- 9 Marian Davey
- 9 Jean Pritchard
- 10 John Hickey
- 11 Michael O'Neil
- 13 Janet Lonsdale
- 15 Jim Adamson
- 15 Jim Morrissey
- 15 Jennifer Sadler
- 18 Marcia Brodie
- 18 Alan James
- 18 Win Robinson
- 20 June Mellor
- 21 David Cowan
- 21 Valerie Walker
- 23 June Mapletoft
- 25 Helen Munn
- 26 Karen Hunter
- 26 Jean Platt
- 28 Esther O'Neill

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

## 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 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.**

