

October 2024 - March 2025



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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



*Lytham Hall Christmas Extravaganza
Tuesday 17 December 2024*

Welcome to our Out & About newsletter for winter 2024/2025

We've plenty for you to enjoy with a mix of events and speakers in Blackpool and Preston. We've got a legal company, a Christmas Extravaganza at Lytham Hall and afternoon Tea at Stanley Park in Blackpool. We also have lots of lunches and of course our coffee mornings. We now have a full offering of events in Morecambe, Heysham and Lancaster. The coffee mornings are a great way to meet everyone and get to know the details of joining us on other occasions. If you haven't joined us yet then don't be shy, do get in touch.

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Please only call Monday to Friday during normal office hours

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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.

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.

Virtual Coffee Mornings



Our Virtual Coffee Mornings are held on the **first Tuesday of each month on Zoom at 11am.**

Preston



In Preston we meet on the **last Tuesday of every month at 10am** at The Over 60's Club.

Coffee Morning - Cleveleys



We're holding them on the **first Thursday of every month at 10.30am** at The Tramway.

Blackpool



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

Coffee Morning - Lytham



We will meet at our new venue The 1909 Café and Bar. **Every third Thursday of the month at 10.30am.**

Coffee Morning - Morecambe



We meet **every third Thursday at 10.30am** at Brew Me Sunshine.



Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary



We meet **every first Wednesday of the month at 1pm** at The Dispensary.

Morecambe Breakfast Club



We meet **every second Thursday of the month at 10am** at Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House.

All the dates are in the diary in this booklet.

October 2024

TUES

01

Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every 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 will send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide 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. Book by Monday 30 September 2024. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk to get your Zoom link sent to you.

WED

02

Lunch at The Ram's Head, Longton



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The Ram's Head, Longton. Part of the Green Crab group of local pubs which have a reputation for great food at a decent price. It's important that you book as soon as possible and certainly by the deadline so we can book the table. Book by Wednesday 25 September 2024. Ram's Head Longton, 67 Liverpool Road, Longton, Near Preston PR4 5HA. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



WED

02

Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary



1pm



As per menu



Meet us at The Dispensary in Heysham for our regular friendly afternoon meet up. Join us for a chat over a drink and a cake at this popular coffee and wine bar. This is a new group and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 1pm and look forward to seeing you there. There is nearby on street parking and the Number 1, 1A, 2X and 5 buses stop just outside! The Dispensary, 408 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe LA3 2BJ. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 that you are coming so that she can book you a place.



October 2024

THURS 03 **Cleveleys Coffee Morning**

🕒 10.30am 💷 As per menu ☕

Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

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 friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). Book by Thursday 3 October 2024. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.



THURS 10 **Morecambe Breakfast Club**

NEW

🕒 10am 💷 As per menu 🍴

Join our new breakfast club. Every second Thursday of the month we get together for a friendly



catch up and a light breakfast at Brittlestar on Morecambe Promenade. The menu includes a full range of hot drinks and light breakfast options such as toasted teacakes, croissants or bacon ciabatta. Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House, 269 Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming so she can reserve you a place!

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. Book by Tuesday 8 October 2024. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

October 2024

MON 14 Guide Dogs for the Blind Charity Event

🕒 7.30pm

£ £3



Join us for fascinating talk by our guest speaker Julie Oliver from Guide



Dogs for The Blind. The event fee of £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits and of course we will be donating to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 15 Blackpool Social, Tea, Coffee and Cake

🕒 2pm

£ Free



Come join us for a friendly social group, tea or coffee and cake to accompany the great company. An opportunity to chat, make new friends and take a look at our social plans for 2025 and beyond. There will be raffle for which prize donations will gratefully received. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



WED 16 Morecambe Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



Come and join us at Brew Me Sunshine for friendly chats and company over tea, coffee and cake. This is a new event in Morecambe and we look forward to welcoming you into our small and friendly group. If you haven't visited Brew Me Sunshine before, you are in for a warm welcome. There is an extensive, great value cafe menu, a warm environment, a private car park and all profits go to Galloway's Society for the Blind.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about Oddfellows events in the Lancaster and Morecambe area and to let us know what other kinds of events you would be interested in taking part in locally. Everyone is welcome but please book your place in advance with Fiona as spaces are limited. Please note: This coffee morning will take place on the third Thursday of every month from November onwards. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Everyone is welcome but please book your place in advance with Fiona on 07449 586388 as spaces are limited.



