

# eventsdiary

## **Handforth and Altrincham District**

**August 2019 - January 2020** 





Celebrate our 10th year of Friendship Month in September

Welcome to the next six months of the 2019 Events Diary for the Handforth & Altrincham Branch of The Oddfellows.

You're one of 310,000 UK members enjoying a wide variety of events and activities. We aim to improve the quality of people's lives through friendship, care and charitable support. 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 summer, autumn and winter so you can meet up with friends and make some new ones. Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do? Please bring them along with you.

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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.

#### August 2019

Come and experience new places with us this summer and catch up with friends, old and new at great events over the next six months. So get out your diary and book now to get more out of life with friends by your side.



#### Wednesday 7 - A visit to Safety Central!, Cheshire's first interactive life skills education centre in Lymm, 2.30pm to 5pm



Just opened to groups this year, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's interactive life skills education centre aims to help people to develop skills and knowledge to stay safe and well at home, on the road and in our community. Safer Together focuses on home and fire safety, online scams and personal safety while out and about. Please book with Sharon.

Address: Cliff Lane, Lymm WA13 0TE.

## Friday 9 - Visit to Tatton Park to see the mansion installation 'Gathering', 1pm

Join us to see this just opened large scale art installation – 'Gathering' by international artist, Susie MacMurray, specifically designed for display in the mansion, inspired by the work of East Cheshire Hospice. Meeting at the Stables for coffee/lunch



beforehand. **Cost:** £7 per person plus £7 vehicle park entry (National Trust members receive free entry to mansion). Please book with Sharon.

Address: Mereheath Drive, Knutsford WA16 6QN.

#### Tuesday 13 – Fulfilment Tour at Amazon Warehouse, Manchester Airport at 2pm

Come and see the magic that happens after you click 'buy' on Amazon.co.uk at the local Amazon Warehouse (fulfilment centre) based



at Manchester Airport and see first hand how Amazon fulfil their customer orders. This guided tour is 60/90 minutes long and is free of charge with on-site parking. Please book with Sharon as there are security and ID requirements needed. **Address:** 6 Sunbank Lane, Manchester Airport WA15 0QA.

#### Monday 19 - Coffee Morning at Morley Tearooms, Wilmslow at 10.30am

Let's hope we can sit outside in the sunshine for coffee and delicious cakes and a look at the plants in the nursery. Please book with Sharon.

Address: Altrincham Road, Wilmslow SK9 4LY.

## **Altrincham in Bloom Walk**

#### Wednesday 21 August, 10.30am

Denmark Street, Altrincham WA14 2WG

Meeting for coffee at Frankie & Benny's at 10.30am, Handforth and Altrincham member and AIB volunteer Val Hutchinson has kindly offered to walk us around the award winning Altrincham town centre to look at their beautiful planting displays for 2019, this summer's Community Planter theme is Colours of the Rainbow, representing Diversity and Inclusion. Parking in Goose Green multistorey car park, opposite Frankie & Benny's is £1.80 for three hours and £2.80 for four hours.





#### September - Friendship Month

Monday 9 – Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see this World Amateur Premiere 'Corrie The Play', 7.30pm

Tickets are £9 per person, please let Sharon know if you would like tickets by Monday 29 July.

Address: Altrincham Garrick, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ.



## Tuesday 10 - Coffee Morning at Amy's Courtyard in Macclesfield, 10.30am

(Formerly Jack Sevens). Join us for a coffee morning at this lovely café and art gallery. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** 23a Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX.



Our Local Chairman for 2019, Chris Rawlinson invites you to attend lunch this Friendship Month at The Swan, our favourite inn which is closing down this year. Lunches are fabulous value at £8.99 for two mains. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Bucklow Hill, Knutsford WA16 6RD.







#### Monday 23 - Branch Meeting, 11am

Meeting starts at 11am prompt, with coffee served beforehand at 10.45am and all members are invited to attend. Please let Sharon know if you are coming. **Address:** Timperley Sports Club, Stockport Road, Timperley WA15 7LU.

