

# events diary

**Handforth & Altrincham District**

**January - June 2018**





*Healthy Heart Month - June 2018*

Welcome to the first six months of the 2018 Events Diary for the Handforth & Altrincham Branch of the Oddfellows.

As a local Branch of the national membership organisation the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

We have arranged an exciting calendar of events for the spring so you can meet up with friends and to make some new ones.

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**Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy - you'll receive a warm welcome and 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. From January 2018 there are two membership packages: £25 for standard membership and £35 for standard membership plus dental/optical. To find out more visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

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## January 2018

In case of bad weather in January, we have arranged to meet up around the District in the garden centre coffee shops, lots of space, large free car parking and a chance to get some January sale bargains in the gift shops.



### Monday 8 - Coffee Morning at Flora Tearooms, Henbury Macclesfield, 10.30am

Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Chelford Road, Henbury Macclesfield SK11 9PG.



### Tuesday 16 - Coffee Morning at The Rosary at Fryers Garden Centre, Knutsford, 10.30am

Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Manchester Road, Knutsford WA16 0SX.

### Wednesday 24 - Coffee Morning at Wyevale Garden Centre, Altrincham, 10.30am

Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Green Lane, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 8QP.

### Monday 29 - Coffee Morning at Wilmslow Garden Centre, 10.30am

Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN.

### Monday 29 - Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Go Back for Murder', 7.30pm

After receiving a letter from beyond the grave, Carla Crale believes her mother, who died in prison was wrongly convicted of her father's death. In a passionate attempt to clear her name, she persuades those present on the day of her father's death to return to the scene of the crime and 'go back' 15 years to recount their version of events. Tickets are £7.50 each. Please book with Sharon by Tuesday 19 December 2017.



## February

### Tuesday 13 - Winter Deer Walk at Tatton Park, 10am to 12 noon

Join the rangers for a guided walk of the winter parkland, observing Tatton's deer in their natural surroundings. Must be pre-booked. Please book with Sharon as soon as possible. Cost: £12 per person (plus park entry admission on the day). **Address:** Tatton Park, Knutsford WA16 6QN.



## **Chinese New Year Lunch**

### **Friday 16 February at 12 noon**

**97 Knutsford Road, Warrington WA4 2NS**

'Kung Hei Fat Choi' or 'Happy Chinese New Year' at the Choy Hing Village in Grappenhall. Celebrate the 'Year of the Dog' with a fabulous three course Chinese lunch for approximately £7.90 per person. Please book with Sharon.



### **Monday 19 - Coffee Morning at Jack Sevens art gallery (smaller room upstairs) in Macclesfield, 10.30am**

Come along to our monthly coffee morning, where we will be joined by Jennifer Perry's daughter and granddaughter Charlotte Lord, who will tell us all about her recent epic Nepal trip. Please let Sharon know if you are coming. **Address:** Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX.



### **Monday 26 - Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Up and Coming', 7.30pm**

A riotous political farce from the writer of Rising Damp. When the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House attends party conference, tipped to be the new party leader, his campaign for power is in serious danger of collapse. Visits from rivals, fellow conspirators, the world's press in the lobby, threats of assassination and students rioting outside the hotel, who will get his or her - just deserts? Tickets are £7.50 each. Please book with Sharon by Monday 15 January.



## **March**

### **Monday 5 - Branch Meeting and Annual Summoned Meeting, High Legh (main room) Village Hall, 11am**

Meeting at 10.30am for coffee and a chat before the Branch meeting starts at 11am prompt. All members are invited to attend. The Annual Summoned Meeting will start at 12 noon and copies of the 2017 accounts will be available. Please let Sharon know if you are coming. **Address:** West Lane, Knutsford WA16 6LR.

## Wednesday 7 TBC - 'Stars of the Silver Screen' Themed Diner at Aspire, Trafford College, 7pm

Following an amazing Alice in Wonderful meal at the college in the summer, we have managed to book tables at some more themed meals this year. Please let Sharon know as soon as possible if you would like to join us as places will go quickly. Cost: £18.99 per person.

**Address:** Manchester Road, Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5PQ



## Monday 12 - Coffee Morning at Gastown in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Join friends in Macclesfield for coffee and cake at this new venue for us. **Address:** 15 Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX.



