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making friends, helping people

out & about

St Helens & Warrington District



Warrington Town Skittles 2, Cheshire



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Dining Out



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Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Waterways Museum and Cheshire Oaks – Tuesday 21 April 2020

Welcome to the autumn edition of our latest Events Diary and Newsletter for the St Helens and Warrington Branch of Oddfellows

As a local Branch of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also supply our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them. We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interests in socialising, making friends and helping people!

This issue features listings of our upcoming events from coffee mornings to trips out, we hope there

is something to interest you. Also included is a handy back page listing month by month for events at a glance. We hope you find it useful!

Looking forward to seeing you at an event very soon!

For more details about becoming a member and the wide range of benefits available, please call our membership team on 0800 028 1810 or visit our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

Everybody 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 events that take your fancy. We like to think we can guarantee you a good time.

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.

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Branch meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month either at 1.30pm or 7pm.

17 North Road, St Helens WA10 2TW.

For further details or if you would like to attend any of the meetings, please contact Lynn Steward, District Secretary.

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Please ring between the hours of 9am and 8pm.

Repairs

The downstairs office will be closed until further notice due to some building repairs. Anyone needing any claim forms can collect them from Crafternoons, Tea and Toast sessions, coffee mornings or contact Lynn. Any other enquiries please contact Lynn by email or phone.

Contact Details

If anyone who does not receive updates and reminders by email about our events, but would like to start receiving them, please pass on your email address or send an email to Julie –

julie.webster@oddfellows.co.uk.

Anyone who doesn't have email but would like to receive text messages please speak to Julie about this.

Please Note

Where possible, when on our day trips could we please leave the first few rows on the coach for those who have mobility issues or who suffer from travel sickness.

On return to North Road can we please let those who need to catch a bus home get off the coach first, hopefully this will help to stop some having to wait in town for an hour for their next bus.

Please remember, to keep our trips affordable and convenient for all members we book one pick-up/drop off in both Warrington (pull in at Central Station, Winwick Street) and St Helens (North Road). To ensure we stick to our agreed booking (and insurance) we cannot have any extra drop offs. Thank you for your co-operation.

October 2019

TUES 01 Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



Why not come along and be updated with the latest information regarding the Oddfellows at both local and national level. This is also a chance for you to see and have a say in how your Branch is run, remember we are run by members for our members. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, we will then welcome Julie from Restore St Helens who will give us a brief talk on the work they do restoring old furniture for the disadvantage of the borough. Members only. The Oddfellows, 17 North Road, St Helens WA10 2TW. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

MON 14 Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



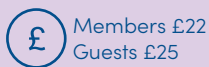
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TUES 08 Chippy Lunch in Bolton



9.15am



Members £22
Guests £25



We head off to Bolton where we will have free time to visit the shops, market or museum before meeting up at the Olympus Fish Restaurant for lunch at 1pm. We will tuck into cod, chips, mushy peas, bread and butter and tea/coffee. After lunch we can sit back and relax while we enjoy the live pianist as he plays the grand piano, don't forget to save a little room as we will be served a cream scone and more tea/coffee while we enjoy the tinkling of the ivories. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place and final balance by Thursday 26 September please. Olympus Fish Restaurant, 35-39 Great Moor Street, Bolton BL1 1SW. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

October 2019

THURS
17

Coffee Morning at The Hotties Cafe



10.30am



Refreshments at own expense



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THURS
24

Tea, Toast and Talk



10.30am



Donations



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MON
28

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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TUES
29

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



Refreshments at own expense



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October 2019

WED
30

Bury Market



9am



Members £9
Guests £12



Back by popular demand, Bury's World Famous Market. Located next door to the Mill Gate Shopping Centre, the biggest and best market in the North West, winning many awards over the year's has now claimed the title of Britain's Favourite Market 2019.

Oozing charm and atmosphere, the layout offers visitors the opportunity to seek out and visit every stall, the range of products are second to none. A £5 deposit is required to book your place and final balance by Thursday 24 October please. Bury Market, Bury Market BL9 0BJ. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

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November

TUES
05

Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



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Members only. The Oddfellows, 17 North Road, St Helens WA10 2TW. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

Warrington & Halton
Hospitals' Charity



MON
11

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including
refreshments



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November

THURS 14 Coffee Morning at the Hotties Café

 10.30am  Refreshments at own expense 

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MON 25 Crafternoon

 2pm  £2 including refreshments 

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THURS 28 Tea, Toast and Talk

 10.30am  £1 Donation 

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TUES 19 Warrington Coffee Morning

 10.30am  Refreshments at own expense 

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December

SUN

01

Cumbria One Night Stay



9am



£129 pp twin/double £154 pp single



After door to door pick ups with Hatton's Premier Class Travel we will stop at Barton Grange Garden Centre (who have won many awards for their Christmas Displays) and soak up all the Christmas atmosphere before carrying on our journey up to Grange Over Sands.



