

October 2022 - March 2023



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South East Lancashire District



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Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 14 December 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of the South East Lancashire Branch Events Diary. Members of the Branch have organised a varied programme of events for you all.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any

Contact Details

For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary

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of our events that take your fancy and we like to think that we can guarantee you 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.

Message from your Chairman

It is my honour and privilege to be the Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) of South East Lancashire Oddfellows. Having been a member since 2015, I have become increasingly involved in the work of the Bury Branch and become aware of the great needs within our society and the service given by the Oddfellows organisation. The assistance and advice available is broad both from the Lodge and Unity.

I am a magistrate in Manchester, covering all of Greater Manchester working mostly in the courts in Bolton and Ashton. This gives me a level of insight into the problems within our communities. I am a keen crown green bowler and have enjoyed playing in the various Oddfellows events. This year we have expanded the

range of social activities at Oddfellows' Hall in Bury which are well supported by members and I am grateful for all the work and commitment that is given by Brother and Sister McGarraghy in Blackburn and Wigan.



I hope to see you at events and socials across the District.

Dennis Hilton

**Learn, have fun,
and stay in touch
from home**

We've online events for
all to enjoy.

Give one a try.



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

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Regular Events

Games Night

Every
Monday



7pm



Free



Every Monday night starting at 7pm. Join our weekly games night for fun, games and banter. All are welcome to come along. We have variety of games, talks and sing alongs. Why not join us and make new friends from across the UK and maybe even further. Zoom Meeting ID: 883 9960 6393. No password. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



Leisurely Scenic Walk, Manchester M25 & Surrounding Area

Last
Monday



11am



Free



The walking group will meet on the last Monday of every month. For details of where the walk will be and the meeting arrangements please contact Sheila. Walks happen across the area, call for details. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

31 October 2022 26 December 2022
28 November 2022 30 January 2023

Craft & Coffee Morning

Every
Monday



10.30am



£3



A two hour weekly session where we have a chat over tea or coffee and cakes whilst painting or crafting. There will be various resources provided, but you can bring your own projects if you wish, eg knitting, crochet, sewing, model making, artwork, sketch book, etc. There may be an optional raffle in aid of the annual District charity. Information available at the meeting. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

Ten Pin Bowling Blackburn

First
Tuesday



11.30am



£7.50 for
two games



We bowl during the months of October to March where you can join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre-booking is essential for this event (two weeks before event). Why not join us for lunch at a local venue afterwards. Tenpin Bowling, Peel Leisure and Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact the Social Organiser on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

4 October 2022 7 February 2023
1 November 2022 7 March 2023
6 December 2022

Regular Events

Line Dancing

First
Tuesday



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £5



No need for a partner: Bring your two left feet for a great session of Line Dancing with a qualified teacher. The emphasis is on fun, not technical skills, so come along and don't be shy, you will be amongst friends. Light refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



4 October 2022 **3 January 2023**
1 November 2022 **7 February 2023**
6 December 2022

Blackburn Social Club

Second
Tuesday



12 noon



Members £4
Guests £5



Join us for a friendly afternoon with speakers, games and good company. Lunch included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon to 2pm. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.

11 October 2022 **10 January 2023**
8 November 2022 **14 February 2023**
13 December 2022 **14 March 2023**

Weekly Quiz Night

Every
Thursday



7pm



Free



Weekly Quiz Night via Zoom. Test your general knowledge, just for fun. A warm and friendly welcome guaranteed, with chat and banter. Zoom Meeting ID: 883 9960 6393. No password. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

Bury Thursday Friends

Every
Thursday



12 noon



£2 plus
optional £1



Our Thursday Friends Group is a friendly mixed group that enjoys chat and games, as well as the occasional talk and outing. Why not bring your own lunch and join us? We will provide tea or coffee and cake, included in the cost. Meet new friends and enjoy our social afternoon. A football card is usually passed round to raise some much needed funds for local charities. £1 for the football card (optional). Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Please note: 13, 20 and 27 October will be held at Welly Café, Manchester Road Park, 157 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TD. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

Regular Events

Wigan Coffee Morning

First Thursday



10.30am



Free



Come and join us for our monthly social Coffee Morning with talks, games and friendly chat. Held on the first Thursday of the month. Adjacent to bus station and close to the railway station. Limited parking by permit. Easily accessible for all. Wigan Stars, Hallgate House, Frank Street, Wigan WN1 1HP. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

