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*Canal Boat Cruise with Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 2 March 2022*

## Welcome back to our Out & About newsletter

It feels such an age since we were able to publish a full list of events. We've already restarted our events with a number of coffee mornings and lunches and there's much more inside. It's so great to be back!

See our coffee morning dates and make a point of coming along to see what we're about. Lunches are a great way to relax with some friendly chat and enjoy the variety of excellent local food venues available to us. We've also got speakers, quizzes and buffets lined up in Blackpool and Preston. Watch out for new Coffee Mornings in Lytham (see May, July and September).

## Notice of Half Yearly Meeting

The Half-Yearly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 September at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Lane, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Agendas will be available at the meeting. All members are entitled to attend.

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during normal office hours**



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# 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. Our coffee morning groups are friendly and growing because once people come along they want to come again.

### Blackpool



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

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

### Virtual Coffee Mornings



Our Virtual Coffee Mornings were a lifeline for many of us during the long lockdown period and were so popular we've decided to continue with them every month on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11am**. These are a great way to keep in touch without having to leave your house and to meet people from all over the district. Just draw up in front of your computers or iPad with a cuppa to check in with each other and have a general chat. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk) for Zoom details and guidance how to connect.

### Preston



In Preston we meet on the **last Tuesday of every month at 10am**, our gathering has now outgrown our usual venue so we're meeting across the road at The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane Penwortham PR1 0AR. Parking available on the front and just £2.50 for all the coffee and tea you can drink!



### Coffee Morning - Lytham



We're launching a new Coffee Morning at Whisper's in Lytham on Thursday 18 November at 10.30am. Initially these will run in November, January and March on the **third Thursday at 10.30am**. As they increase in popularity, we'll move to a monthly get-together so if you're in the area come and join us!



# October 2021

## TUES 05 Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guided sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).



## WED 06 Lunch at Bistrot Pierre, Preston



Join our monthly lunch club at the impressive converted church now restaurant 'Bistrot Pierre' right in the heart of Preston City Centre. The cost of lunch is £12.95 for two and £14.95 for three courses, or just choose from the A La Carte. There's plenty to choose from. The venue is easy walking distance from Preston Bus Station and Preston Train Station. Book by Monday 4 October 2021. Bistrot Pierre, The Church 83B Fishergate, Preston PR1 2NJ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## MON 11 Talk by Peter Smith



Local Penwortham Photographer, Peter Smith specialises in wildlife photography and gives a fascinating talk and presentation. Tea or coffee and biscuits provided. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

# October 2021

## TUES 12 **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 friendly group would love to meet you.

Book by Friday 8 October 2021. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## TUES 19 **Talk by Barry Shaw**



2pm



Free



Local Historian, Barry Shaw of the Blackpool Civic Trust will deliver his latest presentation hot off the press... We will be the first to see this one! Barry has delivered some very interesting talks to us in the past including Blackpool History and the Abana Shipwreck. Join us for another fascinating presentation, a cuppa and some biscuits. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## 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 07592 004080.



## 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 2021

# November

## TUES 26 Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Book by Monday 25 October 2021. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## TUES 02 Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guided sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

## WED 27 Afternoon Tea at Lytham Hall



2pm



£12



Join us in the wonderful surroundings of Lytham Hall for afternoon tea. The café is set in the West Wing of the house on the first floor with lift access. Book by Wednesday 20 October 2021. Lytham Hall, Ballam Road, Lytham FY8 4JX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



# November

## WED 03 Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for lunch at Ego Restaurant at The Fox Cub, Little Hoole. Lunch starts from £5.95 for light-bites, £7.95 for main course. Book by Monday 1 November 2021. Ego at the Fox Cub, Bridge House Farm, Liverpool Road, Little Hoole, Preston PR4 5JT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## TUES 09 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 friendly group would love to meet you. Book by Friday 5 November 2021. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## MON 08 Pig Racing Evening

🕒 7.30pm

£ £3



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. Book by Friday 5 November 2021. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## THURS 11 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 07592 004080.



