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# out & about

## Combermere Branch

Making friends across Manchester, Stockport, Glossop, Leigh and Bolton



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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea

# Hello!

**As I write this in early June, I find myself wondering if we are going to have a good summer! Hopefully by the time you are reading this the sun has decided to show its face and stay for a while!**

I'm writing this after just recently attending the Annual Movable Conference (AMC), which this year was in Llandudno. The conference had a number of topics of which some we had a good debate over! An outcome from the AMC, is that any member who is eligible to claim dental or optical benefit, who are on a private dental or optical plan (such as Denplan) are now able to claim against their annual/every other year allowance. Claims can only be made in arrears and not in advance. Members must have paid their annual Oddfellows membership, and provide either a copy of an annual statement showing their payments which can be requested from your dental/optical provider. If the annual statement is not available, then a bank statement showing the monthly direct debit payments (please show name, but blank out account details), along with a copy of the annual renewal of the dental/optical plan will be accepted. If you have any queries please get in touch.

**Take care, Pam**

# Donations

**Combermere Oddfellows are delighted to support local charities with donations agreed at our Annual Meeting each year. It is especially gratifying when they have made a difference to our members.**

Pictured is our own Paul King presenting a cheque for £250 to Sandra Thompson, Supportive Care Coordinator at the Macmillan Wellbeing Centre at Trafford General Hospital.



Paul says, "During my own cancer journey I have received a lot of support from Macmillan, including from Sandra who along with other staff and volunteers has been an absolute rock. I directly know how valuable that emotional and wellbeing support is and why they need donations to continue doing what they do. THANK YOU Sandra and the team".

## Message from your Events Planner, Sarah

**I am hoping the weather will improve so we can enjoy the variety of events we have on offer some hopefully in glorious sunshine. As our area has grown so much in the last couple of years with over 150 new members joining, we want to continue to offer**

**the quality of events across our District and to make this happen as I have reduced my hours, we are looking to employ another Social Organiser. We would always welcome volunteer Social Hosts and if you are interested please get in touch.**

## Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please contact:

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## Regular Monthly Meeting Places

### Bolton

#### First Monday of the month

Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ at 11am

### Glossop

#### First Tuesday of the month

Alternating each month at 11.30am  
Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Glossop SK13 7PU

Starting Tuesday 3 September the new venue alternating with the Golf Club will be The Norfolk Arms Glossop, Norfolk Street, Glossop SK13 HPB

### Leigh

#### Third Tuesday of the month

Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW at 11am

### Manchester

#### Second Wednesday of the month

Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA at 1pm

### Stockport

#### First Thursday of the month

Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT at 7pm

# Weekly Online Events

## Chi Gung and Meditation



Every Monday

Join Graeme for Chi Gung and Meditation. Chi Gung is a set of standing exercises and gentle slow flowing movements that can help with muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cognitive function.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and finishes off with meditation. You will need a chair and space to stand and stretch and will also have time at the end to ask questions. It starts at 2pm but you will not be able to join after 2.05pm as the class will have started.



Zoom Meeting ID: 824 6194 4085.

## Tai Chi with Graeme



Every Wednesday

Join Graeme for Tai Chi. Originally developed for self-defence, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, it promotes serenity through gentle flowing movements.

The class will last approximately 45 minutes, please wear comfortable clothes.



Please note the new meeting ID and passcode. Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0330 1327  
Password: 331259.

For further details for any of these events call Sarah on 07873 581975.

# August 2024

THURS  
01

## Social Evening - Stockport



Please join us for our social where you can meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends, make new friends over a tea, coffee and cake or get a drink from the bar. Various themed nights throughout the year with talks, games nights etc. Please feel free to bring family and friends along and the evening finishes approximately 9pm. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI  
02

## Lets Lunch - Calico Lounge



In the heart of Chorley, Calico has something to suit everyone with a great atmosphere and decor, friendly staff and varied menu. Book by Tuesday 16 July. Calico, Market Walk Extension, Union Street, Chorley PR7 1FD. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



MON  
05

## Social Morning - Bolton



Join us for our monthly social morning to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends over a tea or coffee. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



TUES  
06

## Social Morning - Glossop



Join us for our monthly social morning meeting at Glossop Golf Club set amid the rolling hills of the Peak District. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# August 2024

WED  
07

## Out and About - Lubas Charity Day



12.30pm



£15



The annual fundraiser at Lubas will consist of 'Soup and Sandwiches' followed by 'Coffee and Cake'. Arrive anytime after 12.30pm and stay as long as you like, all for £15 with 100% of the food takings going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year, this event, together with the September Coffee Morning for neighbours enabled Lubas to raise a total of £735, so please support her once more in this worthy cause. Book by Friday 26 July. Lubas, 21 Fairlie Drive, Timperley WA15 6EL. If you require directions by public transport or more information please contact Sarah on 07873 581975. Book by Friday 26 July.

