

Just Good Friends

July 2025 Newsletter

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REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

MONDAYS	1pm - 3.30pm	DRAMA at the Links Pub, Heeley Road, St Annes. Please note we have now cast all the parts for the new drama.
	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.
	1pm	CUE CONNECTIONS: Snooker & Pool with Darts at the Victoria Pub, Church Rd
	1pm	FUN IN THE SUN In the Rose Garden, Ashton Gardens
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 Links on 07530 588037.

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

5th	Graham's Famous Faces Quiz and Raffle
12th	Table Games
19th	Blankety Blank
26th	Bingo



Hi-de-Hi Fundraiser event - with Bob More, Marianne Corlett, Julie, Bev and Kay Charlton - see inside for more pictures

THE VIC PUB ST ANNES

1pm-4pm every TUESDAY

JULY Programme:

Singers:

Tues 1st July	- Johnny Roxx
Tues 8th July	- DJ
Tues 15th July	- Johnny Roxx
Tues 22nd July	- Marianne
Tues 29th July	- Johnny Roxx

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)

Hi-De-Hi Party

Our fundraiser on the 20th June was great fun and what a fantastic result with £617.82 being raised.

Plenty of good old fashioned entertainment with typical holiday camp games including a lovely buffet to enjoy! Thanks to our entertainers - Kay, Bob and Marianne and of course our wonderful members for supporting the charity and AKS for their help once again.

Thanks you so much everyone.

Pictured left: Laurence Hathaway & Marianne (aka Gladys Pugh) and below left Ann Kidby & Helen Munn, centre Marianne with David Beddows & two very colourful people being tied up in loo rolls



Good News

We are delighted to inform you that we have two new Patrons for Just Good Friends.

Many of you will already know Graeme McIntyre who is Head of Business Education at AKS and has been a tremendous support to us over many years and also we are very pleased that Andrew Snowden, Conservative MP for Fylde has joined us.



We met up with Andrew on Friday morning at the Fairhaven Lake café when we were able to thank him for becoming one of our patrons.

We welcome them both to our charity and thank them for their support.

Christmas Single No. 1

29th July is the launch of our new Christmas Single No. 1.

It's £15 for a fantastic afternoon of entertainment and a video of what we got up to in April when the very talented Ryan video'd us all.

We also have 3 acts entertaining us on that date starting with Paul Allen, then Marianne and of course our Johnny Roxx.

So get your Christmas gear on again and come and have an amazing amount of fun.

Its on from 1pm till 5pm as we've so much to pack in.

I'm hopeful the Fire Fighters will be popping in too!

Bev



AKS Lytham

Reflecting on 10 years with AKS and “Bring Me Sunshine”

Ten years ago, we were invited to AKS by Paul Crouch to join their initiative, Bring Me Sunshine, and we have never looked back.

We have many memories from kind invitations to special occasions and have received a great deal of help and support while working with very talented young people.

A special thanks goes to Graeme McIntyre for his continued guidance and tremendous support.

Bring Me Sunshine began with a natural leader named Molly. She was incredibly inspiring, and we will always be grateful to her for believing in us and making a difference in many of our lives. We are also interested in following the stories of other students.

Now, ten years on, we’ve found ourselves reflecting on the impact of this journey and the incredible people who’ve been part of it and we’re especially thrilled to see what Molly has gone on to achieve (see her letter). We’ve always believed she would go far, and it’s a joy to still be in touch with her.

We’d love to continue following the journeys of other students who’ve been part of “Bring Me Sunshine.” The legacy of this initiative lives on through each of their stories, and we look forward to discovering where the next chapter leads.

Dear Just Good Friends

While I was at AKS, I founded the Bring Me Sunshine project, which connected pupils and members of JGF.

Since graduating in 2018, staying involved with community work has remained important to me.

- I studied International Hospitality Business Management at École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) in Switzerland, where I developed a real interest in travel, innovation, and service.*
- During my time at EHL, I completed two internships — one with Four Seasons in Sydney, Australia, and another with a tech startup in Silicon Valley. Both gave me valuable insight into different sides of the hospitality industry.*
- After university, I joined the IHG development team, which was a great introduction to the hotel world. Now, I work with Marriott International in their Development team. My role involves finding new hotel opportunities across all Marriott brands, working with local councils, private investors, family offices, and banks around the UK. It’s rewarding work — helping bring new hotels to towns and cities, creating local jobs, and supporting communities to drive tourism.*
- I’ve had the chance to work internationally — visiting Kenya, UAE, Hungary, Malta, Germany, and more — scouting new projects and helping Marriott grow its portfolio.*

Outside of work, I enjoy experiencing new cultures through travel and spending time with friends playing netball and tennis.

All the best to all members of Just Good Friends, see you soon! Molly



Thank you so much to the anonymous donor who has gifted the sum of £20,000 to Just Good Friends.

This person is aware that one of our wishes is to have a place of our own - perhaps a café which could be self funding, where we can also have an office, hold meetings and hopefully hold our own events etc..

Our dream has never faded and we continue to hold it in our hearts, but with such kind donations as this, we are confident that we can start to build our fund.

Thank you so much to this wonderful person.



THE 75+ CLUB DRAW

There was no Club Draw in June and no Just God Raffle.



Both these items will return next month as normal.



We have always been pleased to have the support of the Police and are delighted when they pop into the Palace on a Wednesday to see how we are doing.

Recently we met Harrison and were pleased to wish him luck in his new role as a Police Officer.

It’s good to know we are all in safe hands.



Carnival Weekend

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th July 2025

Theme 'Movie Magic'

Our own theme is

Alice in Wonderland!

I'm sure everyone has already chosen who they will dress as but one thing you can rely on is the outfits will be very adventurous and it will certainly be a great weekend. Looking forward to pictures for the August Newsletter.

Friday 11th 7pm - 10pm: St Anne's Carnival Weekend begins with an evening concert in the Gardens plus fairground..

Saturday 12th July 2025 - 10.30am to 10pm

Parade at 10.30am which winds its way through the main streets of St Anne's before finishing at Ashton Gardens.

In the afternoon, the **Carnival Queen** will be crowned in the main arena and then a full programme of entertainment.

Saturday evening's concert in the gardens will feature local talent, followed by the headline act, Touch the Pearl until 10pm.

Sunday 13th July 2025 11.00am to 4.30pm

Sunday is our community/family day which begins with fun **dog competitions**, children's games and then an afternoon of varied entertainment for all the **family**, concluding around 4.30pm.

We often think of you

We know some of our lovely members who have been faithful to Just Good Friends for many years are no longer able to attend meetings and social events.

We really want you to know that we miss you but just because we don't see you as often as we used to, you are so often in our thoughts and, from the chats we sometimes have with you, it makes us happy knowing that you still keep up with our group by reading the Newsletter or our website.

However, we recognise that some people don't have access to today's technology and clearly won't be reading this comment.

if you know of anyone to whom this applies perhaps you would kindly let us know as we would be glad to add them to our list of those who receive hard copies of the Newsletter.

Thank you so much - we never know when this could happen to us do we and often just looking at pictures and reading of friends can brighten our day and make us smile.

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.**



JULY Birthdays

- 1 June Medlycott
- 1 Alvina Wolfenden
- 4 Judy Pemberton
- 5 Liz Battle
- 10 Pauline Cooper
- 10 Wendy Tandy
- 11 Marian Lawrenson
- 11 Nita Watson
- 19 Patricia Graham
- 25 Vanessa Reid
- 26 Marianne Corlett
- 28 Rita Kendrew
- 31 Yvonne Edwards
- 31 Pauline Gill

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

