

April - September 2023



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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Friendship Month Fish and Chips (Norbreck) - Wednesday 27 September

Welcome back to our Out and About newsletter for summer 2023

We've plenty for you to enjoy with a mix of events and speakers in Blackpool, Lancaster and Preston. Many of our talks are by representatives of charity organisations. We also have lots of lunches and of course our coffee mornings. The coffee mornings are a great way to meet everyone and get to know the details of joining us on other occasions. If you haven't joined us yet then don't be shy, do get in touch.

Our usual Canal Boat trip this year runs in early May and includes fish and chips. Places are already selling really well so don't delay!

A bit about us...

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

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Please only call Monday to Friday during normal office hours



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Regular Events

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Mornings are a great way to meet us, get to know us and find out what else we have planned that might interest you. Our coffee morning groups are friendly and growing because once people come along they want to come again.

Blackpool



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

Preston



In Preston we meet on the **last Tuesday of every month at 10am** at The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane Penwortham PR1 0AR. Parking available on the front and just £2.50 for all the coffee and tea you can drink!



Virtual Coffee Mornings



Our Virtual Coffee Mornings were a lifeline for many of us during the long lockdown period and were so popular we've decided to continue with them every month on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11am**. These are a great way to keep in touch without having to leave your house and to meet people from all over the District and beyond. Just draw up in front of your computers or iPad with a cuppa to check in with each other and have a general chat. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk for Zoom details and guidance how to connect.

Coffee Morning - Lytham



Our coffee morning at Whisper's in Lytham is now a regular feature. We're holding them on the **third Thursday of every month at 10.30am**. They are popular so please make sure you book your place in advance so we can organise tables together.



All the dates are in the diary in this booklet.

April 2023

WED 05 Lunch at The Ram's Head Longton



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The Ram's Head, Longton. Part of the Green Crab group of local pubs which have a reputation for great food at a decent price. It's important that you book as soon as possible and certainly by the deadline so we can book the table. Book by Wednesday 29 March. Ram's Head Longton, 67 Liverpool Road, Longton, Near Preston PR4 5HA. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES 11 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 13 Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 20 Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



April 2023

TUES 25 Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



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

WED 26 Lunch at the River Wyre Poulton



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The River Wyre near Poulton. This lovely Inn with cosy atmosphere is easy to get to, plenty of parking spaces and an extensive menu. Book by Friday 21 April. The River Wyre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7JZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

WED 03 Fish and Chips Canal Cruise



7pm



Members £23, Guests £25



We're returning to Lancaster Canal Boat Cruises after the success of previous trips, but this time we're taking an evening cruise lasting two and a half hours with fish and chips (or other choice from the menu, contact Colin to receive the menu).

Two and a half hours in very pleasant company, delicious food and a wonderful relaxing cruise through the Lancashire countryside. This trip is going to be popular and places are limited, so book and pay as soon as possible and certainly by Friday 14 April. We can take bookings after that, but only if there are places left. Lancaster Canal Boats, Barton Grange Garden Centre, Brock, Preston PR3 0BT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

TUES 09 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS 11 Blackpool Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



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TUES 16 Pig Racing Afternoon (Blackpool)

🕒 2pm

£ Free



Following some extremely successful events in Preston we're bringing our pig racing to Blackpool. It's not to be missed! Come along, place your bets and hope your pig comes first. Refreshments will be provided. Numbers are limited, so please book early to avoid missing out. We'll include some suitable nibbles, ham sandwiches and pork pie seems to be in order! As well of course as our usual tea and coffee. Book by Friday 12 May. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

THURS 18 Lytham Coffee Meet Up

⌚ 10.30am £ As per menu ☕

Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED 24 Lunch at The Water's Edge St Annes

⌚ 12.30pm £ As per menu 🍴

Join us for lunch at the Water's Edge in St Annes. Since it opened a few years ago this spacious pub and restaurant



next to the new Booths store has been very popular. With a truly extensive menu from sandwiches and wraps, to burgers, pizzas, pub favourites and a hot buffet to choose from. Book as soon as possible as places are limited. A deposit and pre-order may be required. Book by Friday 19 May. The Water's Edge, 56 Heyhouses Lane, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 3RG. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 30 Preston Coffee Morning