6 October 2022
3 November 2022
1 December 2022

5 January 2023
2 February 2023



Coffee Morning Meet Up

Every Wednesday and Friday



11am



As per menu



All are welcome to drop in between 11am and 1pm to enjoy good company and make new friends over a brew and maybe a bite to eat. Coffee Creations, Millgate Shopping Centre, 2 Union Arcade, Bury BL9 0QF. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



Bury Dine Around

Second Friday



12.30pm



As per menu



A chance to catch up with old friends and new at a local restaurant



close to Bury Town Centre. All venues have been tried and tested by our members so, you can be sure of good food, enjoyed in good company. Venue to be confirmed, located in central Bury, BL9. Please contact Vera on 07887 617742 for further details of the months chosen restaurant.

14 October 2022 **13 January 2023**
11 November 2022 **17 February 2023**

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. We have the right to cancel any events.

October 2022

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Blackpool Illuminations



4pm



£15 plus meal



Join us for a repeat performance of this ever popular trip. Minibus leaves Oddfellows House, Bury for Blackpool. Depending on time, we will stop along the way for a comfort break and refreshments, before arriving in Blackpool for our tea at a fish and chips café. Afterwards, we will travel through the famous lights display. Places on the minibus are limited so, early booking recommended. Cost: £15 for minibus plus your meal. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



TUES
18

Third Tuesday Social Event - Beetle Drive



7.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for our ever popular beetle drive evening, which is always a fun event. Refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact the Social Organiser on 07564 641909 or Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



THURS
20

Wigan Dine Around - The Gerrard Arms (Aspull)



12 noon



As per
menu



A chance to catch up with friends old and new at a local restaurant. The Gerrard Arms is a super friendly pub, serving quality home cooked food, full table service so you can just come in to dine, wine and relax, while they do all the hard work. The Gerrard Arms, 615 Bolton Road, Aspull, Wigan WN2 1PZ. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



October 2022

TUES
25

Dine Around - Old Mother Redcap, Blackburn



12.30pm



As per menu



The building, formerly known as the Old Mother Redcap Hotel on Blackburn Road, near the Knudden Brook estate, has now re-opened as a Stonehouse Pizza and Carvery run by Mitchells and Butlers. The new menu is set to be packed with favour-filled classics such as burgers, fish and chips, fresh dough stonebaked pizzas and tasty vegan dishes. Sharing dishes will also be available and build your own carvery with all the trimmings, customisable burgers plus baguettes, wraps and salads. Book by Tuesday 11 October 2022. Old Mother Redcap, Blackburn Road, Blackburn BB1 3LS. Contact Joan on 07414 816521.

SAT
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Half Yearly Annual Summomed Meeting



1.30pm



Free



This is our Half Yearly business meeting, where we get together to discuss financial matters and nominate the District Officers, Committee of Management and Deputies to attend the Annual Movable Conference (AMC). All are welcome to attend, but only members will be able to vote on matters affecting the District. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to also offer online attendance via Zoom. Call Sheila Kendall if you are interested in this option. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

MON
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Elf the Stage Show



7.30pm



See below



The comedy hit movie Elf is coming to the stage, with our very own

Robert Peters. Embrace your inner elf and discover the true meaning of Christmas along the way. Tickets can be purchased via online at www.walmsleychurchaods.co.uk or you can book by phone on 07972 116504 and pay by debit/credit card or send a cheque. However, if you book your ticket, there is no booking fee. Audience numbers are limited, so early booking recommended. Cost: £13 (standard ticket), £12 (concessionary). Book by Monday 17 October 2022. Walmsley Parish Church Hall, Walmsley, Egerton, Bolton BL7 9SA. Contact Sheila on 0161 773 3138 or Robert on 07905 524885.



November

TUES **08** **Blackburn Social Club -** **Talk about an** **Alaskan Cruise**

 12 noon

 Members £4
Guests £5



Join us for a friendly afternoon with speaker Valarie Lovell and good company. Lunch included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon to 2pm. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.

