

# **THE JIGSAW CLUB**

## **Year 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024) Annual Report and Audited Accounts**

**Charity Commission Number: 1161907**

### **Purpose:**

We are a club based in Flitwick, Bedfordshire providing social needs for disabled people.

We have been in existence for over 49 years and currently have over seventy members of all ages and disabilities.

We meet once a fortnight at Flitwick Village Hall and provide a varied programme of entertainment, as well as informative evenings that are of benefit to disabled people. We own three ambulances which we use to collect our members from their homes to bring them to our meetings and to take them home again. We also use these vehicles to take our members on various outings including trips to garden centres and the pantomime at Christmas. All our volunteers are unpaid who give up their time freely to help make a difference to people who would otherwise be isolated in their own homes. Throughout the year various charity events are organised to raise funds to enable us to deliver events, trips and activities for our members as well maintaining and upkeeping the ambulances which play an important part of the charity.

### **List of Trustees:**

- Olive Mary Mitchell (Chairperson)
- Frederick Ash
- Valerie Bates
- Jan Sexton
- Reg O'Dell
- Susan Mary Derrick (Treasurer)
- Phillip Charles Hines
- Sheila Anne Meads
- Sandra Mary Hines
- John Ernest Roberts

### **Annual Report (Chairperson):**

It does not seem like minutes since our last AGM, maybe its because we always have a busy time at Jigsaw Club that the time goes so quickly or maybe because we are getting older!!

Jigsaw Club continues to move forward effectively and we have been able to attract new members. During the past year we have welcomed 4 new members and additionally 6 new helpers/escorts who will be coached and mentored accordingly, and will greatly enhance and provide flexibility to our pool of helpers.

Sadly we have lost 6 members and helpers through bereavement and they will be sadly missed. May they rest in peace.

Throughout the last 12 months, Jigsaw Club has provided a wide and varied range of activities that have covered both educational, entertainment and fun activities and needs. We have listened to our members wishes and desires and tried to accommodate accordingly. Such activities as a presentation from Inner Wheel, Ampthill Singers and Pub Night Out were undertaken. We also planted planters in the Autumn, guided and supported by our own "Percy Thrower". Additionally, we were intellectually challenged by our annual quiz night that was managed and provided by the Jigsaw Club secretary.

New entertainment was also provided by Canon Lynda Klimas who provided a superb insight about being the King's Chaplain. The U3A provided members with a musical evening, that was followed by a presentation on bee keeping with the added advantage and opportunity to purchase delicious local honey!! During the Christmas Party, members had the opportunity to sing along with the Vauxhall and Luton Male Voice Choir.

Earlier in the year, a members outing was arranged to attend a St Georges Day Jubilee meal and entertainment at Wicksteed Park, where everyone had the opportunity to sing and dance. From verbal feedback everyone had a great day.

The above is a sample of the activities that were arranged by Jigsaw Committee and helpers during 2024, to provide an effective and enjoyable programme for all members, and importantly to meet the purpose of the Jigsaw Club.

Our appreciation also goes to the Jigsaw Club Secretary for all his hard work in putting together a varied and interesting programme of activities.

During November, Jigsaw Club contributed to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and as Chairman, I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of Jigsaw Club at the Remembrance Service in Ampthill. As we now hold our meetings in Flitwick, it was also agreed that we should lay a wreath at Flitwick's Remembrance Service and this was carried out by one of our members.

Finally, thanks and appreciation must be given to:

- All drivers and escorts who provide a responsible and essential service to Jigsaw Club Members.
- To all the helpers who provide refreshments and snacks.
- To all committee members and above all, to the members who participate in the programme of events and make it all worthwhile.



## **Treasurer's Report.**

The final accounts for 2024 have been audited by Charles Goldthorpe and all transactions have been agreed and signed off. We ended the financial year with very healthy combined bank balances of £43,376.28 compared to £29,180.02 at the end of 2023. We had £2,301.93 in our current account and £41,074.36 in our reserve account. This was achieved with small grants and donations but without any significant grants, mainly by the hard work of the committee in organising a range of very successful fundraising events.

