

Providing Opportunities  
for People with  
Learning Disabilities

## **THE JPK NEWSLETTER**

**JULY 2020**

**Patron: Dame Jane Gow DBE**

**Sponsored by Ann and Robert Lindsay**

Well, the last three months have not been what we anticipated when we wrote the April Newsletter as we had not considered Covid-19 entering our shores with such devastation and for so long.

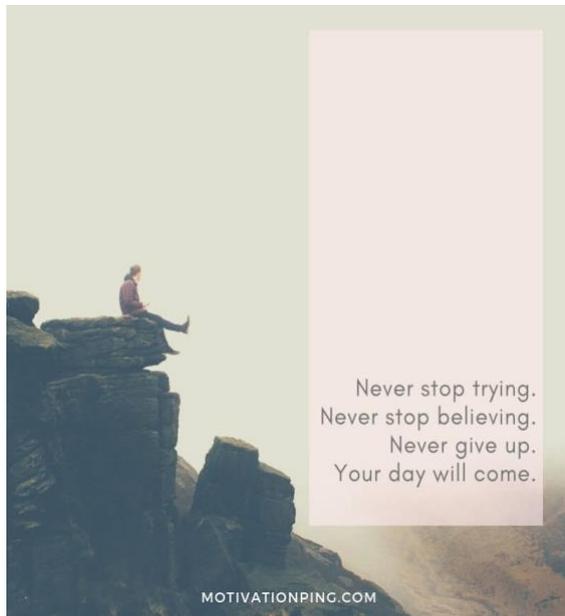
For some there have been tragic events and for the majority of us our lives have changed causing major differences to our lifestyles with loneliness for many, financial hardship and total confusion for people with a learning disability.

All charities have been 'hard hit' with planned events being cancelled and the inability to raise funds from other sources as major donors have ceased capital appeals and have concentrated on charities who specifically support the vulnerable during this Pandemic.

The JPK Community Training Centre sadly had to close its doors on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, which meant that Students could no longer continue with their training for the foreseeable future and we had to cancel all our planned fundraising, two of which were our larger events of the year.

We have been fortunate that through the support from Central Government we were able to 'furlough' our staff, have received a Council Tax 'holiday' and a

Grant for loss of income, as we have had to continue paying all the overheads of an empty building.



## PROGRESS REPORT

### Community Training Centre & Palm Court Team Room

As you know our wonderful staff team have, by necessity, been furloughed since March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our equally valuable volunteers have been on 'garden leave' and, very sadly, our students have had to self-isolate.

We miss everyone and the vibrant atmosphere that all experience when entering the Centre.

Much work has been undertaken over the last three months to work towards meeting all the necessary measures to enable 'social distancing' and put in place new hygiene guidance and protocols, including a thorough cleaning and tidying of the facilities.

We are extremely grateful to Patrick and Brian (Trustees) who planned and worked on these developments and to Sue Smith, Janet Jenion, Jane Alvey (Volunteers) Lucy Jenion (Student) and to Vivien and Sophie Halas (Student), who have offered their help to clean the Tea Room once the builders have left.



**Stop Press!** However, it is with the deepest regret and sadness that the Trustees of the JPK Project have made a unanimous decision to keep the Community Training Centre closed for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 pandemic and all the uncertainties it presents.

In addition to all the work to put in place additional hygiene measures and be able to maintain social distancing on re-opening, we also undertook a professional Risk Assessment. This was necessary to ensure that we had everything in place for the safety of our Staff, Volunteers, Customers and, most importantly, to safeguard our Students whilst undertaking their training.

Regretfully, it showed that there would be inadequate staffing levels to safeguard our Students and therefore we have had to make the hard and difficult decision to remain closed for the time being.

With all the uncertainties as to when we can feasibly and safely open again, we have had to make our staff redundant. This was carefully considered with all avenues and options investigated carefully as the Trustees met frequently over the last three months.

I am sorry to report on these decisions, but we believe we are acting in everyone's best interest.

Covid-19 has not gone away regrettably, although some might feel that it has. It is still very unclear as to what the future holds in the short term, if not the long term.

I will keep you informed on a regular basis as to when it might be safe for 'normal service to be resumed' but this will all depend on the progress of Covid-19 and when the risk of social contact diminishes. Sadly, the number of contacts has increased in Eastbourne and the surrounding areas in the last few weeks which does not bode well. All we can do is to continue to 'keep safe'.

