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out & about

St Helens & Warrington District



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Day Trip



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Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz

High St, Newton le Willows, from Ian Bonnell Photography



Thursday 12 September - Friendship Month Coffee Morning at The Hotties

Welcome to the latest edition of our latest Events Diary and Newsletter for the St Helens and Warrington Branch of Oddfellows

Where possible, when we are on our day trips could we please leave the first few rows on the coach for those who have mobility issues or who suffer from travel sickness. Can we also please try and sit in the same seats on the return journey to save confusion especially as some people do leave items on the coach.

Please remember, to keep our trips affordable and convenient for all members we book one pick-up/drop off in both Warrington (pull in at Central Station, Winwick Street) and



St Helens (URC). To ensure we stick to our agreed booking (and insurance) we cannot have any extra drop offs.

On return to St Helens can we please let those who need to catch a bus home get off the bus first, hopefully this will help to stop some having to wait in town for an hour for their next bus.

Thank you for your co-operation.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

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Claims and Renewals

Remember all dental/optical claims go to Pam, she is more than happy to process your claim(s) via email or post, alternatively they can be given to Julie at any social event, who will ensure that Pam receives them.

Where possible when making a claim please supply your bank details (note that online banking is not required in order to receive payment) to enable Pam to pay direct into your account. This is not only quicker and more convenient for you the member, now that a number of banks are closing their Branches, but it is also cheaper for the Branch. You can of course still have a cheque if this is your preferred opinion. Don't forget all claims need to have a receipt with your name, date, amount and name of the practice, sorry credit/debit card receipts are not accepted.

Membership renewals or trips can now be paid for by card, card payments can only be made with Julie (as Pam currently does not have a card reader) at any event, cash/cheques are still accepted. Alternatively you can pay by bank transfer (Please contact Pam for details). **Important note** if paying by cheque, ensure the cheques are made payable to **St Helens & Warrington District Lodge** any cheques made out to the Oddfellows will unfortunately be return.

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Where possible please contact between the hours of 9am and 5.30pm, thank you.

Branch meetings are held on various Tuesdays throughout the year at the URC (United Reformed Church), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ.

For further details or if you would like to attend any of the meetings please contact Pam or Julie.

Regular Events

Tuesday Drop In

Tuesday



1.30pm



Members £2.50
Guests £3



Join us at the URC for our Tuesday Social, due to popularity we are now in the larger Lower Hall. This is a great chance to come along and make new friends, have a chat, bring your chosen craft to work on, join in with some games or pick-up/drop-off any membership documents. Cost includes refreshments. There is a small onsite car park but please remember to sign in with your car registration number at reception. URC (Lower Hall), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

14 May

21 May

4 June

11 June

18 June

2 July

9 July

16 July

23 July

13 August

20 August

3 September

17 September

1 October

15 October

22 October

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new members who have joined us since the last diary, we hope you are all enjoying being an Oddfellow.

Angela Akehurst

Beryl Appleby

Jean Baldwin

Jacqueline Case

Margaret Davies

Richard Foster

Geraldine Garvey

Wendy Harris

Ciaran Kennedy

Pat Kennedy

Bernadette Kreft

Sheila Lawrenson

Maureen Lyons

Eileen Leah

Maureen Mann

Hilda Morgan

Phyllis Sumner

Kathleen Winterbottom

Clara Woolings

Ella Woolings

May 2024

TUES 07 Branch Meeting followed by Tuesday Drop In



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TUES 28 Warrington Coffee Morning



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THURS 09 Coffee Morning at The Hotties



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May 2024

THURS
30

Levens Hall



9am



Members £40, Guests £43, Children £16



Join us for a trip to Levens Hall, which was originally built around a 13th century Pele Tower and has an intriguing history. After our morning coffee we can then explore the hall, learn about it's history and find out how each generation left their mark. Look out for the magnificent interior of fine oak panelling, ornate plasterwork and beautiful collections of furniture, paintings and clocks. There are also 10 acres of gardens (largely unchanged since the 17th century), to explore including the world's oldest topiary gardens, old orchard, vegetable, herb and rose gardens, fine lawns, wildflower meadows and a willow labyrinth. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place, final balance by Tuesday 21 May please. Cost includes coach, morning coffee, house and garden ticket. Levens Hall, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 0PD. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.



June

THURS
06

A Day at the Races - Haydock Park



12.30pm



£20



Come and join us for a day at Haydock Park Races. Gates open at 12.30pm, first race 2.30pm last race 5.40pm. County Enclosure tickets give access to the premium stands, indoor eateries, seating and first floor viewing over the Finishing Post, there is also access to the viewing area around the Parade Ring and Winner's Enclosure. Cash can be used to place bets on the tote or on course bookmakers, please note no credit cards or Apple Pay is accepted, in accordance to betting laws but all refreshments are on a 'Cashless' basis this includes all concessions. Dress Code: Dress to feel your best. Ample free on-site car parking is available. Pre-purchased tickets are £20 per person (group rate) tickets on the day £22. Book by Thursday 9 May. Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton Le Willows WA12 0HQ. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

June

THURS
20

Coffee Morning at The Hotties



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
25

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



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July

SAT
13

LADGC Bowling



10am



TBC



After the huge success of the last few years the LADGC Annual Bowling Competition returns to Garswood Hall Bowling Club. Lunch will be included in the price of the ticket (to be confirmed for both spectators and players), with a pay bar available from 12 noon for those who wish to purchase a beverage or two. A raffle will also be held for the President's charity of the year. Limited transport will be available, so please speak to Julie about this. Book by Friday 14 June. Garswood Hall Bowling Club, Nicol Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield WN4 8LU. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.



