

January - June 2024



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out & about

Handforth and Altrincham



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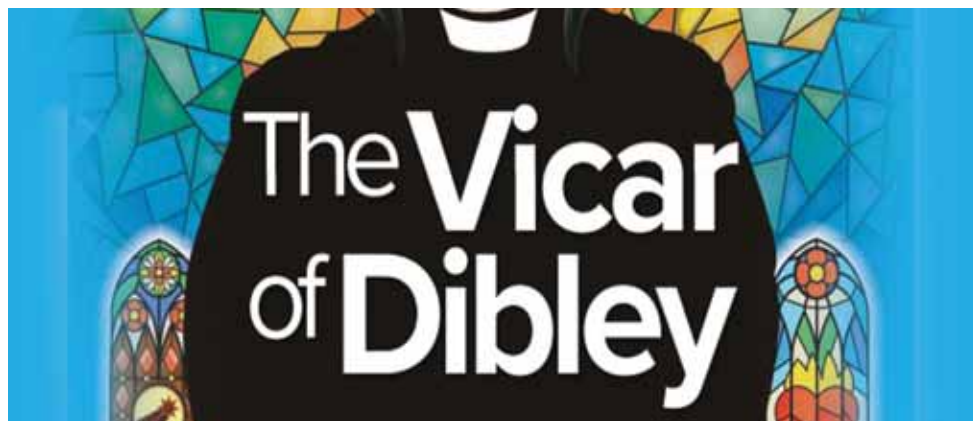
Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Online



*Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Vicar of Dibley'
Monday 26 February - We hope you can join us!*

Welcome to the new edition of your Out and About for the Handforth and 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 2024 so you can meet up with friends and to make some new ones.

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Events are unfortunately sometimes subject to change, so it's really important to book in for events so Sharon can get in touch with you if there are any changes.

A bit about us...

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

Regular Events

Everyone
welcome

Handforth & Wilmslow Friends - Come and meet us, Coffee Morning

Monday 22 January, Monday 26 February,
Monday 25 March, Monday 29 April



11am



Payable on the day



Come along and make some new friends in the Handforth and Wilmslow area. Please join us today if you'd like to make lots of new friends this year, have lots of fabulous events in your diary to look forward to and friends to meet up with. Being socially connected is great for your health and wellbeing - it's a great New Year's resolution to make new friends and we can help with that. Come along for coffee and toasted teacake or slice of delicious cake and friendly chat on a grey winter's day guaranteed. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



January 2024

TUES
02

New Year Coffee Morning at Dobbies Garden Centre in Altrincham



11am



Payable on
the day



Join us for a tasty breakfast, or just a coffee and cake and New Year's chat with friends. Book by Monday 1 January. Dobbies Garden Centre, Green Lane, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 8QP. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
11

Coffee Morning at Fairways Garden Centre in Macclesfield



11am



Payable on
the day



Meeting for a hearty breakfast, a slice of cake or one of their famous scones with Macclesfield friends today, so good friendly company, lots of chatter and guaranteed laughs. Book by Monday 8 January. Fairways Garden Centre, Bullocks Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield SK11 0HE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

January 2024

MON 15 Monthly Online Coffee Morning on Brew Monday



Make a brew and join us today for our January online catch up – a brilliant way to connect with friends during the winter months, from the warmth and safety of your own home. We love keeping in touch with our Oddfellow friends all over the country. Zoom Meeting ID: 770 2629 7850. Passcode: W9T4xD. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 30 A January Warm Space with Friends at High Legh Village Hall



Our own warm space this winter, come along for a hot coffee, cake or soup and toast. Catch up with friends and swap some books or jigsaws. Book by Monday 29 January. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



THURS 18 Breakfast at The Quayside in Northwich



Back by popular demand, we absolutely loved our breakfast meet up here last year, wonderful service and delicious local produce, come along and join us this time. Book by Tuesday 16 January. The Quayside, 129 Witton Street, Northwich CW9 5DY. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

