

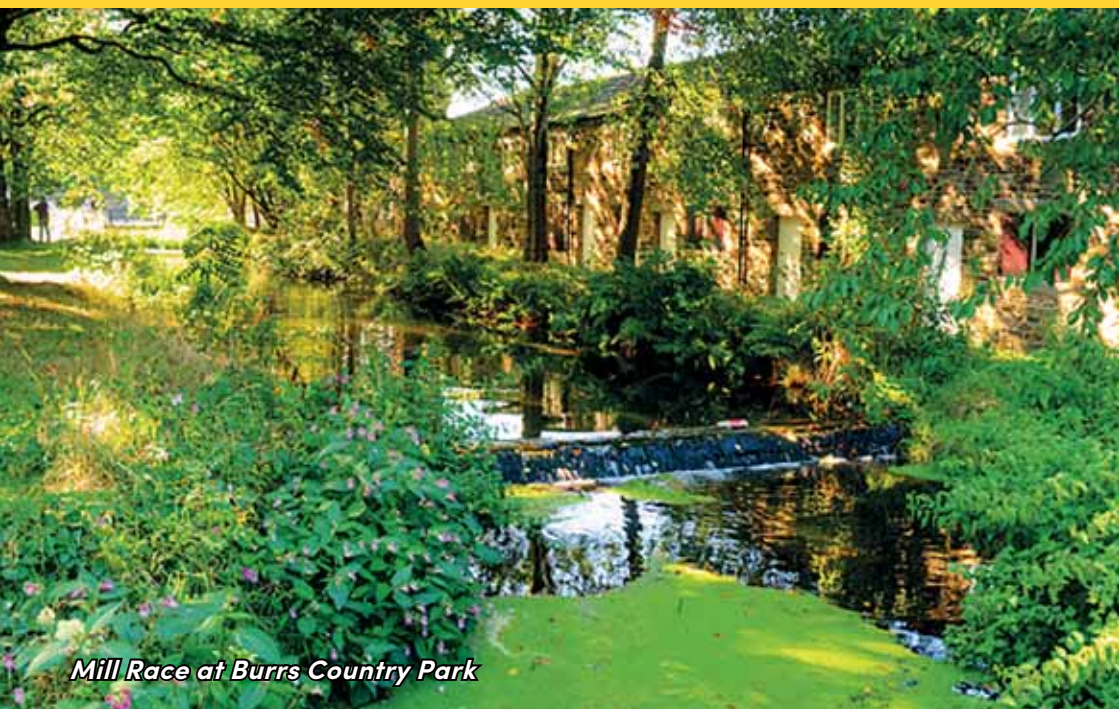
September 2019 - March 2020



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South East Lancashire District



Mill Race at Burrs Country Park



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Barton Grange Garden Centre and Guy's Thatched Hamlet - Tuesday 26 November

Welcome to the latest edition of the South East Lancashire District Branch Events Diary. Members of the District have organised a varied programme of events for you all.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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A bit about us...

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Regular Events

Bury Knit and Natter

Mondays



11am



Free



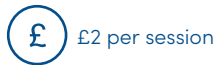
Our group of ex-carers meets every Monday for lunch and a chat. Bring your own lunch and we will provide a brew. Knitting and crafts are a regular but optional part of our meetings. New people are always welcome to join us. Call Chris on 07564 641909 or email chris.mcgarrahy@oddfellows.co.uk. 11am till 2pm at Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH.

Bury Thursday Friends

Every
Thursday
Except 26 December



12 noon



£2 per session



Our Thursday Friends group is a friendly mixed group that enjoys chat and games, as well as the occasional talk and outing. Why not bring your own lunch and join us? We will provide tea/coffee and cake for a small charge. Meet new friends and enjoy our social afternoon. A football card is generally passed round to raise some much needed funds for local charities. Cost: £2 per session, £1 football card (optional). Call Vera on 07887 617742 or email chris.mcgarrahy@oddfellows.co.uk. 12 noon till 2pm at Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH.

Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning

First Wednesday
of the month

2019: 4 September, 2 October,
6 November, 4 December

2020: 8 January, 5 February, 4 March



10.30am



£1 brew
and biscuit



Welcome to our monthly coffee morning which meets every first Wednesday of the month (Except January 2020 when it will be the 8 January). Come and join us for a chat, a biscuit and a brew, with free re-fills. There might even be some homemade cake on offer. You can play games or just take the weight off and chill for a bit. Cost is £1 and sometimes we have a raffle with tickets at £1 each. All proceeds go to the Chairman's chosen charity. Everyone's welcome 10.30am till noon at Oddfellows House, 94, Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Call Chris on 07564 641909 or email chris.mcgarrahy@oddfellows.co.uk.



Regular Events

Wigan Coffee Morning

First Thursday
of the month

2019: 5 September, 3 October,
7 November. 2020: 9 January,
6 February, 5 March



10.30am



Free



Welcome to our monthly coffee morning which meets every first Thursday of the month at (except December and January 2020 when it will be the 9 January). Come and join us for a chat, a biscuit and a brew, with free re-fills. Talks, games and friendly chat. Meet in the lounge area of the hotel on the ground floor. Contact Charles on 01942 259569, charles.vaughan@oddfellows.co.uk. 10.30am till 12 noon at Mercure Oak Hotel, Orchard Street, Wigan WN1 3SS. Fully accessible with parking available at £1 for two hours.

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With group holidays, short breaks, exclusive discounts, travel offers and the opportunity to get to know other Oddfellows travellers, the Active Travel Club has something for everyone to enjoy.



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Check out the latest holidays at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Contact **0161 832 9361** or email active@oddfellows.co.uk

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply.

