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events diary

Handforth and Altrincham District

January - June 2022



The Old Market Place, Altrincham



Join us for our social events, more information can be found on pages 3-13

Welcome to the first six months of the 2022 Events Diary for the Handforth and Altrincham Branch of The Oddfellows.

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

We have arranged an exciting calendar of events for the beginning of 2022 so you can meet up with friends and to make some new ones.

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Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy - you'll receive a warm welcome and a good time.

A bit about us...

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

If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend events. The face to face events will depend on government guidance at the current time and are subject to change. Please book on all events so we can manage numbers and contact you if we need to.

January 2022

Tuesday 4 - Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning - Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

If your weather is bad, you can still chat and laugh with your friends on Zoom. **Costs:** Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 988 7446 1887. Passcode: B4PJ56.



Tuesday 11 - Coffee Morning at Fairways Garden Centre in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Whatever the weather this January, we are back with a brand new events diary, spending time with friends, making memories and having fun. We've picked some great garden centres, around the District this January, lots of free parking, delicious cake whilst chatting to friends and a chance to pick up any sale items in the gift shops. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 7 January. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Fairways Garden Centre - Tearoom, Bullocks Lane, Sutton Lane, Macclesfield SK11 0HE.



Friday 14 - Coffee Morning at Weaver Vale Garden Centre in Northwich, 11am

Join our coffee morning and meet up with Northwich friends. **Please book** with Sharon by Wednesday 12 January. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Weaver Vale Garden Centre - Coffee Shop, Winnington Avenue, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4EE.



Wednesday 19 - Coffee Morning at Dobbies Garden Centre in Altrincham, 11am

Join us for coffee and cake and meet up with your Altrincham friends. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 17 January. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Dobbies Garden Centre - Coffee Shop, Green Lane, Timperley, Cheshire WA15 8QP.



January 2022

Tuesday 25 - Branch Meeting, 12 noon

Come along and join in the running of our Branch. Have you got any good ideas to share with us? You are all welcome. **Please confirm** to Sharon if you are coming along by Friday 21 January. **Costs:** Free.

Address: Timperley Sports Club, Stockport Road, Timperley, Altrincham WA15 7LU.



Friday 28 - Coffee Morning at Apus Peak in Knutsford, 11am

Brand new cycling café in Knutsford, let's check out their artisan coffee and cake or you can try the brownies/ flapjacks off their specials board. **Please book** with Sharon by Wednesday 26 January. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Apus Peak Café, Victoria House, Tatton Street, Knutsford WA16 6AF.



February

Chinese Lunch

at The Choy Hing Village

Tuesday 1 February, 12 noon

Choy Hing Village, 97 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2NS



Join us to celebrate Chinese New Year 2022 the year of the tiger, at our favourite restaurant the Choy Hing Village restaurant in Grappenhall. **Costs:** The delicious and amazing value three course lunch is £9.90 per person. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 28 January.

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February

Friday 4 - Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning

- Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

Our monthly chat and laugh with Oddfellows friends on Zoom. **Costs:** Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 950 6507 0368. Passcode: nXBtv9.



Monday 7 - Coffee Morning at Velos Café in Macclesfield and a visit to the Charles Tunnickliffe Exhibition afterwards, 10.30am

Thanks to our friend Sheila for recommending this. As a child, who amongst you collected cards of the wildlife drawings of Charles Tunnickliffe and stuck them into booklets? He was born in Macclesfield in 1901 and remains one of Britain's most popular artists of the natural world. Described as a 'Countryman, through and through', his work reflects his love of nature and his inspiration of his Macclesfield farming background. We'll have coffee first and then walk the short distance to Macclesfield Library to see the interesting exhibition 'Life is Wild' in Macclesfield Library and there is also a Tunnickliffe Town Centre trail to do as well. Look out in the January newsletter for more information - online talks on the artist in January. **Please book** by Thursday 3 February.

Costs: Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Velos Café, 37 Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX.

February

Altrincham Garrick 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'

Monday 7 February, 7.30pm

Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road,
Altrincham, Cheshire WA141HZ



Would anyone like theatre tickets for the Altrincham Garrick 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'. **Please let Sharon know** by Monday 10 January and she will coordinate a group of friends and book the tickets. **Costs:** Tickets for Monday night are £12 each (£10 if you are Friends of The Garrick Theatre).