February

THURS 01 Monthly Online Coffee Morning on Time to Talk Day



Join our online friends today for a friendly catch up – we always talk, listen and support each other. Zoom Meeting ID: 782 6794 6969. Passcode: ubNFb2. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

February

TUES 06 Coffee Morning at the Café at St Johns Church, Knutsford


 11am

 Payable on
the day



Hope you can join us in this lovely community café based inside the Grade II listed St John's Church in Knutsford, famous from being where Elizabeth Gaskell married William in 1832. We have picked February so you can see the amazing church grounds blanketed in bluebells. Please book in with Sharon as there are times when the church needs to close the café. Book by Friday 2 February. St John the Baptist Church, Church Hill, Knutsford WA16 6DH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 08 Chinese Lunch at The Choy Hing Village in Grappenhall

 12 noon

 £13.50 per
person



Join us to celebrate Chinese New Year this weekend with a delicious



three course Chinese meal for the Year of the Dragon. Lots of choice and enjoy the company of good friends. Book by Wednesday 7 February. Choy Hing Village, 97 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2NS. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 12 Coffee Morning at The Coffee House in Macclesfield

 11am

 Payable on
the day



Macclesfield friends are meeting to try out the new Coffee House on Chestergate, an independent coffee shop recently opened in the old Nationwide branch. Come and try its speciality coffee, produced in their Warrington based Roast House along with a scrummy cake and in the company of friends. Book by Friday 9 February. The Coffee House, 24-26 Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 21 Fun Indoor Bowling with a Light Lunch in Goostrey nr Knutsford

 12 noon

 Free



Are you missing your outside bowling in these cold months? Come and join us for lots of laughs and have a go at



indoor carpet bowling. It'll be fun and relaxed and you can practice your skills or come and have a go for the first time. We'll be putting on a light lunch beforehand as well. Book by Monday 19 February. Goostrey Methodist Church Hall, Main Road, Goostrey, Crewe CW4 8PA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

February

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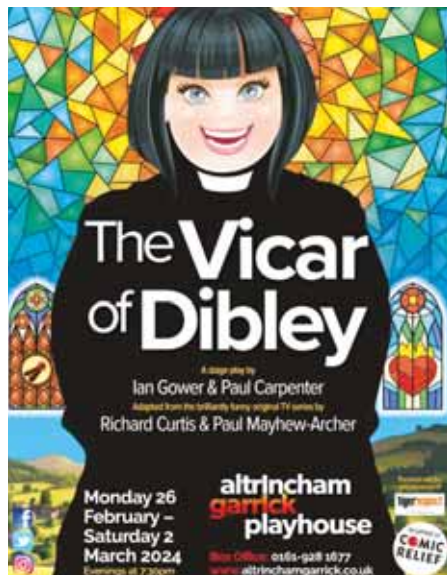
Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Vicar of Dibley'

⌚ 7.30pm

£12 per person



Based on the much loved BBC sitcom, this stage adaption brings a selection of the best episodes to the Altrincham Garrick, featuring the irrepressibly cheerful Reverend Geraldine Granger and the eccentric cast of characters from the sleepy English village of Dibley. Book by Monday 15 January. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED
28

Talk by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department on Member Care Benefits at Cranage Village Hall

⌚ 11am

£ Free



Did you know about all the care and welfare support you get with your membership of the Oddfellows? We are delighted to be joined by the new Head of Care and Welfare, John Aitken and his colleague Julie, who will chat to us over coffee about the help and support you can receive if you need it, things like dental and optical cash back, Care Line and national advice helping make life a little easier. We'll also have some members here to talk about the Convalescent Care Benefit and how it's helped them. Book by Monday 26 February. Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage, Cheshire CW4 8EQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



March

MON
04

Branch Meeting and Annual Summoned Meeting



11am



Free



All Handforth and Altrincham members are invited to attend our Branch meeting followed by our yearly Annual Summoned Meeting at 12 noon, where the 2023 accounts will be presented. Refreshments provided. Book by Friday 1 March. Lostock Grahnam community centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Grahnam, Northwich CW9 7PU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



Knitted chick to help raise funds to Francis House Easter Appeal.