Please ask for further details before booking.

Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests.

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September 2019

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years

TUES
03

Leisurely Scenic Walk in Blackburn and Surrounding Area



10.30am



Free



The walking group will meet on the first Tuesday of every month until October. Walks happen, across the area, for details of where the walk will be and the meeting arrangements please contact Doreen on 01254 601132.

FRI
06

Dine Around at Automatic Café



12 noon



See below



Join us for lunch at Bury's trendy eating place. Vegetarian options and small plates are available as well as larger meals. The worker's lunch consists of a hot main course and drink. Please let us know you are coming so we can reserve a place for you at the table. Cost: Workers' lunch £6.50 otherwise two courses cost approximately £16. Automatic Café, Market Street, Bury BL9 0BW. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



Oddfellows Brass Band and Inharmony Voices Charity Concert

All
welcome

Saturday 7 September, 7pm
Uppermill Civic Hall, Lee Street,
Uppermill, Saddleworth OL3 6AE

Join us to hear one of the best brass bands in the country and some of the best close harmony vocals around. The Oddfellows award winning brass will play us a selection from their extensive repertoire under the able direction of their conductor. Inharmony will sing a range of choral works.

Refreshments and bar will be available and there will also be a raffle. The net proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Chairman's chosen charity - The North West Air Ambulance Service. Please take your seats for 6.45 pm to enable a prompt start. Tickets will be available at the door but to secure your place please book in advance from Shirley on 01457 876870 or email sheila.kendal@oddfellows.co.uk

Cost: Members £10, Guests £11.

Book by Sunday 1 September.

September 2019 – Friendship Month

TUES 10 Friendship Month at Blackburn Social Club

🕒 12 noon 💷 £3.50



Join us for a friendly afternoon with games and good company. Buffet and refreshments included. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES 10 Esther Martin Mobile Clothes Shop

🕒 7pm 💷 Members £3
Guests £3.50



Tonight Laura Roberts will bring her mobile clothes shop which caters for both ladies and gents. Laura's social enterprise also caters for people who might otherwise find clothes shopping a challenge. Here you can choose quality items at reasonable prices in a relaxed and friendly environment. Light refreshments will be provided and you can bring your own wine if you want to. Guests are always welcome. There will be a raffle with the proceeds going to the Chairman's chosen charity, The North West Air Ambulance Service. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

SAT 14 Friendship Month Meet and Greet

🕒 10.30am 💷 Free



We will be in the Bury Shopping Centre making contact with the public and our members to tell them about Oddfellows. Come and speak to us or if you like join us. Bury Mill Gate Shopping Centre, The Mall, Bury BL9 0QQ. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



TUES 17 Drum 4 Fun

🕒 7pm 💷 Members £3
Guests £3.50



This is going to be so much fun! A demonstration of African and samba drumming with a chance to get hands on and join in. You can bring a friend and a bottle of wine if you want to. Light refreshments are provided. There will be a raffle with proceeds going to the North West Air Ambulance Service. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.



September 2019 – Friendship Month

WED 18 Friendship Month Afternoon Tea

🕒 12 noon 💷 Refreshment as on the day 🗣️

This event is open to everyone and an opportunity to come and meet members who help run the South East Lancashire District. There will be displays and talks on what the Oddfellows have to offer their members. An afternoon tea and/or light refreshments will be available. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.



THURS 19 Dine Around at Fat Bull

🕒 12 noon 💷 £10 for two courses 🍴

This Steakhouse restaurant boasts fresh home-cooked food of the highest quality. Join us for lunch and a chat. Non members are welcome but please let us know you are coming so we can reserve a place for you. Book by Thursday 5 September. The Fat Bull, 16, Warrington Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9PL. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

SAT 21 Half Yearly Summused Meeting (AGM)

🕒 1.30pm 💷 Free 👥

This is our Half Yearly business Meeting where we get together to discuss financial matters and nominate the District Officers, Committee of Management and Deputies to attend AMC. All are welcome to attend, but only Members will be able to vote on matters affecting the District. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

TUES 24 Dine Around at A Mano

🕒 12 noon 💷 As per menu 🍴

A Mano is an innovative, contemporary Italian restaurant and cocktail bar situated in Cathedral Square, Blackburn. Serving freshly cooked pizza, pasta & delicious salads. Book by Tuesday 10 March. A Mano, One Cathedral Square, Blackburn BB1 1FB. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.



September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years

SAT
28

**Blackpool
Illuminations**



2.30pm



£15



Join us for a repeat performance of last year's enjoyable event. Minibus leaves Oddfellows House for Blackpool. Depending on time we will stop along the way for a comfort break and refreshments before arriving in Blackpool for our tea at a fish and chip Café. Afterwards we will go through the lights. Cost: £15 minibus plus meal.

Book by Thursday 12 September. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

October

TUES
01

**Leisurely Scenic Walk
in Blackburn and
Surrounding Area**



10.30am



Free



The walking group will meet on the first Tuesday of every month until October. Walks happen, across the area, for details of where the walk will be and the meeting arrangements please contact Doreen on 01254 601132.



TUES
08

**Guest Speaker Judith
Scott JP, Life Behind Bars**



12 noon



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for a friendly afternoon with speakers and good company. Buffet and refreshments included in the cost. Listen to Judith Scott give a humorous talk about life behind bars. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.