July

THURS
18

Coffee Morning at The Hotties



10.30am



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TUES
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THURS
25

Erddig



9am



See below



Erddig Hall, a late 17th century country house was saved from dereliction in the 1970s and sits above the winding Clywedog River. Erddig is a rare survivor teeming with treasures from servants' portraits to fine furnishings. It has the second largest collection of items in the whole of the National Trust with 30,000 pieces being retained. The gardens are dotted with alcoves to sit and enjoy, extensive lawns, fruit trees, herbaceous borders, hedges, conical topiary along with parklands, meandering rivers and an 18th century water feature for all to enjoy.

Cost: Members £35, Guests £38, Children £15, National Trust Members £20 (coach only). A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place, final balance by Thursday 11 July please. *Please note National Trust members are free (just pay for the coach) but you must bring your membership card on the day to gain entry. Erddig, Erddig Road, Wrexham LL13 0YT. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

August

THURS
01

Middleport Pottery



9am



Members £40, Guests £43, Children £20



Middleport Pottery located in Burslem, Stoke has been the home to Burleigh Pottery since 1889. We will start our day with morning coffee before learning about the manufacturing process by watching a film and a talk from a tour guide. We are then free to visit the public heritage areas which include the Victorian Offices, Bottle Oven, Mould Store, Steam Engine, Bath House and the 1950s Lodge Keepers House. We will meet back up at 3pm in the café for scone and tea before we depart for home. If anyone would like to pre-order lunch please ask Julie for the menu (orders and payment need to be in by Tuesday 16 July). A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place, full payment by Tuesday 16 July please. Middleport Pottery, Port Street, Burslem, Stoke ST6 3PE. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

TUES
06

Branch Meeting followed by Tuesday Drop In



1.30pm



Donations towards refreshments



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THURS
15

Coffee Morning at The Hotties



10.30am



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August

TUES 27 Warrington Coffee Morning



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September

TUES 10 Half Yearly Meeting



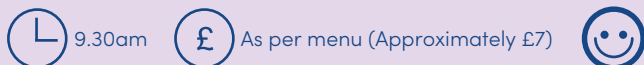
Join us for our Half Yearly Summoned Meeting to keep up to date on all Branch matters. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. **Members only.** URC (Lower Hall), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



September

WED 04 Friendship Month Breakfast



This year we have decided to try something new to celebrate Friendship Month by hosting a breakfast at the Toby Carvery Waterside. We will have our own room, you can choose as much or as little as you like on the breakfast carvery, or for those with smaller appetites toast, porridge and cereal are available. Please note the breakfast carvery closes at 11am. After the success of last year's 'Steal a Prize' raffle we were asked could we do it again. Proceeds will go to this year's Chairman's charity 'Willowbrook Hospice'. There is free on-site parking for diners, remember to register your car once inside. Buses, the number 352 stops outside, please ask Julie for times/stops. Book by Wednesday 28 August. Toby Carvery Waterside, East Lancs Road, St Helens WA11 7LX. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT
Invite a friend

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER
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THURS 12 Friendship Month Coffee Morning at The Hotties

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



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FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Join the fun



WED 18 Friendship Month Brunch in Warrington

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



Everyone is encouraged to come along and help us celebrate Friendship Month with a Brunch at the Dorado Lounge in Warrington. Whether you fancy coming along just for a coffee, a piece of toast, or a full English breakfast you will be guaranteed a warm

welcome. This is a great opportunity to come and see what the Oddfellows are all about, what the Branch gets up to and of course make new friends. Booking is preferred but not essential. The Dorado Lounge, 19-21 Old Market Place, Golden Square Shopping Centre, Warrington WA1 1QB. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Invite a friend



Join the fun in Friendship Month

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

All welcome

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



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

September

TUES
24 **Warrington Coffee Morning**

 10.30am

 As per menu



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1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



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October

TUES
08 **Charity Afternoon for Willowbrook Hospice**

 1.30pm

 £5



Everyone is encouraged to come along for a fundraising afternoon for our Chairman's charity of the

year 'Willowbrook Hospice'. Enjoy coffee and cake, try your luck at the tombola and bottle stalls or maybe pick up some gifts from the craft stall. Tickets £5 includes a slice of cake and unlimited tea or coffee. URC (Lower Hall), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.