NEW

October 2024

THURS 17 Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in Lytham St Annes (Ansdell to be precise). A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue at the Ansdell Institute. Book by Tuesday 15 October 2024. 1909 Café and Bar, 52 Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4BX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 29 Preston Coffee Morning



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



WED 30 Lunch at The Water's Edge, Lytham 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 your place in advance, so we can book the table by Thursday 24 October 2024. Water's Edge, 56 Heyhouses Lane, Lytham St Annes FY8 3RG. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

November

TUES 05 Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every month at 11am. Book by Monday 4 November 2024. For more details see page 4.

November

WED 06 Lunch at The Ley Inn, Clayton-le-Woods

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for lunch at the well regarded Ley Inn in Clayton-le-Woods. The extensive menu has anything from sandwiches to pub favourites and burgers and grills. Plenty of parking spaces. Book by Wednesday 30 October 2024. Ley Inn, Back Lane, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley PR6 7EU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED 06 Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Meet us at The Dispensary in Heysham for our regular friendly afternoon meet up. Join us for a chat over a drink and a cake at this popular coffee and wine bar. For more details see page 4.



THURS 07 Cleveleys Coffee Morning

L 10.30am

£ As per menu



Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON 11 Preston Games Night

L 7.30pm

£ £3



Come join us for a fun games night! Dominoes, scrabble wordies, darts, table top bowls and more! A chance to have a go at more than one game and enjoy some lively fun company. Tea or coffee and biscuits provided. Book by Sunday 10 November 2024. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

November

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. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). Book by Thursday 7 November 2024. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

THURS 14 **Morecambe Breakfast Club**

 10am

 As per menu



Join our new breakfast club. Every second Thursday of the month we get together for a friendly catch up and a light breakfast at Brittlestar on Morecambe Promenade. The menu includes a full range of hot drinks and light breakfast options such as toasted teacakes, croissants or bacon ciabatta. Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House, 269 Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming so she can reserve you a place!



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. Book by Tuesday 12 November 2024. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 19 **The Benefits of being an Oddfellow**

 2pm

 Free



Being an Oddfellow has great social benefits with a range of events across Lancashire for our members and newcomers to enjoy. Sometimes we put the other benefits to the back of our mind such as our Care and Welfare and other support benefits. Join us for this talk to explain what our members are entitled to claim for, you will be impressed I'm sure. There will also be a short presentation about our Oddfellows extra offers. Tea or coffee and biscuits as usual included and a raffle with donated prizes. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

November

THURS 21 Morecambe Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am 🧐 £ As per menu ☕

Come and join us at Brew Me Sunshine every third Thursday of the month for friendly chats and company over tea, coffee and cake. For more details see page 6.

THURS 21 Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am 🧐 £ As per menu ☕

Join us for our monthly coffee morning in Lytham St Annes (Ansdell to be precise). A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue at the Ansdell Institute. Book by Tuesday 19 November 2024. 1909 Café and Bar, 52 Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4BX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 26 Preston Coffee Morning

🕒 10am 🧐 £ £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee ☕

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

WED 27 Blackpool Festive Lunch

🕒 12.30pm 🧐 £ As per menu 🍴🍷



Our Blackpool festive lunches are always popular and thoroughly enjoyed. We're working through a shortlist and will inform membership as soon as menus and prices are available. We try to pick venues that are reasonably priced and accessible by public transport if possible. Register your interest and we'll make sure you're the first to know the details. Book by Thursday 31 October 2024. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

December

TUES 03 Virtual Coffee Morning

🕒 11am 🧐 £ Free 🖥️ ☕

Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every month at 11am. Book by Monday 25 November 2024. For more details see page 4.

December

WED 04 Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary



1pm



As per menu



Meet us at The Dispensary in Heysham for our regular friendly afternoon meet up. Join us for a chat over a drink and a cake at this popular coffee and wine bar. For more details see page 4.

THURS 05 Cleveleys Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 05 Preston Festive Meal



7.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our festive evening meal. We're working through a shortlist of venues and will inform membership as soon as menus and prices are available. We try to pick venues that are reasonably priced and accessible by public transport if possible. Register your interest and we'll make sure you're the first to know the details. Book by Wednesday 6 November 2024. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON 09 Christmas Quiz Night and Buffet



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £5



Our popular quiz night returns for some great fun and an enjoyable festive buffet. All are welcome but we need to know you're



coming to plan the food order. We'll be holding a charity raffle so any donations for prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Thursday 5 December 2024. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 10 Lancaster Festive 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. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Pre-booking is essential, please contact Fiona on 07449 586388 to book your place by Friday 6 December 2024.

