

JIGSAW

(Joint Initiative Group for Stroke Awareness and Wellbeing)

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Hi Everyone



"Ben"

I did not expect the weather to turn out as it did so I hope you did not get too wet going home. The meeting (last of 2018) had a good feel about it today and I was glad to tell you all that Jigsaw will not close next year and that the present committee (Minus Lynn and I) will carry on into the foreseeable future. You will still see Lynn and I at the meetings (as members) and being available to help the committee to have a smooth handover.

It was Ben's (Physio) last day with us and I know those of you that do the exercises were sad to see him go.

He was very surprised and quite touched with the presentation in front of you all. You may not have heard him, as he was leaving, say "It has been an absolute joy to be involved with Jigsaw". He tells me that we will be having a lady (Kate) next year who, he says, is lively and energetic. We will see. Thanks Ben we have enjoyed you being with us.



We had a new member, Tony, come to see us today. We hope you enjoyed your afternoon Tony and will come again.

Quizzes: The picture quiz was up to its usual standard but the other one 'Category Clues' proved to be very difficult. You can all give your brains a rest until next January.



"Synchronised Brain Ache"

Two Christmas Events:
Holiday Inn (see page 2 for details)
Christmas Party (See page 3 for details)

The committee would like to say 'thank you' to the ladies who have made some fabulous Christmas Decorations/Cards/Puddings to raise funds for Jigsaw.

You will find the **Dates for meetings in 2019 in this Newsletter see page 4**
Don't forget to update your diaries/calendars. Jigsaw meetings are always the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

We send our best wishes to those ill, in hospital or convalescing and hope to see you soon
Once again, a massive 'thank you' to all our helpers/volunteers and thanks to those who donated 2nd class stamps.

See you at the Holiday Inn and the Christmas Party!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – HOLIDAY INN, BOLTON – TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018
(Make your own way there & back)



Those going on this outing be at the Holiday Inn for 11.45am.

Don't forget – parking may be difficult, so we advise coming by Taxi if you can, or car sharing.

Parking at The Holiday Inn is 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.

Programme for the afternoon can be found in previous Newsletters.

The event will end **approx.** 4.30pm, so order taxis for after this time.

If you are unable to attend, phone Graham on 07894 810901 asap.



Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th February 2019

Under the rules of our Constitution we have to give you advance notice of our forthcoming AGM in 2019 (see above).

In January 2019 we will be issuing voting forms for you to re-elect or reject members of the present committee. If you would like to nominate someone or wish to join the committee yourself, please let me know as soon as possible.

There is an open invitation for any member to come along to a Committee Meeting to see what we do – contact Graham if you are interested.



Christmas Party – Tuesday 11th December 2018
Christ Church 12.30pm - 4pm £5.00 per person

NB: This is a ticket only event

There are still tickets available so, if you want to attend this event – ring Lynn 01204 387704 urgently!

If you have any special Dietary requirements or Allergies please advise Lynn asap or by end-November latest.

Note: Please be prompt & seated for 12.30pm as the Buffet will be served immediately. **Note extended times - 12.30pm start and a 4pm finish**

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

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

The Car Park at Christ Church will be full - there is limited parking at the Health Centre across the road from Christ Church. There is also parking in the streets local to the Church. To avoid parking problems, we suggest you come by Taxi or car-share if you can.

Please arrange for any Taxi's, Transport to collect you at 4.15pm/4.30pm Remember it will be very congested!!

There are some great Raffle Prizes with 1st Prize of £100 Cash & 2nd Prize of £50 + many more. Extra Raffle Tickets can be purchased on the day.



There is also a 'ticket number' prize so, make sure you bring your ticket with you on the day.

UPDATE on Jigsaw's future – Nov 2019

As you know over the past few months we have been trying to find new Officers to help run Jigsaw and have had little or no response from the various letters we have sent out, Articles in the Bolton News and Here4You Magazine. We have had details of the volunteer positions being posted on the national Volunteer Website 'Do it' and on the e-bulletins sent out via Bolton CVS.

We held the last Committee Meeting of the year last week and the Committee decided that Jigsaw mustn't close and they would like to try and take it forward, so the good news for you, the members, is that **Jigsaw will continue.**

We will do everything possible to ensure a smooth handover.

There is a lot of work to be done as to who does what and how. The Committee will meet in January to see how this can be finalised going forward. It is highly likely that you will not notice much difference as the meetings will be of a similar format.

As always, we will keep you posted.