#### Monday 23 - Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Towards Zero' by Agatha Christie, 7.30pm

A nail biting thriller! Tickets are £9 per person, please let Sharon know if you would like tickets by Monday 12 August. **Address:** Altrincham Garrick, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ.



#### Friday 27 - World's Biggest Coffee Morning at Cranage Village Hall, 11am

Join us with family and friends for fun, over a cuppa and cake and make a small donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, whose invaluable work touches us all. Donations are very much welcome and bring along any board games we can play as well! **Address:** Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage CW4 8EQ.



## **Visit to The Danny**

#### Wednesday 2 October, 11am

SS Daniel Adamson 'The Danny', Sutton Weaver (next to the swing bridge)

You'll have seen the restoration story of The Danny in local news and Channel 4's Great Canal journeys, come and hear its interesting stories from 116 years, footage and restoration story. The 250 ton vessel spent 80 years as an



operational tug on the Mersey and saved from the scrap yard with only hours to spare in 2004 and restored to her original 1936 condition. Talk, tour and hot drinks is £5 per person. Please book and pay with Sharon as soon as possible, as there is a minimum of 10 people for the event to go ahead.

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#### October

#### Monday 7 - Coffee Morning at Notcutts in Bramhall, 11am

A new venue for our Bramhall friends to get to, a lovely friendly coffee shop in the garden centre, specialising in freshly baked scones or enjoy a breakfast, or lunch and a chance to look at the plants whilst you're here. **Address:** Woodford Park Garden Centre, Chester Road, Woodford SK7 1QS.

#### Monday 14 – Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'My Mother Said I Never Should', 7.30pm

An award winning poignant, bitter sweet story about love, jealousy and the price of freedom. Tickets are £9 per person, please let Sharon know if you would like tickets by Monday 2 September.



#### Thursday 17 - Coffee Morning at ABDA in Northwich, 10.30am

Join us at this new independent home grown coffee shop in Northwich with all baked goods being made from scratch with a little help from local produce. Please book with Sharon.



#### Address: Crown Street, Northwich CW9 5AX.

#### Wednesday 30 – Lunch at The Barn Owl, Agden Wharf in Lymm, 12 noon

Join us for a home-cooked meal beside the Bridgewater Canal. A fantastic senior citizen's offer at £8.75 for two courses and £11.75 for three courses. Essential to book with Sharon beforehand as a pre-order and £5 per person deposit is needed.





#### November

## Monday 4 – Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'When We Are Married' by JB Priestley, 7.30pm

Classic comedy by JB Priestley. Tickets are £9 per person, please let Sharon know if you would like tickets by Monday 23 September.

## Tuesday 5 - Coffee Morning at Flour, Water, Salt in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Great coffee, cake and whilst you're here, why not treat yourself to their freshly baked artisan bread. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** 9 Market Place, Macclesfield SK10 1EB.

## **Manchester Ship Canal Talk**

Monday 11 November, 10.30am

Lostock Gralam Community Centre, Stubbs Lane, Northwich CW9 7PU (just past The Watermead on the left)

Come and hear the story of the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal from the perspectives of the businessmen who proposed it and the artists, photographers and draughtsmen who recorded their interpretation of it. Home–made cake and coffee available beforehand. Please book with Sharon.



## Monday 18 - Chinese Lunch at Choy Hing Village in Grappenhall, 12 noon

Back by popular demand, a wonderful three course Chinese lunch for £8.50 per person. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** 97 Knutsford Road, Warrington WA4 2NS.

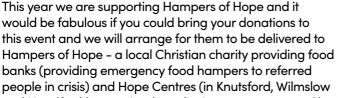


## **Pot Luck Event**

Bring and Share Lunch Friday 22 November, 12noon,



Please bring your favourite dish – savoury or sweet to share, it'll be lots of fun and a chance to catch up with friends. Refreshments provided as well. Please let Sharon know that you are coming and what you are bringing.







and Handforth) committed to relieving poverty across Cheshire. List of donations available from Sharon, the Hampers of Hope website and our current newsletter.

