

JIGSAW

(Joint Initiative Group for Stroke Awareness and Wellbeing)

NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone.



Good Meeting – So, off to Bradley Fold Garden Centre for Coffee and Cake?

I think the ladies are right, it was a good turnout, good atmosphere, plenty of chat and lots of frustration with the quizzes.

Just what a 'Drop In' meeting should be.

Ben, our new exercise instructor, managed to evade the Moses Gate traffic chaos and got here nice and early. There was quite a bit of laughter coming from the coffee lounge and Ben said he really enjoys doing these sessions for Jigsaw, as you are a great bunch of people.

I told him that feedback from you guys was very positive, so the Committee are very happy.

Initially, I got the impression that the today's quizzes were proving to be too easy but once again no one got all the questions right, so I was very happy. Joan, our quiz compiler, is doing a great job.

We had three new members, Ken and Karen and Marilyn who came with Pam from the Stroke Association, come to look at us today. We hope you liked what you saw and will come again.

I mentioned that Dobbies, Sports and Social Club in Bradley Fold, recently celebrated 30yrs and collected £400 for Jigsaw. This was a great surprise and very welcome so thank you Dobbies. We have of course written to thank them.

Christmas Party. The list went up today for our annual Christmas Party so if you have not put your name down you can ring Lynn on 01204 387704 (Details see page 4)

Hospice Lottery: For those of you who are members of this lottery please be aware that Sandra will not be collecting in December. She asks that we pay for December in advance and will collect during November. For those who are not members, we get approx. 50% of our donations from the Lottery which raises money for Jigsaw and gives you a chance to win up to £1000.

We know that there are several of you out there that are ill, in hospital or convalescing so we hope you get well soon and are able to come to the meetings again.

A big thank you to those who gave stamps and donations and of course our great helpers who never let us down.

REMEMBER THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN THREE WEEKS TIME – TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT – THE LADYBRIDGE SINGERS – SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2017



A huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended this fundraising concert in aid of Jigsaw and Christ Church.

The Ladybridge Singers were in fine voice and the acoustics in the Church were excellent. We had a varied programme of songs from Shows, Choral and a newly practised Simon & Garfunkel medley, which went down a

treat, a Maori song - we were all 'whistling a happy tune' and 'tick-tocking' with Grandfather's Clock. We had a solo of an Elvis song and encore of Vienna – City of Dreams. 'Thank you' to The Ladybridge Singers for performing for us free of charge.

Thanks to the Church for providing the refreshments and the volunteers for helping.

A really lovely afternoon.

We raised a total of £365, which will be split between Jigsaw and Christ Church. Again, 'Thank you' to everyone.



"Coffee and Biscuits Everyone?"

MEETING – TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017

'The Entertainers' Sing for us



'The Entertainers' are the fundraising arm of the Farnworth Performing Arts Society. They have been to Jigsaw many times to sing for us and they have been brilliant.

This time they will perform what they call 'Music & Memories' which will include songs from shows, songs from the 1950's/1960's/1970's and a few sing-a-longs as well.

Should be a great afternoon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – HOLIDAY INN, BOLTON - THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2017
(make your own way there & back) £20 per person



This trip is now full, however, if you want to go on the 'Wait List' in case of cancellations please ensure you contact Lynn within the next few days. There are often last-minute cancellations due to illness or appointments.

There will be a 3-course Christmas Lunch plus entertainment for the afternoon.

If you have specific dietary requirements you need to advise.

As in previous years, you make your own way there and back and we suggest you use taxi's or car share. Parking on site is limited and it will be much easier for you to be dropped off at the door and collected later in the afternoon. **The Holiday Inn parking is now under the management of 'Parking Eye' and you will need to ensure you register your vehicle registration number on arrival to qualify for free parking. Wheelchair users would be advised to park on the underground area of the Hotel as there is a lift to the ground floor.** Topp Way multi-storey car park is also near-by and Genting Casino NCP Car Park is opposite the Hotel.

Arrival **11.45am for lunch served at 12.15pm.** Entertainment approx. 2.00pm to 3.45pm and this year **Russell Shaun** will join us to entertain for the afternoon. Russell is a 'swing singer' with a brilliant voice. Some of you will remember Russell came to sing at our Christmas Party a couple of years ago and he was brilliant. If you want to check him out visit 'You Tube'.
Teas / Coffees and biscuits approx. 3.45pm. Event finishes at 4.30pm.

We have the room for all afternoon so you can stay to relax and have a few drinks if you want. At last year's summer event, a few of us were still in the room at 5.30pm!

Last year quite a few of you left early which put a dampener on the afternoon as several of the tables were left half full and a couple of tables were left with only two people on each.

There is a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to try and provide an enjoyable afternoon for you all, so if some of you intend to leave early we would like you to tell us, so that maybe we can seat you on one table. That way the room can retain its atmosphere.





Christmas Party – Tuesday 12th December 2016

Christ Church 12.30pm - 4pm

£7.50 per person

NB: This is a ticket only event

Jigsaw's Christmas Party is held here at Christ Church and will include a Buffet lunch, Entertainment and Raffle. **The list went up at the meeting today. If you haven't yet put your name down contact Lynn as soon as possible.**

The ticket price includes one strip of Raffle tickets with the 1st Prize being £100 with 2nd Prize of £50. (there are also other prizes). Extra Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase on the day. We will also be having a 'ticket number' prize so **make sure you bring your numbered ticket** with you.