Jigsaw Dates for your Diary – 2019

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Dates left blank will be filled shortly

Jigsaw meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

8 January	Pastie & Peas Lunch		
22 January	'Drop In'	13 August	
12 Feb	AGM (Annual General Meeting)	27 August	'Drop In'
26 Feb	'Drop In'	10 Sept	Spellbound Films/Talk
12 March		24 Sept	'Drop In'
26 March	'Drop In'	8 Oct	
9 April	Performer - Joanne Halliwell ('Betsy the Housekeeper')	22 Oct	'Drop In'
23 April	'Drop In'	12 Nov	'The Entertainers' Sing
14 May		26 Nov	'Drop In'
28 May	'Drop In'	10 Dec	Christmas Party (ticket only)
11 June			
25 June	'Drop In'		
9 July			
23 July	'Drop In'		

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

SAD NEWS – Joe Baldwin died on 14th November 2018 aged 85yrs



Joe came along to Jigsaw with his Wife, Anne several years ago. They attended many of the meetings until Joe's illness, over the past couple of years, prevented them from attending.

They both really enjoyed coming along to Jigsaw and particularly enjoyed the visits we had to the Olympus Restaurant.

Our sincere condolences to Anne and their family.

Christmas Fundraising for Jigsaw (with Thanks to Jean, Margaret, Sue, Norma and Alison's Daughter (Mary) for making the items)



Jean made more Mini-Christmas Puddings, that can be used for holding Chocolates (eg Ferrero Rocher or others) and can be used as Table 'favours' over Christmas. Norma made several additional indoor Christmas floral arrangements.

Sale of the Puddings, Christmas Cards and Christmas Floral arrangements this week raised £70.

Our Thanks to all

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.

On the first morning of his honeymoon, Harry surprises his new bride with breakfast in bed. He puts down a tray with a plate of eggs, bacon, sausages, mushrooms, fresh orange juice, a rack of buttered toast and a pot of tea. "What do you think?" asks Harry. "Oh Harry, it is wonderful" replies his bride. "Good" says Harry "Make sure you remember how it is laid out, as that is the way I want my breakfast every morning"

I asked the Barber if he could give me some Highlights. He gave me a DVD of 'Old Haircuts'

I hate whelks. I chewed on one for four hours. I took it out of my mouth and there wasn't a mark on it!

When I go for a Curry, I usually ask for a Chicken Tarka. It is like a Chicken Tikka but a little 'otter'

I was in Australia recently and popped in to a busy bar. There was a boomerang behind the bar so I asked if I could look at it. The bar man gave it to me and I asked is it true that if I throw this it will come straight back to me. The guy stood next to me said "it will if it hits me"

I rang Dominoes Pizza the other night. A guy replied "Dominoes Pizza, my name is Karl, how may I help you today?" I said..... "Well, think about it Karl?"

After attending church one Sunday, a man says to the priest "Father, your sermon today reminded me of the peace and mercy of God" The priest is very flattered and asks the man to explain further. The man replies "Your sermon passed all understanding and it endured forever"

Police are chasing a speeding car when all of a sudden, the car leaves the road, rolls over three times, flies sideways between two trees and comes to rest the right way up. The driver staggers out of the car and approaches the police. One of the police asks "are you drunk?" The driver slurs "Of course I am, what do you think I am a bloody stuntman?"

We went on a Saga Cruise for a holiday. God the people on it were old. Average age – deceased. The mid night buffet was 8-0 clock! We didn't get a chocolate on our pillow at night. We got a prune.

My wife, who has a squint, and I are getting a divorce. We do not see eye to eye as she has been seeing someone on the side

I think we must have had some inbreeding in our family. I have a cousin who can count to twelve on his fingers.

The next time you have to fill out a form and have to include an Emergency Contact, do not put a family member just put "A good Doctor"

I said to the wife, "Give me that paper". "Oh get with it" she said, " borrow my iPad". That fly never knew what hit it.

A twice married wife, calls her twice married husband, who is at work and shouts "Come home quick, your kids and my kids are beating up our kids"

Once I used to suffer from multi personality disorder. The doctor gave us some pills and now we are all feeling great.

Alf is so old that when he pops into his local café for a three minute egg, they ask for the money up front!

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.

Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth. Negative has 8, so does Positive. Under has 5, so does above. Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy. Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy. Right has 5 letters, so does wrong. Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal. It means life is like double edged sword... so transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We should choose the better side of the life.

LifeLearnedFeelings

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