⌚ 10am £ £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee ☕

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

June

FRI 02 Preston Evening Meal

⌚ 7.30pm £ As per menu 🍴

Join us for our summer evening meal at The Walton Fox. This beautiful



country inn style restaurant is handily situated just off the main road near Bamber Bridge. Booking is required by Wednesday 24 May and pre-orders and a deposit may be required. The Walton Fox, Craven Drive, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

June

THURS
08

Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON
12

Summer Quiz and Buffet



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £5



Join us for a fun quiz with a mini-buffet to keep your brain cells going.



Pit your wits against the other teams. Prizes for winners and a raffle to raise funds for N-Vision. Don't worry about forming a team, we've lots of friendly members who need extra knowledge on their teams! Book in advance so we can plan the buffet by Thursday 8 June. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
13

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



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TUES
20

A Life in Magic - Talk by Retired Magician Brian Sefton



2pm



Free



Brian Sefton has been a semi-professional magician for well over 40 years. He will talk about and perform magic. The performance

will comprise demonstrations of several types of magic, tales from a magical life and, maybe, a question and answer session (apart from "how's it done" questions). Book by Friday 16 June. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



June

THURS
22

Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
27

Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and

some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



WED
28

Afternoon Tea at 'Parks' Art Deco Café



2pm



Members £18, Guests £20



Join us for afternoon tea in the wonderful Art Deco Café in Blackpool's award winning Stanley Park. The menu will include savoury canapés, sandwich triangles and afternoon teacakes, accompanied by unlimited tea or coffee.



You might want to take a stroll around the park to walk off some calories afterwards! Book early as places are limited. A deposit may be required. Book by Thursday 15 June. Art Deco Café, Stanley Park, West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9EQ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

July

WED 05 Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub

🕒 12.30pm 🧾 As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Join us for lunch at Ego Restaurant at The Fox Cub, Little Hoole. Lunch starts from £6.95 for light-bites (correct at time of writing). The menu is available on the Ego Restaurants website. Please book early as places may be limited. Pre-orders and a deposit may be required. Book by Friday 30 June. Ego at the Fox Cub, Bridge House Farm, Liverpool Road, Little Hoole, Preston PR4 5JT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 11 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

🕒 12.30pm 🧾 As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

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THURS 13 Blackpool Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am 🧾 As per menu ☕

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MON 10 Games Night

🕒 7.30pm 🧾 £3 🎲

Come join us for a fun games night! Dominoes, cards, Scrabble, darts and more! A



chance to have a go at more than one game and enjoy some lively, fun company. Tea or coffee and biscuits provided. Book by Friday 7 July. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

July

TUES
18

Quiz and Buffet



2pm



Free



Quizzes are always popular so we're running another here in Blackpool. Come join us for some great fun and enjoy a buffet to feed the brain cells too! All are welcome but we need to know if you're coming for the food order, so make sure you book your place as soon as possible. It's free but we will be holding a raffle, so any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Friday 14 July. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

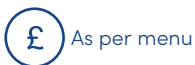


THURS
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Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



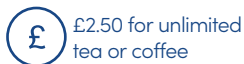
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TUES
25

Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



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

WED
26

Lunch at The Castle Gardens Carleton



12.30pm



As per menu



This month our lunch club is visiting the well regarded Castle Gardens in Carleton. Our first visit here was very successful and we all enjoyed the food. The katsu curry was delicious! Book by Friday 21 July. The Castle Gardens, 10 Poulton Road, Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7NH. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



August

WED
02

Lunch at The Hunter's Lostock Hall



12.30pm



As per
menu



This month our Lunch Club is meeting at The Hunters Pub Lostock Hall. Traditional pub fayre at a reasonable price with a lunch menu available. Come join us for a pleasant meal and chat over the table. Book by Wednesday 26 July. The Hunter's Pub and Dining, Hennel Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston PR5 5UL. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
08

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per
menu



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THURS
10

Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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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.