THURS  
08

## Lets Lunch - The Joshua Bradley



12 noon



As per  
menu



This grand house turned pub with snug, lounge and orangery restaurant serving steaks and global dishes is always popular with members. Book by Monday 29 July. The Joshua Bradley, Stockport Road, Hyde SK13 5EZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SUN  
11

## Sunday Special - Etherow Country Park



1pm



Free



Meeting in the café area we can take a stroll round this very popular country park and return for refreshments. Book by Monday 5 August. Etherow Country Park, George Street, Compstall, Cheshire SK6 5JD. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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# August 2024

TUES

13

## Out and About - Glossop Garden Centre



12.30pm



As per menu



Tucked away by the railway station in the town centre, with trains running every 30 minutes from Piccadilly Station (platform 2). This garden centre has an array of gifts and plants to browse and a café with indoor and outdoor seating. Afterwards you can browse round Glossop. Meet at 12.30pm in the café area. Book by Friday 2 August. Glossop Garden Centre, Town Centre, Off Railway Street, Glossop SK13 7AG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



WED

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## Social Afternoon - Manchester



1pm



Free



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee or even a drink from the bar. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS

15

## Out and About - Vernon Park



11.30am



Free



Meeting in the café area we can return for refreshments later after looking round the park. Opened in 1858 it is Stockport's oldest public park lying just east of the town centre and is an exceptional Victorian/Edwardian asset to both the local community and the North West Region. Book by Thursday 8 August. Vernon Park, Turncroft Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK1 4AR. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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# August 2024

SAT  
17

## Saturday Special - Leigh in the 40s



From war to austerity, join Michael for a fascinating talk as he takes us through Leigh as it was during the 1940s and 1950s. Learn about the impact of the second world war on Leigh and its people. Meeting inside the entrance to the town hall at 10.45am refreshments will be provided. Book by Monday 29 July. Leigh Town Hall, Market Street, Leigh WN7 1DY. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



SUN  
18

## Sunday Special - Oaklands Hall



Join us for Sunday lunch with silver service where the team of expert chefs led by Marco Sassanelli Jr, are proud to produce delicious traditional dishes prepared daily using only the freshest locally sourced ingredients. Book by Monday 29 July. Oakland's Hall, Beech View, Hyde SK14 3DE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES  
20

## Social Morning - Leigh



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED  
21

## Out and About - The Piece Hall



You can meet at the buffet café at Victoria Station or make your own way there by car. The Piece Hall is a Grade I listed masterpiece and is the oldest remaining Cloth House in the world. Standing in the heart of Halifax since 1779, today it is a huge courtyard with amazing and unique architecture, a heritage visitors centre, art gallery, shops, cafés, restaurants and much more to see. Book by Wednesday 7 August. Victoria Station, Manchester M3 1NY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.





# August 2024

THURS  
22

**Dine Around - Gusto**



6.30pm



As per  
menu



With a fabulous front terrace this Italian restaurant serves char grilled dishes, stone baked pizzas and seafood. Book by Friday 2 August. Gusto, Landmark House, Station Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 7BS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



FRI  
23

**Lets Lunch - The Fletchers**



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Having not been able to visit earlier in the year due to The Fletchers having a refurbishment, we can now return to enjoy its renowned carvery or anything else we fancy off the menu. Book by Friday 9 August. The Fletchers Arms, 445 Stockport Road, Denton M34 6EG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES  
27

**Lets Lunch - The Owls**



1pm



As per  
menu



The Owls at Standish is set in five acres of grounds, an idyllic venue that offers both delicious dining in the restaurant and a chance to relax and unwind with a walk around the grounds. Book by Monday 5 August. The Owls, Rectory Lane, Standish, Wigan WN6 0XD. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