December

THURS
12

Morecambe Breakfast Club



10am



As per menu



Join our new breakfast club. Every second Thursday of the month we get together for a friendly catch up and a light breakfast at Brittlestar on Morecambe Promenade. The menu includes a full range of hot drinks and light breakfast options such as toasted teacakes, croissants or bacon ciabatta. Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House, 269 Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming so she can reserve you a place!

THURS
19

Morecambe Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us at Brew Me Sunshine every third Thursday of the month for friendly chats and company over tea, coffee and cake. For more details see page 6.



TUES
17

Lytham Hall Christmas Extravaganza



5.30pm



£10



See Lytham Hall dressed for Christmas for a special festive evening. Stunning trees, lights, decorations and different themes will adorn the rooms in the Georgian Hall. Tours include a fantastic winter wonderland village in the Billiard Room. The twinkling courtyard and café will be open offering refreshment, mulled wine and festive food. We may arrange transport to the evening from Preston and or Blackpool subject to sufficient demand at additional cost.

Please note that the Christmas decoration display is on multiple floors with lots of stairs as this is an old historical building. If you don't want to do the Christmas tour, but would like to soak up the Christmas atmosphere in the café and courtyard then you are welcome to do so as we're sure there will be members around taking refreshments, and of course there is no entry charge. Book by Thursday 31 October 2024. Lytham Hall, Ballam Road FY8 4JX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



January 2025

TUES
07

Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Online



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every month at 11am. Book by Monday 30 December 2024. For more details see page 4.

THURS
09

Morecambe Breakfast Club



10am



As per menu



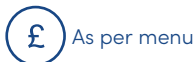
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THURS
09

Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



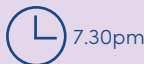
As per menu



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. Book by Tuesday 7 January 2025. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON
13

Estate Planning Talk



7.30pm



£3



Join us for a talk on the important subject around estate planning. The talk will be given by a representative of Silvertime Legal, but no selling will take place and this is aimed at helping you to understand issues around estate planning and things like Lasting Power of Attorney.

The company work with local communities throughout the country to raise awareness of some important issues that potentially affect families every single day. The message is serious, but delivery is informal and straight forward, understandable English you can be assured of thought provoking content, including a question and answer session at the end. Tea or coffee and biscuits included as usual. Book by Sunday 12 January 2025. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

January 2025

TUES 14 **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. Pre-booking is essential. Book by Friday 10 January 2025. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

THURS 16 **Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning**



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in Lytham St Annes (Ansdell to be precise). A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue at the Ansdell Institute. Book by Tuesday 14 January 2025. 1909 Café and Bar, 52 Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4BX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 16 **Morecambe Coffee Morning**



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us at Brew Me Sunshine every third Thursday of the month for friendly chats and company over tea, coffee and cake. For more details see page 6.

TUES 21 **New Year Quiz and Buffet (Blackpool)**



2pm



Free



Our popular quiz night returns for some great fun and an enjoyable buffet. All are welcome but we need to know you're coming to plan the food order. We'll be holding a raffle so any donations for prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Sunday 19 January 2025. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES 28 **Preston Coffee Morning**



10am



£2.50 for unlimited
tea or coffee



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

January 2025

WED
29

Lunch at The Strawberry Gardens, Fleetwood



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The Strawberry Gardens, Fleetwood. A friendly pub with fantastic food close to Tram and bus stops. Make a trip of it! Book by Wednesday 22 January 2025. Strawberry Gardens Pub and Bistro, Poulton Road, Fleetwood FY7 6TF. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



February

WED
05

Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub



12.30pm



As per menu



This month our lunch club is meeting at Ego at The Fox Cub. The Mediterranean style menu offers a great choice and there are usually some offers available which we can point out when you book and closer to the date. Come join us for a pleasant meal and chat over the table. Contact us to book your place by Wednesday 29 January 2025. Ego at the Fox Cub, Bridge House Farm, Liverpool Road, Little Hoole, Preston PR4 5JT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



February

TUES
04

Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every month at 11am. Book by Monday 27 January 2025. For more details see page 4.

WED
05

Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary



1pm



As per menu



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February

THURS
06

Cleveleys Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON
10

Pig Racing Evening



7.30pm



£3



Don't miss our Pig Racing Night. Don't forget to bring your wellies! Sorry No wellies required... only



joking, we were telling porkies! The pigs aren't real but battery operated and great fun. We're charging £3 on the night to cover refreshments and there may be some ham sandwiches or sausage rolls too. Don't worry about the rules all will be explained on the night. Book by Friday 7 February 2025. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
11

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



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THURS
13

Morecambe Breakfast Club



10am



As per menu



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February

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. Book by Tuesday 11 February 2025. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 20 Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in Lytham St Annes (Ansdell to be precise). A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue at the Ansdell Institute. Book by Tuesday 18 February 2025. 1909 Café and Bar, 52 Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4BX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 18 Pig Racing Afternoon



2pm



Free



Don't miss our Pig Racing Afternoon. Don't forget to bring your wellies! Sorry No wellies required... only joking, we were telling porkies! The pigs aren't real but battery operated and great fun. We're not charging entry for this fun event even though refreshments will be provided and we'll have some ham sandwiches and pork pie to nibble on.



