



Just Good Friends

November 2020 Newsletter

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Let's change the way we meetup!

One of our learning outcomes from our small socially distance group meetups of 6 people in Ashton Gardens is that many of those who have attended have commented on how they have really enjoyed meeting different people.

Members at our large group meetups have a tendency to sit with the same people week on week and sit at the same tables. Under Government guidelines when we can return to a larger indoor venue I would like to pilot mixing groups, maybe once a month. Let me know your thoughts. I think this is a great way for everyone to get to know one another and also an opportunity to make new friends.

Regrettably, on 16th October our area was moved to a Tier 3 High Risk Area and presently we don't know how long this will be in operation - but for your information, the following is part of our going-forward plans.

Through negotiations with her contacts at Lytham Rotary, Carol Gladwell has managed to secure the use of a function room at a local hotel, the Glendower, for JGF to hold small indoor meetups. Closely following Government guidelines we are hoping to be able to start holding small indoor group meetups in early November and are just awaiting final confirmation from the hotel. A huge thank you to Carol for all her hard work.

The meetups will be for 15 people only and will be socially distanced within one of the smaller function rooms in the hotel. The meetup will be by personal invitation only and if you accept the invitation the meetup is entirely at your own risk. You would need to wear a facemask when entering the hotel until you get to the function room and also wear a facemask when navigating around other areas of the hotel. You would also need to take your temperature on entrance to the hotel, an electronic temperature device is sited on the wall in the entrance hallway and also sanitise your hands again, hand sanitiser is positioned by the thermometer. Tea and coffees will be available but by waitress service only. Lunches could also be provided but these too will be by waitress service only.

Bev

There are quite a few scams around at the moment. If anyone receives what they think is a scam please e-mail staysafejgf@yahoo.com.

For those who don't have email please 'phone Bev for help and advice.



When I asked if members could knit or crochet squares during the lock-down, so many people came together and got to work and then our amazing Gill reunited all the squares to make this very beautiful memory of how we all came together to create something beautiful - we've even got a rainbow at the top. Thanks so much everyone.
Bev

Member subscriptions became due on 1st October

If you would like to renew your annual membership (£5) straight into Just Good Friends' bank account see details:

Sort Code 40-12-13; Account Name: Just Good Friends; Account No: 02180480 ensuring that you put your name as a reference.

Please note that if your contact details have not changed since last year you need only enter your full name on the renewal Registration form; however, it is important that you also re-enter your emergency contact and medical practice details. Thank you.

If anyone would like to join the number of members who already receive the Newsletter via email rather than hard copies please let me know on jandcburgess@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you, Celia

To join our **JUST GOOD RAFFLE** simply search for **Just Good Raffle** on Facebook and click the **JOIN** button.



October Just Good Raffle's prizes & winners are:

Meat Hamper from Andy Meat

Man: Joanne Campbell

The Hamper:

Lynn Heywood-Hellewell

Gel Nails:

Jean Parfitt



November Birthdays

- 3 Rita Molyneux
- 5 Irene Butcher
- 7 Jenn Parfitt
- 8 Michael Hood
- 9 Enid Davies
- 11 Charleen McBride
- 13 Ken Wooding
- 19 Gordon Ogden
- 20 Lynn Del-pinto
- 20 Florence Simpson
- 23 Doreen Judge
- 27 Kate Armstrong
- 28 Sandra Ellen Grainger
- 29 Clare Pipon

We normally celebrate people's birthdays on the last Thursday of the month at the St Ives Hotel 2pm. This is presently on hold until further notice when once again everyone will be welcome.

Once again we are waiting to make sure no more changes have come in by the time you read this, but if not we are hoping to still be meeting in Ashton Gardens and Lowther Gardens on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: so far the weather has been holding out for us. If you would like to join others please give me a ring. We are following the strict Government guidelines which change often so to ring first would be best.

If anyone has any ideas as to how we can continue to meet outside but be kept warm and safe please let me know.

We are also planning, for some members, to go inside soon, still following the Government guidelines, so again please keep in touch with me to find out more. There's also lots of safety precautions in the Glendower Hotel to help (see item on cover page).

The Zoom meetings have started now and I think they will be extremely popular. Don't be scared of asking how to join a Zoom meeting, it really is very easy and it's lovely to see people, albeit on a screen and be able to chat and enjoy everyone's company again.

We're planning the Zoom meetings for a Monday at 5pm so please get involved, you won't be disappointed.

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Useful info about other items going on in our area

Did you know about Wesley's Larder?

It is at Church Road Methodist Church
on St Albans Road St Annes FY8 3NQ

**Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays
11.00am - 1.00pm**

A food store where the groceries are free!
Open to everyone no appointment or referrals needed.
Bring your own bag.

Come and see what we have collected each day from
Tesco, Lidl, FareShare

Run by volunteers - we are here to help you.
All Covid protocols observed



Autumn! Almost over but such wonderful colours we have had in our parks and countryside. Let's hope that Winter will be as kind as our Summer. Keep warm, stay safe and keep looking forward. Celia

During this time we are unable to have hard copies of the Newsletter printed or delivered but electronic versions will be sent out to those who have registered their emails with us.

If you have means to print and can safely pass a copy to a friend who doesn't have computer access, please do so.



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