February

Tuesday 15 - Coffee Morning at Culinary Concept in Northwich, 11am

Join us at the newly opened Culinary Concept in Baron Quays, Northwich's first doughnut shop. It only opened in December so let's go and try their beautiful hand-made artisan doughnuts at this fun South African inspired restaurant, deli and bakery. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 11 February.

Costs: Coffee and doughnuts - payable on the day. **Address:** Culinary Concept, Baron Quays (between Crate Cheshire and Sticky Paws in the Flavour Forest) 31 Leicester Street, Northwich CW9 5LG.



February

Snowdrop Walk at Dunham Massey Winter Gardens in Altrincham

Monday 21 February, 11am

Dunham Massey, Woodhouse Lane, Altrincham WA14 4SJ

There's nothing like a garden full of spring flowers to lift the spirits and re-awaken your senses, snowdrops are one of the first signs of life in the garden and a welcome sign that spring is on its way. In this seven-acre winter garden at Dunham Massey there have been 200,000 double and single snowdrops planted since 2009, which creates a shimmering carpet of white in spring. We'll have a coffee to warm up afterwards. **Please book** with Sharon by Thursday 18 February. **Costs:** Garden ticket, car park and coffee - payable on the day.



March

Tuesday 1 - Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning - Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

Catch up with your Oddfellows friends on zoom. **Costs:** Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 923 0574 0267. Passcode: 1svv4i.



March

Thursday 3 - Lunch at The Salt Bar in Macclesfield, 12 noon

Join us for lunch at this Scandinavian hidden gem in Macclesfield. All the dishes are produced on site, supporting small local suppliers, so join us and try their seasonal hearty soup, burgers, meatballs or a sharing board. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 28 February.

Costs: As per menu - payable on the day.

Address: The Salt Bar, 23B Church Street, Macclesfield SK11 6LB.



March

Altrincham Garrick 'Solve Along A Murder She Wrote'

Wednesday 9 March, 7.30pm

Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ

The cult hit event 'Solve Along A Murder She Wrote' comes to the Altrincham, Garrick with an interactive screening of the classic 'Murder, She Wrote' episode 'Broadway Malady'. Jessica Fletcher heads to New York City, but soon gets caught up in a murder mystery only she (or you!) Can solve. 'Solve Along A Murder She Wrote' is a unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation. **Please let Sharon know** if you would like tickets by Wednesday 9 February and she will co-ordinate a group of friends.

Costs: Tickets are £19.50 each.



Thursday 10 - Coffee Morning at The Hub Coffee House in Weaverham, Northwich, 11am

Described as a hidden little gem - join us at this friendly venue for delicious home cooked food and fantastic ethical coffee. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 7 March.

Costs: Coffee and cake - payable on the day.

Address: The Hub Coffee House, Forster Avenue, The Stronghold, Weaverham, Northwich CW8 3BH.



March

Thursday 17 – Branch Meeting, 11am

All members are invited to our Annual Summoned Meeting at 12 noon, which will follow our Branch meeting starting at 11am. **Please confirm** to Sharon if you are coming along by Monday 14 March. **Costs:** Free. **Address:** High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR.



Wednesday 23 – Coffee at The Sanctuary Café in Lymm with Phil Smith from Lymm Radio, 10.30am

Join us at the local community café in Lymm, Sanctuary Café and Bookshop, and enjoy a home baked snack and freshly brewed coffee. We will be joined by local Lymm Radio DJ, Paul Smith for a coffee and to chat to us about Lymm Radio and their plans for this year. It started last year as a local radio service to keep neighbours entertained, supported and informed during lockdown. Listener response was overwhelmingly supportive and they have now developed into a local radio station for Lymm and South Warrington. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 21 March. **Costs:** Coffee and cake – payable on the day. **Address:** The Sanctuary Café, 9 Brookfield Road, Lymm WA13 0QL.



Wednesday 30 – Lunch at Bramley Farm in Altrincham, 12 noon

Join us for a special value delicious meal at our local carvery, enjoying the great company of friends. On offer is a selection of starters for £2, a small carvery for £4.99 (along with three more mains) and a selection of three desserts for £2 each. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 25 March. **Costs:** As per menu – payable on the day. **Address:** Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ.