WED  
28

**Dine Around - Cibo Spring Gardens**



6.30pm



As per  
menu



After a multi-million pound transformation Cibo has opened in the former Rosso site at the top of King Street. The venue embraces Italy's deep-rooted culinary traditions, offering dishes crafted from timeless recipes, rejuvenated with a modern touch. Book by Thursday 1 August. Cibo, 43 Spring Gardens, Manchester M2 2BG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# August 2024

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## Coffee Morning - Rhode Island



11am



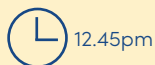
As per menu



In the heart of Stockport on Little Underbank and called the 'Best Coffee Shop' in reviews we can see for ourselves. Book by Friday 23 August. Rhode Island, 2 Little Underbank, Stockport SK1 1JT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI  
30

## Bridgewater Hall - Live at Lunchtime



12.45pm



Free



Live at lunchtime showcases Jazzette a band led by Carol Jason, featuring Andy Gleave on piano and vocals, Helena Summerfield on sax and woodwind and Johanne Levy on vocals, ukelele clarinet and percussion. The band are known for their emotional interpretations of jazz standards, to which they add the occasional Jewish twist. Meeting in the foyer at 12.30pm, the performance lasts approximately 45 minutes. Book by Monday 19 August. The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester M2 3WS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# September

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON  
02

## Social Morning - Bolton



10.30am



Free



Join us for our monthly social morning to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends over a tea or coffee. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES  
03

## Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Free



Meeting at our new venue in the heart of Glossop the Norfolk Arms is ideally located near the train station for members coming by public transport. Norfolk Arms, Norfolk Street, Glossop SK13 8BP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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## WED 04 The Lawn Club - Spinningfields

🕒 12.30pm 🍷 Lunchtime Special £10 🍴🍴🍴

This airy café-bar and kitchen is in the heart of Spinningfields. The lunchtime special of a main and drink for £10 is great value and if you fancy something alcoholic its an extra £2. Book by Monday 19 August. The Lawn Club, Hardman Square, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3HG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## THURS 05 Social Evening - Stockport

🕒 7pm 🍷 £3 💬

Please join us for our social where you can meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends, make new friends over a tea, coffee and cake or get a drink from the bar. Various themed nights throughout the year with talks, games nights etc. Please feel free to bring family and friends along and the evening finishes approximately 9pm. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## FRI 06 Out and About - Pennington Flash

🕒 1.30pm 🍷 Free 🐾

Meeting in the car park we should hopefully have the benefit of the good weather September usually offers to visit this nature reserve. The jewel in the crown in Wigan Borough and one of eight local sites comprising The Flashes of Wigan and Leigh, the only Natural Nature Reserve in the whole of Manchester. Pennington Flash Nature Reserve, St Helens Road, Leigh WN7 3PA. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



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## TUES 10 Dine Around - Sasso

🕒 6.30pm 🍷 As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Tucked away in the scenic location of Disley, Sasso Restaurant offers a heartwarming embrace of Italian hospitality Their commitment to authenticity shines through the meticulously crafted dishes, using only the freshest ingredients. Book by Monday 19 August. Sasso, 7 Market Street, Disley SK12 2AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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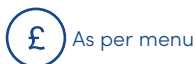
## Social Afternoon - Manchester



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee or even a drink from the bar. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
12

## Out and About - Brabyns Park

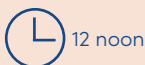


Meeting in Libbys a lovely local independent café for refreshments. We can take a leisurely stroll afterwards in the nearby Brabyns Park, once an estate attached to Brabyns Hall, it is bordered by the river Goyt and the Peak Forest Canal and consists of parkland, woodland, playing fields and is home to a Georgian Iron Bridge, which was restored in 2012. There is car park nearby accessible for both venues. Book by Monday 2 September. Libby's Bread and Wine, 1-3 Town Street, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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## Friendship Month - Twentymans



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Join the fun

Celebrating Friendship Month in the heart of Leigh, we can enjoy this Artisan Bakery and Pizzeria. Twentymans is all about family and a passion for all things tasty, so come along bringing non-members and enjoy complimentary refreshments and catch up with friends and make new ones. Book by Monday 2 September. Twentymans, 117 Bradshawgate, Leigh WN7 4ND. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.





FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT

Invite a friend

SAT  
14

## Friendship Month Extravaganza - Alma Lodge Hotel



1pm



Free



Our annual extravaganza to celebrate Friendship Month takes place again at the Alma Lodge from 1pm to 4pm. There will be complimentary tea, coffee and cake, members bringing non-members will be entered into a prize draw. With new additions this year, the event will start with the Stockport Ukulele band followed by a fashion show. There will be stalls, raffle and tombola raising funds for Manchester Children's Hospital. Book by Monday 2 September. Alma Lodge Hotel, 149 Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6EQ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



TUES  
17

## Social Morning - Leigh



11am



Free



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED  
18

## Dine Around - Asha's



6pm



Three courses  
£28



Asha's one of Manchester's most famous curry specialists has its culinary philosophy rooted in tradition and steeped in experience. Their early dining offer is a fantastic value if you fancy the three courses for £28. Book by Monday 2 September. Asha's, 47 Peter Street, Manchester M2 3NG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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## THURS 19 Lets Lunch - The Church Inn

 12.30pm

 As per menu



Cosy red-brick pub/restaurant with lunchtime specials and fabulous reviews. Book by Monday 2 September. The Church Inn, 90 Ravenoak Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 7EG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## FRI 20 Friendship Event Bolton - Olympus

 12.30pm

 Free



Celebrating Friendship Month we are having fish and chips at the renowned Olympus in the heart of Bolton.

And for all members bringing along a prospective new member the lunch will be complimentary for both. Please book early as places are limited by Monday 2 September. Olympus Fish and Chips, 35-41 Great Moor Street, Bolton BL1 1SW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



## SAT 21 Half Yearly Summoned Meeting

 11am

 Free



The Half Yearly Summoned meeting will take place at Unity Office in the centre of Manchester. All members are welcome to attend and the meeting will finish 12.30pm. Oddfellows House, 184-186 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WB. For more information contact Pam on 07966 934747.

## MON 23 The Plaza - Live Entertainment

 1pm

 £11



Andy Powell returns with another extravaganza of variety and live entertainment from some of the UK's



finest performers. Hosted by legendary comedian Justin Moorhouse, guests include UK tenor sensation Victor Michael, the soulful acoustic sounds of Daisy Kate and the outstanding Dominic Halpern. Over 30 members enjoyed this the last time it was in the diary, so please book early to guarantee a place at what is a great event and very enjoyable afternoon. Meeting opposite the Plaza in the Chester Gate Hotel at 12.30pm. Book by Monday 26 August. The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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TUES  
24

## Friendship Month - Windy Harbour



12.30pm



Free



To celebrate Friendship Month in the Glossop area we will be visiting Windy Harbour, a favorite with our members. Refreshments will be complimentary for both members and non-members. Enjoy fantastic views whilst meeting friends and new people, and find out more about the Oddfellows. Book by Monday 2 September. Windy Harbour, Padfield Road, Glossop SK13 7QE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS  
26

## Dine Around - The Mekong Cat



6.30pm



As per menu



This popular restaurant serves delicious, authentic Asian noodles and various other dishes from countries along the Mekong River along with a great vegan menu. Book by Monday 16 September. The Mekong Cat, 47 Lower Hillgate, Stockport SK1 1JQ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



WED  
25

## Friendship Month - Cloud 23



1pm



Free



The Hilton Hotel's smart cocktail and champagne bar on the 23rd floor of the landmark Beetham Tower is where we will be celebrating Friendship Month in the heart of Manchester. With fantastic views over this great city, enjoying a complimentary Oddfellows special cocktail and there will be a prize draw for members bringing a non-member. There are nibbles to purchase from the bar and their afternoon tea is fantastic. If wishing to have afternoon treat at the cost of £30 please confirm at the time of booking on event. Book by Monday 2 September. Cloud 23, Beetham Tower, 303 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4LQ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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Join the fun



# September

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MON  
30

**Out and About -  
Newbank Garden Centre**



This picturesque garden centre is the latest in the Newbank chain and has become very popular. Meeting in the café area we can have refreshments before having a browse round what they have to offer. Book by Monday 23 September. Newbank Garden Centre, 174 Southworth Road, Newton Le Willows WA12 0BS. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

## Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

**All welcome**

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# October

TUES  
01

**Social Morning -  
Glossop**



Join us for our monthly social morning meeting at Glossop Golf Club set amid the rolling hills of the Peak District. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED  
02

**Metro Munchers -  
The Sheldon Arms**



Meeting at The Sheldon Arms easily accessible by tram this sizable pub has a carvery and classic grub, plus real ales. There is a fabulous garden centre two minutes walk away we can browse round later. Book by Monday 23 September. The Sheldon Arms, 2 Lord Sheldon Way, Audenshaw, Manchester OL6 7UB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# October

THURS  
03

## Social Evening - Stockport



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MON  
07

## Social Morning - Bolton



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WED  
09

## Social Afternoon - Manchester



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee or even a drink from the bar. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
10

## Out and About - Stockport Air Raid Shelters



Meeting at Berretto Lounge for a bite to eat, we can walk over afterwards to the Air Raid Shelters. These amazing tunnels were carved into the natural sandstone cliffs, the intriguing network of underground tunnels offers visitors an unparalleled insight into the life in wartime Britain in the 1940s. Book by Thursday 26 September. Berretto Lounge, Redrock, Bridgefield Street, Stockport SK1 1SA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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# October

FRI  
11

## Dine Around - Napoli



This family run Italian in the heart of Glossop is popular for its great food, atmosphere and service. We thought we would try a Friday night for a change, so please book early as it does get booked up quickly at weekends. Book by Monday 16 September. Napoli, Norfolk Square, Glossop SK13 8P. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



TUES  
15

## Social Morning - Leigh



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED  
16

## Out and About - Chorltonville



Meeting at The Laundrette, a hip bijou/bar with exposed brickwork and a heated terrace serving cocktails, creative pizzas and much more. Afterwards we can browse the Chorltonville area with its quirky independent shops. Book by Monday 30 September. The Laundrette, 32 Beech Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 9EL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS  
17

## Dine Around - Farmers Arms



Enjoy a friendly, warm and exciting atmosphere at the Farmers Arms and taste some of the most delicious British food with a modern twist. From hearty pies to delicate ravioli, each dish is a celebration of flavour and innovation. Book by Monday 30 September. Farmers Arms, 90 Park Lane, Poynton SK12 1RE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# October

FRI  
18

## Out and About - Lancashire Mining Museum



11am



Free



The museum occupies some 15 acres of the Astley Colliery Site. Apart from the steam winding engine and headgear, the museum houses many exhibits not least of which is the collection of 28 colliery locomotives. From quaint miners cottages to the engine house, each section of the museum is packed with a fascinating history and insights, so there really is something for everyone and as dog friendly please feel free to bring your pooch with you. Meeting at the entrance. Book by Tuesday 1 October. Lancashire Mining Museum, Higher Green Lane, Astley, Manchester M29 7JB. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



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SUN  
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## Sunday Special - Applewood Farm



1pm



As per  
menu



Traditional restaurant with a British menu, lunchtime carvery and dozens of puddings so perfect for a Sunday lunch. Book by Monday 7 October. Applewood Farm, Off Astley Park Way, Chaddock Lane, Tyldesley M28 1FJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



WED  
23

## Out and About - Science and Industry Museum



11.30am



Free



With so much to see and do at this fabulous museum which has been a must have attraction for over 40 years. We can meet in the café and discover for ourselves everything the museum has to offer. Book by Wednesday 9 October. Science and Industry Museum, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4JP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# October

THURS  
24

## Lets Lunch - Salty Towers



12 noon



As per  
menu



With more than fish and chips on offer, this great little eatery has fabulous pies and more at great prices. Book by Monday 14 October. Salty Towers, 21 Little Underbank, Stockport SK1 1LA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



FRI  
25

## Lets Lunch - Travellers Rest



12.30pm



As per  
menu



The Travellers Rest is a traditional country pub, dating back to the 19th century, with oak beams and an 'olde world' feel. From steak to fish and chips, they serve traditional, freshly prepared pub classics. Book by Friday 11 October. The Travellers Rest, 443 Newton Road, Lowton WA3 1NZ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



