

October 2019 - March 2020



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The Ashton Memorial Lancaster, Lancashire



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Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



We would love to see you at our Christmas events this December (See page 7)

Welcome to our winter newsletter seeing us through to March 2020

How time flies! We've got some great events coming up over the next six months and beyond. Our coffee mornings and lunches are a great way to get to know us. You'll soon settle in with everyone making you welcome so don't be shy come and join us! We've also got speakers, quizzes and buffets lined up in Blackpool and Preston. Don't miss our canal boat trip in March but before then make sure you join us for our Christmas celebrations.

We'd love to see you at the Annual General Meeting with your chance to see what's going on. Tuesday 17 March is the date. See inside for more details.

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PrestonOddfellows

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

Regular Events

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Mornings are a great way to meet us, get to know us and find out what else we have planned that might interest you. Both our coffee morning groups are small friendly and slowly growing because once people come along they want to come again.



Blackpool



10.30am



As per menu



In Blackpool we meet every second Thursday at 10.30am at the Solaris Café on the prom, South Shore.

Preston



10am



As per menu



In Preston we meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 10am at the No15 Café on Priory Lane, Penwortham.

All the dates are in the diary in this booklet. Come and meet us at either or both!

Red Rose Lodge



10am



As per menu



There is also a weekly coffee morning at Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton Blackpool FY4 4LW. Every Tuesday at 10am, Coffee and toast at very reasonable price. I will be making every effort to be there on the first Tuesday of each month so another great chance to say hello and find out what we're planning.



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.

October 2019

WED 02 Lunch at Bistrot Pierre

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join our monthly lunch club at the impressive converted church now restaurant Bistrot Pierre right in the heart of Preston City Centre. The Prix Fix lunch is £10.95 for one course, £12.95 for two and £14.95 for three. There's plenty to choose from. Bistrot Pierre, The Church, 83B Fishergate, Preston PR1 2NJ. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES 08 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small and friendly Lancaster group would love to meet you. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

THURS 10 Blackpool Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

SAT 12 Preston District Annual Dinner Dance

🕒 6pm for 6.30pm

£ £25



Join us for our annual dinner in honour of our District Chairman Nancy West.

This Year's Guest speaker is Charles Vaughan,



Past Grand Master. There will be entertainment from Vaughan Kennedy a talented pianist, vocalist and songwriter performing a range of songs from his wide repertoire. A mini-bus is being arranged from Blackpool, Preston Masonic Hall, Saul Street, Preston PR1 2QU. Please contact Colin on 01253 395833 for details and to book a place on the mini-bus.

October 2019

WED 23 Lunch at The River Wyre

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for lunch at the lovely River Wyre pub near Poulton-Le-Fylde. Easy to get to, plenty of parking spaces and an extensive menu. The River Wyre, Breck Road, Poulton-Le-Fylde FY6 7JZ. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES 29 Preston Coffee Morning

L 10am

£ As per menu



Join our regular Coffee morning at Macmillan's No15 Coffee Shop. Coffees and other products are reasonably priced. Our small but growing group are very friendly and new faces are always welcome. Macmillans No15 Coffee Shop, 15 Priory Lane, Penwortham PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



November

WED 06 Lunch at The Maple Leaf Café

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us at The Maple Leaf Café for an enjoyable lunch and friendly chat. The café is set in Duxbury's Garden Centre so leave time to wander around before or after! They offer a range of dishes on the menu so you can eat light or fill-up for the day! Maple Leaf Café, Duxbury's Garden Centre, 92 Chainhouse Lane, Whitestake, Preston PR4 4LB. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES 12 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small and friendly Lancaster group would love to meet you. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

November

THURS 14 Blackpool Coffee Morning

 10.30am  As per menu 

Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

TUES 19 Talk by Jimmy O'Donnell

 2.30pm  £2 

Jimmy O'Donnell who is a qualified social worker and a Dementia Friends Champion started the 'Lancashire Memories' Project in September 2016 as he believed it to be vital and something he can do well. He loves watching the difference his work can make to the lives of many people of different ages, especially those living with dementia. Jimmy is returning following the great reception he got earlier in the year for his inspiring talk 'The Power of Reminiscence'. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES 26 Preston Coffee Morning

 10am  As per menu 

Join our regular Coffee morning at Macmillan's No15 Coffee Shop. Coffees and other products are reasonably priced. Our small but growing group are very friendly and new faces are always welcome. Macmillans No15 Coffee Shop, 15 Priory Lane, Penwortham PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