October

TUES

08

Line Dancing



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £3.50



No need for a partner: bring your two left feet for another great session of line dancing. The emphasis will be on fun, not technical skills. So come along don't be shy, you are among friends. Hot-pot supper included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

SAT

12

Preston District Annual Dinner Dance



6.30pm



£25



Join us for the Preston's dinner in honour of their District Chairman Nancy West. There will be entertainment, dancing and merriment. Book by Friday 20 September. Preston Masonic Hall, Saul Street, Preston PR1 2QU. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

THURS

17

Dine Around at Café Select, Hallgate Wigan



12 noon



As per
menu



A review last year: Very clean and cosy Café serving very good quality food at reasonable prices. Not the cheapest in town but not expensive. Very friendly staff too. Book by Thursday 3 October. Café Select, 28 Hallgate, Wigan WN1 1LR. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



FRI

18

Dine Around at Oscars



12 noon



£12 for two
courses



It's Fish n Chips Friday with a special offer of two helpings served with mushy peas for £15. Why not bring a friend? Fixed price lunch menu is also available. Please let us know you are coming so we can reserve a place for you. Book by Thursday 10 October. Oscar's at the Red Hall Hotel, Manchester Road, Bury BL9 5NA. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

October

TUES 22 **Dine Around at Ego at The Knowles Arms, Blackburn**

 12 noon

 As per menu



Enjoy freshly cooked Mediterranean food, wine, cocktails and cask ales in a beautifully refurbished pub and restaurant with friendly Oddfellows. Located just two miles from Blackburn city centre. Book by Tuesday 8 October. Ego at The Knowles Arms, Pleckgate Road, Blackburn BB1 8QW. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.



SAT 26 **Stockport Combermere Annual Dinner Dance**

 6pm

 £25



Stockport's District Chairman cordially invites you to join them at their annual dinner and dance. Non-members are welcome. Advance booking is essential, and we need to know your menu choices in advance. Overnight accommodation is available at the Alma Lodge. Book by Tuesday 1 October. The Alma Lodge Hotel, Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6EL. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

November

SAT 02 **LADGC - Lancashire Night Dinner/Dance**

 6pm

 £25



This dinner will be held in honour of the new Lancashire and Associate Districts Group Conference President, Charles Venables. Come along and enjoy a great meal with entertainment. Book by Friday 18 October. Masonic Hall, 27-50 Silverwell St, Bolton BL1 1PP. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.



TUES 05 **Ten Pin Bowling**

 11.15am

 £7.50 for two games



Join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre-booking is essential for this event. Why not join us for lunch at a local venue to be arranged. Book by Tuesday 8 October. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

November

TUES 12 **Blackburn Social Club**



12 noon



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for a friendly afternoon with games and good company. Buffet and refreshments included in the cost. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

TUES 12 **Marianna and her Crystals**



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £3.50



An introduction in to crystals by Marianna and their everyday uses for decoration and their healing qualities. Includes light refreshment. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or email chris.mcgarrahy@oddfellows.co.uk.



FRI 15 **Dine Around at The Rose and Crown, Starling**



12 noon



See below



Good food and good company combine at this traditional pub. Vegetarian options are available. There is a full menu to choose from, but the seniors' menu offers very good value. All welcome, but please let us know you are coming so we can save a place for you. Cost: Senior's menu £8 for three courses. Book by Thursday 7 November. The Rose and Crown, 2-6, Cockey Moor Road, Starling, Bury BL8 2HB. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

TUES 19 **Dine Around at Samlesbury Hall**



12 noon



See below



Samlesbury Hall is a historic house in Samlesbury, Lancashire, England, six miles east of Preston. It was built in 1325 by Gilbert de Southworth, and was the primary home of the Southworth family until the early 17th century. Dine and have a free tour of this historic building. Costs vary from £5 to £15 depending on what you choose. Book by Tuesday 12 November. Samlesbury Hall, Preston New Road, Samlesbury, Preston PR5 0UP. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.



November

THURS
21

Dine Around at The Wheel



12 noon



£8 for three
courses



Join us for lunch and a chat. Excellent food and service at Wigan's training restaurant. Friends are welcome. NB: Please book in advance to be sure of your place. Book by Thursday 7 November. The Wheel Restaurant, Wigan and Leigh College, Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan WN1 1RS. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

TUES
26

Barton Grange Garden Centre and Guy's Thatched Hamlet



11am



See below



If ever a garden centre had the wow factor, then the gorgeous Barton Grange Garden Centre is it. From the moment you step into the stunning house plant department, through to the fabulous, all-weather plant area, you can't fail to be inspired by its award-winning displays.



You'll find gift ideas in abundance, from stylish kitchenware in the Cook Shop and individual home decor through to books, toys, clothing, jewellery and toiletries. They have their own sweet shop. The Farm Shop has its own butcher's counter, where you'll find locally reared meats. There is fresh, seasonal produce, locally grown wherever possible, and a huge choice of cheeses, deserts, specialty foods, beers and wines. This will be followed by lunch at Guy's Thatched Hamlet, Bilsborrow, near Garstang.

Book by Tuesday 12 November. Barton Grange Garden Centre, Garstang Road, Brock, Preston PR3 0RB. Contact Linda on 01254 264391 for travel and cost.