# November

## TUES 16 Talk by North West Blood Bikes



North West Blood Bikes are a volunteer charity that give an out-of-hours urgent delivery service



to NHS hospitals. In doing so, they save the NHS from using vital funds on hired taxis. Join us to hear how the volunteers provide this essential service. By supporting this event you will support a donation to the charity. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## THURS 18 Lytham Coffee Meet Up



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea at our first Lytham event. We're planning to make this a regular, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can expect you. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

## WED 24 Lunch at The Water's Edge, St Annes



Join us for lunch at the Water's Edge in St Annes. Since it opened a few years ago this spacious pub and restaurant next to the new Booths store has been very popular. With a truly extensive menu from sandwiches and wraps to burgers, pizzas, pub favourites and a hot buffet to choose from. Book by Friday 19 November 2021. The Water's Edge, 56 Heyhouses Lane, Lytham St Annes FY8 3RG. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## TUES 30 Preston Coffee Morning



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Book by Monday 29 November 2021. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



# December

FRI  
03

## Preston Christmas Evening Meal



7pm



As per menu



Join us at one of our favourite venues for a Christmas celebration evening meal at Tino's. Please book early so we can finalise booking arrangements. Tino's is an Italian restaurant that offers much more than pizza and pasta. Get in touch to provisionally reserve your place and we'll get the final details to you as soon as they are available. Meet at 7pm for 7.30pm. Book by Friday 19 November 2021. Tino's, 21 Hill Street, Preston PR1 2BB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES  
07

## Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guidance sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

THURS  
09

## 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 07592 004080.

# December

FRI  
10

## Blackpool Christmas Lunch



12.30pm



£12.99



Christmas lunch at this local between Blackpool and Poulton. Starts from just £12.99 for three festive courses. Drinks not included. 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. A deposit and pre-order is required by Tuesday 2 November 2021 at the latest. Newton Arms, Staining Road, Normoss, Blackpool FY3 0AJ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk) for a menu.

MON  
13

## 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. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Wednesday 8 December 2021. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Barbara on 01772 614480.

TUES  
14

## Lancaster Christmas Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



A special Lancaster Christmas lunch meet up at The Boot and Shoe. Come and join us for a pleasant Christmas celebration. Register your interest so we can get the Christmas menu to you when it's available. Book by Friday 3 December 2021. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES  
21

## Blackpool Christmas Buffet



2pm



£5



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 Wednesday 15 December 2021. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

# January 2022

TUES  
04

## Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Online



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guided sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

TUES  
11

## 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 friendly group would love to meet you. Book by Friday 7 January 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scoforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS  
13

## 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 07592 004080.



THURS  
20

## Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea at our first Lytham event. We're planning to make this a regular, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can expect you. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

# January 2022

TUES  
25

## Preston Coffee Morning



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Book by Monday 24 January 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

# February

TUES  
01

## Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guided sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

# February

WED  
02

## Lunch at The Continental, Preston



The Continental is the place to enjoy a delicious meal or a light bite. Avenham Park is next door, so weather-permitting, a short stroll afterwards might burn off some of the calories. Book by Monday 31 January 2022. The Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES  
08

## Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



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 friendly group would love to meet you. Book by Friday 4 February 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

# February

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 07592 004080.

TUES  
22

## Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Book by Monday 21 February 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON  
14

## Join us for a fascinating talk



7.30pm



£2.50



We're lining up a speaker for this evening, so join us for a fascinating talk. The final speaker is yet to be confirmed but we have some possible interesting history talks lined up. Cost: £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee. Book by Friday 11 February 2022. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED  
23

## Lunch at The River Wyre, Poulton



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. Book by Monday 21 February 2022. The River Wyre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7JZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.





# March

## **TUES** **01** Preston Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every first Tuesday of the month at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our coffee shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom, don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guided sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated, it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Important: Contact Colin to get your Zoom link sent to you 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

## **WED** **02** Canal Boat Cruise with Afternoon Tea



12 noon



£20



We're returning to Lancaster Canal Boat Cruises after the success of the 2020 trip. Two hours in very pleasant company, a delicious afternoon tea (let us know if any special requirements so we can arrange for you) plus sailing along at a leisurely pace on the Lancaster canal.