FRI 29 Blackpool Christmas Lunch

 12 noon  As per menu 



Christmas Lunch at this local between Blackpool and Poulton starts from just £8.49 for two festive courses. Menus will be available in more detail soon. We must book the table so please book your place by the deadline so we can be sure of getting in. Book by Friday 15 November. Newton Arms, Staining Road, Normoss, Blackpool FY3 0AJ. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

December

FRI
06

Preston Christmas Evening Meal



TBC



As per menu



Join us for our festive evening meal in Preston. Seasonal Fayre will be available on the menu as well as some great company. It's important to book in advance to organise the table and pre-order your food. Time and venue to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES
10

Lancaster Christmas Lunch at The Boot and Shoe



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us at The Boot and Shoe for our Christmas Lunch celebration.

Select from the Christmas menu including traditional roast turkey or choose from the daily menu. The Christmas menu is priced at £18 for two courses or £21 for three courses. Pre-booking and pre-orders are essential. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4SG. Book by Tuesday 3 December. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



MON
09

Christmas Quiz and Hotpot Supper



7.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £5



Our popular quiz and hotpot night returns for some great fun and great Lancashire food. All are welcome but we need to know if you're coming for the food order so make sure you book your place as soon as possible.

Please contact Barbara on 01772 614480 no later than Wednesday 4 December to book your place. As usual we'll have a raffle for our charity. Any raffle prizes gratefully received. Penwortham Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.



December

TUES 17 Blackpool Christmas Buffet

L 2.30pm

£ Free



Join us for our final get-together before Christmas. A time for exchanging cards, seasons greetings and we'll have a little Christmas buffet to enjoy. Book by Thursday 12 December. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



January 2020

TUES 21 A Brief History of the Great City of Liverpool and the Humour of its People

L 2.30pm

£ £2



Stewart McNulty is a local speaker from the coast. The first part of his talk is about the history of Liverpool. The second part is a selection of humorous short stories and poems either by or about Liverpool people. The talk is a nice mix of historical interest and will also tickle your funny bone! Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



January 2020

THURS 09 Blackpool Coffee Morning

L 10.30am

£ As per menu



Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

TUES 29 Preston Coffee Morning

L 10am

£ As per menu



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February

WED **05** **Lunch at The New Continental**

 12.30pm

 As per menu



The New Continental is the place to enjoy a delicious meal or light-bite. Avenham Park is next door so weather-permitting a short walk along the banks of the river may help burn off some of the calories. Book by Monday 3 February. The New Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

MON **10** **Pig Racing Evening**

 7.30pm


 Members £3
Guests £5



Returning by popular demand our pig racing night is not to be missed. Come along, place your bets and hope your pig comes first. Refreshments will be provided. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid missing out. Penwortham Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

THURS **13** **Blackpool Coffee Morning**

 10.30am

 As per menu



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TUES **18** **Blackpool Quiz Afternoon**

 2.30pm

 £2



Quizzes are always popular and our quizzes often have an 'Oddfellows Twist'. We'll team you up with one of our genius members if you're on your own so don't worry. Prizes for the winners so come along and test your knowledge. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool, FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES **25** **Preston Coffee Morning**

 10am

 As per menu



Join our regular Coffee morning at Macmillan's No15 Coffee Shop. Coffees and other products are reasonably priced. Our small but growing group are very friendly and new faces are always welcome. Macmillans No15 Coffee Shop, 15 Priory Lane, Penwortham PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

March

WED
04

Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea



2.30pm



£20



Join us on a canal boat trip while we enjoy an afternoon tea on the Lancaster Canal. We're organising a fun cruise on The Lancaster Canal with Lancaster Canal Boats. The cruise will run for 1.5 hours and will include afternoon tea on the way.

Enjoy the peaceful experience of cruising while taking tea, how civilised. More importantly you'll be in great company, lots of chat, lots of friendly people. The cruise will depart from Barton Grange Garden Centre, where there is plenty of free parking. We'll look to car share as much as possible but if needs be transport can be arranged for an additional fee.

It's important you book as soon as possible on this trip, so we can get everything organised and no later than Friday 31 January. Lancaster Canal Boats, Barton Grange Garden Centre, Brock, Preston PR3 0BT. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

MON
09

Lancashire Memories Presentation



7.30pm



£2



Jimmy O'Donnell who is a qualified Social Worker and a Dementia Friends Champion, started the 'Lancashire Memories' project in September 2016 as he believed it to be vital and something he can do well. He loves watching the difference his work can make to the lives of many people of different ages, especially those living with dementia.