THURS
10 **Coffee Morning at The Hotties**

 10.30am

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October

MON
21

Cabaret Lunch Show and Shopping at Oswaldtwistle Mills



9am



Members £43, Guests £45



Join us for a full day of shopping, eating and entertainment. Oswaldtwistle Mills has over 100 retailers with a garden centre, extended home and lifestyle centre, fashion floor, giftware, food and deli all under one roof. We will have approximately one hour to shop before we take our seats for a three course lunch of vegetable soup, roast chicken dinner and apple crumble with custard, all served with tea or coffee.



After lunch, we will be entertained by the fabulous Martin Gregory Lambert, with his wicked sense of humour and incredible vocal talents a great afternoon is promised. We will have approximately two hours free time for more shopping before we depart for home.

A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place, all balances must be paid by Thursday 10 October, no exceptions! Any dietary requirements/vegetarian option please speak to Julie. Oswaldtwistle Mills, Moscow Mill Street, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire BB5 0EY. Contact Pam on 07482 130531 or Julie on 07456 915655.

TUES
29

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



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Volunteer

A big thank you to Carol Rigby who has stepped up her volunteering to help grow our Branch's Social Calendar by hosting our new Wednesday Cinema/Lunch Club. Unfortunately with Cinema listings and times only available from a Friday afternoon these events are not in our events diary and are always at short notice, so please check your weekly email for updates, if anyone doesn't receive Julie's 'Tour Group' messages please pass your email address over to her, no email? No problem, just speak to Julie about a text message.

Our members are loving having extra events put on, our Cinema/Lunch Club are meeting roughly once a month

depending on what is showing. If anyone is interested in hosting an event eg. coffee mornings/afternoons, craft session, games, walks, online event etc. as either a one off or a more regular event please speak to Julie. Hopefully later in the year we will be holding more events in Warrington, watch this space!



Thank you gifts were given to our volunteers at the Christmas Party.

Congratulations

Over the past year we have had a group of members who have been getting more involved in the Branch by taking their various Lectures.

Lectures are the less formal route of learning about the ethos of the Society, there are 5 Lectures, blue, white, scarlet, gold and finally the purple.



Anyone with a Purple Lecture or Degree (the formal route) can stand as the Branch Chairman. It was great to celebrate 7 members taking their Purple Lectures in November, as is tradition we had a little buffet to celebrate the occasion after the formalities, the recipients all received their certificates at the Christmas Lunch Party.



If anyone would like more information or would like to start their Lectures please speak to any Committee member.

Charity

At the time of going to press our Chairman's Charity for 2023 Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis was at a staggering £1035, thanks to

everyone who has kindly donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets to support this charity. Thanks also goes out to the FANS group (Friends and Neighbours Knitting Group) who have held regular collections to boost the funds.



Julie's chosen charity for the year ahead which will start following the AGM will be Willowbrook Hospice, let's hope everyone continues the fantastic support this year.

Our knitters are still busy supplying Warrington Hospital with various items, HAL puppets, premature baby hats and jackets, blankets, cannula sleeves, squares and toys. These are ongoing projects with the hospital often sending out pleas when certain items are running low, every item sent is always gratefully received from the hospital. If anyone would like any wool, pattern or needles please ask Julie.

Committee of Management

Being a Mutual Friendly Society we are owned and run by our members for our members. Pam and Julie are the only paid employees so we rely on volunteer members to help run our Branch. Volunteers can be anyone who can help in any way they can from washing cups, setting up rooms, hosting a social event or standing on the Committee of Management (CoM).

It is a legal requirement that we have a CoM, they are a key part of our Branch and Society, without them we would cease to exist. The Committee only meet up 4 times a year (plus the AGM and Half Yearly Meetings) currently on a Tuesday morning for an hour or two. If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member, finding out more about the role or would like to see what a meeting is like please speak to any Committee member.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are here to stay



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Past Events





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 contacting **Membership Services** on **0800 028 1810**



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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 and benevolence contact Pam on **07482 130531** or email **pamela.casey@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

May 2024

Tues 7	Branch Meeting followed by Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 14	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 21	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 28	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 30	Levens Hall	9am

June

Tues 4	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 6	A Day at the Races Haydock Park	12.30pm
Tues 11	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 18	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 25	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

July

Tues 2	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 9	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Sat 13	LADGC Bowling	10am
Tues 16	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 18	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 23	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 25	Erddig	9am
Tues 30	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

August

Thurs 1	Middleport Pottery	9am
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August

Tues 6	Branch Meeting followed by Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 13	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 20	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 27	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 3	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Wed 4	Friendship Month Breakfast - St Helens	9.30am
Tues 10	Half Yearly Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 12	Friendship Month Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 17	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Wed 18	Friendship Month Brunch in Warrington	10.30am
Tues 24	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

October

Tues 1	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 8	Charity Afternoon for Willowbrook Hospice	1.30pm
Thurs 10	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 15	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Mon 21	Cabaret Lunch Show and Shopping at Oswaldtwistle Mills	9am
Tues 22	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 29	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am