

April - September 2024



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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 5 June

Welcome to our Out & About newsletter for summer 2024

As the days get longer and the weather warmer (and hopefully drier) we can look forward to getting out more. We've plenty for you to enjoy with a mix of events and speakers in Blackpool and Preston. We've got talks from Silvertime Legal and North West Air Ambulance, as well as a fantastic Canal Boat Trip in Lancaster and Afternoon Tea in Lytham Hall. We also have lots of lunches and of course our coffee mornings. Look out for an announcement soon about our Lancaster events. 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.

Booking and cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

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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 are held on the **first Tuesday of each month on Zoom at 11am**. A great way to keep up with what's going on and perhaps enjoy a short presentation. Contact Colin at colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk for a simple link to click on to join the meeting.

Coffee Morning - Cleveleys



Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. We're holding them on the **first Thursday of every month at 10.30am**. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB.

Coffee Morning - Lytham



We meet in Lytham at Whisper's Café. **Every third Thursday of the month at 10.30am**. All welcome. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER.



All the dates are in the diary in this booklet.

April 2024

TUES 02 Virtual Coffee Meeting



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WED 03 Lunch at Bistrot Pierre



Join us for lunch at this wonderful converted church offering delicious high quality food right in the centre of Preston. It's important that you book as soon as possible and certainly by the deadline so we can book the table. We may need to ask for a deposit. Book by Wednesday 20 March. Bistrot Pierre, The Church, 83B Fishergate, Preston PR1 2NJ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 04 Cleveleys Coffee Morning



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MON 08 Cheese and Wine Evening



Join us for a pleasant evening tasting cheese and wine combinations. We'll taste a selection of four 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 4 April. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

April 2024

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). Book by Friday 5 April. 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



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.

TUES 16 **Annual General Meeting**



2pm



Free



All Oddfellows members are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting. It is in the main Common Room at Red Rose Lodge. Members please try to come along as this is an essential part of the running of your Branch and the provision of the social events that so many of you enjoy. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 18 **Lytham Coffee Morning**



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in leafy Lytham. A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue. Book by Tuesday 16 April. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

April 2024

WED
24

Lytham Hall Tour and Afternoon Tea



2.45pm



Members £19
Guests £22



Join us for afternoon tea at Lilibet's in the stunning Georgian Library of Lytham Hall. The afternoon tea will consist of a selection of sandwiches, cakes, desserts and fruit jelly, scones, jams and clotted cream. Unlimited specialty tea or coffee. Note that parking will cost approximately £3.50. Payment is required at time of booking. You may also tour the hall (non-guided) from midday. Admission is £8 reduced to £5 if you have booked afternoon tea. Be aware there will be stairs to climb. Payment is required at the time of booking by Monday 11 March. Lytham Hall, Ballam Road FY8 4JX. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

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TUES
30

Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



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

May

WED
01

Lunch at The Ribble Pilot



12.30pm



As per menu



Our lunch club pays its first visit to The Ribble Pilot in Preston Docklands. There's plenty of parking and a good varied menu. Make sure you book early. Book by Friday 19 April. Ribble Pilot, Docklands, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston PR2 2YN. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

THURS
02

Cleveleys Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
07

Virtual Coffee Meeting



11am



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As per menu



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MON
13

North West Air Ambulance Talk



7.30pm



Members £3
Guests £5



The North West Air Ambulance charity flies over 2,000 missions every year and needs to raise £12 million this year to keep going. Come listen to this fascinating talk by the charity about the vital work they do and help us to raise money for them. Branch will donate to the charity and we will also have a collection for them. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

TUES 14 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

12.30pm

£ As per menu



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THURS 16 Lytham Coffee Morning

10.30am

£ As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in leafy Lytham. A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue. Book by Tuesday 14 May. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES 21 Estate Planning Talk