The report gives a breakdown of the figures that have been audited. It shows how money was raised (receipts) and how it was spent (payment activities). While it might appear in the report that some fund-raising activities only made a small profit, additional monies accumulated at these events are included, for auditing, under different headings, for example in raffles, heads and tails, members donations, individual donations and corporate donations.

As always, we started 2024 with the January lunch which raised £1563, including receipts from the always popular tombola and heads and tails and very generous individual donations. We had three coffee mornings last year, two at Flitwick Village Hall and one at one of the members house which raised £946, including raffles and donations. A joint quiz night with Houghton Conquest Care Group in Houghton Conquest Village Hall, showed a profit for Jigsaw of £427. In October we had a very successful ABBA tribute night that raised £2,515, including the bar sales and raffle. We also raised £696 at the annual Ampthill Lights switch on event, including the £400 that was raised by the Christmas hamper raffle, thanks to all of you who donated a Christmas item to that and who bought a raffle ticket.

Local organisations continued to support us very generously and we received £150 from the Rotary Club of Flitvale, £50 from Ampthill Women's Institute, Maulden Church donated £369, Maulden School, £94, Hooper Quaker Collection £132, HLB Runners £100, Flitwick Club £250, Ampthill Lodge of Instruction £190, Frank Branston Trust £500, Manor Court Lodge Ampthill £300, St Andrews Church Soup Lunch £270, Golden Hare Morris Dancers £43 and a final donation to end the year of £825 came from East Beds Charity Cricket Shield, who have been loyal supporters of the Jigsaw Club for many years.

Gift Aid this year from HMRC came to £571.62 and another payment for the end of the year is due shortly. Central Beds continue to reimburse us for the fees for the hire of Flitwick Village Hall which for 2024 were £1,347.

In addition to the corporate donations, we are often in receipt of smaller donations from our loyal following of 'FRIENDS' who continue to make generous donations and purchase tickets for our fundraising activities but wish to remain anonymous. As previously mentioned, it has been a very sad year, but our much-loved members who are no longer with us have left a legacy between them of nearly £4,000. Our members also contribute to our income by making donations towards refreshments and transport and buying raffle tickets at each meeting.

Running the 3 vehicles continues to be our biggest expenditure, in addition to the vehicle insurance and day-to-day running costs. The lift on each vehicle must be serviced twice a year and each vehicle must have an annual MOT and service to ensure that they meet legal requirements and are roadworthy. The drivers and escorts also undertake safety training to help ensure the safety and comfort of the members who use the vehicles. In total we spent £5,585 on the three vehicles which included the three lots of insurance. The report shows an on-line estimate of the current value of the vehicles.

We also have indemnity insurance which cost £425,79 which covers public and product liability and accidents to people and property at meetings and outside events. Our two popular events, the pub night out and the members lunch at the Cross Keys in Pulloxhill were fully paid for out of Jigsaw funds at a total of £2,050 for the two events, while other events such as the summer outing and pantomime are funded by members donations with a subsidy from Jigsaw funds.

The committee have decided to continue to ring-fence annually £1,000 to go towards our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2025 and to increase the £5,000 to £10,000 towards a vehicle replacement when it is needed. In 2025 these figures will be increased by £1,000 and £10,000 respectively to £3,000 and £20,000.

## **Fundraising Report:**

2024 was a busy year for fundraising events.

Jigsaw Club try to organise a variety of events which will attract a broad range of supporters.

The year started with our very popular fundraising lunch held at the Masonic Rooms in Ampthill which over 80 people attended.

One of our key supporters opened their garden for a DD80 themed coffee morning which was very well attended. A special thanks for all our cake makers!

Unfortunately, Ampthill Annual Gala did not take place during the summer, otherwise we would have been able to raise additional funds for the club. However, we had a stall at the annual Lights Switch On in Ampthill which was our best ever success for the Jigsaw Club. Instead of "Name the Teddy" we had a hamper which we raffled exceeding all expectations of money raised!