April

Monday 4 – Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning – Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

Come along for a chat and laugh with your Oddfellows friends. **Costs:** Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 995 6248 1358. Passcode: 89yjQh.



April

Monday 11 - Ukulele Sing Along with Festive Easter treats in Northwich, 11am

Back with our postponed event from 2020! Join us for a fun ukulele sing-along at Lostock Gralam Community Centre at 11am, following by festive Easter treats and drinks. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 11 April.

Costs: Free. **Address:** Lostock Gralam Community Centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Gralam, Northwich CW9 7PU.



Wednesday 20 - Coffee Morning at The Hope Centre Café in Macclesfield, 11am

Set up by a collaboration of 39 local churches to serve the Macclesfield community, join us at this friendly meeting place for a hot bacon baguette, delicious cakes and a cappuccino. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 18 April.

Costs: Coffee and cake - payable on the day.

Address: The Hope Centre Café, 16-18 Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA.



Tuesday 26 - Coffee Morning at Riverside Organics in Northwich, 11am

Come and try their infamous bacon baps, home-made cake and coffee in their marquee outside and make some new friends. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 22 April.

Costs: Coffee and cake - payable on the day.

Address: Riverside Organics, Shipbrook Hill Farm, Manor Lane, Whatcroft Northwich CW9 7RH.



May

Tuesday 3 - Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning - Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

Come along for a chat and a laugh with your Oddfellows friends.

Costs: Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 942 6065 1167. Passcode: 2hEK24.

Keeping in touch...

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

May

Lunch at The Barn Owl in Agden Wharf, Lymm

Wednesday 4 May, 12 noon

The Barn Owl, Agden Wharf,
Warrington Lane, Lymm WA13 0SW



Returning to one of our favourite lunchtime venues, delicious home-made food, sat in the conservatory with fabulous views of the Bridgewater Canal and friends for company. **Costs:** You can select off the senior citizen menu – two courses for £9.95 or three courses for £12.95 – payable on the day. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 29 April.

Wednesday 11 – Lunch at The White Barn in Cuddington, Northwich, 12 noon

Following an extensive refurbishment, join us at this lovely friendly pub for an excellent value meal. **Costs:** Two meals for £9.49 or take advantage of the Golden Years (over 60s menu) with two courses at £4.70, extra course for £1.50 – payable on the day. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 9 May. **Address:** The Barn Owl, Forest Road, Cuddington, Northwich CW8 2LD.



Thursday 19 – Walk Around Lymm Dam followed by Coffee at The Church Green in Lymm, 10.30am

Join us for a leisurely mile waterside walk around Lymm Dam. Built in 1824, surrounded by lovely woodland and wildlife. Nearby car parking and we'll pop into The Church Green for a warming coffee afterwards. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 16 May. **Costs:** Coffee – payable on the day, if you are joining us at The Church Green. **Address:** Lymm Dam, Crouchley Lane, Lymm WA13 0AS.

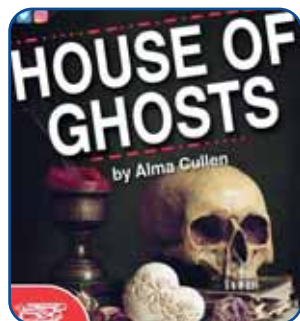


May

Altrincham Garrick 'House of Ghosts'

Monday 23 May, 7.30pm

Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road,
Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ



Would anyone like theatre tickets for the Altrincham Garrick 'House of Ghosts' by Alma Cullen on Monday 23 May. **Please let Sharon know** by Monday 25 April and she will coordinate a group of friends and book the tickets. **Costs:** Tickets are £12 each (£10 if you are Friends of The Garrick Theatre).

Tuesday 24 - Branch Meeting, 1pm

Supporting each other is everything we do and all part of being an Oddfellow. We're a very social bunch of people who like to get things done and help each other where we can along the way. Come along to our Branch meeting and see if you'd like to get involved on our fabulous committee, or if you just have any ideas to help all our members enjoy the brighter side of life and be supportive during difficult times. **Please let Sharon know** if you are coming along. **Costs:** Free.