Keeping in touch...

Communication is important to us, we would be grateful if you could get in touch with Sharon to ensure that we have all your up to date contact details so that we can keep in touch with you. Thank you.

TUES
05

Talk by Scottish Power Energy Network plus Coffee, Cake and Knitting at High Legh Village Hall



12 noon



Free



We have arranged for SP Energy Networks to come and give us a presentation about who they are and what they do. Scottish Power, based in Glasgow distribute electricity transmission for us in Cheshire, keeping power flowing to over 3.5 million homes and businesses. They will talk to us about their Priority Service Register, what to do in a power cut, and the additional service they offer keeping vulnerable people warm and safe in their homes. They will also very kindly bring lots of freebies with the opportunities to chat and ask questions over coffee and cake. You can stay on after the talk and have a go with us knitting some Easter chicks for Francis House's Easter Appeal this year, please bring along any wool/needles or ask Sharon for the pattern if you'd like to have a go. Book by Monday 4 March. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



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March

THURS 07 Monthly Online Coffee Morning



Catch up with your online friends from Oddfellow Branches all over the country for our monthly chinwag. We'll chat about our favourite books today on World Book Day. Zoom Meeting ID: 774 6985 5598. Passcode: 3uwcHC. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 14 Lunch with Friends in Altrincham at Bramley Farm



Join us for a tasty roast meal, without the washing up. Small plate carvery is £6.49 (and you can size up) or choose of the main menu. Book by Wednesday 13 March. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



MON 18 Coffee Morning at The Thistle Coffee House in Macclesfield



Join us a tasty coffee from local supplier (Buxton Coffee Roasters) or cup of tea from the Northern Tea Merchants in the stunning historic Grade II listed building (inside the Flower House) – all in the good company of your Oddfellow friends. Book by Friday 15 March. The Thistle Coffee House, 10 The Pillars, Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for all to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Ayr' in the place name search box

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March

THURS 21 Lunch at The Stanley Arms in Anderton, Northwich

🕒 12 noon 💷 Payable on the day 🍴🍷

Join us for lunch next to the Anderton Boat Lift, the canal-side Stanley Arms is a welcoming and friendly pub with a freshly home-made cooked menu using seasonal and local produce. Join your friends for a fantastic lunch together. Book by Monday 18 March. The Stanley Arms, Old Road, Anderton, Northwich CW9 6AG. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



April

WED 03 Coffee Morning at Waiting Room Café in Altrincham

🕒 11am 💷 Payable on the day ☕

Join us at this fun and friendly community café next to the Railway Station as you'd expect, for breakfast or cake with friends. Book by Monday 1 April. The Waiting Room Café, 30 Grosvenor Road, Altrincham WA14 1LE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 08 Coffee Morning at Primrose Hill Nursery in High Legh, Knutsford

🕒 11am 💷 Payable on the day ☕



Just us for a look around the newly opening local nursery, starting with a tasty fresh breakfast, brunch or a delightful cake in the company of friends. Book by Friday 5 April. Primrose Hill Nursery, Warrington Road, High Legh, Knutsford WA15 0SQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI 19 Monthly Online Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am 💷 Free 🖥️ ☕

Make a cuppa in celebration for this weekend's National Tea Day and catch up with your online friends from Oddfellow Branches all over the country for our monthly chin wag. Zoom Meeting ID: 796 8767 2873. Passcode: RM28WP. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

April

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Sunday Lunch at The Windmill Inn in Tabley, Knutsford