THURS **17** **Wigan Dine Around -** **The Wheel Restaurant,** **Wigan**

 12 noon


 As per menu



The award winning Wheel restaurant at Wigan Leigh College, Parsons Walk Centre serves excellent cuisine, prepared and served by catering and hospitality students. Bring a friend if you wish, non-members welcome. The Wheel Restaurant, Wigan and Leigh College, Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan WN1 1RS. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

TUES **15** **Third Tuesday Social** **Event - Festive Crafts**

 7.30pm

 Members £3.50
Guests £4



Why not get yourself in the Christmas mood and join us for an evening of Christmas crafts. Refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact the Social Organiser on 07564 641909 or Sheila on 0161 773 3138.

TUES **22** **Dine Around - Scholars** **Restaurant, Blackburn**

 12 noon

 TBC



Join us for excellent food prepared and served by catering students in the college's professional standard licensed restaurant. Please book in advance. Book by Tuesday 11 October 2022. Blackburn College, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.



December

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Christmas Lunch



12 noon



£6



By popular demand, we will once again be celebrating the festive season with excellent food prepared and served by our own members. Please book in advance to secure your place, as places are limited. Book by Wednesday 23 November 2022. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact the Social Organiser on 07564 641909 or Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



THURS
15

Wigan Dine Around - Summat to Ate (Hindley)



12 noon



As per
menu



Summat to Ate is located in the heart of Hindley, Wigan, with a strong emphasis on sourcing the best quality local produce. There are a range of menus available throughout the week, with some great value deals. As well as specialising in steak, they also have a range of other meat and non-meat dishes to cater for all guests. Summat to Ate, 48 Market Street, Wigan WN2 3AN. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

January 2023

TUES
17

Third Tuesday Social Event - Hot Pot Supper



7.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for a traditional hot pot supper. There will be a chance to play different games and test your knowledge with a quiz during the evening. Tea or coffee included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact the Social Organiser on 07564 641909 or Sheila on 0161 773 3138.



THURS
19

Wigan Dine Around - The Royal Oak (Westhoughton)



12 noon



As per
menu



Time to relax with friends and enjoy a great welcome at The Royal Oak Carvery, Westhoughton. A go-to carvery for locals, serving an incredible selection of succulent roasted meats, with fresh vegetables and all the trimmings, with delicious rich gravy The Royal Oak, 480 Westhoughton Road, Bolton BL5 3ND. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

January 2023

TUES
24

Dine Around - The Willows, Blackburn



12 noon



As per menu



Enjoy dinner in peaceful surroundings, with a country view. Book by Tuesday 10 January 2023. The Willows, Haslingden Road, Blackburn BB1 2NG. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.

February

TUES
14

Blackburn Social Club - Talk about Traveling South America



12 noon



Members £4
Guests £5



Join us for a friendly afternoon with speaker Canon Stuart Broughton and good company. Buffet lunch and refreshments included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon to 2pm. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.



February

THURS
16

Wigan Dine Around - The White Crow (Worthington)



12 noon



As per menu



A warm welcome awaits at The White Crow free house in Worthington, near to Wigan and Chorley, where you can choose between indoor/outdoor dining. The pub offers a selection of fine ales and a varied menu, with something to appeal to all tastes. The White Crow (Worthington), Chorley Road, Worthington, Wigan WN1 2XL. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



TUES
21

Dine Around - The Old Chapel, Darwen



12 noon



As per menu



Described as the finest building in Darwen, this former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel first opened its doors on 30 March 1866. It was designed in the classical Corinthian style by the architect Edward Bates. Refurbishment by Wetherspoons in 2014. Book by Tuesday 10 January 2023. The Old Chapel, Railway Road, Darwen BB3 2RJ. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.

February

TUES
21

Bury Third Tuesday Social Event - Valentine Theme



7.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £4



Join us for our
Valentine themed
evening of fun
and games, in
good company.

Refreshments
included. Oddfellows House, 94
Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH.
Contact the Social Organiser
on 07564 641909 or Sheila on
0161 773 3138.



March

TUES
21

Dine Around - The Swan Royal, Clitheroe



12 noon



As per
menu



The hotel is set in the centre of the historic market town of Clitheroe. The Swan Royal a former coaching Inn dating back to the 1830s. In its early years as a hostelry, it boast guests both famous and some say infamous, in the local area and throughout the country. Book by Tuesday 14 February 2023. The Swan & Royal, 26 Castle Street, Clitheroe BB7 2BX. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.