August

MON
14

My Work as a Local History Detective



7.30pm



£3



Are you interested in researching your family or local history? This is a talk that is intended to encourage others to seek out their local and family past by accomplished author and local researcher Steve Halliwell. Lancashire based Steve Halliwell has had a number of books published including 'Pubs In Preston', 'From Plough to Plau' and 'The Lancashire Bare-knuckle Fighter and Livery Stable Keeper'.



The talk has three phases: 1. How Steve got involved with both local and family history (not necessarily his own family), 2. A case study of one of the things he concentrated on and 3. Some lighter moments he came across during the course of his research. Attendance fee includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Book by Friday 11 August. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS
17

Lytham Coffee Meet Up



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
29

Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



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

September

WED 06 Friendship Lunch at Tino's, Preston

12.30pm

£ As per menu



What a way to start Friendship Month at Tino's for some tasty Italian fayre! Our lunch group are a friendly bunch and always welcoming new members. It's essential to book in time so we can organise the table with the restaurant. Book by Friday 25 August. Tino's, 21 Hill Street, Preston PR1 2BB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES 12 Lancaster Friendship Lunch Meet Up

12.30pm

£ As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON 11 Cheese and Wine Tasting

7.30pm

£ £3



Join us for a pleasant evening tasting cheese and wine combinations. We'll taste a selection of five or six wines with carefully paired cheeses to see if they enhance your experience of the wine. Small tasting samples of each wine will be offered with a selection of cheeses. Book by Thursday 6 July. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



September

THURS 14 Blackpool Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am 🧐 £ As per menu ☕

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THURS 21 Lytham Coffee Meet Up

🕒 10.30am 🧐 £ As per menu ☕

Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 26 Preston Coffee Morning

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

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

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 27 Friendship Month Fish and Chips (Norbreck)

🕒 12.30pm 🧐 £ As per menu 🍴🍴🍴



Join us for good ole fish and chips in the coastal resort of Norbreck (North Blackpool). The venue offers choices other than fish. What a great way to get together in Friendship Month. It's important to book your place early as places are limited. Book by Friday 15 September. New Norbreck Chippy, 45 Norbreck Road, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 1RP. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

**FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT**

Join the fun

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 April at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Agendas available at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Note that our half-year meeting will be on Tuesday 19 September at 2pm.

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



Make friends with the Oddfellows



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit **www.friendshipmonth.com**

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 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Oddfellows Travel - Look whats coming up in 2023



11 – 15 July **Summertime in Lapland and Scandinavia**

With Fred Olsen Cruise Lines.
From £2,099* Full board. Departing from Newcastle.

3 – 7 July **Oddfellows Summer Holiday** **Thoresby Hall**

From £351* for a Standard room or £381* for a Signature room. Half board.

7 – 13 August **Isles of Scotland and the Faroes**

With Fred Olsen Cruise Lines. From £999* Full board. Departing from Dover.

4 – 8 September **HF Discovery Tour to the South Downs** **Abingworth**

Premium single room £739. Classic twin room £659* Full board.



13 – 16 October **Oddfellows Holiday** **Alvaston Hall Hotel**

From £248* for a Standard room or £278* for a Signature room.

Contact: Lynn Bradbury 07764 255181
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*** Prices are per person based on 2 people sharing**

For further information and to book contact Mike Hall **0161 832 9361**
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Make the most of your membership



Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

Different benefits apply to other membership categories.
Contact your local Branch Secretary for further information.

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions or call us on 0800 028 1810.

Are You a Quizzer?

Our quiz nights in Preston are always popular, a great way to meet and mix with others with a common goal of winning that quiz! Our next quiz is on Monday 12 June in Preston with our Quiz and Buffet night. Our quiz in Blackpool is on Tuesday 18 July at 2pm.



Email Newsletter

This six-monthly Out and About newsletter and events diary is still the main way to give you all the information you need to about our social events, your benefits packages and other important Oddfellows news in one place. However we know that sometimes things change or opportunities arise to enjoy a social event but at short notice so we now have an email newsletter that is published most weeks.

The email serves as a timely reminder for events coming up and will alert you to anything new that crops up so if you have an email address just drop a line to colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk and ask to be subscribed to our Preston District Newsletter. We will of course respect your privacy and if at any point you want to unsubscribe just let us know and we'll take you off our list.

