

Rafiki Family Group - Newsletter 2010

Dear All

Wishing you all a fantastic 2010.

We certainly started our year off with a great event. Thank you to Sue for inviting us to her special birthday evening. We all enjoyed a lovely evening of fun and friendship. Well its back to Family Group Calendar as far as we can. Please keep the calendar visible so that you do not miss out on the fun!

Could we ask that those members of the group who have not yet taken a turn hosting / booking or coordinating an event please volunteer to take a turn .It shares the workload if we all contribute to organising an event or simply booking a table in a Restaurant.

We all look forward to another great Rafiki Year

Chris and Vince, Louise and Anthony.

Calendar of Events



Saturday 30th January – annual walk in Heaton Park. Meet at the kids play area weather permitting. All welcome to come along and blow off the January cob webs. Drinks and biscuits in the Lourdes Room afterwards. If anyone doesn't want to join in the walk and would like to volunteer to get the kettle on for us or bake some cakes that would be great. Thanks please let us know.

Chris and Vince are the contacts for this activity.



Sunday 28 February 2010

Wacky Races Car Rally – organised by Dick Dastardly, Penelope Pitt- Stop and mutely (aka Jo, Tim and Bess). Meet at the Lourdes Room at 1.30 for further instructions. Return to Lourdes Room later for Drinks and biscuits. Can we have a family to volunteer providing the milk for this event, another to bring cordial and all other families to bring a packet of biscuits to share. Please let Chris know if you want to donate the milk or cordial.



Only men Allowed...

By popular demand Ian is organising another Men's night to the Comedy Store – possibly including food. Two options for dates are either the 12th or the 19th Feb. Come on boys email Ian with your preferred date by Friday this week so that Ian can check availability.



And just for the Ladies.....

Friday 5th Feb – Mamma Mia Sing Along night from 7.30 onwards.

Come on ladies do you fancy a sing a long?

Names to Chris asap – You will need a fancy hat for the wedding – prize for the best.

Other details to be revealed when your place is booked and arrangements finalised. Deadline for booking your place 30^h January. Email or text Chris J.

Friday 5th March – Ladies Meal

Ladies meal at the Blue Bell in Whitefield. Join us for a meal deal two courses for £8.00 or three for £12.00. Please text Joanne to book a place by end of January. Come on girls join the Ladies for this pleasant social night.



Friday 12th March – House Mass 7.30pm

Due to Fr Chris having a lot of commitments we wanted to get in early and I have therefore made a provisional booking for this date. However, we are looking for a host and hostess, a few said they would offer their home but as yet no firm commitments or replies to e mails – any offers?

Sunday 11th April – Family Trip to Laser Quest

Ian and Niall are organising this fun event for us all, more details to follow just keep the date free.

Sunday 25th April – Spanish afternoon for all the Family – subject to confirming availability of Social Centre from 1.15 onwards.

Dig out your Spanish attire and come along, a food list will be circulated for those who will be attending. We will need someone to coordinate a short Spanish quiz and music; we plan to also circulate a few phrases for you to learn in advance- just to get in the swing of things!



Bring your Guitar and castanets! Ole'

Saturday 22nd May – Family Barbecue

The Watts Family have kindly offered to host the BBQ again weather permitting. Details to follow but we will do what we did last time, all pay a small amount per head and then bring a salad or dessert and muck in with drinks. Join us for a great family afternoon.

Saturday 5 June – Sue and Paul's Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Sue and Paul have kindly extended an invitation to their Ruby Wedding anniversary celebrations – details to follow nearer the time.

Weekend of 3 / 4 July – Bowling (date to be finalised)

Young, old, with or without a partner – it's bowling fun time for all. Chris O is organising this event, more details nearer the time.

Sunday July 11th

If we have sufficient interest Family Picnic and games for all. We need an organiser for this event to sort out venue and meeting point. Please let Chris know if you will volunteer for this event.

Sometime during August

Fiona and Peter are looking to organise a Family Trip to either Eureka or the Science and Industry Museum. Dates and venue not set and will be subject to discussion with interested families. Please email Fiona now to register your interest.

Sunday September 26th Chinese Banquet.

Options are the same Restaurant in Bolton or the Wah Ying in Bury – both have buffet lunches reasonably priced. Email Tania and Liam to register initial interest, final details confirmed during September.

Sunday 17th October - time to plan the next Rafiki year. So it's a 3. T's meeting – **Toast, Teacakes,**

Talking! Let's get together for a brunch meeting; we will need a couple of toasters and donations of tea cakes, crumpets, butter, jam, marmalade and milk to plan our 2011 activities. We will circulate a note nearer the time to seek donations.

Each family / couple to bring one new idea to the meeting so get your thinking caps on!

Meet in the Lourdes Room after Mass finishes around 12.15.

At this meeting also we will sort out food and details for the Christmas Party, distribute Secret Santa. Please make sure your Family is represented.

November – Adults only Night – we need an organising team to sort this out – is anyone who has not had a turn willing to pick up please? Let Chris know.

December 19th Christmas Party – Lourdes Room. See note above re arrangements.

And Finally.....

Please remember to say a prayer for **our Family Group**, in particular this year please remember Bernadette and Dave and the new arrival in their family – Baby Alfie born at 26 weeks but doing very well.

Sue and Paul 40th wedding anniversary later this year.

Jo and Tim 25th wedding anniversary later this year.

Special Birthday – Katie 16 and GCSE Year.

Niall, Pippa, Nathan and Danielle, 18th birthdays and also a very challenging A level Year.

Cian and Shay who will make their First Holy Communion in May.

Grace and Kiera who will both move on to St Monica's in September.



And thank you to you all for being a fantastic Family Group.

Vince and Chris, Louise and Anthony.