Introduce the Oddfellows to someone you know

Refer a friend today

Why not make someone's day by telling them about the Oddfellows?

You might be surprised who would appreciate getting involved – membership brings lots of benefits and so much more*.

To refer someone you know and make their day, either call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary.

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Make the most of your membership



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



100 Years Young!

James (Jim Wilson)

James Wilson, known to his family and friends as Jim, turned 100 on Friday 25 March 2022. He spent the day celebrating with his fellow residents at Each Step Care Home, Blackburn, along with his 98 year old wife Lily, his daughter Jean and son-in-law Robert. On the Saturday he was joined by his two grandson's and their families from St Albans, Hertfordshire, including his four great grandchildren, for another day of celebrations.

Jim was born in Blackburn on the 25th March, 1922. He grew up with three siblings – Florrie and Bob, now deceased, and Lillian (92) who lives in the same

care home. Jim married Lily Hillman on the 30th September 1944, and this year they will be celebrating their 78th wedding anniversary.

During his working life Jim served two years in the Royal Air Force. He began his welding career at Foster, Yates and Thom Ltd., Blackburn. He then went to work at English Electric, Clayton-le-Moors, which became GEC, where he became the Chief Welding Engineer. During the years he travelled all over the country solving welding problems.

Jim invented a welding gun known as The Iceberg; the special handle enabled



Dad about to inspect one of the jobs he worked on.

welders to work for longer periods without the handle getting hot, therefore, increasing production. He also patented a different type of wallpaper scraper – always the inventor! He worked on a piece of equipment that landed on the moon, also part of the first fast train and has always been very knowledgeable about all types of metals.

Jim retired in 1987 at the age of 65, but was still very happy to be called on by his nephew, Steve Hartley the founder of WEC Group, Darwen, to give advice and pass on his knowledge regarding certain welding problems. Steve says that his Uncle Jim helped him out on many occasions.

In his younger days Jim enjoyed judo and weight lifting. Other hobbies and interests included stamp collecting, coin collecting, fishing, hypnotism, watch and clock repairing, playing the piano accordion and modern sequence dancing with his wife Lily. He is also known by his nephews and nieces as the Magic Man, as he has always entertained the family



with his magic tricks. His grandson's now delight in watching their children look on in amazement as great-granddad Jim produces coins from behind their ears!

He has been a long standing and loyal member of the Oddfellows and, along with his wife and daughter, he was involved in The Three Link Action Group. The group organised fund-raising events including dances, quiz nights, games nights and once took on the challenge of walking from Blackburn to Blackpool. They were fed and watered on their arrival by members of the Oddfellows in Blackpool, for which they were extremely grateful.

Jim has always enjoyed attending Oddfellows meetings, functions, conferences in earlier years and is proud to have held various offices along the way.

Jean Landau
Jim's daughter

South East Lancashire Bury enjoy a gentle croquet afternoon

On a bright, warm Wednesday afternoon in mid-August a jolly band of Oddfellows from SEL Bury met at Whitehead Park to play the gentle game of croquet. Some sat and watched, enjoying the sunny afternoon while others, assisted by members of Bury Croquet Club were shown the rules and procedures of the game.

Apparently, there are many versions of the game of Croquet and your editor can only advise that you look them up if you

want to know more. Essentially the game consists of progressing your ball through a series of hoops by hitting it with a mallet whilst in the standing (stooping a bit if you're tall) position. Whichever version is played it seems a gentle game; there is no running involved, males, females and children can participate on equal terms, it is never far to walk anywhere on the court.

Importantly, there is a club house where refreshments can be obtained. On that hot afternoon that was a boon and our afternoon drew to a gentle close



as we sat there-in refreshing ourselves whilst chatting with club members who explained some of the delights and challenges of the game.

It is envisaged that SEL Bury will be enjoying another session of croquet quite soon.

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Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM): District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):
District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):
District Secretary – responsible for administering Branches

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):
Immediate Past District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM): Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

Brother and Sister: Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family

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Find us at  **OddfellowsSouth
EastLancashire**

 **OddfellowsUK**



Visits to RHS Garden Bridgewater

Following Ormskirk and Southport visit to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Garden Bridgewater in April this year (see May issue LADS mag page 5) South East Lancs had a trip in August to see for themselves this new, local and ever-evolving garden of delights.

