

Just Good Friends

December 2021 Newsletter

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December Schedule		
Monday	1pm	The Links Pub, Heeley Rd, St. Annes - Music and Bingo
Tuesday	11am	Lowther Gardens in the café. A table is always booked so please pop in.
	1pm	The Vic Pub - fun and laughter with Roy Rolland
Wednesday	10.30am - 12 noon Please note:	The Palace at 18, Garden Street, St Annes - tea/coffee & chat The Ashton Gardens meetup is postponed until the Spring.
Friday	6pm - 7pm	Dance Class - St Margaret's church hall, Rowsley Road, St Annes. Modern Jazz Dance £5 - all ages and abilities welcome
Saturday	2pm - 4pm	Memorial Hall, St Albans Road, St Annes - Tea and Chat with speakers and activities. Quiz - Bingo - Music - see Programme below.

Christmas Raffle

Details coming soon of a BIG Christmas Raffle. Check our Facebook page for details or listen out at the December meetings. Thanks to Julie who has raised so much money for JGF.

Excursions

Trips are now being arranged by our Carol Gradwell, so please let her know if you have any suggestions.

Details below of two already planned.

Saturday at The Memorial Hall		
DECEMBER		
4th	Quiz - Music - Raffle	
11th	Bingo	
18th	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
25th	Christmas Day	
JANUARY		
1st	New Year's Day	

December Festivities

THE LINKS PUB

Monday - 6th DECEMBER - 1pm CHRISTMAS BUFFET with Quiz, Bingo & Prizes

THE VIC PUB

Tuesday - 14th DECEMBER - 1pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY BUFFET and fun with Roy Rolland

THE MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday - 18th DECEMBER - 2pm CHRISTMAS PARTY - Buffet and fun - £10

ST ANNES PALACE
Wednesday - 22nd December
Normal 10.30am meeting
followed by 3 course meal £14.50

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 2022

January 2022

The Fundraising Group are aiming to hold a Race Night at St Annes Palace on the 28th Jan from 6 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome - the cost will be £10.00 to include 5 x £1.00 bets. Further details will be announced later but if you are interested, put this in your diary!!

March 2022

Following the success of our short break to Llandudno earlier in the year, we are planning another short break next year to Buxton again with G-Line. It will be a three day trip staying at the Old Hall Hotel, half board from 17th to 20th March 2022. There will be several excursions to be confirmed. Entrance fees are not included in the cost. The price is £350 per person based on 2 people sharing a room. Single rooms are £395. If you are interested in going to Buxton please let Carol Gradwell know. Her mobile number is 07769319618. We are asking for a £50 deposit to confirm your place.

The Prince's Trust

We had a fantastic time at St Annes Palace during the month with the amazing Prince's Trust Group.





Just Good Friends have been working with the Prince's Trust for a number of years now and its great to see young people supported by the Trust and helped to achieve their goals.

The young people have come to us on a number of occasions over the years: we've been to the Manchester Markets, they have prepared Music Quizzes, Prince Charles's 70th birthday celebrations, at which time the Mayor and Mayoress attended. We've joined in with them and went on an assault course at a charity called Challenge4Change where some of our members went on zip wires off a double decker bus!!! Great fun was had by everyone!!

The Prince's Trust is a leading UK charity in the United Kingdom founded in 1976 by Charles, Prince of Wales, to help vulnerable young people get their lives on track. It supports 11 to 30-year-olds to change the lives of disadvantaged young people. The Trust listens to their issues and concerns to provide the best possible support - sounds familiar!!!

It's also great to go and see their Presentations at the end of their course, it is so heart-warming.

Good luck to all at The Prince's Trust from all at JUST GOOD FRIENDS. We think you are all amazing!



The next Event will be the Roaring 20s suggested by our members.

Perfect opportunity to get out your feather boas!! Keep an eye for the announcement of the date!!

Watch this space!!

ASHTON GARDENS

A brief afternoon meeting took place in Ashton Gardens the last week in November. However, it was cold and raining and understandably only a few people attended.

It has been quite cold and miserable these last few weeks and is unlikely to improve at this time of year.

So it was decided to discontinue the meetings until further notice probably in the Spring.

Massive thanks to everyone who has been involved in continuing to make the outdoor meet ups such a success.



December Birthdays

- Peter Allenby
- 2 Kathleen Gell

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- 4 Jean Bamber
- 5 Francine Wood 7
 - **Jack Cryer**
- 9 John Burgess
- 9 **Peter Skelly**
- 10 Joyce Day
- 10 Sheila Gardner
- 12 Barbara Danson
- 12 Janet Poskett
- 14 Mary Waller
- 16 Karen Gillett
- 18 Barbara Winchester
- 19 Barbara Shepherd
- 21 Michael Banahan
- 27 Joan Needham
- 27 Richard Rostron
- 28 **Adrienne Cockett**
- 28 John Munn
- 30 **Paul Millington**
- 31 Lynn Tingle

Happy birthday to all with December birthdays and congratulations to those of you with 'special' birthdays







The Wild West Party



After having to postpone and juggle with dates due to various restrictions we at last had the Party with many members dressed in the Wild West theme and it certainly was Wild! But everyone agreed it was worth the wait especially as the evening raised £507.59 which was amazing.

Huge thanks to all involved:- Julie, Carol, Laura, Katie, Dan, Robyn and Andy.

A brilliant successful evening.





Come and join us for our regular **SUNDAY LUNCHES**

which have now restarted at the St. Ives Hotel, 7-9
South Promenade, St. Annes
Every Sunday, 12.30pm - 1pm
£14.95 for a fabulous 4 course meal.
Call Bev for details

CAN YOU HELP??



Just Good Friends would love someone who could help volunteer with us and update our new Website.

Please contact Bev and thanks so much.

Thanks to all our Fund Raising Heroes and for being in our 2022 Calendar. See Bev to buy one £5 each.

2022 Calendar

Ellen & Graham Thomas



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





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