## Monday 12 - Theatre trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Jerusalem', 7pm

On St George's Day, the morning of the local county fair, Johnny 'Rooster' Byron, local waster and modern day Pied Piper, is a wanted man. The council officials want to serve him an eviction notice, his son wants him to take him to the fair, Troy Whitworth wants to give him a serious kicking, and a motley crew of mates want his ample supply of drugs and alcohol. An extraordinary play that breaks every single rule in the book. Tickets are £7.50 each. Please book with Sharon by Monday 29 January.



## Monday 19 - Active Travel Club/Ellen Smith Holidays offer a five day holiday to Eastbourne (Mature Singles holiday)

Ellen Smith Holidays offer a taxi door-to-door pick-up and drop-off in Altrincham, Lymm and Warrington (main coach departures go from Poplar Lymm Services or Birch Services) at £299 per person. Booking hotline is 01706 648126 or visit [www.ellensmith.co.uk](http://www.ellensmith.co.uk) for further information.

## Wednesday 21 - Coffee Morning at Toast in Altrincham, 10.30am

Join us at this newly opened concept restaurant, where everything is served on toast. From eggs, a full English breakfast to apple pie. Please book with Sharon.

**Address:** 63 Stamford Road, Altrincham WA14 1DR.





## March

### Monday 26 - Talk by The Sepsis Trust, 11.30am

Sepsis (blood poisoning) is the reaction to an infection, where the body attacks its own organs and tissue. Sepsis claims approximately six million lives worldwide every year, but many of those could be saved with increased awareness. Join us for this important talk given by Julie Cadman from The Sepsis Trust. Easter themed refreshments provided.

**Address:** Knutsford Methodist Church, Princess Street WA16 6BY.



## April

### Wednesday 4 - Spring Garden Tour at Hare Hill in Over Alderley, 11am

We'll join gardeners for a walk around the beautiful spring garden to see the azaleas, magnolias and rhododendrons. Afterwards, we'll drive a few minutes down the road to The Wizard Tearooms for lunch (soup, sandwiches or bacon butty). Please book with Sharon. Cost: £7 for the garden ticket (£7 car parking for non NT members which is refundable on entry to the garden). Free garden tour.

**Address:** Over Alderley, Macclesfield SK10 4PY.



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## Book Launch

### Monday 9 April at 11am

### Plumley Village Hall

Join our friend and Handforth and Altrincham member, Joy Pearson to celebrate the publication of her first novel 'Untangling the Webs'. Joy will be reading extracts, answering questions and talking about her inspiration for writing the book. You'll also have the chance to buy her book on the day. The story is about four women and their lives and their bonds of loyalty, unconditional love and the support of their friends - the message key to being an Oddfellow! Refreshments will be provided.



## **Monday 9 - Theatre trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Goodnight Mr Tom', 7.30pm**

One of the most uplifting stories ever written, Michelle Magorian's stunning book is brought gloriously to life in this stage adaptation. Tickets are £7.50 per person. Please book with Sharon by Monday 26 February.



## **Thursday 19 - 'Caribbean' Themed Meal at Aspire, Trafford College, 7pm**

Join us for a wonderful themed evening, prepared by the catering students. Please book early with Sharon as places will go quickly. Costs: £18.50 per person. **Address:** Manchester Road, Timperley WA14 5PQ.



## **Monday 23 - Coffee Morning at Arighi Bianchi Café Bar in Macclesfield, 10.30am**

Join us at this iconic Macclesfield furniture shop. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** The Silk Room, Macclesfield SK10 1LH.



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# **Visit to Crewe Heritage Railway Centre**

## **Wednesday 25 April at 11am**

### **Address: Vernon Way, Crewe CW1 2DB**

Do you know where all the engines on Sodor go when they are poorly? They go to Crewe Works! Part of our local industrial heritage. We have arranged a guided visit to the Heritage Centre in Crewe, on the site of the original Crewe locomotive works. Officially opened by HRH The Queen in 1987. Come and join us on a guided tour and hear about it's wonderful past and see the last surviving Advanced Passenger Train, three signal boxes and amazing photographs and memorabilia in the main exhibition hall. Cost: £5 per person. Please book with Sharon.