This trip is going to be popular and places are limited, so book and pay as soon as possible and certainly by end of January. We can take bookings after that but, only if there are places left. Transport arrangements will be finalised closer to the date using either car sharing or mini-bus hire (at additional cost), depending on numbers. Book by Monday 31 January 2022. Lancaster Canal Boats, Marina at Barton Grange Garden Centre, Garstang Road, Brock, Preston PR3 0BT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk).

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# March

## TUES 08 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 friendly group would love to meet you. Book by Friday 4 March 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## THURS 10 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 07592 004080.

## MON 14 Preston Bingo Night

L 7.30pm

£ £2.50



Eyes down for a fun bingo night! We'll have some fun prizes and a giggle along the way or may even switch to our fun favourite game Casi-Casi. Tea or coffee provided. Cost: £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## TUES 15 Blackpool Quiz Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Free



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 FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



# March

THURS  
17

## Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea at our first Lytham event. We're planning to make this a regular, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can expect you. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED  
23

## Lunch at Marsh Mill Tavern, 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. Book by Monday 21 March 2022. Marsh Mill Tavern, Marsh Mill Village, Fleetwood Road, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 4JZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES  
29

## Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Book by Monday 28 March 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



## Annual General Meeting

Please note that next year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 2pm. This is a slight departure from our previous practice of holding the AGM in March.

# Preston News

## New District Chairman and Chosen Charity

**Nancy West our District Chairman for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 has now moved on and returned to her native Wales. We wish Nancy the very best in her new home and of course will be keeping in touch.**

Nancy's chosen charity was Brian House Children's Hospice. Charitable donations are essential for them to keep up the fantastic support they provide for families in the most difficult of situations. We raised a total of £1,675 for them.

For 2021/2022 our new District Chairman Andy Anderson has adopted local charity N-Vision who provide a

range of services to those with reduced vision living in the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde area as well as transcription services into accessible media including talking newspapers.



If you'd like to take part in a fundraising activity or maybe would like help organizing one just get in touch we're here to support you!

## Christmas Celebrations

**We had two very successful and enjoyable Christmas meals with healthy attendance at both in 2019.**

In Blackpool we return to the Newton Arms and for £12.99 you can enjoy a three course meal and lots of friendly happy company thrown in for free.

In Preston we're returning to an old favourite... Tino's in Central Preston. Contact us for details of the festive menu.



## 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 13 December in Preston with our Christmas Quiz and Hotpot Night.

On Tuesday 15 March 2022, we're having a quiz afternoon in Blackpool. Come along and test your brains out.



## National Memorial Arboretum

We're planning a trip to the Arboretum in June 2022 (postponed from June 2020). You'll get half a day there due to the travel to the Staffordshire site.



There are more than 300 memorials and other exhibitions, a land train for a quick tour, gift shop and café and restaurant when hunger and thirst need to be satisfied. You will have time to visit the main exhibits before we return. Contact Colin on [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk) to register your interest. Please do so as soon as possible so we can arrange dates and appropriate transport.

## Could you be a Welfare Telephone Befriender?

**The value of telephone support has been clearly demonstrated during the pandemic. Receiving telephone calls and knowing that other people cared helped all of us to cope in this strange unprecedented time.**

We are looking for volunteers to keep in touch with members by telephone, offering a listening ear and support to those who may need it due to old age, ill health, disability, caring responsibilities, bereavement, isolation and other difficult situations. Sometimes the role can include signposting members to other sources of support.

If you become a Telephone Befriender, you will attend an induction course and will be supported by the Branch and national Care Department. This means you would not have to deal with anything on your own.

A basic DBS check is needed for this role.

If you would like to find out more about the Telephone Befriender role please get in touch with me, Barbara Malloy, on 01772 614480 or you can talk to the Care and Welfare Department on 0800 0149 822.