Volunteers – we need you

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote. If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Colin by phone on 07592 004080 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk.

Paying your membership by Direct Debit

A new Direct Debit payment initiative was launched in January to try to make membership payments easier. So why choose Direct Debit?

- It is easy to set up, it can be done over the phone or online.
- You don't need to worry about renewing each year as the Direct Debit will automatically be taken upon your renewal date.
- You still have complete control because you can cancel whenever you want – you'll be notified of the payment 6–8 weeks in advance to give you plenty of time to make any changes.
- It's paperless and nothing has to go through the post, so no danger of it going astray.
- It is all done on a totally secure system.
- You can choose to make the membership payment over two consecutive months to help you manage your finances.
- Standard membership would be two monthly payment of £12.50 and extra benefits would be two monthly payments of £17.50.



Find out more by
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Congratulations to our latest Educational Award winners

Each year, we invite Oddfellows undertaking their first degree at university to apply for our Educational Awards. Each winner receives a grant worth £900 per year for the duration of their studies.*

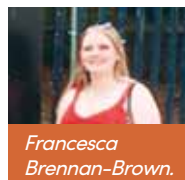
Congratulations to our three 2022 winners, Ava, Francesca and Amelia.

Ava Craven, a member of Leodis Branch, is studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nottingham. Ava plans to use the funds to support her during her work experience.



Ava Craven.

Francesca Brennan-Brown, a member of Leodis Branch, is studying Education Studies at the University of Bristol. Francesca will use the funds to get involved with extra-curricular activities at university.



Francesca Brennan-Brown.

After deferring her studies for a year, our 2021 winner, Amelia Davies, a member of South East Lancashire Branch, is beginning



Amelia Davies.

her Psychology course at Liverpool John Moores University.

Jane Nelson, our CEO, said: “Being able to support our members with their studies is a huge honour. We hope the Award will give them the best start at university and the freedom to pursue their dream careers.”

The Oddfellows also grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards annually, where winners receive £250 of financial support for each year of their training.*

How to apply for a 2023 Award

Eligible candidates must have five years of continuous membership (Young Oddfellows membership is taken into account) and must be starting their first degree or first apprenticeship.

Dates and deadlines:

First Degree Course Educational Award – members are invited to apply via their Branch Secretary around April.

Apprenticeship Educational Award – members are invited to apply via their Branch Secretary around September.

***For more information and T&Cs visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards**

Thank you for your kindness

Across the UK, multiple charities and good causes have received a much-needed financial lift because of your collective generosity.

In 2022, over £180,000 was donated by our branches and their members to causes close to their hearts. It's an incredible amount, especially considering money is tight for many. It beats 2021's already significant total of over £160,000.

Jane Nelson, our CEO, said: "I couldn't believe the final figure when it was revealed. We're in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis and our members and branches are digging even deeper into their pockets. I feel immensely proud to be part of such a caring Society that does what it can to help those in need.

"Grassroots charities and good causes rely heavily on financial contributions to exist, especially in today's challenging economic climate, so it's great to see so many different causes, right across the UK, being given the support they desperately need. And, of course, it goes much further than just financial help, it's an appreciation of the incredible work that they do. Also, for those they help, they'll know there are people out there who care about their wellbeing."

Find out more about the Society's on-going charitable giving, including how we're supporting the University of Southampton Centre for Cancer Immunology and the RNLI, by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/givingback



Tunbridge Wells Branch donated £1,000 to the Pickering Cancer Trust.



Erewash Valley Branch donated £418.63 to the John Eastwood Hospice in Sutton in Ashfield.



Derby Branch donated £7,810 to Derbyshire Blood Bikes, which was used to purchase the pictured bike.



Leeds Branch donated £1,000 each to Cash for Kids, the South Leeds Foodbank and the Stroke Association.



Severn and Trent Branch donated £1,000 each to both The Shrewsbury Ark and the Newport Cottage Care Centre.



Nottingham Trent Branch donated £500 to the Netherfield Parent and Toddler Group.



Handforth and Altrincham Branch donated £100 to Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of much-loved members who have recently died from cancer.