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## May

### **Monday 7 - Talk by Dr Mike Nevell on local archaeology, 10.30am**

Mike Newell, Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Salford has kindly agreed to talk to us about the archaeology of Cheshire's silk mills. Silk has been worked in Cheshire since the middle ages and used for the manufacture of buttons. Come and learn more. Refreshments will be provided. **Address:** Altrincham Town Hall, Room 2, 25 Market Street, Altrincham WA14 1PG.



### **Tuesday 15 - Archery Session at Blakemere, 11am**

If you missed the opportunity to have a go at archery here's another chance. It was such fun, so we thought we'd run the event again. Cost: £12 per person. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Cheshire Outdoors, Blakemere Village, Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich CW8 2EB.



### **Monday 21 - Branch Meeting, 11am**

Meeting at 10.30am for coffee and a chat before the Branch meeting starts at 11am prompt. **Address:** Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage CW4 8EQ.

### **Monday 21 - Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see the musical 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert', 7pm**

An uplifting musical, which finishes the 2017/18 season, tells the story of two drag queens, a transgender woman and a bus and their race to get from Sydney to Alice Springs in time to perform their act at the Lasseter's Hotel Casino Resort. Adventure occur along the way along with many disco tunes. Tickets are £18 adult, £16 concession and £15 Garrick members and payment due to Sharon by Monday 9 April.



### **Thursday 24 - 'Italian Dinner' Themed Meal at Aspire, Trafford College, 7pm**

Last chance to enjoy a wonderful themed evening at the college in this school year, prepared by the catering students. Please book early with Sharon as places will go quickly. Costs: £18.50 per person.

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If you love cruising holidays, check out the Active Travel Club advert on the next page for information on the Great Gardens of Ireland (7-11 May) and the Oddfellows Summer Holiday with Warner Leisure Hotels (9-13 July).



## June

June is the British Heart Foundation's 'Wear it, Beat it' month to help beat heart disease. We have arranged a month of fun events to help look after your heart so wear red, get 'reddy' and join us.



### Monday 4 - Coffee Morning at the Button Warehouse in Macclesfield, 10.30am - 'Eat more fibre'

Join us at this healthy (plant-based) organic café for a heart-helping wholesome and nourishing drink and snack.

**Address:** Stanley Mill, Stanley Street, Macclesfield SK11 6AU.



### Monday 11 - Walk Around The Edge and Coffee at The Wizard Tearooms, 10.30am - 'Get Active'

Join us for a fun and invigorating walk around The Edge, followed by a drink and snack at The Wizard Tearoom, Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Nether Alderley SK10 4UB.



### Wednesday 20 - Coffee Morning at the Lion Salt Works Café, 10.30am - 'Eat Less Salt'

Join us for coffee at The Lion Salt Works Café and a chance to learn about Northwich's salt history. **Address:** Ollershaw Lane, Northwich CW9 6ES.

### Monday 25 - Jodrell Bank Garden and Lunch, 11am

#### 'Get your 5-a-day'

We have arranged for the Gardeners at Jodrell Bank's Arboretum to show us their Cheshire variety apples trees, planted as part of the Cheshire Orchard Project in 1999/2000 and to tell us the story of these 200/300 year old varieties. Followed by lunch in the Planet Pavilion café. Please book with Sharon. Cost: Approximately £5 (depending on the number of people attending).

**Address:** Jodrell Bank SK11 9DW.





# Great Gardens of Ireland

**7 – 10 May 2018** Departing from Holyhead  
From £389 per person

This stunning coach tour takes in some of the Emerald Isle's most treasured houses and gardens. A must for gardening enthusiasts.

To find out more or to book simply visit [www.greatdays.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.greatdays.co.uk/oddfellows) or call Greatdays Holidays on **0161 928 3242** and quote ODDFELLOWS.

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply. Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests only. For more information ask the reservations team when booking.

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# Oddfellows Summer Holiday with Warner Leisure Hotels

**9 – 13 July 2018** - 4 nights (half-board). From £289 per person for a Standard room and £329 for a Signature room.

Warner's Thoresby Hall Hotel, Nottinghamshire. Try new fun activities such as archery and croquet or simply relax in the luxurious spa.

To book call Warners on 0330 100 9772 and quote ODDFELLOWS.

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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.