You will need some change to place your bets on the pigs, usually 50p a bet (it's just for fun, and a proportion is set aside for our charity contribution). Don't worry about the rules all will be explained on the day, so get the date in your diary and trot along for some great fun! Book by Friday 14 February 2025. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

February

THURS 20 Morecambe Coffee Morning



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TUES 25 Preston Coffee Morning



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WED 26 Lunch at The Station, Lytham



Join us for a friendly lunch at this well known and well rated pub and grill at the Station in Lytham. The menu is varied from pub classics to sandwiches and ciabattas and of course can be reached by train. Book by Wednesday 19 February 2025. The Station, Lytham, Station Square, Lytham FY8 5PA. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

March

TUES 04 Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every month at 11am. Book by Monday 24 February 2025. For more details see page 4.

WED 05 Lunch at Salvatore's, Penwortham



Join us for lunch at Salvatore's in Penwortham. This Italian restaurant has been a firm favourite in the area for many years. Enjoy pizza, pasta or other dishes in the great company of our Oddfellows members. Book by Wednesday 26 February 2025. Salvatore's, 61-63 Liverpool Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9XD. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

March

WED
05 **Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary**



1pm



As per menu



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As per menu



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TUES
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12.30pm



As per menu



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MON
10 **The Benefits of being an Oddfellow**



7.30pm



£3



Being an Oddfellow has great social benefits with a range of events across Lancashire for our members and newcomers to enjoy. Sometimes we put the other benefits to the back of our mind such as our Care and Welfare and other support benefits. Join us for this talk to explain what our members are entitled to claim for, you will be impressed I'm sure. There will also be a short presentation about our Oddfellows Extra offers. Tea or coffee and biscuits as usual included. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



March

TUES 11 Fleetwood Museum Talk



2pm



Free



Join us for talk given by a representative of Fleetwood Museum and learn a little about the history of what was once the largest fishing port in Europe. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS 13 Morecambe Breakfast Club



10am



As per
menu



Join our new breakfast club. Every second Thursday of the month we get together for a friendly catch up and a light breakfast at Brittlestar on Morecambe Promenade. The menu includes a full range of hot drinks and light breakfast options such as toasted teacakes, croissants or bacon ciabatta. Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House, 269 Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming so she can reserve you a place!



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. Book by Tuesday 11 March 2025. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 20 Morecambe Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us at Brew Me Sunshine every third Thursday of the month for friendly chats and company over tea, coffee and cake. For more details see page 6.

March

THURS 20 Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning

 10.30am  As per menu 

Join us for our monthly coffee morning in Lytham St Annes (Ansdell to be precise). A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue at the Ansdell Institute. Book by Tuesday 18 March 2025. 1909 Café and Bar, 52 Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4BX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 25 Preston Coffee Morning

 10am  £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee 

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

WED 26 Afternoon Tea at Park's Art Deco Café

 2pm  £22 



Join us for afternoon tea in the wonderful Art Deco Café in Blackpool's award winning Stanley Park. The menu will include savoury canapés, sandwich triangles and afternoon teacakes accompanied by unlimited tea or coffee for £22*. You might want to take a stroll around the park to walk off some calories afterwards! Book early as places are limited. A deposit may be required (*price correct at time of publication). Book by Friday 14 March 2025. Parks Art Deco Café, Stanley Park, West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9EQ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend** form available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk

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Newsletter

Meet Fiona - Our Lancaster and Morecambe Social Coordinator

Our District covers a wide area of Lancashire and we've been conscious our members in the north of the county have been looking for more reasons to join fellow members for friendship and fun times.

The first step was to dedicate someone to the task of creating and hosting new events in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. We needed someone with a great personality so that new members feel really welcome so in April we welcomed on board our new Lancaster and Morecambe Social Coordinator Fiona Head who has lived and worked in the area for some time.

Fiona set about the task with great enthusiasm and we now have regular events in the area to add to our well established Lancaster Lunch Meet-Up at the Boot and Shoe on Scotforth Road.