# Brian Walker's Oddfellows Pub Find

**Morecambe member Brian Walker brought an old publication (1990's) to our attention pointing out a snippet about an Oddfellows pub. 'Kendal Pubs - A Potted History' features the 'Oddfellows Arms' dating back to 1820 which was the year that Kendal Oddfellows Society was established. Many of the landlords listed in the summary were lodge members.**

The pub is still going strong and is still identified with the shield bearing an hour-glass, cross-keys, a beehive and a lamb with a red rose in the centre and the familiar Latin inscription 'Amicitia Amor et Veritas'.

Do you have an Oddfellows pub or Oddfellows building near you? Let us know all about it and send in your pictures we'd love to feature it in this newsletter.

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## Getting Back Together

It's been such a pleasure for all of us to meet real people again. We've successfully relaunched our Preston Coffee Mornings at The Over 60's

Club in Penwortham, Blackpool Coffee Mornings at the Solaris and some very pleasant lunches at The Continental in Preston and Poulton's River Wyre Inn.



# 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 such as help with optical and dental costs 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

## The Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

**As much as we were all hoping for the opportunity to get together and host our 2021 AMC in person, the global pandemic had other plans and so we saw the conference held virtually over Zoom, and broadcast live via YouTube.**

This is only the second time since 1944 that there hasn't been an in-person Annual Movable Conference. The AMC is usually a three-day conference which gives our network of 115 Branches a chance to have their say in the way the Society is run, celebrate its successes and developments over the past 12 months, and enjoy a catch-up with other Branches over dinner.

This year however, the Directors gathered in the Unity Office Boardroom whilst everyone else stayed at home and Deputies logged in via Zoom to listen in and make their contributions to conference.

Despite the distance between us all, the AMC was its usual hive of activity, and thanks go to all the Deputies who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses. We would also like to extend our thanks to the incredible IT team who worked tirelessly to ensure all Deputies were able to log in successfully, the conference was broadcast seamlessly, and everything ran as it should.

## Welcoming our newest Grand Master, David Ogden

**One of the key elements of AMC is the installation of the new Grand Master, or Chairman of the Society. This is the most prestigious and respected roles in the Society, and requires a considerable commitment. As Grand Masters, they need to have progressed through the ceremonial side of the Society and usually will have served for at least four years as a Director, before being nominated to be Grand Master.**

Our Immediate Past Grand Master, David Randall, spent two years in the role, instead of the usual one, due to the coronavirus

pandemic, and has this year welcomed his successor, David Ogden. Despite there being no live audience, the ceremony featuring his installation as Grand Master was streamed on YouTube.



The Society would like to thank David Randall for his hard work during his time as Grand Master, and wish David Ogden all the best for his term. Keep an eye out for our interview with the new Grand Master in the next edition of Society News!

# Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners!



**Each year, we recognise and celebrate the efforts of members who have gone above and beyond for their local Branch, fellow members, and the Society as a whole. Without these individuals (and there are many!), the Oddfellows wouldn't be the warm and welcoming organisation it is today.**

This year, faced with a global pandemic and numerous lockdowns which left many members isolated, the kindness and dedication of our Making a Difference Award nominees truly shone through. Our judges were blown away by the way Oddfellows communities rallied together to help each other through such a difficult year, and so choosing the winners was more difficult than ever. Without further ado, our 2021 Making a Difference Award winners are...

## **Wendy Atkins, from Ipswich Oddfellows, for Working in the spirit of mutuality**

Wendy said: "It was a big surprise and I feel honoured to have won. I've done all sorts for the Ipswich Oddfellows over the years, but I enjoy my role as social organiser most of all. Since we've started running online events, I've had to think outside the box and see how our in-person events can translate onto Zoom, which has been a fun challenge."



*Wendy, from Ipswich Oddfellows*

I've extended the hand of friendship to other Branches to offer help and support with their online meetings."



*Paul, from South London Oddfellows*

## **Paul Fitton, from South London Oddfellows, for Enriching lives socially**

Paul said: "It was a lovely surprise when I found out I'd won. Organising social events for my local group is more than just a job for me, it's fun and fulfilling. Helping people meet and make new friends in the area is wonderful."

## Janice Tomlin, from Reading Oddfellows, for Giving a helping hand

Janice said: "I had no idea I'd even been nominated, so it was a shock when I was told I'd won the award, but I was incredibly pleased! I know how it feels to be on your own a lot, so being a listening ear for other members during such a difficult year has been a tonic for me as well, in many ways."