Address: Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage, Cheshire CW4 8EQ.

Thursday 26 - Coffee Morning at Amy's Courtyard in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Join us to sit outside in this lovely courtyard, tucked away from the main shopping street and enjoy delicious cake and friendly service and meet up with Macclesfield friends.

Please book with Sharon by Monday 23 May. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** Amy's Courtyard Café, 23A Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX.



June

Tuesday 7 - Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning - Keeping in touch with all our new friends around the country, 10.30am

Join us to enjoy a chat and laugh with your Oddfellows friends. **Costs:** Free. Zoom Meeting ID: 964 5487 2476. Passcode: M4hLLy.



June

Thursday 9 - Coffee Morning at West Park Café in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Join our Macclesfield friends at this friendly little café in the park with a great menu and friendly staff. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 6 June. **Costs:** Coffee and cake - payable on the day. **Address:** West Park Café, Prestbury Road, Macclesfield SK10 3BJ.



Thursday 16 - Ice Cream Morning at Seven Sisters Farm in Knutsford, 11am

Second time lucky for us - join us and try their super posh ice creams, delicious flavours made on the farm using fresh milk from their very own cows. There is also cake, waffles and coffee available as well. **Please book** with Sharon by Monday 13 June. **Costs:** Ice cream, cakes and coffee - payable on the day. **Address:** Seven Sisters Ice Cream Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford WA16 9ER.



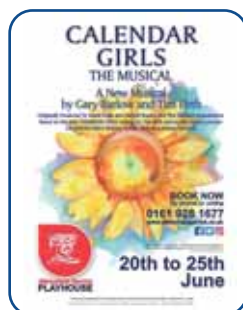
Monday 20 - Ice Cream Morning at Dunham Massey Ice Cream Farm in Altrincham, 12 noon

For our Altrincham friends, join us in the lovely garden at the farm and try a delicious seasonal ice cream, with a variety of flavours to choose from. **Please book** with Sharon by Friday 17 June. **Costs:** Ice cream or coffee - payable on the day. **Address:** Dunham Massey Ice Cream Farm, Ash Farm, Station Road, Dunham Massey Altrincham WA14 5SG.



Monday 20 - Altrincham Garrick 'Calendar Girls', 7.30pm

Would anyone like theatre tickets for the Altrincham Garrick? Their production is 'Calendar Girls: The Musical' by Tim Firth and Gary Barlow. **Please let Sharon know** by Monday 23 May and she will coordinate a group of friends and book the tickets. **Costs:** Tickets are £16.50 each (£15 if you are Friends of The Garrick Theatre). **Address:** Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ.



June

Coffee Morning at the Station House Café on the Whitegate Way



Tuesday 28 June, 11am

Station Café House, Whitegate Station,
Clay Lane, Whitegate Northwich CW7 2QE.

Join us at this friendly community Station Café, in an early Victorian Station House Cafe, located on the Whitegate Way. In it's heyday, the mineral railway line carried salt from Winsford to Cuddington junction and carried passengers as well. The station opened in 1870, closed to passengers in 1931 and closed completely on the 4 November 1963. Join us for coffee and cake and you can also have a walk down the Whitegate Way (the old railway line) afterwards, a flat six mile walk and a haven for wildlife with stunning views.



Book by Monday 27 June. **Costs:** Coffee and cake – payable on the day.

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to enjoy. Give one a try.



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and enter 'online' in the place name search box

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Get away with the Oddfellows



London Theatre Break Friday 18 March 2022 (2 Nights)

We'll be staying at the 3*
St Giles Hotel, located in
central London.

£215 per person[†] includes
breakfast and theatre ticket
to see **Wicked**, at the Victoria
Apollo Theatre.

[†]Based on 2 people sharing



Look what's coming up in 2022:

- **Rugged and Remote Spitsbergen:**
Cruise from £2,599 per person. Departs 22 June (15 nights).
- **Oddfellows Summer Holiday: Warner's Nidd Hall Hotel:**
N Yorkshire from £351 per person. 4 July (4 nights).
- **Scenic Norwegian Fjords:**
Cruise from £1,149 per person. Departs 12 August (7 nights).
- **Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills Discovery Tour:**
From £655 per person. 19 September (4 nights).
- **Canada in the Fall:**
Cruise from £3,199 per person. Departs 28 September (19 nights).