November

WED 27 Lancashire Day with Supper and Entertainment

🕒 7.15pm 📅 Members £3.50 Guests £4 🍴🍷🍷

On this day in 1295 the first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward I to attend what later became known as 'The Model Parliament'. The Lancashire Day Proclamation is read out by town criers throughout the county on 27 November. Join other Lancastrians in celebrating Lancashire Day with the toast, unique to Lancashire: The Queen, Duke of Lancaster. Supper: Lancashire hotpot and mushy peas followed by a selection of traditional Lancashire cakes. Book by Wednesday 20 November. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

December

TUES 03 Ten Pin Bowling

🕒 11.15am 📅 £7.50 for two games 🚴

Join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre booking is essential for this event. Why not join us for lunch at a local venue to be arranged. Book by Tuesday 12 November. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

December

TUES 03 Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

🕒 7.30pm 📅 See below 🗨️🗨️



Susan Healey is coming to show us how to make a decorative Christmas wreath. This is a hands on workshop and you will be able to take home the wreath you have made. Materials are included in the cost of the event, which also includes a donation to the North West Air Ambulance Service. Light refreshments will be provided with Mulled Wine and mince pies, but you can bring your own tipple if you want to. Non-members are welcome to join us, but we are limited to a maximum of 20 people attending this event so please let us know in advance if you are coming. Cost: £20 which includes all materials, refreshments and a donation to the North West Air Ambulance Service.

Book by Thursday 31 October. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

December

THURS
05

Christmas Lunch, Mercure Oak Wigan



12 noon



From £14.50
per person



All welcome to join us for our Christmas lunch. Advance booking is essential. Book by Thursday 21 November. Mercure Oak Hotel, Orchard Street, Wigan WN1 3SS. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



TUES
10

Christmas at Blackburn Social Club



12 noon



£15



All welcome to celebrate at our three course Christmas lunch in a friendly atmosphere. Advance booking is essential. Book by Thursday 26 November. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Valerie on 01254 698716.



WED
11

Christmas Lunch at South East Lancashire District Hall



12 noon



£5



After its success last year we are celebrating the festive season with friends and excellent food prepared and served by our own members. Please book in advance. Book by Wednesday 27 November. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Robert on 07905 524885.

January 2020

TUES
07

Ten Pin Bowling



11.15am



£7.50 for
two games



Join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre booking is essential for this event. Why not join us for lunch at a local venue to be arranged. Book by Tuesday 10 December. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.



January 2020

TUES
14

Blackburn Social Club



12 noon



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for a friendly afternoon with games and good company. Buffet and refreshments included in the cost. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

TUES
14

Games Night



7.30pm



£3



A night of fun games to keep you entertained for the evening. Light refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



FRI
17

Dine Around at The Jubilee Centre



12 noon



As per
menu



Daily specials, salads and sarnies available at Bury's Centre for senior socialites. The Jubilee Centre - Chatterbox Café, Mosley Avenue, Bury BL9 6NJ. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

THURS
23

Dine Around at La Mama's Standish



12 noon



As per
menu



This family run restaurant offers Italian, Mediterranean and traditional food in a friendly atmosphere. Join us for lunch, and bring a friend if you want to. Book by Monday 9 January. La Mama, 19, High Street, Standish WN6 0HA. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



TUES
28

Dine Around at Scholars Restaurant, Blackburn



12 noon



TBC



Join us for excellent food prepared and served by catering students in the college's professional standard licensed restaurant. Please book in advance. Meet at Blackburn College. Book by Tuesday 14 January. Blackburn College, Fielden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH. Contact Valerie on 01254 698716.

February

TUES 04 Ten Pin Bowling

⌚ 11.15am

£ £7.50 for two games



Join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre booking is essential for this event. Why not join us for lunch at a local venue to be arranged. Book by Tuesday 14 January. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

TUES 11 George Martlew - Dominoes Tournament

⌚ 7.30pm

£ £3



A friendly tournament with a trophy for the winner and cash prizes based on the number of entrants. You don't need to be an expert, just have fun. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

TUES 11 Guest Speaker Valerie Lovell

⌚ 12 noon

£ Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for lunch and a talk with practical sessions on crafting. A friendly afternoon in good company. Buffet and refreshments included in the cost. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Valerie on 01254 698716 or email chris.mcgarrahy@oddfellows.co.uk.



THURS 20 Dine Around at Fat Olive Wigan

⌚ 12 noon

£ As per menu



The Fat Olive Restaurant in Wigan is noted for providing fresh homemade food with ingredients sourced from local suppliers. Menus are styled by an international theme and an added traditional Lancashire twist so you can be sure that there will be a dish to suit everyone's taste. Book by Thursday 6 February. Fat Olive, 13 Upper Dicconson Street, Wigan WN1 2AD. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

February

FRI 21 Dine Around at Cuppaccino Radcliffe

🕒 12 noon £ As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Join us for lunch at this family owned Bistro adjoining Red Bank House. Excellent value and a great selection of cakes to choose from. Non-members are welcome to join us, so bring a friend. Book by Friday 7 February. Cuppaccino Bistro, Red Bank House, Lowe Street, Radcliffe M26 3PD. Contact Robert on 07905 524885.



TUES 25 Dine Around at Queen Victoria Chippy, Blackburn

🕒 12 noon £ As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Extract from a review: EXCELLENT. Quite often in a survey somewhere will score highly as either best quality or best price. Very rarely does somewhere score top marks for both, but this place does. Book by Tuesday 8 January. Queen Victoria Chippy, 51 Preston New Road, Blackburn BB2 6AE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

March

TUES 03 Ten Pin Bowling

🕒 11.15am £ £7.50 for two games 🚲

Join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre booking is essential for this event. Why not join us for lunch at a local venue to be arranged. Book by Tuesday 11 February. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.