Jimmy will give his inspiring talk 'The Power of Reminiscence' explaining how old recordings, objects, images and films can help change people's lives. Penwortham Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

March

THURS 12 Blackpool Coffee Morning

 10.30am  As per menu 

Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



WED 25 Lunch at Marsh Mill Thornton

 12.30pm  As per menu 

Join us for lunch at Marsh Mill Village Thornton. The menu offers light-bites, pub favourites and a carvery so something for everyone. Marsh Mill Tavern, Marsh Mill Village, Fleetwood Road, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 4JZ. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



TUES 17 Preston District Annual General Meeting

 2.30pm  Free 



Preston District Annual General Meeting. All members are invited. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.

TUES 31 Preston Coffee Morning

 10am  As per menu 

Join our regular Coffee morning at Macmillan's No15 Coffee Shop. Coffees and other products are reasonably priced. Our small but growing group are very friendly and new faces are always welcome. Macmillans No15 Coffee Shop, 15 Priory Lane, Penwortham PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 01253 395833.



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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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first booking
over and above
offers currently
in the market.



Haven Holidays

Save up to 10%
on top of Haven's
best prices
through exclusive
member benefits.



Warner Leisure Holidays

Save up to 10%
on top of Haven's
best prices through
exclusive member
benefits.



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10% discount on
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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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Preston News

Fundraising for Brian House

Our District Chairman for 2019/2020 is Nancy West. Nancy is long standing Oddfellows member who joined us from Capital of the Fens a couple of years ago and has been a great asset to the Blackpool Branch and Preston District. Nancy's chosen charity for this year is Brian House Children's Hospice in Blackpool.

We regularly raise funds for our charities but one effort deserves special mention. Our 'Call The Midwife' themed charity walk along Blackpool promenade raised over £250. A big thanks to Sister Francesca Hamilton-Jones who put all the effort into organizing the event and thanks to the walkers and fund-raisers who took part.



Blackpool Trams and Fleetwood Ferry

This little summer trip will see us board the new Blackpool tram service from a convenient starting point, cross the Wyre on the Fleetwood Foot Ferry and take tea and a snack in Knott End before returning. Let us know your interest so we can keep you informed so we can finalise the plans, call Colin on 01253 301934 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk.

Are You a Quizzer?

Our Quiz nights in Preston are always popular, a great way

to meet and mix with others with a common goal of winning that quiz! Our next quiz is on Monday December 9th in Preston. A hotpot is included in the price for the evening, see the event detail for more information.



Kath's Fundraising Year Results in Whopping £1,000

At our March Annual General Meeting outgoing District Chairman Kathleen Montgomery presented a cheque for £1,000 to the Arthritis Support Group Blackpool.

Charity and fundraising is fundamental to Oddfellowship so a big thanks to all those who contributed and helped raise these funds. We appreciate the generosity of our members both for their contributions and for their time.

Fundraising events are great fun and help to bring people together giving them a great sense of achievement. If you've any



fundraising ideas, have a talent or hobby that could be put to good use, or if there is a challenge you've always wanted to take up get in touch and we'll work together to make it happen.

Planned 2020 Trips For Your Interest National Arboretum



We're planning a couple of trips for spring/summer 2020 and we'd like to know if you're interested. Firstly a lot of interest has been expressed by members for a trip to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire.

We thought this would best work in the better weather as most of it is outdoors. With over 30,000 trees the site is a living

tribute to those who have and continue to serve our country. There are more than 300 memorials including a dedicated Oddfellows memorial and other exhibitions, a land train for a quick tour, gift shop and café and restaurant when hunger and thirst need to be satisfied.

Contact Colin on **01253 395833** or **colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk** to register your interest. In order to plan this trip efficiently we initially need to know what interest there is and where we need to pick people up for the trip so don't worry if it's just tentative, get in touch and we'll keep in touch with you as we finalise the plans.

Bowling Competition

Our annual Crown Green Bowling competition was another great success despite some unwelcome weather. Once again Charlie Beesley aided by brother Jim successfully steered teams of novices and experts through a keenly fought competition.