For further information and to book contact Mike Hall
0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) travel@oddfellows.co.uk
www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Peak District Discovery Tour

September's Peak District Discovery Tour was our first Oddfellows Travel group holiday since the pandemic began. We teamed up with HF Holidays, who provided a knowledgeable guide to some of Derbyshire's most stunning locations. Holiday-making members and their guests explored Bakewell and the Chatsworth estate, (Chatsworth House and Edensor Village), Tideswell, Castleton, Derwent, Hathersage and Eyam.

The group replaced their cars for the comfort of a coach for the duration of the three-night trip, and were in a safe pair of hands as the driver took the strain of navigating narrow lanes and busy car parks so they could relax and enjoy the views. He also pointed out features that only a local driver would know. Sightseers travelled from far and wide. One lady from Grenada had been visiting family when travel restrictions forced her to stay in England, so she made the most of her time here by joining the group as a guest!

It didn't matter if people didn't know anyone else on the trip, as Oddfellows Travel's on-board host, Mike Hall, was a friendly face and helped people to feel comfortable and included. It was fantastic to see complete strangers leave as friends. Oddfellows Travel is busy preparing its holiday programme for 2022, so keep checking our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, call Mike on 0161 832 9361, or email him on mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk.



*Dam Busters film location
– Derwent Dam.*



The adventurous group.



HF Holiday Guide Alistair and guests.

Bringing friends back together

After 18 difficult months of repeated lockdowns and social restrictions, where so many of us were held back from spending time with each other in person, it has been incredible to finally reunite.

And what better an excuse than Friendship Month this September! It was a great chance to catch up with old friends, re-build any lost social confidence and show newcomers all the benefits of Oddfellows membership. Jane Nelson our CEO, said: "It's been fantastic to see so many members and new faces come together to celebrate Friendship Month. Thank you to all our Branches and member volunteers who have worked tremendously hard to host hundreds of online and in-person taster events this year."

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



*Fun for all ages
 - Brighton and Sussex Branch*



*Bringing folk together on the Isle of
 Mona - Ormskirk and Southport Branch*



*Walking in great company
 - Nottingham Trent Branch*



*Sharing a laugh
 - Heart of England Branch*



*The warmest of welcomes
 - Bradford Branch*

Apply now for a 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award

If you're an apprentice, or soon to become one, take a look at our Apprenticeship Educational Awards.

Each year, the Society grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 a year for the duration (a maximum three years) of a member's apprenticeship.

Oddfellows Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, said: "We were thrilled to grant awards to three young members last year and support their apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing and manufacturing engineering.

Establishing yourself in a trade has significant investments, such as starting to build up your own set of tools or buying training resources, so we're always happy to help where we can."



Eligibility and how to apply

You need five years' continuous Oddfellows membership to apply, which can include Young Oddfellows membership.

To apply, speak to your Branch Secretary. The deadline for Branches to submit applications for consideration is 31 December 2021 and judging takes place in February 2022. Good luck!

Shaun Wallace

We were delighted to have Shaun Wallace ('The Dark Destroyer' from ITV quiz show 'The Chase') support Friendship Month this year! You can listen to his special message on our UK Facebook channel. He also joined our CEO, Jane Nelson, on 19 regional radio interviews.



As a team, they aired the importance of friendship and talked about our recent survey into friendship and the pandemic. You can find out more about the survey at www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Oddfellows in conversation

Do you enjoy a podcast? In our latest 'Oddfellows in conversation' recording, presenter and podcaster, Dom Burch, chatted with CEO, Jane Nelson, about all things Friendship.

It's the second in the series with the first being a conversation with our new Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, about his appointment to the role. You can listen to them on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/Oddfellows



We're also proud to be sponsoring national magazine The People's Friend's latest round of 'Reading Between the Lines' podcasts, which feature recordings of Oddfellows members from across the UK.



In each episode, they choose a story from the publication's extensive back catalogue of fiction and have a friendly chat about it. They're well worth a listen. You can find them at www.thepeoplesfriend.co.uk/category/reading-between-the-lines

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