Join Fiona and our friendly members at any or all of the regular events. As well as the monthly lunch we have a Morecambe Coffee Morning every third Thursday at Brew me Sunshine and the Heysham Meet up at popular wine bar and café The Dispensary, every first Wednesday of the month at 1pm (note check times and dates in our schedule as they occasionally may vary).

Pleased at the initial response to the new events Fiona said "we'd love to see even



more new members and of course we'd encourage existing members to bring a friend (see Refer-a-Friend scheme for an incentive), the more the merrier!

Fiona added "I'm keen for people to get in touch to tell me what type of events they would like to see in the area. We are following the Oddfellows tradition of supporting local charities and we've got off to a flying start with our visit to the RNLI on September 16th (which may be repeated in the summer) and of course our Morecambe Coffee mornings at Brew Me Sunshine where all profits go to Galloway's Society for the Blind."

Fiona has plans for more events, one-off visits and perhaps a regular walking group. In particular local charities offering visits or speakers are always welcome to get in touch to see how our members can help.

Contact Fiona on 07449 586388 or email fiona.head@oddfellows.co.uk

Lytham Hall's Afternoon Tea



Tis the Season to be Jolly

Our Christmas events are always popular and this year we're planning our usual festive meals as well as a visit to see Lytham Hall's Christmas Extravaganza. Register your interest for the festive meals as soon as possible so that we can let you know the details when we've finalized the venue and the menu. Take a look at our December schedule now!



Blackpool Christmas.



Preston Christmas.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 April at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Agendas available at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

We're on Facebook!

Not everything can make it into this newsletter. Much changes in six months so keep up to date on our Facebook pages for Preston (Including Fylde coast) and Lancaster and Morecambe.

How to find us?

Login to your Facebook account, go to the search field, type in 'PrestonOddfellows' or 'Lancaster and Morecambe Oddfellows'

Any problems call Colin on 07592 004080 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk.

Are You a Quizzer?



Our quiz events with light buffet are popular and we have them in the schedule once again. Preston Christmas Quiz – Monday 9 December 2024 at 7.30pm at The Over 60's Club. Blackpool New Year Quiz – Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge.

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Colin by phone on 07592 004080, email at colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk

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Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



Business conducted, AMC Llandudno

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-



century ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that.

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and District Chairman,



and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."

Claire Needham, Vale of York District

Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Financial worries revealed



Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?

Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice to find out more.

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 **07598 162386** 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@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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**

At a glance

October 2024

Tues 1	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 2	Lunch at The Ram's Head, Longton	12.30pm
Wed 2	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
Thurs 3	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 8	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 10	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Thurs 10	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 14	Guide Dogs for the Blind Charity Event	7.30pm
Tues 15	Blackpool Social, Tea, Coffee and Cake	2pm
Wed 16	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 17	Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 29	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 30	Lunch at The Water's Edge, Lytham St Annes	12.30pm

November

Tues 5	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 6	Lunch at The Ley Inn, Clayton-le-Woods	12.30pm
Wed 6	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
Thurs 7	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 11	Preston Games Night	7.30pm
Tues 12	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 14	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Thurs 14	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 19	The Benefits of being an Oddfellow	2pm
Thurs 21	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 21	Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 26	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 27	Blackpool Festive Lunch	12.30pm

December

Tues 3	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 4	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
Thurs 5	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Preston Festive Meal	7.30pm
Mon 9	Christmas Quiz Night and Buffet	7.30pm
Tues 10	Lancaster Festive Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm

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December

Thurs 12	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Tues 17	Lytham Hall Christmas Extravaganza	5.30pm
Thurs 19	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am

January 2025

Tues 7	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 9	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Thurs 9	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 13	Estate Planning Talk	7.30pm
Tues 14	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 16	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 21	New Year Quiz and Buffet (Blackpool)	2pm
Tues 28	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 29	Lunch at The Strawberry Gardens, Fleetwood	12.30pm

February

Tues 4	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 5	Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub	12.30pm
Wed 5	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
Thurs 6	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 10	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 13	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 18	Pig Racing Afternoon	2pm
Thurs 20	Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 20	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Lunch at The Station, Lytham	12.30pm

March

Tues 4	Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 5	Lunch at Salvatore's, Penwortham	12.30pm
Wed 5	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm

At a glance

March

Thurs 6	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 10	The Benefits of being an Oddfellow	7.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Tues 11	Fleetwood Museum Talk	2pm
Thurs 13	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 20	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 20	Lytham St Annes Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Afternoon Tea at Park's Art Deco Café	2pm

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 Colin Burbidge on 07592 004080 or email

colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each 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 07598 162386 or email

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 07598 162386 or email

barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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