12 noon



£14.95



Fancy a Sunday lunch? Join friends today for a Windmill Carvery or choose off their menu of fresh, home-cooked food. Please let Sharon know if you are coming to book a table. Cost: Sunday lunch is £14.95 or choose off the menu. Book by Friday 26 April. The Windmill Inn, Chester Road, Tabley, Knutsford WA16 0HW. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

May

TUES
07

Monthly Online Coffee Morning



10.30am



Free



Catch up with your online friends from Oddfellow Branches all over the country for our monthly chin wag. Zoom Meeting ID: 784 6816 8823. Passcode: huE8J5. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

May

WED
08

Coffee Morning at The Neighbourhood Café in Altrincham



11am



Payable on the day



Join us to visit this new independent coffee shop hidden under the Viaduct arch in Broadheath. This industrial style fusion café, opened last year, has created a space for people to meet with their loved ones, serving classic locally roasted coffees, delicious pastries, Japanese waffles or stay for a special sandwich. Book by Monday 6 May. The Neighbourhood Café, Arch 20, Viaduct Road, Altrincham WA14 5DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



May

MON 13 Coffee Morning at Hannah's Place in Tytherington, Macclesfield



11am



Payable on the day



Join our Macclesfield friends for coffee, breakfast lunch or a delicious cake at the newly opened family owned Hannah's Place. Book by Friday 10 May. Hannah's Place, Unit 1, Laurel House, Tytherington Business Park, Springwood Way, Tytherington, Macclesfield SK10 2XA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED 15 Coffee Morning at Gaia Café and Bistro in Northwich



11am



Payable on the day



Join up with our Northwich friends for a fun breakfast, brunch or coffee and pastry. Book by Tuesday 14 May. Gaia Café & Bistro, 84 Witton Street, Northwich CW9 5AE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 20 Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Audience'



7.30pm



£12 per person



Spanning 60 years from the 1950s through to the 21st century, Peter Morgan's 'The Audience' illustrates what might have happened between the late Queen Elizabeth II and her Prime Ministers behind closed doors during their weekly meetings. These private audiences chart the arc of the second Elizabethan Age. Politicians come and go through the revolving door of electoral politics, while Queen Elizabeth II remained constant, waiting to welcome her next Prime Minister. Book by Monday 8 April. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

May

TUES
21

Branch Meeting and Talk by our friend Ruth Nicholson 'Historical Dip'



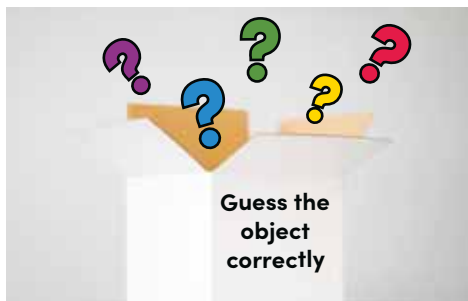
11am



Free



Come along and see what we do and share your ideas on the workings of our Branch. Please book in with Sharon. At 12 noon we will put on refreshments and shortly afterwards our friend Ruth Nicholson will host a fun event of 'Historical Dip' – can you guess the object correctly? Lots of fun and prizes for the winners. Book by Tuesday 14 May. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



FRI
24

A Special Lunch at Groobarbs in High Legh



12 noon



£29.50 per
person



Treat yourself with a special Field to Fork experience, set in the Groobarbs barn overlooking the growing fields and experience an amazing five course set menu of amazing food and drinks from their range of local supplies featuring the farm's own grown fruit and vegetables, harvested from the fields on the day. You can even wander around their market garden before or after service to also take in the veggie setting, making you more aware of the flavours of your meal. Book by Friday 17 May. Groobarbs Wild Farm, High Legh WA16 0AA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter (X), make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

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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.