TUES 10 Blackburn Social Club

🕒 12 noon £ Members £3.50 🍴🍴🍴
Guests £4

Join us for a friendly afternoon with games and good company. Buffet and refreshments included in the cost. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

March

TUES
10

Wine and Nibbles Evening



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £3.50



Wine and Nibbles Evening with light music by two clarinetists. Relax and sample some wine and nibbles whilst listening to the entertainment of our two clarinetists. We will provide the wine and nibbles (non-alcoholic drinks will be provided as well) or you can bring your own wine to share if you want. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



THURS
19

Dine Around at The Owls



12 noon



As per
menu



Always exceptional value. Join us for lunch at one of our favourite spots and bring a friend if you want to. Non-members are welcome. Book by Thursday 5 March. The Owls at Standish, Rectory Lane, Standish WN6 0XD. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

FRI
20

Dine Around at Three Seasons Restaurant at Bury College



12.15pm



As per
menu



Lunch at Bury's catering college where students prepare and serve excellent food under the expert guidance of experienced professional staff. Pre-booking necessary. Book by Thursday 5 March. Three Seasons Restaurant, The Woodbury Centre, Bury College, Market Street, Bury BL9 0BG. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



SAT
21

Annual Summoned Meeting (AGM)



1.30pm



Free



This is our Annual General Meeting where we get together to discuss financial matters and other significant business of the District. We will also install our new Chairman and Vice Chairman. All are welcome to attend, but only Members will be able to vote on matters affecting the District. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

March

TUES
24

Dine Around at A Mano



12 noon



As per
menu



A Mano is an innovative, contemporary Italian restaurant and cocktail bar situated in Cathedral Square, Blackburn. Serving freshly cooked pizza, pasta and delicious salads. Book by Tuesday 10 March. A Mano, One Cathedral Square, Blackburn BB1 1FB. Contact Linda on 01254 264391.

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received. We have the right to cancel any events.

Forthcoming Events

South East Lancashire District

Annual Dinner and Dance

Saturday 4 April 2020, 6pm

The Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury BL9 0LY

All are welcome to join us for our annual celebration in honour of our new District Chairman. Following a delicious dinner there will be the customary toasts and speeches and presentations to representatives of last year's Chairman's chosen charity, North West Air Ambulance Service.



After the formalities, there will be music and dancing and a fabulous raffle, to raise funds for the new District Chairman's chosen charity. You can bring a friend and guests are very welcome. Dress to impress. Advance booking is essential for this event.

Book by Saturday 21 March. **Costs:** £25. Contact Chris on 07564 641909.

District Chairman Welcome

Hello all

It is with pride a sense of honour and privilege that I greet you all as Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) of South East Lancashire District of Oddfellows.

On Saturday 16 March, I was installed to the office with my first engagement being a dinner held in my honour at Bury Masonic Hall (see the article in this newsletter, opposite).

I am truly grateful for your support and friendship enabling me to reach this point within the Oddfellows and moreover, the friends who had faith in me, giving me encouragement, love and support on my Oddfellow journey of 13 years.

Although our District is quite widespread, it is my ambition to unite us all ever closer. 'Making friends, helping people, Friendship Love and Truth' is the ethos on which the Oddfellows was founded, and this was the ethos of the farming world that I was brought up in. So when I first found out about Oddfellows it sat very comfortably with me.

We are all ambassadors of the Oddfellows and I feel the key ingredients to success



enabling us to recruit more members and retaining them are communication, transparency, respect and compassion thus ensuring our wonderful society grows and survives. This requires every member's commitment to achieve this goal! May we all enjoy the many varied events of 2019/2020 and make new friends ensuring our District moves forward and grows.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Shirley

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District Chairman's Dinner

Tuesday 2 April 2019

The Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman's) dinner was held at the Freemason's Hall, Bury. The turn-out was good with much friendly chat in the bar before going into dinner.

The District Chairman Shirley Walton and her guest speaker Jane Nelson CEO and Secretary of the Order, and their consorts processed into the room in traditional style and the meal began after Grace by Past Grand Master Charles Vaughan. A splendid feast was enjoyed by all and once the meal was over the toasts and speeches got under way.

Jane Nelson, gave a most interesting speech on the future of the Oddfellows and how we must all remember the basic ethos of Oddfellowship, 'Friendship, Love and Truth', as we move and work in the Oddfellows.

Shirley Walton spoke enthusiastically and with feeling about her time in the Oddfellows, her plans for her year in office and her fundraising for NW Air Ambulance.



Gifts were presented to the guests and two cheques of £850 were presented by Helen Carnson, one to Helen Latham from Grace's Place and the other to David Collins from NW Air Ambulance. Both representatives gave us a quick over-view of the incredible work their charity is doing.

As usual the beautiful floral table centres were given to a lady on each table. The formal part of the evening over, everyone was entertained by the singing and music from John and Ben. The raffle raised the splendid amount of £303.20 and as midnight approached tired but happy revellers said their good-byes.

Rob Peters





Annual Movable Conference Southport 2019

This year's AMC began in doubtful weather, sometimes rainy, definitely windy and with the sun 'in' a bit chilly. The theme for the opening ball was 'The 60s'. That was good for those of us who are able to remember that far back from the end of the 'teddy boy' through to 'Flower Power' and Mary Quant.

Sunday morning was the Church service with Oddfellows Brass Band playing the hymns. The band was under the baton of Rob Boulter; he is no longer their Musical Director but he still plays in the band and has conducted at every AMC since he founded the band in 1981. Rev. Nick Gurney, guest vicar of Grand Master Bill Henchliff, presided. The service over, the Grand Master and Directors went to lay the Oddfellows wreath at the War Memorial.

Sunday afternoon a large audience of Oddfellows and general public



gathered for the Oddfellows Brass in concert under the baton of their new MD, David Holling. A bucket collection raised over £350 for the H A Andrews Memorial Fund.

