

JOHN BELLANY DAY CENTRE NOVEMBER & DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

*It's beginning
to look a lot
like
Christmas!*

Welcome to JBDC Festive Newsletter

Well folks, can you believe that we are into November 2021 already? I have to say it has been a very strange year, but one that saw us thankfully being able to get back into our day Centre Building. Can you remember back to the beginning of 2021 where we were only permitted to have Outreach/doorstep visits and short bus outings with you all. Spring then allowed us to be building based with 2 short sessions with very reduced numbers. I just remember being so excited that at least we were able to be in our Centre with you all and for you to be reunited with your friends again for chat and fun. August brought us back to much more normality – HOORAY!!! The 16th was the significant date that allowed us to be back to full days in the Centre, albeit with reduced numbers, BUT WE WERE BACK! The joy and delight to actually be back to normal was amazing. We continue with reduced numbers for safety reasons but this year will see us back with our usual celebrations – Armistice & St Andrews Day in November and our usual Festive Programme for December, including our Christmas Parties & Festive Entertainment. So lots to look forward to too.

What's the Latest?

We are extremely lucky to have been donated some beautiful Stained Glass Bunting and Christmas trees from the lovely and very talented **Mary Boyle at Orchard Glass.**



Mary does an array of stained glass masterpieces as a hobby and very kindly donated them to cheer up our Day Centre.

The winter sunlight pouring in through the amazing stained glass is spectacular – the colours are fabulous.

A huge thank you to Mary and for your stunning donations – they are a delight!

Lest We Forget



Pause to Remember

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ARMISTICE SERVICE

Our usual Armistice Service was held in the Centre on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 2pm with both the Auld Parish and Chalmers Memorial Churches.

Our thanks to Marilyn Steele and Robin Allison for the lovely service in memory of our fallen heroes.

*“They shall not grow old, as we are left to grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them”*

St Andrews Day Celebrations



It will be good to get back to some of our usual traditions, a favourite of which is St Andrews Day. As Scots we like a 'wee pairty' and what better than to celebrate our Patron Saint St Andrew on Tuesday 30th November. We will dine on traditional fayre of steak pie with a side order of 'haggis, neeps and tatties'. This will be followed by delicious homemade trifle.....

and of course some beautiful handmade shortbread from Mrs Robertson (Linda's Mum).

Our entertainment that day will be our regular 'Panner' Alex Hodgson.



November & December Birthday Celebrations

As you know we do love a wee celebration at JBDC, but especially a Birthday. I think it's because we all love CAKE!! We hope that you all had/have fabulous birthdays.

November Birthday Wishes go out to: IAN DAVIE, SANDY THOMSON, BERYL GREIG & JIMMY GOOD

Our upcoming December Birthday Wishes go out to: ANNE WALKER, CHARLIE GRANT, GLADYS SHEPHERD, PETER JARRON and our longstanding Volunteer NAN MARSHALL.

Hope you all have a wonderful time and celebrate in style xxx



Day Centre Fees

As you know our fees are paid on a 4-weekly advanced payment system which ensures that your place is held for you at the Day Centre.

Letters will go out to you all the third week in November with details of:

- Christmas and New Year Holiday Closures
- Payment amounts for each individual
- Payment Schedule for 2022

This will give you all sufficient time to amend any payments. We appreciate your promptness with payments as this ensures the Day Centre can operate financially to its full potential. Thanks in advance x

Roll Up, Roll Up.....were having a Christmas Tombola



We are holding a Christmas Tombola. This will begin Thursday 9th December and run until Wednesday 15th December 2021. We would be extremely grateful for any donations for this fundraiser. It's for a good cause.....extra treats and entertainment for you all in the Centre!

Our Christmas Programme

Everyone will have a Christmas Party on the days they usually attend. Our week of parties will begin on Thursday 16th December and will run until Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

There will be a choice of Festive Fayre each day as well as some fabulous entertainment from **Glenkinchie Singers, Robbie Carron, Raymond Williams, Anita Watman and Eddie Raven.**

Let's make this the best week of parties ever – after all we missed out last year so we have 2 years to catch up on!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURES



The Day Centre will be closed to all from: Thursday 23rd December 2021 at 1.30pm

We re-open on: Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 9am.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a 'Guid New Year. See you all in 2022!



QUOTE OF THE DAY

What is Christmas?

'It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present and hope for the future' Agnes M Pahro

So, as I close our final Newsletter of 2021 I would like to thank you all for your unfailing support, patience and understanding during another testing year for us all. It has felt so good to get back to some usual routines and finally having full days in our lovely Centre. I look forward to 2022 with all its new possibilities with you all xxx

A huge thank-you to my fabulous Staff Team, volunteers and Trustees for your continual hard work and assistance throughout the year xxx

*'May your hearts and homes be filled with all the joys the Season brings'
Have a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year*

With Much Love, Anne Mercer (Manager) xxxxx



Christmas Quiz

1. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
2. What season was Jesus actually born in?
3. What does the name Immanuel mean translated?
4. Where was Jesus born?
5. Name the 3 Kings that went to see baby Jesus
6. In what direction did the 3 Kings see His star?
7. What gifts were presented to baby Jesus?
8. What does the word Christ mean?
9. Who were the first to tell the real Christmas story?
10. Can you name all Santa's reindeers?
11. Where can you exchange kisses at Christmas time?
12. Where in the world is Santa's workshop?
13. Why do we shorten Christmas to Xmas?
14. Who plays the drums in honour of Jesus?
15. What's the name of the spicy little house we eat at Christmas time?
16. Who started the tradition of having a Christmas tree in the house?
17. Jingle Bells was not originally made for Christmas, do you know the story?
18. Which country does the song 'Silent Night' come from?



Answers:

1. Charles Dickens
2. Spring
3. God with Us
4. Bethlehem
5. Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar
6. East
7. Gold, frankincense and myrrh
8. The Anointed One or Messiah
9. Matthew and Luke in Bible
10. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph
11. Under the mistletoe
12. North Pole
13. 'X' stands for Xristos, the Greek word for Christ
14. The little drummer boy
15. Gingerbread house
16. Germany in 7th Century AD
17. Jingle Bells was composed in 1857 for a children's Thanksgiving programme
18. Austria