Once we have settled into our hotel The Cumbria Grand we will have dinner then have free time for the rest of the night. After breakfast next morning we will set off for home via Skipton where we can enjoy all that the Yorkshire town has to offer. A £40 non-refundable deposit to secure your place and final balance by Thursday 24 October.

Please note that once all bookings are final we cannot cancel unless a replacement traveller can be found, this means the full balance must be paid. The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Lindale Road, Grange Over Sands LA11 6EN. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

MON

09

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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December

WED
11

Christmas Lunch



12.30pm



TBC



Once again we are returning to The Unison Club for Rick's Christmas Carvery. You will be served with a choice of starters and desserts with the main course being a carvery to help yourself to, all finished off with tea/coffee and mince pies.

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle with all proceeds going to this year's chosen charity Cheshire and Mersey Blood Bikes. For those not in a rush to go home we will have some games and no doubt lots of laughter. Cost: Approximately £22, to be confirmed. A £5 deposit is required to secure your place and final balance by Thursday 28 November please.

The Unison Club, Bishop Road, St Helens WA10 6SX. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

THURS
19

Tea, Toast and Talk



10.30am



£1 Donation



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January 2020

THURS
02

Aladdin



2pm



£15



Hop on your magic carpet for this years panto at St Helens Theatre Royal, come and join us as Aladdin battles the evil Abanazer with the help of a very special lamp. Full star cast to be confirmed. Tickets are limited and must be paid for at the time of booking. Unfortunately cancellations cannot be refunded unless the ticket is resold. Book by Thursday 19 December. St Helens Theatre Royal, Corporation Street, St Helens WA10 1LQ. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

January 2020

THURS
09

Coffee Morning at the Hotties Café

🕒 10.30am

£ Refreshments at own expense ☕

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monthly coffee mornings in St Helens. There is also a gift shop and gallery showcasing original pieces including ceramics and glassware as well as regular exhibitions—all are free to enter. There is free on-site parking and it is fully accessible for the disabled. The World of Glass, Chalon way East, St Helens WA10 1BX. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

MON
13

Crafternoon

🕒 2pm

£ £2 including refreshments 🎨

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THURS
23

Tea, Toast and Talk

🕒 10.30am

£ £1 Donation ☕

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MON
27

Crafternoon

🕒 2pm

£ £2 including refreshments 🎨

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January 2020

TUES
28

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



Refreshments at own expense



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February

TUES
04

Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



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MON
10

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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February

THURS
13

Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe



10.30am



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TUES
18

Coffee, Cake and Craft



10.30am



TBC



Details to be confirmed. The Oddfellows, 17 North Road, St Helens WA10 2TW. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.



THURS
20

Tea, Toast and Talk



10.30am



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MON
24

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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February

TUES 25 Warrington Coffee Morning



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March

TUES 03 Branch Meeting



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March

MON 09 Crafternoon



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THURS 12 Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe



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March

THURS
19

Tea, Toast and Talk



10.30am



£1 Donation



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MON
23

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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WED
25

Cabaret Lunch at Briars Hall Hotel



10.45am



Members £30, Guests £33



Originally an 18th Century manor house, Briars Hall is now a hotel located in five acres of mature gardens and woodland. We will arrive for a three course set lunch, try our luck with a game of bingo before enjoying a sing along and dancing with the afternoons live entertainment. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place, full payment by Thursday 20 February please as final numbers have to be given in and paid for. Briars Hall, Briars Lane, Lathom L40 5TH. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.



March

TUES **31** Warrington Coffee Morning

 10.30am  Refreshments at own expense 

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April

THURS **02** Tea, Toast and Talk

 10.30am  £1 Donation 

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April

THURS **16** Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe

 10.30am  Refreshments at own expense 

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Booking

Please remember the importance of booking early for our events, a non-refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking to confirm your place and full payment is due before the event. Sometimes large amounts of money is collected so, for safety reasons, where possible a cheque (made payable to The Oddfellows) would be appreciated.