2pm

£ Free



Join us for a talk the important subject around estate planning. The talk will be given by a representative of Silvertime Legal, but no selling will take place and this is aimed at helping you to understand issues around estate planning and things like Lasting Power of Attorney. The company work with local communities throughout the country to raise awareness of some important issues that potentially affect families every single day. The message is serious, but delivery is informal and straight forward, understandable English you can be assured of thought provoking content, including a question and answer session at the end. Tea or coffee and biscuits included as usual. There will also be a raffle. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



May

TUES 28 Preston Coffee Morning



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



June

TUES 04 Virtual Coffee Meeting



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WED 29 Lunch at The River Wyre



Join us for lunch at The River Wyre near Poulton. Easy to get to (especially as the new road opens up), plenty of parking spaces and an extensive menu. Please book in plenty of time with us so we can book the table. Book by Wednesday 22 May. The River Wyre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7JZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



June

WED
05

Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea



2.45pm



Members £22
Guests £25



Our annual canal outing this year sees us taking the wonderful trip from Lancaster across the Lune Aqueduct with amazing view of the city and beyond. The trip lasts for about one hour and 45 minutes, trip includes afternoon tea. Departure is from the canal side LA1 1AZ, there is a 'drop-off' point and parking approximately five minutes walk away.

The afternoon tea includes finger sandwiches, plain cakes, cream scone, tea or coffee. Full service bar is also available at extra cost. The price does not include transport, but we will look at either car share arrangements or if sufficient numbers arrange a mini-bus from Preston and/or Blackpool. It's important you book and pay as soon as possible as these trips are very popular. Book by Tuesday 30 April. Kingfisher Cruises, Lancaster LA1 4AZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 for full details.

THURS
06

Cleveleys Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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MON
10

Summer Quiz and Buffet



7.30pm



£3



Join our ever popular quiz night with buffet. You don't have to come as a team, we'll match you up to some of our finest brains! Prizes for the winners and a buffet to feed your brain cells. There will be a fundraising raffle for our adopted charity NVision. Book by Friday 7 June. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



June

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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TUES
18

Afternoon 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 June. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS
20

Lytham Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in leafy Lytham. A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue. Book by Tuesday 18 June. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

June

TUES 25 Preston Coffee Morning



10am



£2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee



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

WED 26 Fish and Chips Lunch (Norbreck)



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for fish and chips at our favourite chippy in Norbreck. It's delicious, reasonably priced and close to the prom at Norbreck, so great for trams and buses. Book as soon as possible as seats are limited. Book by Friday 14 June. The Fish Bar at Norbreck, 86 Norbreck Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, Blackpool FY5 1RT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

July

TUES 02 Virtual Coffee Meeting



11am



Free



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THURS 04 Cleveleys Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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July

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05

Evening Meal at The Ram's Head, Longton

⌚ 7.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for a pleasant evening meal 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 Friday 21 June. Ram's Head Longton, 67 Liverpool Road, Longton, Near Preston PR4 5HA. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON
08

Baking Babies by Carolyn Doughty

⌚ 7.30pm

£ £3



Preston based Carolyn Doughty makes incredibly life-like silicone babies. This is a highly skilled operation starting with a clay sculpture



to make a mould that will be used to cast the baby in supersoft silicone before finishing for a stunning life-like effect. Carolyn will give a talk about the process and will also let us know about her training course if you fancy learning to do this yourself! This will be a fascinating talk, subject to being available there may also be a baby to see. Tea or coffee and biscuits as usual for our meeting will be available after the talk. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
09

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

⌚ 12.30pm

£ As per menu



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THURS
11

Blackpool Coffee Morning

⌚ 10.30am

£ As per menu



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July

TUES
16

Pig Racing Afternoon



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only joking, we were telling porkies! The pigs aren't real but battery operated and great fun. No entry fee, refreshments provided and there may be some ham sandwiches or sausage rolls too. Don't worry about the rules all will be explained on the night, You will need some change to bet on your pigs and for some raffle tickets! Sow get Tuesday 16 July in your diary and trot along on the night! Book by Friday 12 July. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS
18

Lytham Coffee Morning



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SAT
27

Summer Bowls Competition



We're repeating the successful format of the last two years of our annual bowling competition, pairing experts and novices into teams. Novices have been pleasantly surprised by the fun we have and everyone gets the bowling bug! Bowls can be borrowed if necessary and everyone is welcome, players and spectators.