Monday dawned and we settled down in the somewhat cramped conference room. First were the Obituary Clauses. These were followed by speeches from our visitors and guests. Business proper began after lunch and continued through into Tuesday during which an unusual occurrence took place. The Conference

was cleared of visitors, staff and non-deputies and the doors were tyled. For the first time in 20 years or more Conference met 'in camera'. Apart from this there were no really contentious Clauses.

Highlights of the social side of things meant Group Conference shin-digs each evening at various hotel venues. Our Red Rose night on Tuesday rang with the delighted cheers, laughter and cries of woe when contestants in one of the joyful games won or lost or just had a great time. Jane Nelson our CEO, although well-provided with much ammunition, failed to win the 'Roll a Coin'.

A good time was had by all and the evening ended with £726 being made for the LADGC President's Charity which is 'Mind'. President Mary Wheeler was delighted.

Thanks must go to all those who worked before and during the event to make the evening the success it was.

Wednesday morning dawned dull and wet and conference business was concluded. A highlight of this session was the Retirement Clause of our former District Secretary, Charles who has served on the Board for 11 years including two consecutive years as Grand Master; only the fifth Grand Master to hold this honour since 1822. Congratulations Charles!

The afternoon session saw the traditional procession of Past Grand Masters, the Directors, and their consorts. With due dignity and ceremony the new Grand Master, David Randall, was installed



as was new member Director, Barbara Needham. David Ogden, on home turf, was made Deputy Grand Master.

Wednesday evening's Grand Ball helped us to finish off in style. In good AMC fashion the Ball ended with the National Anthem, 'The Queen' and 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Thursday morning was damp and dull and 30 odd brave bowlers went to Kings Park flat green for the traditional Roy Harmer Trophy competition. Games got under way on a slow wet green and the final was keenly contested. Inside the warm club house the trophies were presented by new Grand Master David Randall.

For those who made it to Friday, the coach trip this year was to Port Sunlight and Liverpool.

Did I mention the mainly inclement weather this year?

AMC next year is at Scarborough. See you there!

Rob Peters

LADGC Bowls Day, July 2019, Chorley



Rain having ceased not 37 minutes earlier, the green was heavy and with bare patches which made the going uncertain. No matter, games got under way with six teams of two vying for the coveted trophy.

The first few games were played in a damp gloom which was lifted as noon approached and we retired to the clubroom for lunch.

Refreshed, the inner man (ok, and woman) recommenced battle in glorious sunshine. The bowlers' games improved like the weather and matches were healthily contested.

It was realised that the eventual winners would be either; Dennis Hilton paired with Jenny Peters or Charlie Beesley and daughter Julie and they were playing each

other in one of the last games on the green! Excitement indeed. The Beesley's fought but failed, by one point, to catch the SEL pair.

Then the ladies entered the green to play for the Yvonne Troilett Shield. Julie Beesley ran out worthy winner; beating Jenny Peters to gain some retribution.

The raffle made a magnificent £51 and with tea, coffee, card sales and home-grown fuchsia sales an additional £56 was raised for the President's charity.

A pleased and proud President, Mary Wheeler, presented the trophies to the winners and another splendid LADGC Bowls day ended with thanks to the people of St Peter's Club, Chorley who make us so very welcome.

Rob Peters





Our previous walk had been from Ramsbottom to Summerseat, a lovely walk enjoyed by all and ably led by Doreen our walk organiser, so on Tuesday 2 July, we set off from Blackburn on the bus to Oswaldtwistle. Doreen had already done the walk and advised weatherproof shoes in case there were wet paths.

We got off the bus in Oswaldtwistle where we set off to Jackhouse Nature Reserve. Starting in the old built up area along cobbled streets where we found a narrow winding path past several prosperous looking allotments, some of them even had chickens. We meandered along, passing little stone cottages, crossing a stile past Hoyle Bottom and eventually coming out at the Nature Reserve, where we decided to have lunch. However, there were lots of very noisy, greedy ducks and geese who were intent on sharing our food so after a short stop we found a quieter spot which was abundant with wild flowers and even the odd butterfly. The sun was shining and the view was very pleasant.

A lovely walk alongside the reservoir took us past Tinker Brook and amusingly we came across a beautiful bungalow named

‘Stoneybroke!’. There was a well beside the large gated property, inviting passers by “to contribute to the poor farmer by tossing coins into it” and making a wish. (We declined).

As we passed Porthouse farm a little sheepdog accompanied us all the way back to the end of our journey. A local who was walking her dog told us it follows lots of people but always finds its way home.

Doreen lives locally so kindly invited us back to her home for a lovely cup of tea. We had a great chat and lots of laughter as usual. It’s good to have friends and the Oddfellows’ group has encouraged us to venture out together. Thank you Doreen for another enjoyable walk. See you all next time.

Olive Reah





Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Sheila on **0161 773 3138** or email **sheila.kendall@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

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Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!

To celebrate our wonderful members and their contributions to the Society as a whole, we launched the first official Making a Difference Awards late last year, and after careful consideration from the judges, we're ready to reveal the winners!

The judges had a hard time selecting this year's winners, with many worthy nominations received across the awards' categories. But after much deliberation, four fabulous members were announced at this year's annual conference.

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "So many of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and get support. It's important that we reward those who go above and beyond for their Branch when we can and the Making a Difference Awards is the perfect way to do this.

"Huge congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated, and doesn't go unnoticed."

Member nominations for 2020 are now open. Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, fundraising, caring for other members, or doing their very best for the Branch? Download a member nomination form from www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference or contact your Branch Secretary.



Bill, Vivienne, David and Faye with Grand Master Bill Henchcliff after being presented with their awards.

