

# JIGSAW

(Joint Initiative Group for Stroke Awareness and Wellbeing)

## NEWSLETTER

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### Hi Everyone

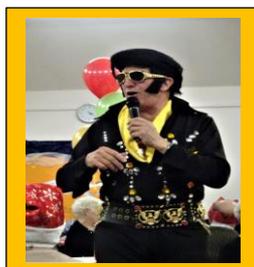


Well, what another happy time was had by all who were at the Christmas lunch at The Holiday Inn Hotel on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of November. Our volunteers, Chantelle Duff the hotel events co-ordinator and the hotel staff worked hard to ensure we had another memorable event in the Jigsaw family calendar.



Russell Shaun's selection of music was well received in each session and we would love to see him again.

This was followed by our Christmas Party at Christ Church on Tuesday, 10th of December.



We had all been looking forward to the Kenny and Elvis floor show and this year's entertainment proved he hasn't lost his ability to keep us happy and that we haven't lost our ability to join in. Everyone joined in, whether singing, clapping and moving to the beat. Thank you, Kenny for another fantastic afternoon. Can't wait for next year.

### **Christmas Party Raffle**

The usual raffle was undertaken and all prizes were won by those at the meeting, or friends on their behalf. As usual, Tesco's were extremely generous with two hampers and a supply of Christmas hats.

It was such a good raffle – Graham Bridge won a hamper – the first time in eleven years that he had won anything in the Party raffle. He certainly made up for it this time – a well-deserved gift!

The raffle tickets bought at the meeting raised £108.00. We thank all our donors of prizes for their great generosity.

### **AGM - Tuesday 11th February 2020**

At our next meeting in the new year (14th January 2020) we will have Committee Election Forms on the tables. Members will need to complete these by the end of the meeting. Under the Rules of the Constitution these forms have to be completed in time for the AGM. Please do fill them in. If you feel you could help on the Committee, please contact Gwyneth as soon as possible for your name to be put forward.

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR JANUARY 2020**

**Margaret McEwan Kath Maguire Joan Armstrong Maisie Wood Dele Sikiru**

**Wynn Nuttall Audrey Parker Pat Morrison Margaret Rowland Jean Clarke**

**Shelagh FitzGerald Jim Hargreaves Harry Preston Graham Shaw Katrina Adamson**

### **CHRISTMAS POSTING**

Leaflets are available at Post Offices but here is a handy reminder for the last day to post your cards in the UK to arrive for Christmas.

Second class – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December

First class – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of December

## TRANSPORT

### For members using Taxis (organised by Jigsaw)

Please don't forget, if you require transport, please ensure you ring **Gwyneth on 07592 904021** on the Wednesday before the meeting date, to confirm your seat.

The cost for the transport will be **£8** per person (Return)

### Pay Gwyneth/Linda on arrival at the meeting

In the event we need to use an alternative taxi the cost will be the same as above

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI PHONE NUMBERS

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

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

**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!**

## INFORMATION (for Stroke Survivors & Carers)

The Information Table is always being updated, as is the Book Library (more choice).

Books are located in the Coffee Lounge + we also have Audio Books on the Info Table. [Pop along and have a look there's always something new!](#)

## SAD NEWS

We were sorry to hear of Sylvia Mason's death. For some time, she had attended with Joyce Crossley our meetings and trips. Unfortunately, she had been very ill since an accident earlier this year.

Gwyneth represented JIGSAW at the funeral which was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of November at Radcliffe Crematorium.

### **SOPRANO NICOLA MILLS – TRIBUTE TO JULIE ANDREWS**

Nicola came to sing at JIGSAW in July 2019 and as so many of you enjoyed her performance, we thought we would let you know she is singing at The Met Theatre in Bury on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

A Spoonful of Julie is full of songs and medleys arranged by Stuart Barham (Sondheim and Lloyd Webber) from your favourite Julie things. Cleverly woven together and telling some Julie stories along the way, Nicola will delight your Julie Andrews senses.

### **GOOD NEWS**

We are pleased to announce that our application to Health and Wellbeing Investments has been successful. This grant of £2,733.00 from Bolton Community Voluntary Services will be used to pay for our use of Christ Church and other running costs.

Also, we have received £564.75 from Bolton Hospice Lottery from the money collected this year from contributions to the Lottery. Thanks to all who contributed.

### **Jigsaw Dates for your Diary – 2020**

**14<sup>th</sup> January - Pasty and peas**

**28<sup>th</sup> January - Drop In Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> February - Annual General Meeting**

**25<sup>th</sup> February – Drop In Meeting**

**Remember – All meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – sometimes there may be 3 weeks between dates – so please check the Newsletters or on the Website to confirm dates.**

## **OUR VENUE -- CHRIST CHURCH**

We just turn up and take for granted that our location is very good. Well, we want to acknowledge Christ Church for allowing us to use such a splendid venue for our meetings.

We have the use of a flat and good-sized car park, even and level access, a room that suits a group of our size, tables and chairs all provided, able and disabled toilets, a fully fitted kitchen and space to put our storage locker. We are very lucky to have this place. In addition, we have members of the Church that help at all our meetings! Thank you to all our volunteers that keep us up and running.

## **THANKYOU TO KAREN HELSBY, FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Sadly, Ken Helsby passed away in September and donations were made in his memory to JIGSAW of a very much appreciated £625.00.

## **BOLTON AT HOME'S CARELINE WRISTBAND**

The wristband is available to anyone, any age who wants to feel safer when out and about. Should the person with the wristband be found ill, injured or just in need of assistance, the highly visible wristband has Careline's number on it so the person helping can call Careline.

The Careline team can then inform the emergency services of any medical details they need to know and contact the next of kin that you identified on your registration form.

The service is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year and costs £10 for registration and then £10 per year.

The easiest way to order one would be to speak to Careline on 01204 335732

Further information can be found at <https://www.boltonathome.org.uk/careline-wristband/>

## **MORE GOOD NEWS THE JOKES ARE BACK!**

Who goes "oh, oh, oh???" - Santa walking backwards!

What type of room has no windows or doors? - A mushroom

What do snowmen have for breakfast? - Snowflakes

What did the policeman say to his stomach? - You're under a vest

What do you get when you cross a bell with a skunk? – Jingle smells!

What do you give a man who has everything? - Antibiotics

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? - "Rude" – olph!

What often falls but never gets hurt? - Rain

What do you call Santa's dog? - Santa Paws



And so, it only remains for us to wish all members of the

JIGSAW FAMILY

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

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