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We hope you can join us for our various social events

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

We would like to send a big warm welcome to all our new members who have joined us since the last diary, Joan Anders, Susan Ashall, Viv Bennett, Liz Bray, Anne Clare, Gaynor Culshaw, Janet Dwyer, Susan Henegan, Helen Hill, Joan Jones, Carole Lacey, Pat Marsden, Lynda Owen, Christine Owens, and Mary Scott. We would also like to welcome Alan, Audi and David Troilett and Jayne and Holly Hunter who have all transferred from Cleveland and Durham Branch.

Please Note

This year we will see us finally return to some sort of normality with the return of our day trips. At present we have a reduced itinerary because of the uncertainty and unfortunately like many other things the costs have increased.

Where possible, when 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.

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.

Office

Can all members please remember that we no longer own the building in North Road, we moved out late 2019 and sold the property in early 2020.

All postal correspondence should be sent to:

**Lynn Steward
25a Bleak Hill Road
St Helens
WA10 4RP**

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Branch Contacts

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

For further details or if you would like to attend any of the meetings, please contact Lynn Steward, District Secretary.

Social Organiser: Julie Webster

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Please ring between the hours of 9am and 8pm.

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Care and Welfare Officer

Margaret Harrison Ingham

Telephone: 07927 731016

Home: 01744 739561

Please ring between the hours of 9am and 8pm.

Contact Details

If anyone who does not receive updates and reminders by email about our events, but would like to start receiving them, please pass on your email address or send an email to Julie – julie.webster@oddfellows.co.uk. Anyone who doesn't have email but would like to receive text messages please speak to Julie about this.

Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

Refer a friend today

To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or 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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Regular Events

Tuesday Drop In

Tuesday



1.30pm



Members £2.50

Guests £3

Join us in the upstairs Gallery Room at the URC for our Tuesday Social. 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. Help yourself to tea or coffee, biscuits or cakes. URC (upstairs Gallery Room), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.



10 May

17 May

24 May

7 June

14 June

21 June

5 July

12 July

19 July

9 August

16 August

23 August

6 September

20 September

4 October

11 October

18 October

New to the Oddfellows?

Join us at one of our new member welcome events

Weds 16 March, 7pm

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Tues 12 July, 7pm

Weds 13 July, 1.30pm

Tues 18 October, 7pm

Weds 19 October, 1.30pm



For further information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome

May

TUES **03** **Branch Meeting** **followed by Tuesday** **Drop In**

 1.30pm


 Free



Come along and be updated with all the latest information regarding the Oddfellows at both local and national level at our new look Branch Meeting. This is also your chance to see how the Branch is run and share your views, remember we are run by our members for our members. Following the meeting we will have refreshments and the normal Tuesday Drop In event for those who wish to stay. URC (upstairs Gallery Room), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

THURS **12** **Coffee Morning** **at The Hotties**

 10.30am

 As per menu



The canal side Hotties Café within The World of Glass Museum provides a wonderful setting for our coffee morning in St Helens. There is also a gift shop and gallery showcasing original pieces, including ceramics and glassware as well as regular exhibitions which are all free to enter. The World of Glass, Chalon Way East, St Helens WA10 1BX. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.



MON **30** **Trentham Estate**

 9am

 Members £20
Coach only,
Guests £23
Coach only



We are having a day trip to the Trentham Estate. With over 77 shops, cafés and restaurants you can indulge yourself in the shopping village, or visit the massive garden centre with its impressive range of products. If anyone is interested in visiting the gardens, we can arrange a group visit (approximately £10), which would reduce the cost of entry if pre-booked. Please speak to Julie if you are interested. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place and final balance must be paid by Wednesday 18 May. Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8JG. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

May

TUES 31 Warrington Coffee Morning



Rhode Island Coffee situated just outside the Golden Square Shopping Centre is our venue in Warrington for our monthly coffee morning. Everyone is welcome to come and join us upstairs in the Latte Lounge for a good old chat. Rhode Island Coffee, 23-25 Market Place, Golden Square, Warrington WA1 1QB. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

June



THURS 23 Coffee Morning at The Hotties



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MON 27 Jubilee Party



Get your red, white and blue party clothes on and let's all get together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum



Jubilee with a party at The Unison Club. We will have a Rick's buffet, music and dancing, party games and a raffle for this year's Chairman's chosen charity. All tickets must be paid for by Tuesday 21 June. The Unison Club, Bishop Road, St Helens WA10 6SX. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

TUES 28 Warrington Coffee Morning



Rhode Island Coffee situated just outside the Golden Square Shopping Centre is our venue in Warrington for our monthly coffee morning. Everyone is welcome to come and join us upstairs in the Latte Lounge for a good old chat. Rhode Island Coffee, 23-25 Market Place, Golden Square, Warrington WA1 1QB. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

SAT
09

LADGC Bowling



10am



£10 per bowler,
£7 spectator
(includes lunch)