2019 Making a Difference Award Winners

FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Vivienne Simpson

Burton-on-Trent District

FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

Bill Rainsbury

North West Kent District

FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

David Smith

Cleveland and Durham District

FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

Faye Chadwick

Huddersfield District

Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference takes place in Sunny Southport

For 2019, our Annual Movable Conference (AMC) returned to Southport and we really did have the weather on our side! Each year our members get together to catch up, celebrate the past 12 months, vote on important Society matters, and of course, welcome the new Grand Master (Society Chairman).

With a jam-packed schedule mixing business with pleasure, AMC is a great opportunity for members to learn about the business side of the Society and our traditions, as well as meet and mingle with other Branches.



Oddfellows members enjoyed the annual bowls competition



Business began by paying tribute to some of our late Past Grand Masters: Sydney Bolton, Andrew Porter, and Keith Adamson



Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday



A 60s themed dance kicked off the celebrations at the Grand Master's Welcome Party

At our conference, Deputies vote on decisions that will impact the Society's business focus moving forward. For example, this year it was decided that our H A Andrews Memorial Fund would support Lupus Trust with a donation of £85,000 over three years. Plus, to celebrate our growing membership, we presented a number of Branches with our annual recruitment awards.

These include the Ken Hughes Silver Salver Award, won this year by Pride of Woolwich Branch, and the Lillian Ogden Recruitment trophy, awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch. Members can help their Branches to win awards too, as we also present the Refer a Friend Awards, to recognise Branches which have a great network of strong member advocates.



An array of Oddfellows merchandise was available for members to purchase



The "Refer a Friend" Award for the highest number of member advocates was awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch, with 31 members recruiting a new member in 2018

Thank you Bill Henchliff

A huge thank you as always to our now Immediate Past Grand Master Bill Henchliff, who says:

"It has been a great honour to be Grand Master of the Order. I couldn't possibly choose a favourite moment from the past year, but meeting all the members across the country, especially the two Centenarians from Hartlepool and Derby, has been quite special. The support and advice I have received from my colleagues on the Board, from the CEO and Insurance Director, and the External Non-Executive Directors has been invaluable."

Bill has some sound words of advice to welcome the new Grand Master, David Randall: "Be yourself and enjoy the year, it goes very quickly!"



If you have a business head, or a passion for organisation, why not get involved with your Branch's Committee of Management? And if you'd be interested in becoming a Deputy at a future AMC, you can find out how by visiting our website, or speaking to your Branch Secretary.

Meet our new Grand Master:

David Randall, Gipping Branch Secretary

How did it feel being installed in front of such a large crowd at the AMC?

It was such a proud moment and one I will cherish forever. My involvement in the Oddfellows is something I take very seriously, and I'm pleased to be able to use my time as Grand Master to raise awareness of the Oddfellows and the benefits of becoming a member with the general public, as well as doing my best to meet as many members as possible around the country.

So what's your Oddfellows background?

I became a member in 1992. However, I had been attending the local Branch's social events for about 20 years prior. So recruiters... never give up on a possible new member! My father-in-law was a long-serving Castle Branch (Colchester) officer and trustee, so he encouraged me to finally sign up. I guess I was always going to join once I married his daughter! For those of you who don't know, my wife of 47 years is Diana Randall, Secretary of Castle Branch, so there's always a little healthy Branch competition.



Do you have a standout memory from your 47 years of being involved with the Society?

Yes – the pride I felt when attending my District's Provincial Grand Master Dinner in 2010. We were celebrating 200 years of Oddfellowship, my wife was the Provincial Grand Master and the then Grand Master, Alan Cole, was our guest of honour. I was Provincial Deputy Grand Master and I couldn't have felt happier to be part of such a meaningful Society.

How would you sum up the Oddfellows in just six words?

Friendship that just keeps giving more.

And now for some less serious questions...

Where's your favourite place in the world?

That would have to be the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

Who is your favourite author?

John Grisham, I have read every one of his fiction books and his one non-fiction book.

You're stranded on a desert island.... What three items would you take with you?

Matches, a sharp knife and the woman I love, if she'd come with me! If she wouldn't, then I'd probably take a fishing line.

Who would play you in the movie of your life?

Matt Damon.

Meetings

Ceremonial Meetings (King William the Fourth Lodge)

The Oddfellows have a long and rich history stretching back more than 200 years and in line with other guild and fraternal organisations of a similar age, we have certain traditions, ceremonies, titles and regalia that have been used over the years. In the modern Oddfellows there is no need for any member to take part in any of the Ceremonial side of the Society but it does give a fascinating insight into the history of the Oddfellows and Guilds in general.

Our King William the Fourth Lodge is our living embodiment; keeping the history and traditions alive. It is where new members can be formally welcomed to the Oddfellows (if they wish) and people wishing to stand for an officers position in the society can complete their Oddfellows education, in the form of what we call Oddfellows Degrees.

Our regalia is used, as are traditional terms and room layouts. Why not come along and find out more about what Oddfellowship is about, and for members, it is the opportunity to practice and to keep up to date on the running of a traditional and ceremonial meeting.

These meetings are for members only (although members of any Oddfellows Branch are welcome to join us). We meet every fourth Wednesday at 7.30pm except in November and December. We just ask that you let us know if you are coming, so we can fully welcome you to the meeting and ensure you feel a part of it.

District Meetings

We regularly hold meetings in your area and all members and prospective members are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is to share and discuss the business of the District, including finance, social planning, care and welfare, publicity and promotion. This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Sheila Kendall for further details on ceremonial meetings or District meeting dates Telephone: 0161 773 3138.