June

TUES
04

Monthly Online Coffee Morning



10.30am



Free



Catch up with your online friends from Oddfellow Branches all over the country for our monthly chin wag. Zoom Meeting ID: 722 1815 6717. Passcode: LD9hny. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
05

Medical Detection Dogs Charity Talk at High Legh Village Hall



12 noon



Free



Join us to learn all about the amazing work of the Medical Detection Dogs and hear how these super sniffers use their incredible sense of smell to save lives every day. Detection and Medical Alert Assistance dogs save lives – they are trained to detect the odour of human disease and trained to identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency, can alert people to take preventative action and keep them out of hospital. Refreshments provided before the talk and donations to the charity. Book by Wednesday 5 June. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Further events are being added, see:
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

WED
12

Ice-Cream Morning at Seven Sisters Farm in Knutsford



11am



Payable on the day



Seasonal Ice-cream or bubble tea at Seven Sisters ice-cream farm, hopefully we'll sit outside in the sunshine. Look forward to seeing you there. Book by Monday 10 June. Seven Sisters Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9ER. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED
12

Theatre Trip to The Harlequin Theatre in Northwich to see 'Gaslight'



7.45pm



£11



Patrick Hamilton's classic Victorian thriller first produced in 1935. Jack Manningham is slowly, deliberately driving his wife, Bella, insane. He has almost succeeded when help arrives in the form of a former detective, Rough, who believes Manningham to be a thief and murderer. Aided by Bella, Rough proves Manningham's true identity and finally Bella achieves a few moments of sweet revenge for the suffering inflicted on her. Cost: Tickets are approximately £11 (depending on group size). Book by Saturday 1 June. The Harlequin Theatre, Queen Street, Northwich CW9 5JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
18

Coffee Morning at Papa Dutch Café in Altrincham



12 noon



Payable on
the day



Join us for a sunny coffee morning and try their delicious mini pancakes or waffles and fresh coffee in the company of friends. Book by Monday 17 June. Papa Dutch The Little Dutch Café, 3 Goose Green, Altrincham WA14 4DW. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



MON
24

Coffee Morning at Flora Tea Rooms in Henbury, Macclesfield



11am



Payable on
the day



Macclesfield friends are meeting up over coffee and cake, for a friendly catch up and look around the gift shop and

garden centre next door. Lots of free car parking outside. Book by Friday 21 June. Flora Tearooms, Chelford Road, Henbury, Macclesfield SK11 9PG. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



June

FRI
28

Coffee Morning at The Railway Shed and Little Brew Station at Petty Pool College in Northwich



11am



Payable on
the day



Join us at this delightful woodland community café, looked after by the local students, where they support and train young people with learning difficulties and disabilities to reach their full potential. Book by Wednesday 26 June. The Railway Shed and Little Brew Station at Petty Pool College, Pool Lane, Northwich CW8 2DR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

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

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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We've had great fun at our 2023



events at Handforth and Altrincham











Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact **Sharon** on **01925 758117** or email **sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens 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**

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Meet the Grand Master

Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham was officially welcomed as the Society's Grand Master (Chairman) during the annual conference in May, a position she'll hold for two years.



The oldest of five in a close family, at weekends they would often travel around Yorkshire and go camping. It was during these trips she met Peter, a member of the Oddfellows since birth who would go on to become Grand Master himself.

Barbara joined the Oddfellows' Good Samaritan Lodge in Goole when she married Peter in 1973. "It was all arranged within four weeks," she said. "Nothing like the expensive events that happen today!"

"I borrowed my sister-in-law's wedding dress. Peter got a new suit. We catered ourselves in the local village hall. I think the wedding cost us £14, which is all you had to pay for the licence, and then we went away camping for our honeymoon."

Barbara and Peter would later welcome daughter Claire into the world, herself an Oddfellow, who would go on to have a successful accountancy career.

Barbara's career was in primary education, most notably a 30-year stint at a school

in Broughton where she ultimately became Head Teacher.

"It was something that I'd always wanted to do ever since I went to school. I never wanted to do anything else," Barbara said.

Despite representing the Society in a variety of roles, Barbara says that never in her wildest dreams did she anticipate becoming Grand Master.