*Janice, from Reading Oddfellows*

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our members are at the heart of everything we do as a Society, and it's people like Paul, Wendy and Janice who keep the wheels turning."

"As much-loved members of their local Branches and the Society as a whole, these Awards are truly well-deserved."

## Working together to Make a Difference for 2022

**We are excited to introduce a new 'Achieving Together' category for our Making a Difference Awards.**

Members nominated for the Achieving Together Award should be a team of two, and could be married, partners, family relations, or good friends who collaborate with, and support each other, to achieve more than they could alone.



## Have your say!

If you know a Society star who goes above and beyond, or a duo whose combined efforts make your Branch a warm and welcoming place for all, download a Member Nomination form from [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference), or contact your Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.



## Face-to-face get-togethers are back, but online events are here to stay

**Many members have been missing that wonderful feeling of seeing and socialising with friends in a group setting, and we're pleased to let you know that our Branches have restarted their face-to-face events, or are getting ready to restart them again very soon.**

So whether you're feeling up to a walk in the great outdoors, or you're keen to get back to your local coffee morning, our Branches are beavering away behind the scenes to make sure their events are COVID-secure, and our members are safe.

Not feeling up to getting together yet? That's fine too. Lots of people will still feel anxious about mixing with groups indoors or outdoors, and we know it will take a while for things to feel "normal" again. But we don't want you to miss out, which is why our online events are here to stay.



From local guest talks streamed live from your Branch, to our weekly national coffee mornings, online events will continue for as long as our members would like them to.

Help is available to get you set up to access the online events, should you need it. Call our membership team on **0800 028 1810**, or email **events@oddfellows.co.uk** to receive a how-to guide for using Zoom video conferencing.

If you'd like to join in with one of our events, in-person or online, find out what's coming up by visiting our website: **www.oddfellows.co.uk/events** or speak to your local Branch Secretary to request a local events diary.

# Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

## Refer a friend today

To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**,  
or visit our Members' Area at **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**  
or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your  
Branch Secretary

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## Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are  
here to stay



To see what's coming up visit **[oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://oddfellows.co.uk/events)**  
and enter 'online' in the place name search box

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# 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 07592 004080 or email [colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:andy.anderson@oddfellows.co.uk)

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm.

### **Preston (Prince of Peace Guild 2012 Branch)**

The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.  
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email [barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk)

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

### **Lancaster (King William IV Branch)**

The Boot and Shoe Pub, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU.  
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email [barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk)

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm.

# At a glance

## October 2021

<b>Tues 5</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 6</b>	Lunch at Bistrot Pierre Preston	12.30pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Talk by Peter Smith	7.30pm
<b>Tues 12</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 19</b>	Talk by Barry Shaw	2pm
<b>Tues 26</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 27</b>	Afternoon Tea at Lytham Hall	2pm

## November

<b>Tues 2</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub	12.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Talk by North West Blood Bikes	2pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
<b>Wed 24</b>	Lunch at The Water's Edge St Annes	12.30pm
<b>Tues 30</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

## December

<b>Fri 3</b>	Preston Christmas Evening Meal	7pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 10</b>	Blackpool Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Christmas Quiz and Hotpot Supper	7.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Lancaster Christmas Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Blackpool Christmas Buffet	2pm

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## January 2022

<b>Tues 4</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 11</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
<b>Tues 25</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

## February

<b>Tues 1</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 2</b>	Lunch at The Continental Preston	12.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Join Us For a Fascinating Talk	7.30pm
<b>Tues 22</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 23</b>	Lunch at The River Wyre, Poulton	12.30pm

## March

<b>Tues 1</b>	Preston Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 2</b>	Canal Boat Cruise with Afternoon Tea	12 noon
<b>Tues 8</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Preston Bingo Night	7.30pm
<b>Tues 15</b>	Blackpool Quiz Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
<b>Wed 23</b>	Lunch at Marsh Mill Tavern Thornton	12.30pm
<b>Tues 29</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am