Email: sheila.kendall@oddfellows.co.uk

Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish WN6 0JY

Meeting starts at 1.30pm on 16 November 2019.

Odd fellows House Bury, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH

Half Yearly Meeting – 21 September 2019, District Meeting – 18 January 2020, Annual Summoned Meeting (AGM) – 21 March 2020.

All meetings start at 1.30pm.

Events at a glance

September 2019 – Friendship Month

Mon 2	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 3	Leisurely Scenic Walk in Blackburn and Surrounding Area	10.30am
Wed 4	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Fri 6	Dine Around at Automatic Café	12 noon
Sat 7	Oddfellows Brass Band and Inharmony Voices Charity Concert	7pm
Mon 9	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 10	Friendship Month at Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 10	Esther Martin Mobile Clothes Shop	7pm
Thurs 12	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 14	Friendship Month Meet and Greet	10.30am
Mon 16	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 17	Drum 4 Fun	7pm
Wed 18	Friendship Month Afternoon Tea	12 noon
Thurs 19	Dine Around at Fat Bull	12 noon
Thurs 19	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 21	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting (AGM)	1.30pm
Mon 23	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 24	Dine Around at A Mano	12 noon
Wed 25	Ceremonial Meeting – King William The Fourth	7.30pm
Thurs 26	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 28	Blackpool Illuminations	2.30pm
Mon 30	Bury Knit and Natter	11am

October

Tues 1	Leisurely Scenic Walk in Blackburn and Surrounding Area	10.30am
Wed 2	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 7	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 8	Guest Speaker Judith Scott JP, Life Behind Bars	12 noon

Events at a glance

October

Tues 8	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Thurs 10	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 12	Preston District Annual Dinner Dance	6.30pm
Mon 14	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Thurs 17	Dine Around at Café Select Hallgate Wigan	12 noon
Thurs 17	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Fri 18	Dine Around at Oscars	12 noon
Sat 19	District Management Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 21	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 22	Dine Around at Ego at The Knowles Arms, Blackburn	12 noon
Wed 23	Ceremonial Meeting – King William The Fourth	7.30pm
Thurs 24	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 26	Stockport Combermere Annual Dinner Dance	6pm
Mon 28	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Thurs 31	Thursday Friends	12 noon

November

Sat 2	LADGC – Lancashire Night Dinner/Dance	6pm
Mon 4	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 5	Ten Pin Bowling	11.15am
Wed 6	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 11	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 12	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 12	Marianna and her Crystals	7.30pm
Thurs 14	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Fri 15	Dine Around at The Rose and Crown, Starling	12 noon
Sat 16	District Meeting – Standish	1.30pm
Mon 18	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 19	Dine Around at Samlesbury Hall	12 noon
Thurs 21	Dine Around at The Wheel	12 noon

Events at a glance

November

Thurs 21	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 25	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 26	Barton Grange Garden Centre & Guy's Thatched Hamlet	11am
Wed 27	Lancashire Day with Supper and Entertainment	7.15pm
Thurs 28	Thursday Friends	12 noon

December

Mon 2	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 3	Ten Pin Bowling	11.15am
Tues 3	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	7.30pm
Wed 4	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Christmas Lunch, Mercure Oak Wigan	12 noon
Thurs 5	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 9	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 10	Christmas at Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Wed 11	Christmas Lunch at South East Lancashire District Hall	12 noon
Thurs 12	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 16	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Thurs 19	Thursday Friends	12 noon

January 2020

Thurs 2	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Tues 7	Ten Pin Bowling	11.15am
Wed 8	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 9	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 9	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 13	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 14	Games Night	7.30pm
Tues 14	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Thurs 16	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Fri 17	Dine Around at The Jubilee Centre	12 noon
Sat 18	District Meeting - Bury	1.30pm
Mon 20	Bury Knit and Natter	11am

Events at a glance

January 2020

Wed 22	Ceremonial Meeting - King William The Fourth	7.30pm
Thurs 23	Dine Around at La Mama's Standish	12 noon
Thurs 23	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 27	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 28	Dine Around at Scholars Restaurant, Blackburn	12 noon
Thurs 30	Thursday Friends	12 noon

February

Mon 3	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 4	Ten Pin Bowling	11.15am
Wed 5	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 10	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 11	George Martlew - Dominoes Tournament	7.30pm
Tues 11	Guest Speaker - Valerie Lovell	12 noon
Thurs 13	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Sat 15	District Management Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 17	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Thurs 20	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Thurs 20	Dine Around at Fat Olive Wigan	12 noon
Fri 21	Dine Around at Cuppaccino Radcliffe	12 noon
Mon 24	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 25	Dine Around at Queen Victoria Chippy, Blackburn	12 noon
Wed 26	Ceremonial Meeting - King William The Fourth	7.30pm
Thurs 27	Thursday Friends	12 noon

March

Mon 2	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 3	Ten Pin Bowling	11.15am
Wed 4	Bury Chatterbox Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Thursday Friends	12 noon

Events at a glance

March

Mon 9	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 10	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 10	Wine and Nibbles Evening	7.30pm
Thurs 12	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 16	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Thurs 19	Dine Around at The Owls	12 noon
Thurs 19	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Fri 20	Dine Around at Three Seasons Restaurant at Bury College	12.15pm
Sat 21	Annual Summoned Meeting (AGM)	1.30pm
Mon 23	Bury Knit and Natter	11am
Tues 24	Dine Around at A Mano	12 noon
Wed 25	Ceremonial Meeting - King William The Fourth	7.30pm
Thurs 26	Thursday Friends	12 noon
Mon 30	Bury Knit and Natter	11am

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