Trafalgar Branch donated £1,250 each to The Benjamin Foundation, The Hamlet Centre Charity, the Norfolk and Norwich Liver Group and the North Walsham Community Shop.

Explore the South Downs and surrounds with Oddfellows Travel

Hosted group holiday | 4-8 September 2023

Full board | Daily excursions with guide | From £659 per person

Join us as we explore England's newest National Park. This active break is jam-packed with



things to do and places to see, with coach trips to the Roman city of Chichester, Arundel Castle and gardens, Devil's Dyke and Amberley Open Air Museum already on the agenda.

We've a few spaces left, and you'll be well looked after by our Oddfellows

member and host, John Galligan, and our knowledgeable HF Holidays guide. Call Mike Hall to find out more on 0161 832 9361 (ext 2224) or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk.

This holiday is operated by HF Holidays. We recommend that you check their terms and conditions before booking at www.hfholidays.co.uk

To view more Oddfellows Travel holidays, visit
www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

We're now Carbon Neutral Plus

In our second year of calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint, the Society's central offices in Manchester and Liverpool have been certified as Carbon Neutral Plus.

Between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, 100.89 tonnes of CO₂e were recorded as being produced, which has been offset through tree planting projects in the UK and a deforestation prevention initiative in Brazil.

Our annual assessments not only track how much greenhouse gas we produce, but also identify ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint. A number of measures have already been put in place, such as

switching the Manchester office's energy tariffs from 'brown' to 'green' and installing LED lighting



which operates on a timed or sensor system.

To learn more about how the Society is reducing its carbon footprint and managing the risks of climate change, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/governance/climate-change

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits such as help with optical and dental costs and benevolence contact Barbara on **01772 614480** or email **barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

We're on Facebook!



our Facebook page where we post latest news and hints and tips from Preston and from Oddfellows.

How do you find it?

Login to your Facebook account and go to the search field, type in 'Preston Oddfellows' and you'll find us.

Not everything can make it into the newsletter, much changes in six months so keep up to date on

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

Branch Meetings

We hold regular meetings for each of our Branches in Preston, Fylde and Lancaster. All members are welcome and meetings often include an interesting talk or activity. Just get in touch for more details or come along, we'll make you welcome! Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary.

Blackpool (Duke of Wellington Branch)

Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW.
Contact Andy Anderson on 01253 777666 or email andy.anderson@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Preston (Prince of Peace Guild 2012 Branch)

The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

Lancaster (King William IV Branch)

The Boot and Shoe Pub, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

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

At a glance

April 2023

Tues 4	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 5	Lunch at The Ram's Head Longton	12.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 20	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Lunch at the River Wyre Poulton	12.30pm

May

Tues 2	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 3	Fish and Chips Canal Cruise	7pm
Tues 9	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 11	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 16	Pig Racing Afternoon (Blackpool)	2pm
Thurs 18	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Wed 24	Lunch at The Water's Edge St Annes	12.30pm
Tues 30	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

June

Fri 2	Preston Evening Meal	7.30pm
Tues 6	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Thurs 8	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 12	Summer Quiz and Buffet	7.30pm
Tues 13	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Tues 20	A Life in Magic - Talk by Retired Magician Brian Sefton	2pm
Thurs 22	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Tues 27	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 28	Afternoon Tea at 'Parks' Art Deco Café	2pm

At a glance

July

Tues 4	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 5	Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub	12.30pm
Mon 10	Games Night	7.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 18	Quiz and Buffet	2pm
Thurs 20	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Lunch at The Castle Gardens Carleton	12.30pm

August

Tues 1	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 2	Lunch at The Hunter's Lostock Hall	12.30pm
Tues 8	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 10	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 14	My Work as a Local History Detective	7.30pm
Thurs 17	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Tues 29	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 5	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 6	Friendship Lunch at Tino's, Preston	12.30pm
Mon 11	Cheese and Wine Tasting	7.30pm
Tues 12	Lancaster Friendship Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 14	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 21	Lytham Coffee Meet Up	10.30am
Tues 26	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 27	Friendship Month Fish and Chips (Norbreck)	12.30pm