#### November

#### Monday 25 - Branch Meeting, Timperley Sports Club, 11am

Meet at 10.45am for coffee and a chat before the Branch meeting at 11am prompt. **Address:** Timperley Sports Club, Stockport Road, Timperley WA15 7LU.

## Monday 25 – Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Cleo, Camping, Emmanuelle and Dick', 7pm

A must for all Carry On fans! Tickets are £9 per person. Please let Sharon know by Monday 14 October if you would like tickets.



#### **December**

## Monday 2 - Festive Coffee Morning at Flora Tearooms in Henbury, 10.30am

Catch up with Macclesfield friends over mince pies and coffee and look around the magical Christmas Gift Shop whilst you're there. **Address:** Chelford Road, Henbury SK11 9PG.



## Monday 9 - Christmas Meal at Bramley Farm in Altrincham, 12 noon

We look forward to you joining us at our big annual gettogether - members, committee members and friends get together to celebrate Christmas, pass around cards and enjoy a lovely meal. More details available in August



– please contact Sharon if you would like to join us. **Address:** 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ.

#### Sunday 15 - Christmas Panto 'Aladdin' at Altrincham Garrick, 1.30pm

It's great fun to get everyone together and settle down for an afternoon of laughs and songs so please join us as we soar through the skies on a magic carpet ride with Aladdin and a host of colourful characters. **Cost:** £16 per person (child £10.50) please book with Sharon by Friday 1 November.









#### Tuesday 17 or Thursday 19 – Silver Screen Cinema Morning at Odeon Northwich or Rex Willmslow, 11am

Escape the Christmas shopping with a couple of hours relaxing at the cinema. Please let Sharon know if you would like to join us and we'll check the films on that week. An amazing price of £3 each for film and tea/coffee and biscuits beforehand in Northwich. **Address:** Baron's Quay, Northwich CW9 5FT.

#### January 2020

## Tuesday 7 - Coffee Morning at Board Beans in Northwich, 10.30am

Happy New Year – meet back up with friends at Northwich's first board game café. Please book with Sharon.

Address: 79 Witton Street, Northwich CW9 5DW.



## Tuesday 14 - Coffee Morning at Sutton Garden Centre in Macclesfield, 10.30am

Catch up with Macclesfield friends and get there first to make sure you get one of their delicious scones. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** Bullocks Lane. Macclesfield SK11 0HE.



## Monday 20 – Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'Fatal Attraction' by Bernard Slade, 7.30pm

A gripping thriller (not to be confused with the film). Tickets are £9 per person, please let Sharon know if you would like tickets by Monday 2 December.

Wednesday 22 - Coffee Morning at The Lambing Shed in Knutsford, 10.30am Join us at this lovely Café with a chance to look around the wonderful farm shop and deli. Please book with Sharon Address: Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road, Knutsford WA16 8RB.

## Thursday 30 – Coffee Morning at Amphora in Sale, 10.30am

Whatever the weather – join us at this friendly café in Sale with wonderful cakes and tasty breakfasts. Please book with Sharon. **Address:** 7–9 Hope Road, Sale M33 3AB.





# Come and join the festive fun

We've joined up with Yours magazine again at their Yours Live Festive Party!

> Friday 22 - Monday 25 November 2019





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#### **Booking and Cancellations**

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment, a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

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Ann's Talk



Pandas for Pandas



Friends Catching Up



## Welcome to the latest edition of the Handforth and Altrincham News and Views

#### Dear members

Welcome to the summer issue of your newsletter. It's full of happy photographs of the wonderful events which we've enjoyed over the last six months.

We enjoy a variety of fun events with lots of laughs, interesting and informative talks and visits, ensuring there's usually something going on every week of the year and you'll always be made to feel welcome.

We've got lots more exciting events planned for 2019 to January 2020, look out for the new Events Diary and we hope to see you at lots of events in there.

#### Sharon Hulse-Cottle

# Contact Details

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

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Thank you to our friend, Ann, who very kindly shared with us here amazing life story as a child who left home at 11 to study ballet at Saddler's Wells in London.