April

TUES

21

Waterways Museum and Cheshire Oaks



9.15am



Members £24, Guests £27



Sitting where the Shropshire Union Canal meets the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey is The National Waterways Museum where after our morning coffee we will have a guided tour lasting approximately 45 minutes. After the tour we will have free time to explore the sight including the Blacksmith Forge, power hall and pump house and Porters Row, the oldest row of cottages in Ellesmere Port where history comes alive.



We will then take the short journey to Cheshire Oaks Designer outlet where we can have a good old spend in over 140 stores or have a nice leisurely meal with friends in one of the many restaurants. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place final balance by Thursday 16 April please. National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port, S Pier Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 4FW. Contact Lynn on 01744 453650 or Julie on 01744 895536.

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MON

27

Crafternoon



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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TUES

28

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



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Refer a friend today



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Coleshill Visit

June saw a group of members head off to Coleshill to visit Kath Thompson our retired Trustee and long standing member. It was last year that Kath decided she would uproot and relocate in Coleshill to be closer to her family, once settled in she very kindly offered to have us all down to visit and have afternoon tea with her in her local church hall.

Always ready for a day out, it was soon arranged and off we set, deciding that we would stop and visit Trentham Gardens Shopping Outlet en route for our morning coffee, a bite to eat and of course a spot of shopping.



We continued our journey with some very excited members ready to reunite with their friend of many years. We arrived in Coleshill, a lovely village set between Birmingham and Coventry, to a lovely warm welcome from Kath, members of her family and some new friends who had so kindly helped prepare our delicious afternoon tea. Kath's son Colin gave us a short talk about the history of Coleshill, even finding a history book which had a photograph of the Oddfellows in.

Some members had a stroll around the village to walk off the cakes while others caught up with Kath. All too soon it was time to depart, lots of hugs and kisses and many tears were shed as we were waved off from the very kind people that had welcomed us earlier.

A special thank you to Kath for inviting us and to the ladies and Colin who helped looked after us, kept our cups full and made us all feel so welcome.



Weston Super Mare Summer Break









Beryl enjoying her 80th birthday



2020 Charity

At Novembers Branch Meeting our chosen charity for 2020 will be decided. If anyone has any suggestions can they please hand them in with a brief description about the cause to either Julie or Lynn. Please remember it must be a local charity. So far this year we have raised over

£150 for this year's charity Mersey and Cheshire Blood Bikes. Once again we will be holding our main raffle of the year at our Christmas Lunch. If anyone would like to donate to the Hamper, the list will be available during October, any other raffle prizes are always gratefully received.

New Members

We would like to welcome our new members Irene Cooper, Beryl Eckersley, Ann Evans, Sandra Gore, Sylvia Rawsthorn and Audrey Venables who have all joined us since the last diary.

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:

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At a glance

October 2019

Tues 1	Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Tues 8	Chippy Lunch in Bolton	9.15am
Mon 14	Crafternoon	2pm
Thurs 17	Coffee Morning at The Hotties Cafe	10.30am
Thurs 24	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am

October 2019

Mon 28	Crafternoon	2pm
Tues 29	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 30	Bury Market	9am

November

Tues 5	Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 11	Crafternoon	2pm

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November

Thurs 14	Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe	10.30am
Tues 19	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 25	Crafternoon	2pm
Thurs 28	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am

December

Sun 1	Cumbria One Night Stay	9am
Mon 9	Crafternoon	2pm
Wed 11	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 19	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am

January 2020

Thurs 2	Aladdin	2pm
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe	10.30am
Mon 13	Crafternoon	2pm
Thurs 23	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am
Mon 27	Crafternoon	2pm
Tues 28	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

February

Tues 4	Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 10	Crafternoon	2pm
Thurs 13	Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe	10.30am

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Tues 18	Coffee, Cake and Craft	10.30am
Thurs 20	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am
Mon 24	Crafternoon	2pm
Tues 25	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

March

Tues 3	Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 9	Crafternoon	2pm
Thurs 12	Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe	10.30am
Thurs 19	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am
Mon 23	Crafternoon	2pm
Wed 25	Cabaret Lunch at Briars Hall Hotel	10.45am
Tues 31	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

April

Thurs 2	Tea, Toast and Talk	10.30am
Thurs 16	Coffee Morning at the Hotties Cafe	10.30am
Tues 21	Waterways Museum and Cheshire Oaks	9.15am
Mon 27	Crafternoon	2pm
Tues 28	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am