### **Building and Refurbishment to the Disabled Toilet**

On a more positive note, we have been considering for some time the need to update our Disabled Toilet facilities to make them Accessible and Inclusive for 'seen and unseen' disabilities.

The closure, 'every cloud has a silver lining' was an ideal opportunity to undertake this work. We have been fortunate to have acquired all the necessary funding for this and work has commenced.

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations and individuals who have made this possible for the total cost of £10,500:

East Dean and Friston Parish Council  
Mrs A Lacy Tate Charitable Fund  
Upperton Ward Councillors – Devolved Budget  
Old Town Councillors – Devolved Budget  
Eastbourne Borough Council – Inclusion Fund  
The Stable Trust  
The John Jackson Charitable Trust  
Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council  
Mr and Mrs Jackie and Roger Bevan

With the professional assistance of Sovereign Construction, our newly refurbished Accessible and Inclusive facilities will be completed within the next week to a wonderful standard.

**The JPK, like the Phoenix, will rise from the ashes and be stronger and better in the future.**

We will keep you informed of our progress via the JPK website: [thejpkproject.co.uk](http://thejpkproject.co.uk), our facebook page and regular bulletins.

We would also like to hear from you should you have any questions or problems within your personal lives as we remain here to help.

## **The Daisy Chain Gift Shop**

The Gift Shop continues to be a wonderful source of income and our grateful thanks to all those that donate their unwanted gifts and items on a regular basis and all those that purchase. Our special thanks to Doreen who undertakes the pricing and display. This is virtually a full-time commitment due to our items flying off the shelves.

We are currently looking to Hope Woodwork to make a further 'bespoke' shelving unit so we are able to display more items. During 'lockdown' Doreen has re-organised and moved all the display shelving and this has assisted in having more discrete areas for social distancing.

No doubt, and I am ever hopeful that you have been collecting your unwanted gifts during Covid-19 for the JPK. Should you wish to 'tidy your houses' the JPK can arrange to accept your donations by appointment at the JPK.

Please contact Doreen on 07907 058 565 or Jill on 01323 486179 and we can arrange to be at the JPK. I thank you for your continuing support.

## **Sale of Cards**

Maureen and Gina have continued to make greeting cards for sale. I have been selling them from my home address and business has been quite brisk. Maureen was actually commissioned to make two 'special' cards, which resulted in a wonderful donation of £50 per card! These could be considered as the most expensive cards on the planet!

## **Les Conserves Artisanales**

This continues to be an ongoing success, so much so that Katie and Patrick work every weekend in the Training Centre to keep up the stocks. They have recently had to 'employ' Brian to assist, as production has had to rise to meet demand and keep the shelves stocked!



During 'lockdown' Katie and Patrick have continued to make their Preserves so they have a wonderful varied stock at £2 per jar. They have commenced a delivery service whilst the JPK is closed. You can order via:

[jill@thejpkproject.co.uk](mailto:jill@thejpkproject.co.uk)

01323 486179

See over for our products:

**Jams** - Plum, Blackcurrant, Blackberry, Strawberry, Gooseberry, Blackcurrant & Blackberry, Prune, Almond and Raisin, Apricot and Apple, Grape and Apple and Caramalised Apple

**Marmalades** - Lemon and Lime, Lemon, Orange, Orange and Ginger

**Curds** - Lemon Curd

**Salsa** - Hot Tomato, Onion and Pepper

**Chutneys** - Banana Pepper and Tomato, Spiced Parsnip and Carrot, Blatjang South African Date, Rhubarb and Orange, Courgette, Apple and Mint, Spiced Tomato, Fig and Apple, Beetroot and Horseradish, Marrow and Squash, Green Tomato and Apple and Sweet Pepper, Grape and Apple.

There's a choice for you!

## **FUTURE PLANS:**

The Trustees will continue to meet on a regular basis to plan for the future and this will include:

- Fundraising Events which can preserve social distancing
- Fundraising for the implementation of the residential aspects (Phase 2) of the JPK and obviously
- Keeping abreast of all developments for our Students to return to their training.

***“We will never stop trying, never stop believing and never give up, for our day will come again”.***

## **The Big Lottery – Reaching Communities**

We have received some very good news that the JPK has been successful with its Lottery application for three-year funding support for the Community Training Centre.

This is certainly very encouraging and extremely helpful for the future to strengthen our training programs and be able to increase the number of students to benefit from this training and experience.