"It's a great honour because you're just a custodian," she said. "Although you wear the chain and you're the figurehead, that's not what makes you an Oddfellow. What makes you an Oddfellow is what's in your heart."

"I just want to do my best, because the ethos of Oddfellows is what we should all live by. The whole world would be a better place if people looked after each other."

Find out all the ways you can get involved in the Society by visiting
www.oddfellows.co.uk/society-involvement



Barbara Needham (middle right) with daughter Claire (left), husband Peter (middle left) and sister Vivienne (right).

Thanks for filling your September with friendship!

Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows' CEO, has reflected on another successful Friendship Month:

"Wow, what a brilliant Friendship Month we had! All our Branches have worked extremely hard to make each and every one of near 250 special taster events a great success.

"Be it coffee mornings, music events, walks, meals or games, we've loved seeing

the happy, smiling faces of people enjoying the benefits of friendship.

"To everybody who attended, hosted or volunteered at our Branches' Friendship Month events this year, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! It's your hard work that ensures our continued success."

Take a look at some of the fun that's been had by some of our Branches!



Brighton and Sussex members enjoying a coffee morning.



Dog race night at Dorset and Yeovil.



Mitcham, Reigate and Crawley friends keeping cool from the sunshine.



A friendly game of badminton in Mid-Surrey.



Delicious pancakes at a Handforth and Altrincham event.



Too many friends to fit in a frame at Ipswich.



Relishing friendship and fresh air on a walk in Nottingham Trent.

Help with Lasting Power of Attorneys

Arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can seem daunting, so our Head of Care and Welfare, John Aitken (pictured right), has answered some frequently asked questions about them.



What is an LPA?

There are two types and you can do one or both:

A property and financial affairs LPA covers decisions about money matters, for example buying and selling property, dealing with bills and running bank accounts. You can start using this at any time.

A health and welfare LPA covers decisions about health and care matters including medical treatment, where someone should live and who they should have contact with. This can only be used once the person has lost capacity.

What is 'losing capacity'?

This means no longer having the understanding or mental faculties to make decisions. Once someone loses capacity it is too late to set up a Power of Attorney. If this were to happen, family members would need to apply to the Court of Protection to take control of their assets and finances, which can be a lengthy and costly process.

How do LPAs work?

The person making the application is the 'donor' and can give power to an 'attorney' to make decisions and take actions on their behalf.

The donor can choose multiple attorneys and specify which decisions they can make. If there is more than one attorney, the donor can specify whether they can act alone or must make decisions together.

The LPA must be signed either by a solicitor or someone else of the donor's choosing to certify the LPA and confirm that they understand and have not been pressured into it.

Family members can't do an LPA for someone. Like a will, people must do it for themselves with no coercion.

How much does it cost?

It costs £82 to register each type of LPA (so £164 in total) with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). People on means-tested benefits or a low income can get an exemption or reduction of this fee. If you choose to use a solicitor, their costs will need to be added.

For more advice on LPAs, including how to make an application and links to relevant websites, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-with-lasting-power-of-attorneys



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Mon 20	Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Audience'	7.30pm
Tues 21	Branch Meeting and Talk by our friend Ruth Nicholson 'Historical Dip'	11am
Fri 24	A Special Lunch at Groobarbs in High Legh	12 noon

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Tues 4	Monthly Online Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 5	Medical Dogs Detection Charity Talk at High Legh Village Hall	12 noon
Wed 12	Ice-Cream Morning at Seven Sisters Farm in Knutsford	11am
Wed 12	Theatre Trip to The Harlequin Theatre in Northwich to see 'Gaslight'	7.45pm
Tues 18	Coffee Morning at Papa Dutch Café in Altrincham	12 noon
Mon 24	Coffee Morning at Flora Tea Rooms in Henbury, Macclesfield	11am
Fri 28	Coffee Morning at The Railway Shed and Little Brew Station at Petty Pool College in Northwich	11am

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