## **Ballroom Dancing**

Great fun and lots of laughs at a beginner's dancing class at Timperley Sports Club in June. We certainly worked up an appetite for a great carvery lunch at The Hare & Hounds afterwards.









We had a fascinating talk in March by local PCSO on rogue traders. Their message is to be suspicious of anything that sounds to good to be true, double check the company is legitimate and don't leave money around the house. There are devastating effects on people who are scammed, either on their doorstep, over the phone or computer. If you have any doubts, phone the Police on non-emergency line 101 or talk to your local PCSO.

## **Celebration of Life**

Fabulous talk in July by humanist celebrant Duncan Battman and the amazing work he does to provide an uplifting celebration of life, for families to draw comfort from without reference to God, held at Timperley Sports Club.



A celebration of life talk



In June, we listened to a fascinating talk on 'happiness' given by Anne Buckley and enjoyed the vegan chilli and fruit salad, kindly made by Lynn. Focus on what makes you happy – and do more of it every day.





## **Book Now! - Events Coming Up**

- Please book now for out visit to this amazing restored steamboat, The Danny. Talk, tour and hot drink on Wednesday 2 October.
- Safety Central Cheshire's Fire and Service's first interactive education centre in Lymm on
- Wednesday 7 August.
- Fulfilment Tour, a fascinating behind the scenes tour of Amazon's warehouse, to find out what happens when you click Buy on Tuesday 13 August. Book with Sharon as soon as possible.

# Hampers of Hope

## HAMPERS OF HOPE

This year we are supporting local charity 'Hampers of Hope' and collecting items for their emergency food hampers donating to people in need in Cheshire.

Items to start collecting are: canned vegetables, fruit, meat, soup, tinned pies, pasta, rice, dried fruit, instant snacks, jars of sauces, jams and spreads, tea, coffee, UHT milk, sugar, long life juices, cereals and Christmas food stuffs. Bring along to our Pot Luck Event on Friday 22 November.

# Andrew Rawlinson



Chris and Lynn Rawlinson are delighted to tell you that their son, Andrew has passed his degree this year with a 2:1, they are obviously delighted and very proud and very grateful for The Oddfellows for supporting him on his degree course.



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## **Coffee Mornings**

Bacon butties and catching up with friends at Kings Café in Altrincham. Macclesfield Garden Centre café in May and the best scones. A delicious brunch and a chance to see the iconic Frank Sidebottom sculpture outside Garden and Grain in Timperley 'Frank will gaze on the Timperley sunset forever'.





Coffee morning in Timperley

## **Pandas 4 Pandas**

Thank you for kindly knitting these lovely panda bears, which were given to Cheshire Police Officers to give to children they meet who are in need of emotional support and reassurance. If you would like to knit a panda, please get in touch with Sharon for the wool and knitting pattern.



## **Society News**



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## Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!

To celebrate our wonderful members and their contributions to the Society as a whole, we launched the first official Making a Difference Awards late last year, and after careful consideration from the judges, we're ready to reveal the winners!

The judges had a hard time selecting this year's winners, with many worthy nominations received across the awards' categories. But after much deliberation, four fabulous members were announced at this year's annual conference.

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "So many of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and get support. It's important that we reward those who go above and beyond for their Branch when we can and the Making a Difference Awards is the perfect way to do this.

"Huge congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated, and doesn't go unnoticed."

Member nominations for 2020 are now open. Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, fundraising, caring for other members, or doing their very best for the Branch? Download a member nomination form from

www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference or contact your Branch Secretary.



Bill, Vivienne, David and Faye with Grand Master Bill Henchliff after being presented with their awards.

### 2019 Making a Difference Award Winners

#### FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Vivienne Simpson
Burton-on-Trent District

## FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

**Bill Rainsbury**North West Kent District

#### FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

David Smith

Cleveland and Durham District

#### FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

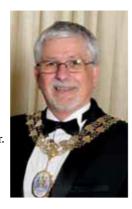
**Faye Chadwick** Huddersfield District

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# Meet our new Grand Master: David Randall, Gipping Branch Secretary

How did it feel being installed in front of such a large crowd at the AMC?