This news came at a very inconvenient time with Covid-19 ‘rearing its ugly head’ and by necessity having to close the Community Training Centre. Having been allocated this wonderful grant we are unable to benefit from it until the Students are once again in training. But I am assured that it will be held by the Lottery until we are operational once more.

## **Phase 2 – Supported Living Accommodation**

The JPK has not forgotten this most important planned phase of our project. In fact, it is now taking a higher priority due to the pandemic since it has become very clear that a 'crisis' can happen at any time and it is essential, especially for those older parent carers, to have confidence that our vulnerable dependents are suitably and safely situated.

Making applications for capital grants is extremely difficult currently. We have found that many Grant Making Trusts are concentrating their support on charities that are directly providing a service for those who have been badly affected by the pandemic.

Although we have already raised £500k (restricted) for Phase 2, this is not sufficient to be able to undertake the building work as planned. Therefore, the Trustees are looking at other options such as commencing building in stages.

We are meeting with our Architect/Builder this week to look at all avenues and possible opportunities. So for those of us who are anxious and want to plan for the future, don't be down-hearted, as we are 'on to it'!

### **IN MEMORY OF CLIFF BENNETT**

It is with great sadness that I have to report on the death of Cliff Bennett, husband to Maureen and father to Karen, Mark and David, during the 'lockdown' in April. He was a wonderful family man and he and his family worked tirelessly for the Downland Farm Project, Eastbourne Special Olympics and The JPK Project and probably a great deal more that I never learnt about.

I have known the Bennett Family for many years (40?) when their son Timothy was born with Downs Syndrome. Sadly, Timothy died as a toddler and sometime later, Maureen and Cliff adopted David who has Downs Syndrome and welcomed him into their family. I have always considered Maureen and Cliff as being rather 'special'.

Cliff's funeral was held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April and thankfully the very close family were able to attend. Our grateful thanks for the donations we received following the funeral, in lieu of flowers.

With Covid-19 and isolation it has been a very difficult time for Maureen and her family but, as ever, with her indomitable spirit and the support of her family (mostly at a distance) she has continued to support the JPK.

I, like many others, will always remember Cliff with deep affection and his fabulous BBQ's in their garden and his wonderful sense of humour! Rest in Peace Cliff – you can be rightly proud of your family.

## **FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS:**

As previously stated, all our public fundraising events had to be cancelled but, the **Pimms and Ploughmans** in Kent went ahead, albeit in slightly different format! Jackie Bevan decided that she couldn't 'miss out' on raising funds for the JPK and contacted everyone who normally attended every year and asked as to whether they would be willing to donate their ticket money rather than attend.

She was overwhelmed with support and additional donations and raised a fabulous £2,137.00. This donation made it possible to complete the Accessible and Inclusive Toilet facilities to a high standard.

Our grateful thanks to Jackie for thinking of the JPK and to Roger for handling all the money transactions, along with 'all our friends from Kent' who continue to support the JPK.

### **Collection Tins:**

Cavendish Bakery  
Triangle Co-op

### **Sale of Cards:**

Maureen Bennett  
Gina Keane

### **Sale of Cards:**

Katie and Patrick Parker

## **FURTHER DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:**

Mrs M Hewlett  
Mrs ME Adams  
Mr and Mrs R&C Wells  
Miss A Collins  
Eastbourne Waitrose  
Mr A Hodges  
Mr A Lilley  
Mrs M I Fuskiarska  
Mrs C Watson  
Mr & Mrs D Houghton  
Mrs N Page  
Mrs T Morgan  
Dame Jane Whiteley  
Mr & Mrs J Pritchett  
Mrs S Jones  
Women's Fellowship  
S D Baskett

Mrs H Sogno  
Mrs T Morgan  
Mr & Mrs D Dunbar  
Mr & Mrs B Goldsmith  
Paypal Giving Fund  
Just Giving  
Mr & Mrs N Clive-Matthews  
Mr J Boyle  
Mr J Bell  
Mrs S Smith  
Mr & Mrs T Dunford  
Mr and Mrs Rayner  
Mr B Larkin  
Mrs J Brown  
Miss R Bungard  
M J Bain  
Mr & Mrs R Gausden

I M Jarvis  
Dr P Parker  
Mr & Mrs D Siggs  
Mr & Mrs T Deadman  
Mrs J Guthrie  
Easy Fundraising  
Recycle4Charity  
Miss A Mudd  
Mr J P Richards  
Mr J Curtis

Mr & Mrs E D Finch  
Mrs S Thomas  
Mr M Miller  
Clients Deposit  
Bear and Pooky  
Mr & Mrs T Whatford  
Anon  
Mr & Mrs R Dew  
Mrs J Jenion  
Mr T Clark

We thank you for your continuing support and to so many who made donations who would have normally visited the JPK and those that were 'saving money' as they weren't going out.