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# Handforth & Altrincham Newsletter

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Winter/Spring 2018  
Issue 22

## Welcome to the Handforth & Altrincham newsletter

Dear members

Welcome to the winter issue of your newsletter. It's full to bursting with photographs of the wonderful events which we've enjoyed over the last couple of months.

It's been a busy year and we've enjoyed making new friends at our social events and we've done our best to help lots of people this year.

The Oddfellows motto is '**Making Friends and Helping People**'.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so please recommend us to your friends and family - you'll always receive a warm welcome and a guaranteed fun and enjoyable time at our events.

We wish you a happy and healthy 2018 and we look forward to seeing you soon.

**Sharon**

## Wishing you Peace and Zen



**In September, we visited the amazing Japanese Garden at Tatton Park, created for the Egerton family in 1910 and described as the 'finest example of a Japanese Garden in Europe'.**

We were guided by Tatton Park volunteer and Handforth and Altrincham member, Roger Hume, who kindly donated his guide fee to East Cheshire Hospice.



## Out and About

*Picture left: Shirley meeting the prize-winning horses at Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre.*

*Picture right: Val having a go at archery at Go Outdoors, Blakemere.*

*If you missed the chance to have a go at archery, we are re-running the event on Tuesday 15 May - it's great fun. Please come along and join us.*





# Remembering Wonderful Events

Lunches, coffee mornings, visits, talks and theatre trips in 2017



We've enjoyed wonderful lunches at Buckley's Restaurant, Warrington College and The Clink at Styal Prison and had a laugh at our coffee mornings (The Chocolate Box in Prestbury) and enjoyed ice-cream at Seven Sisters Farm in Knutsford.



Out and about - fabulous events in Handforth and Altrincham

# Do more, laugh more and make new friends

## Wrapping Presents!



We picked up some top tips for stress free gift wrapping, when Sue Lacey gave us a demonstration in November, she gave Handforth and Altrincham members advice on how to wrap awkward-shaped presents and didn't they do well making beautiful ribbon flowers above?



## Cheshire Waste Reduction Talk

Did you know that 820 tonnes of food waste is produced every hour in the UK and this increases by 30% at Christmas?

In November, we had an interesting and lively talk with Margaret Warren from the Cheshire Waste Reduction team, which made us think about the huge amount of waste that is produced at Christmas and what we can do to minimise rubbish going into landfill and to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Have a look at 'Love Food, Hate Waste' website for more information.



## Congratulations Altrincham in Bloom



*Members gathering for the walk around Altrincham to see the floral displays.*

In August, we had a fabulous walk around Altrincham to see the floral displays and all the hard work put in to make Altrincham a cleaner, greener and safer place. We were delighted to



*Bev Robinson, Val Hutchinson, Sarah Walmsley (Chair of Altrincham in Bloom) and the Lord Mayor of Trafford.*

hear that in October, Altrincham in Bloom had secured a prestigious Silver Gilt in the national finals of the RHS Britain in Bloom competition.



# Here to help

## Shoeboxes for the Elderley

Handforth and Altrincham members kindly donated items and put together 19 shoeboxes which are being sent to lonely, elderly people at Christmas.

Thank you



## Oddfellows Members Do you need help?



None of us know what is round the corner... whether you just have a quick query, need a listening ear or access to specialist advice - we will do our best to help our members.

### Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821\*

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.



**Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.**

### Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822\*

Monday to Thursday,  
9am - 5pm, Friday, 9am - 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.

*\*Free to callers from any landline or mobile number.*

Visit our website page at  
[www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefit/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefit/care)  
for care and welfare information

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## The Royal British Legion



Handforth and Altrincham donated £100 to support the fantastic work of the Royal British Legion. Malcolm Scott, David and Hilda Lowe presented the cheque to Jackie Daly at our September Branch meeting.



## The Alzheimer's Society



Val Hutchinson, Malcolm Scott and Rose Turner presented a cheque for £100 to Helen Williams from The Alzheimer's Society. Helen kindly came along to our November Branch meeting and held a Dementia Friends session for our members. Have a look on the Dementia Friends website for more information.

## Book Launch for Handforth and Altrincham member

Congratulations to Joy Pearson, who is having her first book 'Untangling the Webs' published in March. Please come along to our coffee morning on Monday 9 April, to hear Joy talk about the book and answer questions.