It was such a proud moment and one I will cherish forever. My involvement in the Oddfellows is something I take very seriously, and



I'm pleased to be able to use my time as Grand Master to raise awareness of the Oddfellows and the benefits of becoming a member with the general public, as well as doing my best to meet as many members as possible around the country.

#### So what's your Oddfellows background?

I became a member in 1992. However, I had been attending the local Branch's social events for about 20 years prior. So recruiters... never give up on a possible new member! My father-in-law was a long-serving Castle Branch (Colchester) officer and trustee, so he encouraged me to finally sign up. I guess I was always going to join once I married his daughter! For those of you who don't know, my wife of 47 years is Diana Randall, Secretary of Castle Branch, so there's always a little healthy Branch competition.

#### Do you have a standout memory from your 47 years of being involved with the Society?

Yes – the pride I felt when attending my District's Provincial Grand Master Dinner in 2010. We were celebrating 200 years of Oddfellowship, my wife was the Provincial Grand Master and the then Grand Master, Alan Cole, was our guest of honour. I was Deputy Provincial Grand Master and I couldn't have felt happier to be part of such a meaningful Society.

## How would you sum up the Oddfellows in just six words?

Friendship that just keeps giving more.

## And now for some less serious questions...

## Where's your favourite place in the world?

That would have to be the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

#### Who is your favourite author?

John Grisham, I have read every one of his fiction books and his one non-fiction book.

## You're stranded on a desert island.... What three items would you take with you?

Matches, a sharp knife and the woman I love, if she'd come with me! If she wouldn't, then I'd probably take a fishing line.

## Who would play you in the movie of your life?

Matt Damon.

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# Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference takes place in Sunny Southport

For 2019, our Annual Movable
Conference (AMC) returned to
Southport and we really did have
the weather on our side! Each year
our members get together to catch
up, celebrate the past 12 months,
vote on important Society matters,
and of course, welcome the new
Grand Master (Society Chairman).

With a jam-packed schedule mixing business with pleasure, AMC is a great opportunity for members to learn about the business side of the Society and our traditions, as well as meet and mingle with other Branches.



Oddfellows members enjoyed the annual bowls competition



Business began by paying tribute to some of our late Past Grand Masters: Sydney Bolton, Andrew Porter, and Keith Adamson



Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday



A 60s themed dance kicked off the celebrations at the Grand Master's Welcome Party

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At our conference, Deputies vote on decisions that will impact the Society's business focus moving forward. For example, this year it was decided that our H A Andrews Memorial Fund would support Lupus Trust with a donation of £85,000 over three years. Plus, to celebrate our growing membership, we presented a number of Branches with our annual recruitment awards.

These include the Ken Hughes Silver Salver Award, won this year by Pride of Woolwich Branch, and the Lillian Ogden Recruitment trophy, awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch. Members can help their Branches to win awards too, as we also present the Refer a Friend Awards, to recognise Branches which have a great network of strong member advocates.



An array of Oddfellows merchandise was available for members to purchase



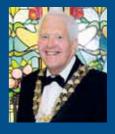
The "Refer a Friend" Award for the highest number of member advocates was awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch, with 31 members recruiting a new member in 2018

## Thank you Bill Henchliff

A huge thank you as always to our now Immediate Past Grand Master Bill Henchliff, who says:

"It has been a great honour to be Grand Master of the Order. I couldn't possibly choose a favourite moment from the past year, but meeting all the members across the country, especially the two Centurions from Hartlepool and Derby, has been quite special. The support and advice I have received from my colleagues on the Board, from the CEO and Insurance Director, and the External Non-Executive Directors has been invaluable."

Bill has some sound words of advice to welcome the new Grand Master, David Randall: "Be yourself and enjoy the year, it goes very quickly!"



If you have a business head, or a passion for organisation, why not get involved with your Branch's Committee of Management? And if you'd be interested in becoming a Deputy at a future AMC, you can find out how by visiting our website, or speaking to your Branch Secretary.



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

#### **Local Care and Welfare Support**

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

## Oddfellows Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821\*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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.

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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.