In the morning the weather held out for some closely fought games. After the delicious buffet lunch provided by Sheila Savage and Marlene

Beesley we found ourselves not just battling opponents but downpour weather conditions too. The winners of the competition shield were Sheila Morton and Mark Ayton, whilst the runner-up cup went to Julie Beesley and Margaret Sharples.

A big thanks from all of us to those who organized the competition and buffet, a great success and we appreciate the effort that goes into this.



Friendship and Social activities across the UK

At Preston Oddfellows we put on a range social activities each month for us to enjoy together in friendship. We always welcome new people to come along and give us a try... No longer living in the Preston District Area?

Why not check out the social activities being put on by the Branch nearest to where you are living...

Visit the Oddfellows Website (www.oddfellows.co.uk) and click on the events tab to search for local events. Alternatively, contact us, (details on the front page) and we can request that your local secretary gets in touch and sends you a copy of their Events Diary.

Holidays that give back



Don't think that volunteering holidays are just for gap-year students or millennials, because having experience under your belt can be an advantage when it comes to snapping up sought-after spaces.

Volunteering holidays are the perfect chance to get away and try something different, use your current skills or learn new ones, have an adventure and do some good along the way. We've picked out some opportunities which perfectly match a mature volunteer.

Domestic Departures

You don't have to go abroad to see what volunteering holidays are like. The National Trust has offered working holidays in England and Wales for over 50 years with over 170 to choose from!

The holidays vary from a weekend to a week in some amazing locations, so you can help out at some of the finest parts of coast, countryside, historic houses and gardens in Britain.

Lending a skilled hand

If you've retired but still want to put some professional or practical skills to good use, then the professional volunteering programme at Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) is a good place to start.

The schemes focus on the areas of health, education and livelihoods, in particular with poor people in Africa and Asia. These volunteering opportunities give you the chance to use your skills and experience to have a long-lasting impact on people's lives.

The nature of giving.

The largest nature conservation charity in the country, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), has been running volunteer holidays for years. Volunteers can take part both in the UK and abroad, on projects that vary in scope and interest – so don't feel that you need to be a bird expert to take part.

Who knows - what starts as a weekend trip to try something new could become a lifelong passion; the opportunities are endless.



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.



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 Barbara on **01772 614480** or email **barbara.malloy@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.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

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**

We're on Facebook!



our Facebook page where we post latest news and hints and tips from Preston and from Oddfellows.

How do you find it?

Login to your Facebook account and go to the search field, type in 'Preston Oddfellows' and you'll find us.

Not everything can make it into the newsletter, much changes in six months so keep up to date on

Any problems call Colin on 01253 395833 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk.

Branch Meetings

We hold regular meetings for each of our Branches in Preston, Fylde and Lancaster. All members are welcome and meetings often include an interesting talk or activity. Just get in touch for more details or come along, we'll make you welcome! Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary.

Blackpool (Duke of Wellington Branch)

Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW.
Contact Andy Anderson on 01253 777666 or email andy.anderson@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Preston (Prince of Peace Guild 2012 Branch)

The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.
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Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

Lancaster (King William IV Branch)

The Boot and Shoe Pub, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU.
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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

At a glance

October 2019

Wed 2	Lunch at Bistrot Pierre	12.30pm
Tues 8	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up at The Boot and Shoe	12.30pm
Thurs 10	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 12	Preston District Annual Dinner Dance	6pm for 6.30pm
Wed 23	Lunch at The River Wyre	12.30pm
Tues 29	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

November

Wed 6	Lunch at The Maple Leaf Café	12.30pm
Tues 12	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up at The Boot and Shoe	12.30pm
Thurs 14	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 19	Talk by Jimmy O'Donnell	2.30pm
Tues 26	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Fri 29	Blackpool Christmas Lunch	12 noon

December

Fri 6	Preston Christmas Evening Meal	TBC
Mon 9	Christmas Quiz and Hotpot Supper	7.30pm
Tues 10	Lancaster Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 17	Blackpool Christmas Buffet	2.30pm

January 2020

Thurs 9	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 21	Liverpool History and Humour Talk	2.30pm
Tues 29	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

February

Wed 5	Lunch at The Continental	12.30pm
Mon 10	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 18	Blackpool Quiz Afternoon	2.30pm
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

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March

Wed 4	Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea	2.30pm
Mon 9	Lancashire Memories Presentation	7.30pm
Thurs 12	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 17	Preston District Annual General Meeting	2.30pm
Wed 25	Lunch at Marsh Mill Thornton	12.30pm
Tues 31	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

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