SAT  
26

## Saturday Special - The Haunting of Hill House



2.30pm



TBC



The story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House is the production that we looking forward to seeing at the Chads Theatre. Dr Montague, an occult scholar looking for evidence of haunting, Theodora, his lighthearted assistant, Eleanor, a friendless fragile young woman and Luke, the future heir of Hill House are destined for a spooky encounter and more. Book by Thursday 3 October. Chads Theatre Company, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5AU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# October

TUES  
29

**Lets Lunch -  
Noir Brasserie**



12.30pm



As per  
menu



At Noir they serve luxury afternoon teas, lunches and comes highly recommended for its great service, food and atmosphere. Book by Monday 7 October. Noir Brasserie, 1 Coach Road, Greater Astley, Tyldesley M29 7ER. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED  
30

**Lets Lunch -  
Mackie Mayor**



12 noon



As per  
menu



Can't decide what to eat, you have many choices here in the brick-walled gem of a building which is both beautiful, historic and the only fully intact building from the former Smithfield Market which opened in 1858. From Honest Crust Pizza to Pico's which has tacos and nachos to Mummas with fried chicken to Chlli B Traditional Thai, there should be something for everyone. Book by Monday 14 October. Mackie Mayor, Smithfield Market Hall, 1 Eagle Street, Manchester M4 5BU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
31

**Out and About - Manchester Art Gallery**



12 noon



Free



Meeting in the café of the gallery in the heart of Manchester you can look round at leisure on your own or with other members. Search over 46,000 objects of fine art, decorative art and costume developed over 200 years and still growing. Book by Friday 25 October. Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester M2 3JL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# 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 Pam on **07966 934747** or email **pamela.casey@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](mailto: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](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

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

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice) to find out more.**

# At a glance

## August 2024

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Social Evening	7pm
<b>Fri 2</b>	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	Social Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 6</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Wed 7</b>	Out and About	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Lets Lunch	12 noon
<b>Sun 11</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Out and About	12.30pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Out and About	11.30am
<b>Sat 17</b>	Saturday Special	11am
<b>Sun 18</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Out and About	11am
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Dine Around	6.30pm
<b>Fri 23</b>	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Lets Lunch	1pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Dine Around	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Coffee Morning Rhode Island	11am
<b>Fri 30</b>	Bridgewater Hall Live at Lunchtime	12.45pm

## September – Friendship Month

<b>Mon 2</b>	Social Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Wed 4</b>	The Lawn Club Spinningfields	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Social Evening	7pm

## September – Friendship Month

<b>Fri 6</b>	Out and About	1.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Dine Around	6.30pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Out and About	12 noon
<b>Fri 13</b>	Twentymans	12 noon
<b>Sat 14</b>	Friendship Extravaganza	1pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Wed 18</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Fri 20</b>	Bolton – Olympus	12.30pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting	11am
<b>Mon 23</b>	The Plaza – Live Entertainment	1pm
<b>Tues 24</b>	Windy Harbour	12.30pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Cloud 23	1pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Dine Around	6.30pm
<b>Mon 30</b>	Out and About	1pm

## October

<b>Tues 1</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Wed 2</b>	Metro Munchers	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Social Evening	7pm
<b>Mon 7</b>	Social Morning	10.30am
<b>Wed 9</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Out and About	12 noon
<b>Fri 11</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Tues 15</b>	Social Morning	11am

# At a glance

## October

<b>Wed 16</b>	Out and About	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Dine Around	6.30pm
<b>Fri 18</b>	Out and About	11am
<b>Sun 20</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Wed 23</b>	Out and About	11.30am
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Lets Lunch	12 noon

<b>Fri 25</b>	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Sat 26</b>	Saturday Special	2.30pm
<b>Tues 29</b>	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 30</b>	Lets Lunch	12 noon
<b>Thurs 31</b>	Out and About	12 noon

## Notices

### Save the Date – Chairman Charles Venables Dinner Dance

Saturday 9 November, 6pm for 6.30pm. Regent Park Golf Club, Bolton. For more information contact Pam Casey.

If any members are interested in going to the **Knitting and Stitching Show at Harrogate Convention Centre** on Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 November. We can put in the next diary as an event, please contact Sarah North.

**Please remember** that where an event has price per menu, that it is the members responsibility to check prices and dietary requirements with the venue before booking on the event.

## Ideas

If you have any ideas for future events please email to Sarah at [sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk).

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