

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

We Wish You
a Merry
Christmas

Welcome to JBDC 'Lockdown' Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Well folks, can you believe that we are into December already?

What would normally be our month of festivities, parties and our usual 'Christmassy' fun and nonsense will sadly have to only continue with our Home Visiting/Outreach service and short Bus Outings.

I think you will agree that we will all be glad to see the end of 2020 as this has been a very unsettling year for everyone.

Hopefully 2021 will see us back to some form to our Day Centre building and meeting with friends once again.



What's the Latest?



We are currently in consultation with the Care Inspectorate and East Lothian Council making plans for our return to our Centre in some form in the first quarter of the New Year. Through discussion, and along with the results from our Covid Questionnaire which you all kindly completed, we are in the process of compiling a programme and rota system to ensure that we can try to accommodate all your choices and wishes moving forward. We will also have to ensure that our plans meet with satisfaction and with associated guidance as outlined by The Scottish Government before we will be permitted to re-open in any form. The local Health Protection teams and the Care Inspectorate must agree with the plans to re-open and the proposed control measures outlined in our risk assessments. It is very much hoped that once all these measures are in place and signed-off we will finally be able to have you back in your Day Centre building. Fingers crossed.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES



The Day Centre will be closed to all from **Wednesday 23rd December 2020 at 1pm** and re-open on **Monday 4th January 2021 at 9am**.

****There will therefore be no Home Visits or Bus Outings throughout this time****

On **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December 2020** will see staff delivering Christmas presents and doorstep Christmas Carolling to you all.

All I can say folks is get your ear-plugs ready for this delight!

Our Deliveries and Carolling will be in place of your usual Home Visits on these dates, although our Bus Outings will still take place.



October, November & December Birthday Celebrations

Our birthday celebrations have continued as usual, albeit in a slightly different form. We hope that you all had/have fabulous birthdays.

October Birthday Wishes went out to: **Mary Frame, Morag Denham, Brenda Doran & Annie Lumsden.** Our Birthday Wishes also went out to our fabulous Volunteer **Barbara Mitchell** – hope you all celebrated in style?

November Birthday Wishes went out to: **Jimmy Good and Carol Hendrie**

Our upcoming December Birthday Wishes go out to: **Charlie Grant, Peter Jarron & our longstanding Volunteer Nan Marshall.** Hope you all have a wonderful time xxx

Celebrate in your own unique 'lockdown' style – we miss not having our usual birthday celebrations at the Centre, but hopefully it won't be too long until we can again.

Day Centre Fees

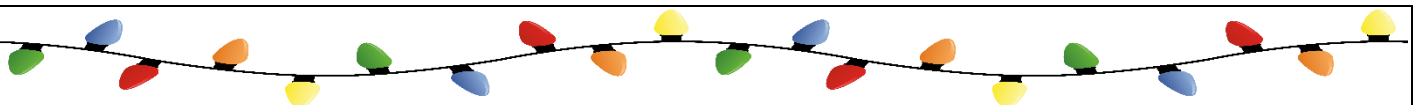
October 2020 saw the re-introduction of payment for altered services received by service users. Thank you to you all for your continued support and understanding in this matter. Thanks to your payments and any donations received will ensure that we are in a position to function fully – hopefully in the first quarter of 2021.

The fee is to enable us to give you an assurance that we can return to the Centre and we have the necessary funds to finance our support to you.

Quote of the Day:



'The journey of life is with many twists and turns. But with Faith and Courage no obstacle can stop you from reaching your Goals. Keep Faith, Peace and Kindness in your hearts and you will always shine'



As I close our final Newsletter of 2020 I would like to thank you all for your unfailing support, patience and understanding during what has been a very difficult year for us all.

We have missed you all being in the Centre and our usual routines. I look forward to 2021 where hopefully we will all be back together soon.

A huge thank-you too to my fabulous Staff Team, Volunteers and Trustees for your continual hard work and assistance throughout this trying year.

'May your hearts and homes be filled with all the joys the Season brings'

Have a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

With Much Love, Anne Mercer (Manager)