During October we held another Tribute Night at Parkside Hall in Ampthill starring "ABBA". All tickets were sold without advertising. The Tribute Night is now one of our regular events and it is planned that we hold another Tribute Night in October 2025. A Quiz Night was held at Houghton Village Hall where Jigsaw Club shared the organising and proceeds with Houghton Conquest Carers.

Two "Market Teas" were held at Flitwick Village Hall on a Friday morning when the market is open. Not only does this activity raise funds for the club but it also gives us an opportunity to raise awareness about Jigsaw Club within the local community.

A special thanks and appreciation must be given to everyone who has supported Jigsaw Club fundraising events, as it would not be possible to provide and facilitate the ongoing running and continuity of activities that the Jigsaw Club is able to successfully provide for our members.

Jigsaw Club will always welcome suggestions for new ideas that can be adapted and developed for fundraising purposes.

**Audited Accounts (Follow on next page):**



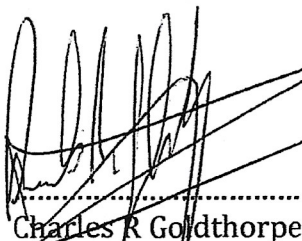
## The Jigsaw Club

I have audited these accounts in accordance with the guidance given by The Charities Commission. I am not a qualified accountant within the meaning of the act.

I have considered the rules under section 144[2] of the Charities Act 2011.

I can confirm that no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause for concern.

My opinion the charity is complying with the rules, obligations and accounting requirements under section 44 of the Charities Act 2011 etc.

  
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Charles R Goldthorpe

Dated this 10 day of January 2025

Auditor

TREASURERS REPORT AS AT	19/12/2024
NAT WEST CURRENT ACCOUNT	£2,301.93
NAT WEST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£41,074.36
CASH IN HAND FOR BANKING	£0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£43,376.29</b>

Value of Vehicles  
LV63 = £4272.00  
MX67 = £8820.00  
WA61 = £3942.00

50 CELEBRATIONS (Ring Fenced)	£2,000.00
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT (Ring Fenced)	£10,000.00

RECEIPTS	
Members' Donations (Refreshments)	£2,120.00
Members' Donations (Transport)	£789.00
Individual Donations	£2,156.13
Easy Fundraising	£23.06
Just Giving	£1,876.30
Gift Aid	£571.62
Interest on Deposit Account	£468.55
Raffles/Heads & Tails	£3,974.00
Corporate Donations & Grants	£8,552.81
Members' Lunch	£0.00
January Lunch	£2,075.00
Pantomime	£0.00
Coffee Mornings	£804.60
Summer Outing	£1,175.00
SPARE	£0.00
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Pub Night out	£0.00
Quiz Night	£1,075.00
ABBA NIGHT	£4,360.00
ABBA NIGHT BAR	£1,148.32
Amphill Lights	£696.36
Repayment from Parkside Hall Deposit	£100.00
Ticket Purchase for January Lunch 2025	£896.00
SPARE	£0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£32,861.75</b>

PAYMENT ACTIVITIES	
Refreshments	£526.44
Hall hire	£1,347.60
Vehicle Costs RENAULT LV63 LXX	£1,878.64
Vehicle Costs PEUGEOT MX67 GSV	£1,545.79
Vehicle Costs PEUGEOT WA61 BYP	£1,662.78
Entertainment & Events	£371.00
Raffles/Heads & Tails	£467.38
Members' Gifts/Poppy Wreath	£108.75
Property	£236.85
Health & Safety Training	£498.00
Members' Lunch	£1,203.51
January Lunch	£2,104.00
Pantomime	£189.00
Coffee Mornings	£0.00
Summer Outing	£1,865.50
SPARE	£0.00
Pub Night out	£847.20
Quiz Night	£728.31
ABBA NIGHT	£2,340.01
ABBA NIGHT BAR	£562.81
Amphill Lights	£0.00
Insurance	£425.79
Printing/Photos/Christmas Cards/Postage	£100.40
Auditor's Fees	£50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£19,059.76</b>