Kenny Stephens is due to return to Jigsaw to entertain us with his singing.

Please note: The Party is held from **12.30pm – 4.00pm** (this is a slightly earlier time from our meetings and it is a 4pm finish – **so arrange Taxi's for 4.15/4.30pm**). The reason being is to help ease traffic congestion in the Car Park and surrounding area!! There is also a public car park behind the shops in Little Lever.

Please be prompt as we start the buffet at 12.30pm

12.30pm	Buffet Lunch + Comfort Break		
2.00pm (approx)	Kenny Stephens		
2.45pm (approx)	Comfort Break		
3.00pm (approx.)	Kenny Stephens		
3.40pm	Raffle Draw	4.00pm	Afternoon ends

Numbered Tickets will be issued in due course.

If you have any special Dietary requirements please advise Lynn as soon as possible.



Remember just because you have a disability it should not stop you enjoying life. You just have to do things differently and plan a bit more.

CROSSROADS TOGETHER (formerly Crossroads)

(Carers need support too)

Based at Thicketford Centre, Thicketford Road, Bolton BL2 2LW, Crossroads Together supports **Carers** and people with care needs including personal care services to adults and children in their own home including complex care, live-in care, dementia care and respite care.

There are charges for the services - if you want to know more check out the website: www.crossroadstogether.org.uk or phone **01204 365025**

Can you help collect used stamps for the Church.

Collect any old stamps and bring them to the meetings. We can then pass them on to the Church. If possible can you try to have as much as much of the envelope around the stamp as possible.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI PHONE NUMBERS

Here are a few numbers for your reference – all are roomy ‘Black Cab’ style Taxis:-

Nigel’s Taxi	07737 472847	
Stephen Jackson	07757 608034	
Wal	07866 740031	
Street Cars (Ajaz & Wajid)	07766 207454 (Ajaz)	07916 802833 (Wajid)
Bowcock Private Hire (Andy)	07860 801830	(Peugeot E7 Wheelchair Taxi)
Ricksway Private Hire (Rick)	07958 788816	(Peugeot E7 Wheelchair Taxi)
Ken’s Cabs	07800 546876/0770 418 7735	

We are always on the lookout for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis – so if you have used one that is not on the list above please let us know and we can spread the word! (If you know of any with a tail-lift do let us know – We are aware that most of these are on contract for school runs during the day but can be available outside these hours).

HUMOUR SECTION Always remember this: You do not stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old when you stop laughing.

At a party an 'Arty' type of guy approached a woman and said "I hope you do not mind me saying, that you are a very beautiful woman and wondered if you would pose nude for me?" The woman was a little taken aback but said "I suppose I could do but I would like to keep the picture." The Arty guy replied "What picture?"

I took my new girlfriend to a spanky new French restaurant. She had frogs legs and chicken breasts, but a lovely personality.

Message for the elderly.

'Don't under any circumstances, Take a sleeping pill, and a laxative on the same night!'

"Come in, but mind your hips on the ornaments, this hall can be tricky for women of your build"

A businessman says to his friend "I am looking for a new accountant" His friend asked "Didn't you hire a new accountant last week?" "Yes" said the businessman said "That's the accountant we are looking for"

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it and then put it back down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Husband to wife "Why is it that when I ask you a question you always ask a question back?"
Wife "Is that what I do?"

Guess who I bumped into on my way to Specsavers?
Everybody.

A landlord in a Scottish pub put out a large empty whisky jar to collect for a local charity. After a few months it was stolen. The police said it should not be difficult to catch the thief as both coins were marked.

An old man says to his doctor "My right ear always feels warmer than my left". The doctor says "I see the problem, we need to adjust your toupee"

There was a fisherman named Fisher who fished for some fish in a fissure. Till a fish with a grin, pulled the fisherman in. Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher

IMPOSSIBLE.

You can't count your hair.

You can't wash your eyes with soap.

You can't breathe when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person

I remember my Nanny pulling my trousers down and giving me a good spanking. It never did me any harm but it once made me late for a Jigsaw meeting.

"Doctor, those pills you gave me are fine but I keep walking like a crab"
"Ah yes, that will be the side effects"

"My girlfriend has long soft brown hair"
"She sounds nice"
"Not really, it's all on her top lip"

POETS CORNER

I LIKE TO BAKE

Lord, you know I like to bake,
That velvety rich chocolate cake,
Covered with icing, I never stop
Until chocolate curls adorn the top.

Lord, you know I like to bake,
Custard slices and biscuits make,
With fruit, nuts and choc. chips,
Though they all linger on my hips

Lord, you know I like to bake,
(I say it's for my family's sake),
Apple pies and cheesecake too,
And dumplings in the Irish stew.

Lord, you know I like to bake,
But I need to curb my intake,
Pavlova, a delicious sugary fluff,
I never seem to have enough.

Lord, you know I like to bake,
But cholesterol pills I now take,
These words I must never utter,
"Please pass me the cream and butter"

Lord, a special favour I shall ask,
It would only be a simple task,
You who changed water into wine,
Dissolve those calories when I dine!

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