We really appreciate you all. ***You have kept our spirits up.***

**WE HAVE NO PLANNED FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS BUT DO KEEP ABREAST OF OUR WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND NEWS**

#### **Gift Aid:**

My grateful thanks to everyone who notifies me when making a donation if they are eligible for Gift Aid. This is a wonderful bonus at the end of our financial year.

In May we received our Gift Aid Tax Reclaim for Gift Aided Donations and the Gift Aided Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) from HMRC which amounted to £3,595.50. A wonderful bonus.

I am ever grateful to Robert Gausden who undertakes this for me. We had to work out a different method for undertaking this as we couldn't 'huddle together' at my computer! He managed admirably 'in isolation' at his house.

Please remember you have to pay tax above the donation that you make, and that Council Tax and VAT are not included. For new subscribers, the JPK needs to receive a signed Gift Aid Form which can be found at the end of this Newsletter or by downloading the Gift Aid Form from our website: [www.thejpkproject.co.uk](http://www.thejpkproject.co.uk)

Please also let me know if you are no longer eligible for us to claim Gift Aid. Thank you for your continuing support.

#### **Eastbourne Lottery:**

The JPK has subscribed to this local fundraising initiative for charities. 50% of all tickets sold from our page goes directly to the JPK, 10% to local good causes and the remainder of 40% goes to the management and running of the Lottery. I have to say Eastbourne Borough Council are very efficient and helpful and provide all the advertising fliers and updates on a weekly basis with the number of people who have subscribed to our page. To date the JPK has 50 tickets which was our goal.

To date, with your help, you will be raising over £1,000 a year. You are also eligible to win up to £25,000! Win! Win!

To start supporting the JPK with £1 per week search for the JPK Sussex page at:

[www.EastbourneLocalLottery.co.uk](http://www.EastbourneLocalLottery.co.uk)

Congratulations to those that have won a financial reward and also those that have received free tickets which increases your chance of winning. I note that many of you have received small winnings with additional free tickets. This has enabled us to reach our target.

### **Used Ink Cartridges:**

Jenny Frampton has continued to collect empty ink cartridges, basically any make, but now only the small **square cartridges** that fit in the palm of your hand and she sends them to Recycle4Charity. £1 is donated to the JPK for every cartridge.

Regretfully, Jenny has just learnt that they will not collect mobile phones in the future.

So.....please carry on collecting the cartridges as described above and pass the word to friends and family – it will all make a difference. You can deliver to Jill or the JPK or keep until we are all out and about again.

We recently received a cheque for £30.00 from Jenny. ***From small acorns grow large oak trees!***

### **Easy Fundraising Website:**

If you shop online, you can also donate to the JPK by registering with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/find-a-cause> and select JPK Project. In the search box enter **JPK** – click on **support this cause** and set up the account. A wide range of outlets such as Amazon and John Lewis etc will donate a small % of the purchase price. It doesn't cost you anything but benefits the JPK.

### **Give as you Live:**

This site was brought to our attention recently by one of our supporters as being another avenue of fundraising when using 'online' shopping (which we shall all be doing more frequently in the weeks/months ahead). The new site can be found on our website [www.thejpkproject.co.uk](http://www.thejpkproject.co.uk) – click on 'Get Involved' –'How to donate' and you find 'Give as you Live'. Thank you. It costs the JPK and you nothing. Bonus!

### **Used Stamps:**

Isobel continues to process our used stamps for which we are extremely grateful. She has now moved to The Harbour and therefore all stamps should be sent or delivered to Jill or delivered to the JPK Project. (You can post them in our Letter box) Our thanks to Debbie Thursfield who sponsors the envelopes and pays the postage.

### **The JPK Website:**

If you have news or information relating to the Project that should be added to our website or facebook please send details to [julie@bemarketing.co.uk](mailto:julie@bemarketing.co.uk).

Thank you Julie for your continued voluntary support.

**Data Protection:**

Should you no longer wish to be on our mailing list for Newsletters or Information, either by email or 'snail mail', please contact us and we will delete your contact details from our database. May I assure you that we never pass on any contact details without your personal confirmation that we may so do.