RHS Bridgewater was started in 2017 from derelict land to what you see today. It is on the site of Worsley New Hall which is no more. This is the fifth RHS garden and one of the largest gardening projects undertaken in Europe in recent years. The 154 acre garden opened on 18 May 2021 and as with all new gardens,



will take time to be fully established; but that's one of its joys – visitors will see how a new garden develops over the years. Well worth a visit; it's only down the road at Junction 13 M60.



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 Sheila on **0161 773 3138** or email **sheila.kendall@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.

*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**

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Members were delighted to finally get together at the first face-to-face AMC in three years in May this year. The three-day annual conference returned to Scarborough and kicked off with an 80s disco, a stunning firework display and a fantastically well-received concert from Oddfellows Brass.



Grand Master David Ogden (right) with the Mayor of Scarborough



A spectacular opening night firework display

At the conference, the Making a Difference Awards winners from 2020 to 2022 were presented with their trophies by Past Grand Master David Randall.

This year, the AMC saw the installation of three new Member Non-Executive Directors: Debbie Jex from Reading Branch, Karen Rose from Tunbridge Wells Branch and Alex Walker from North Gloucestershire Branch.

Thanks go to all who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses and to those working behind the scenes who made the conference such a success.



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

The Oddfellows is known for the kindness and generosity of its members and we take the opportunity every year to celebrate the efforts of members who've been nominated for going the extra mile in our Making a Difference Awards.

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

This year, we introduced a new category, the 'Achieving Together' award. It was created to celebrate two people who have worked together to achieve more than they could alone, and whose partnership has significantly improved the lives of members, their Branch or the Society.

Our congratulations go to this year's Making a Difference Award winners...



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*

Julie Webster, from St Helens and Warrington Oddfellows, for Enriching Lives Socially

Julie said: “Being a Social Organiser is really hard work sometimes, but it's very rewarding. Seeing people, especially people on their own, some of whom don't have family or friends close by, really enjoying themselves and laughing so much they have tears rolling down their faces, makes it all worthwhile. We're there for each other, one big family. I think the pandemic highlighted this more than anything.”



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

Shirley Walton, from South East Lancashire Oddfellows, for Giving Something Back

Shirley said: “We can all give something back, even if it's just a kind word or a smile. In the Oddfellows, we all give back, through care and welfare, running events and making sure people get together. But we receive so much just by being a member. We are what we say, a friendly society run by members for members.”



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

Sylvia Alcorn, from Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows, for Giving a Helping Hand

Sylvia said: "It's just nice to be a friend to someone. Even if they have family, they can have a completely different conversation with me and I just love it. They're so pleased to see you when you come through the door."



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

Doug and Phyllis Austin, from Leeds Oddfellows, for Achieving Together

Husband and wife, Doug and Phyllis Austin, were awarded the Society's inaugural Making a Difference Award for 'Achieving Together'

in recognition of the kindness they have shown to fellow Leeds members over more than 30 years.

We are saddened to share that Doug died in March this year aged 93. Phyllis was also unable to attend the ceremony in Scarborough due to ill health. Their daughter, Pat Perkins, and her husband Noel, attended the awards ceremony at the Oddfellows' annual conference to accept her parents' awards on their behalf.



Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our Society is full of members like this who have a natural drive to do good and the Oddfellows simply wouldn't be the same without them. Our winners fully deserve this recognition."

Know a member who goes above and beyond at your local Branch? Nominate now for the 2023 awards.

Download a member nomination form from oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your local Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The new recipient of our UK medical research fund, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, was agreed at this year's annual conference.



From 2022 to 2024, we're supporting the Centre for Cancer Immunology based at the University of Southampton. £100,000 in funding has been granted to enable the Centre's study of a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

The ultimate goal is to create a vaccine that could fundamentally change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head, neck oesophageal and bladder cancers. The research is led by Dr Tim Fenton and Professor Edd James who will also be supervising a full-time PHD student funded by the Oddfellows.



We look forward to hearing how the Centre's research is progressing and sharing some insights with you when the Board makes its first visit later in the year.