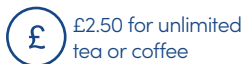


The day includes a delicious buffet lunch (price to be announced, has been around the £8 mark in the past) and £3 for entry into the bowls competition. Refreshments will be available morning and mid-afternoon. There will be a raffle to raise funds for our District Chairman's adopted charity NVision. Note: The bowling competition is an all day event finishing around 5pm, so if you enter please make sure you are able to stay for the whole competition. Please book by the deadline to give us time to arrange catering and organise the bowls games. Book by Friday 12 July. Thurlby Club, 47 Egerton Road, Preston PR2 1AL. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

July

TUES
30

Preston Coffee Morning



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WED
31

Lunch at Strawberry Gardens Fleetwood



Join us for lunch at The Strawberry Gardens Fleetwood. A friendly pub with fantastic food close to tram and bus stops. Make a trip of it! Book by Friday 19 July. Strawberry Gardens Pub and Bistro, Poulton Road, Fleetwood FY7 6TF. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



August

THURS
01

Cleveleys Coffee Morning



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TUES
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Virtual Coffee Meeting



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August

WED 07 Lunch at Salvatore's



12.30pm



As per menu



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



THURS 08 Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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MON 12 Games Night



7.30pm



£3



Come and join us for a fun games night! Dominoes, cards, Scrabble, rumbicup, 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. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 13 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



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August

THURS
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Lytham Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
20

Speaker - To be announced



2pm



Free



Join us for another fascinating talk by a guest speaker. Our speakers range from local historians, to charities and members with an interesting tale to tell. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

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September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES
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11am



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September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 04 Lunch at Hunter's Lostock Hall



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. Make sure you let us know you're coming and we'll make sure you know how to find us. Book by Friday 23 August. The Hunter's Pub and Dining, Hennel Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston PR5 5UL. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS 05 Cleveleys Coffee Morning



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MON 09 Pig Racing Evening



FRIENDSHIP
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Invite a friend

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Don't worry about the rules all will be explained on the night, you will need some change to bet on your pigs! Sow get Monday 9 September in your diary and trot along on the night! Book by Monday 2 September. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES
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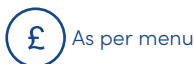


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TUES
17

Half Year Meeting



2pm



Free



Our half-year meeting is an important event as it is part of the essential planning for the up coming year. If you'd like to join our committee or help us with our welfare support this is an ideal opportunity put yourself forward. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS
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Lytham Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for our monthly coffee morning in leafy Lytham. A chance for a chat and a brew at this wonderful venue. Book by Tuesday 17 September. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES 24 **Preston Coffee Morning**



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



WED 25 **Friendship Lunch**



Join us for a special Friendship Month Lunch gathering in Cleveleys. Enjoy a reasonably priced lunch with great company. Come make some new friends, bring a friend with you! Book by Thursday 12 September. Carousel Diner, 2 Kings Road, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 1BY. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT

Join the fun

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**



Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members Guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender

Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Colin by phone on 07592 004080, email at colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk

"Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

Cynthia, volunteer

Newsletter



Quiz Night.

Afternoon Tea



Coffee Morning



Canal Boat Trip



Pig Racing



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 16 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 The Half Year Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 September at 2pm.

We're on Facebook!



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

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

Are You a Quizzer?

Our Quiz events are always popular, a great way to meet and mix with others with a common goal of winning that quiz! We've got the Preston Summer Quiz evening and buffet on Monday 10 June at 7.30pm and in Blackpool on Tuesday 18 June at 2pm.