**Graphic Design:**

Mick Cooke continues to assist the JPK with all our graphic design when required for posters, fliers, invitations and tickets and everything I ask of him on a voluntary basis. (He will be taking a 'sabbatical' for a while!) He also comes up with some brilliant ideas for raising the profile of the JPK. His fliers for advertising locally of the Palm Court Tea Room are always being updated and in production. Thank you.

Due to Mick's support and his 'teaching skills' I have also learnt some new skills to improve the interest and design of my Newsletter! Not perfect yet, but I might do better in the future! My end of year Reports when I was at school always said "Jillian could do better if she tried". No change there!

**IT Support:**

Cliff continues to support me and in turn the JPK with all its IT requirements and assistance 'at the drop of a hat' when I get into trouble, either by Team Viewer or in person!!! All this on a voluntary basis and at no cost to the JPK.

**Mtechsystems** have also supported us recently by 'sweeping' the JPK computer systems, following our recent 'scamming' hiccup. This is now undertaken on a regular basis and we thank Martin Lulham, Managing Director and Gary Punter for their valuable assistance in a voluntary capacity.

**FOR SALE:**

**Leader M11 Portable Electronic Typewriter. In mint condition (used once) with all Instructions and details. Reasonable offers will be accepted.**

**IN SUMMARY:**

Although over the last three months the JPK has not been visible, we have been working hard behind the scenes. The work we have undertaken at the Community Training Centre in re-arrangements and setting up new protocols for service and health and hygiene measures will not have been in vain as we shall be ready for 'action' when the time is right and safe.

The Trustees are all 'working as one' to improve the JPK business and financial models and planning for the future. ***Like the Phoenix we will rise from the ashes and be stronger and better.***

Keep Safe and Well

***Jill Parker***

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Business Address; The JPK Project, 39-41 Church Street, Eastbourne, BN21 1HP  
Tel No: 01323 304591 Business: 08342893624

## THE JPK SUSSEX PROJECT DONATION FORM

I/we would like to make a donation to the JPK Project

Title	First Name
Surname	
Address	
	Post Code
Email	Tel No

- One-off donation/amount:
  
- Monthly standing order donation amount:
  
- Bi-monthly standing order donation amount:
  
- Quarterly standing order donation amount:
  
- Annual standing order donation amount:

I am/not a Tax Payer (please delete as appropriate)

I have/not completed the Gift Aid Form (please delete as appropriate)

Your support will be acknowledged with our very grateful thanks.

## STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please complete this form in **Block Capitals**

Name of your Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

(Full Address) \_\_\_\_\_

### Customer details

Account Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No Home \_\_\_\_\_

Please set up the following Standing Order and debit my/our account accordingly

### Organisation you wish to pay

**The JPK Sussex Project**

**National Westminster Bank**

**Eastbourne Town Centre Branch**

**96 Terminus Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3AA**

**Account No: 40435237**

**Sort Code: 52 41 00**

### About the payment

Amount of normal payment £ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of normal payment in words \_\_\_\_\_

Day or Date of payment/s \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

eg weekly/monthly/yearly

Commencing on \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation**

Customer/s Signature/s \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s Print \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed form to:

Mrs Jill Parker MBE, The JPK Sussex Project, 7 Wannock Avenue, Willingdon,  
Eastbourne, BN20 9RP, East Sussex or present to your own Bank

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**Bank Use Only:**

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

I am a UK taxpayer and I would like The JPK Sussex Project to treat any gift that I have made for the four tax years prior to the year of this declaration and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify The JPK Sussex Project otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

Title	First Name
Surname	
Address	
	Post Code
Email	
Signed	Date

Please note:

1. I confirm that I have paid, or will pay, an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6 Apr - 5 Apr) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.
2. The charity The JPK Sussex Project will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 on or after 6 April 2011.
3. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
4. You can cancel your declaration in the future if your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims.
5. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return.
6. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, you can ask the JPK Project or request leaflet IR65 from your local tax office.

Please notify the JPK Project if you change your name, address, post code or cease paying tax as this will affect our ability to make a claim. You can cancel this declaration at any time by writing to the JPK Project. We will not reclaim any tax made on donations after the date of cancellation. All information on this form is subject to the General Data Protections Regulation 2016/679. The JPK Project will use this information for reclaiming tax and administration purposes.

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