Find out more about how the Oddfellows gives back at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/

Meetings

Ceremonial Meetings (King William the Fourth Lodge)

The Oddfellows have a long and rich history stretching back more than 200 years and in line with other guild and fraternal organisations of a similar age, we have certain traditions, ceremonies, titles and regalia that have been used over the years. In the modern Oddfellows there is no need for any member to take part in any of the Ceremonial side of the Society but it does give a fascinating insight into the history of the Oddfellows and Guilds in general.

Our King William the Fourth Lodge is our living embodiment; keeping the history and traditions alive. It is where new members can be formally welcomed to the Oddfellows (if they wish) and people wishing to stand for an officers position in the society can complete their Oddfellows education, in the form of what we call Oddfellows Degrees.

Our regalia is used, as are traditional terms and room layouts. Why not come along and find out more about what Oddfellowship is about, and for members, it is the opportunity to practice and to keep up to date on the running of a traditional and ceremonial meeting.

These meetings are for members only (although members of any Oddfellows Branch are welcome to join us).

District Meetings

We regularly hold meetings in your area and all members and prospective members are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is to share and discuss the business of the District, including finance, social planning, care and welfare, publicity and promotion. This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Sheila Kendall for further details on ceremonial meetings or District meeting dates Telephone: 0161 773 3138.

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Oddfellows House Bury, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH

Annual Summoned Meeting (AGM)

Meeting start at 1.30pm.

Events at a glance

Weekly Events

Games Night - Every Monday at 7pm - Online

Craft and Coffee Morning - Every Monday at 10.30am

Bury Thursday Friends - Every Thursday at 12 noon

Weekly Quiz Night - Every Thursday at 7pm - Online

Coffee Morning - Every Wednesday and Friday at 11am

October 2022

Wed 12	Blackpool Illuminations	4pm
Fri 14	Bury Dine Around	12 noon
Tues 18	Third Tuesday Social Event - Beetle Drive	7.30pm
Thurs 20	Wigan Dine Around - The Gerrard Arms (Aspull)	12 noon
Tues 25	Dine Around - Old Mother Redcap, Blackburn	12.30pm
Sat 29	Half Yearly Annual Summoned Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 31	Leisurely Scenic Walk, Manchester M25 Surrounding Area	11am
Mon 31	Elf the Stage Show	7.30pm

November

Tues 1	Ten Pin Bowling	11.30am
Tues 1	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 8	Blackburn Social Club - Talk about an Alaskan Cruise	12 noon
Fri 11	Bury Dine Around	12 noon
Tues 15	Third Tuesday Social Event - Festive Crafts	7.30pm
Thurs 17	Wigan Dine Around - The Wheel Restaurant, Wigan	12 noon
Tues 22	Dine Around - Scholars Restaurant, Blackburn	12 noon
Mon 28	Leisurely Scenic Walk, Manchester M25 Surrounding Area	11am

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December

Thurs 1	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 6	Ten Pin Bowling	11.30am
Tues 6	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Tues 13	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Wed 14	Christmas Lunch	12 noon
Thurs 15	Wigan Dine Around - Summat to Ate (Hindley)	12 noon
Mon 26	Leisurely Scenic Walk, Manchester M25 Surrounding Area	11am

January 2023

Tues 3	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 10	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Fri 13	Bury Dine Around	12 noon
Tues 17	Third Tuesday Social Event - Hot Pot Supper	7.30pm
Thurs 19	Wigan Dine Around - The Royal Oak (Westhoughton)	12 noon
Tues 24	Dine Around - The Willows, Blackburn	12 noon
Mon 30	Leisurely Scenic Walk, Manchester M25 Surrounding Area	11am

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February

Thurs 2	Wigan Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 7	Ten Pin Bowling	11.30am
Tues 7	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Tues 14	Blackburn Social Club - Talk about Traveling South America	12 noon
Thurs 16	Wigan Dine Around - The White Crow (Worthington)	12 noon
Fri 17	Bury Dine Around	12 noon
Tues 21	Dine Around - The Old Chapel, Darwen	12 noon
Tues 21	Bury Third Tuesday Social Event - Valentine Theme	7.30pm

March

Tues 7	Ten Pin Bowling	11.30am
Tues 14	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 21	Dine Around - The Swan Royal, Clitheroe	12 noon