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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Society-funded cancer research on track

The Centre for Cancer Immunology, current beneficiaries of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund, recently received its second donation instalment.



Nur updating AMC last year

The Centre, based at the University of Southampton, was chosen as the recipient of the £100,000 grant, split over three years, in 2022. The money is sponsoring the PhD studies of Nur Zainal, who is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

Nur's first year

The first year of Nur's studies has been spent preparing for the execution of her PhD project over the next three years. She has been learning appropriate techniques, skills and procedures, as well as being introduced to theories and connecting with relevant research groups.

Nur, who travelled to the UK from Malaysia with her family to undertake the PhD, said: "I believe the invaluable experiences and knowledge I have acquired over the past year have equipped me to be a more productive and capable student."

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Oddfellows for their support in making my studies possible."

On the right path

Some of Nur's work on 3D cell culture – growing cancer cells in a way that more closely resembles the environment they experience in our bodies than traditional 2D cell culture – is included in a manuscript which will be published in a major international journal, for which she will be listed as a co-author.

Dr Tim Fenton, Associate Professor in Cancer Biology, says Nur has "excelled during her first year", adding: "We hope that Nur's studies will lead to improvements in the design of cancer



Dr Tim Fenton

vaccines, which is a key theme in the work being undertaken at the Centre for Cancer Immunology here in Southampton."

HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The Fund provides financial support to UK-based medical research projects or organisations. For more information about the Fund, and how you can donate, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews

Our fantastic four

Congratulations to 2023's First Degree Course Educational Awards winners. George, Benedict, Jamie and Charlotte will each receive £3,600 over the next four years of their respective university courses to help ease the financial pressures of student life and create opportunities.

George LeBon

Heart of Norfolk
Branch member

George began his studies at the University of Southampton in September 2023 – a four-year course in Computer Science with Cybersecurity.



His dream job is to become a “white hat hacker”, which he explained is someone who is “hired by companies to try and hack into their databases and report back the vulnerabilities”.

He says he and his family were overjoyed to discover he'd be receiving the funding and has thanked the Society, adding: “It will go towards buying textbooks so I can enhance my knowledge further and better understand the industry that I want to work in.”

Benedict Weis

Leodis Branch member

Benedict hasn't yet decided what his ideal future job role might be. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at Queen's University Belfast and hopes a career path might become clearer over the next few years.

Since starting in September 2023, Benedict has joined the University's rowing club and the money will help him pay for training camps and trips, which he says will allow him to study more effectively without worrying as much about his finances.



“I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the award and just to say how grateful I am for it,” he said.

Jamie Messett

Loyal Lord Byron
Branch member

Jamie started his first of four years of Chemistry at the University of Oxford's Balliol College in October 2023, and will put the money towards



learning materials. He would like his future to be in the pharmaceutical industry, but a PhD and a career in research is also a potential avenue.

He said: "Nobody should underestimate how valuable funding can be towards determining how well a student performs.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in helping me with this award, and also everyone involved with providing the funding."

Charlotte Stevenson,

Pride of Woolwich
Branch member

Charlotte started her four-year course in Physics and Philosophy at the University of Oxford's Brasenose College in October 2023.

She is hoping to do a PhD in astrophysics and then continue researching within the field beyond that.



The funding will allow her to take part in unpaid research programmes during university holidays, covering the cost of travel, accommodation and food, as well as contributing to the cost of textbooks and other resources. She said: "This award will be an immense help throughout my degree and I'm so, so grateful to have received it."

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, said: "Ordinarily, we hand out three First Degree Course Educational Awards each year, but such was the strength of the applications of this year's winners that we felt they all deserved the financial boost. "I'm delighted for all four of them, and I wish them every success over the next few years at university and beyond."

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

Striving for a greener future

The Oddfellows is committed to being as green as possible. That's why we've been calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint since 1 April 2020.

Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, 106.38 tonnes of CO₂e was recorded as being produced through the operations of our Liverpool and Manchester offices and associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

Although this figure is up 5.4% on the previous year, benchmarked against employee numbers, carbon emissions have remained almost constant (up 0.2%).



The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Our focus is to keep learning through our assessments and to make incremental changes to the way we operate so we can bring our greenhouse gas emissions down and play our part in tackling climate change."

The Society's aim is to be Net Zero, where our carbon emissions are as low as possible. As a last resort, we have offset our 2022-23 carbon footprint by funding carbon dioxide-saving initiatives, including in Eritrea, Cambodia, Brazil, Bulgaria and India.

Jane added: "Climate change is real. It's the greatest environmental challenge we've ever faced. But there is hope, because we can all do something about it."

Investing in futures

Unity Mutual discovered a genuine interest in its children's savings accounts – a topic many grandparents and parents hadn't considered before – while at the 2023 Baby and Toddler Show in Manchester.

The Junior ISA (JISA), offered in partnership with Mini First Aid to include a free paediatric first aid course*, turned heads, especially when parents realised once they'd set it up, anyone could contribute.



Unity Mutual at the Baby and Toddler show

Unity Mutual's Head of Sales and Marketing, Abi Jones, said: "No more brainstorming gift ideas for that first birthday or Christmas – a shared investment in a secure future sparked enthusiasm. Because, sometimes, the best gifts are the ones that grow over time."

*T&Cs apply.

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits such as help with optical and dental costs and benevolence contact Barbara on **07598 162386** or email **barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

At a glance

April 2024

Tues 2	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 3	Lunch at Bistrot Pierre	12.30pm
Thurs 4	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 8	Cheese and Wine Evening	7.30pm
Tues 9	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 11	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 16	Annual General Meeting	2pm
Thurs 18	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 24	Lytham Hall Tour and Afternoon Tea	2.45pm
Tues 30	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

May

Wed 1	Lunch at The Ribble Pilot	12.30pm
Thurs 2	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 7	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Thurs 9	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 13	North West Air Ambulance Talk	7.30pm
Tues 14	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 21	Estate Planning Talk	2pm
Tues 28	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 29	Lunch at The River Wyre	12.30pm

June

Tues 4	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 5	Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea	2.45pm
Thurs 6	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 10	Summer Quiz and Buffet	7.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 18	Afternoon Quiz and Buffet	2pm
Thurs 20	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am

At a glance

June

Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Fish and Chips Lunch (Norbreck)	12.30pm

July

Tues 2	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Thurs 4	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Fri 5	Evening Meal at The Ram's Head, Longton	7.30pm
Mon 8	Baking Babies by Carolyn Doughty	7.30pm
Tues 9	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 11	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 16	Pig Racing Afternoon	2pm
Thurs 18	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 27	Summer Bowls Competition	10am
Tues 30	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 31	Lunch at Strawberry Gardens Fleetwood	12.30pm

August

Thurs 1	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 6	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 7	Lunch at Salvatore's	12.30pm
Thurs 8	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 12	Games Night	7.30pm
Tues 13	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 15	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 20	Speaker - To be announced	2pm
Tues 27	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 3	Virtual Coffee Meeting	11am
Wed 4	Lunch at Hunter's Lostock Hall	12.30pm
Thurs 5	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 9	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
Tues 10	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm

At a glance

September - Friendship Month

Thurs 12	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 17	Half Year Meeting	2pm
Thurs 19	Lytham Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 24	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 25	Friendship Lunch	12.30pm

Branch Meetings

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

Blackpool (Duke of Wellington Branch)

Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW.
Contact Colin Burbidge on 07592 004080 or email
colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk

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

Preston (Prince of Peace Guild 2012 Branch)

The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 07598 162386 or email
barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

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

Lancaster (King William IV Branch)

The Boot and Shoe Pub, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 07598 162386 or email
barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

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