Once again this year's LADGC Bowling Competition is being held at Garswood Hall Bowling Club, after last years success we are hoping to once again go along to support members in this annual competition. Lunch is included in the ticket price with a pay bar available for those who wish to purchase a beverage or two. There will also be a raffle in aid of the President's charity for this year 'The British Heart Foundation'. For more information please speak to Julie. Book by Tuesday 28 June. Garswood Hall Bowling Club, Nicol Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield WN4 8LU. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

THURS
21

Coffee Morning at The Hotties



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
26

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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July

THURS
28

Piece Hall



9am



Members £30,
Children £20,
Guests £33



Dating from 1779, Piece Hall was built as a Cloth Hall for the trading of 'pieces of cloth', it now stands in splendid isolation as one of Britain's most outstanding Georgian buildings. From its inception Piece Hall was a stunning combination of commerce and culture, today Piece Hall hosts a mix of business, arts, independent shops and cafés. We will have tea or coffee on arrival, then have a guided tour (approximately one hour) around the grand colonnades and delve into Piece Hall's past. After the tour, we will have free time to explore the area. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place and final balance must be paid by Thursday 23 June. The Piece Hall, Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

August

SAT
13

Oddfellows Brass



2pm



Members £8,
Guests £10



We are fortunate to have secured the services of the fabulous Oddfellows Brass Band. Based in Leicester, the band play across the length and breadth of Britain, including an appearance at London's Royal Albert Hall and have also undertaken several international tours. Come and enjoy a first class performance as the band entertain us with their varied repertoire in the Reflections Suite inside The World of Glass Museum. Book by Tuesday 9 August. Reflections Suite, Chalon way East, St Helens WA10 1BX. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

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.

August

THURS
18

A Trip to the Seaside



9am



Members £24,
Children £12,



Morecambe has some of the finest views from any promenade in England, with it's sweeping coastline looking across to the Lakeland Mountains. Enjoy a day at leisure, stroll down the promenade to the famous Eric Morecambe statue, visit Happy Mount Park, do a spot of shopping in the many independent stores or Festival Market or enjoy an afternoon tea at the iconic Midland Hotel, the choice is yours.

A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place and final balance must be paid by Tuesday 16 August. Morecambe, Marine Road LA4 4BU. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.



THURS
25

Coffee Morning at The Hotties



10.30am



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TUES
30

Warrington Coffee Morning



10.30am



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September - Friendship Month

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
01

Waterways Museum and Cheshire Oaks



9am



Members £27,
Children £15,
Guests £30



After a two year wait we are (hopefully), finally, getting to visit the Waterways Museum. Sitting where the Shropshire Union Canal meets the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey is the National Waterways Museum. We will have morning coffee when we arrive followed by a guided tour lasting approximately 45 minutes. We then have free time to explore the site, including the oldest row of cottages in Ellesmere port. We will then take a short journey to Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet, where you can browse over 140 stores or visit the many restaurants and cafés. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place and final balance must be paid by Thursday 25 August please. National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port, S Pier Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 4FW. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

FRI
09

Friendship Month Lunch



12.15pm



As per menu



Everyone is encouraged to come along, make new friends and join us to celebrate this year's Friendship Month with a lunch at The Hotties Café inside The World of Glass. This is a great opportunity to see what the Oddfellows are all about and what we get up to with our social events. Whether you fancy a sandwich, a bowl of soup or a slice of cake, the choice is yours but good company will be guaranteed. The Hotties café, World of Glass, Chalon Way East, St Helens WA10 1BX. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.



TUES
13

Half Yearly Summoned Meeting



1.30pm



Free



Join us for our Half Yearly Summoned Meeting to keep up to date on all Branch matters. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. URC (upstairs Gallery Room), Ormskirk Street, St Helens WA10 2JZ. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

September

THURS 15 **Friendship Month Coffee Morning at The Hotties**

 10.30am

 As per menu



There is no better time to come along and join us for a coffee than Friendship



Month, we meet at the canal side The Hotties Café within The World of Glass Museum, which provides a wonderful setting for our coffee morning in St Helens. There is also a gift shop and gallery showcasing original pieces including ceramics and glassware as well as regular exhibitions which are all free to enter. The World of Glass, Chalon Way East, St Helens WA10 1BX. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.

TUES 27 **Warrington Coffee Morning**

 10.30am

 As per menu



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October

THURS 13 **Coffee Morning at The Hotties**

 10.30am

 As per menu



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TUES 25 **Warrington Coffee Morning**

 10.30am

 As per menu



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Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

October

WED
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Bury Market



9.15am



Members £16,
Children £8, Guests £19



Located next door to the Mill Gate Shopping Centre, Bury Market is a huge traditional market in a modern setting. It is a unique shopping experience and a great day out, the biggest and best market in the North West which has won many awards over the years. The ambience and layout offers visitors the opportunity to seek out and visit every stall, with the range of products second to none. A £5 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place and final balance must be paid by Tuesday 18 October. Bury Market BL9 0BJ. Contact Julie on 01744 895536.



Why not become an Oddfellows pen pal friend?

With so many of us staying safe in our homes, how would you like to write a letter to another member and become a Penfellow? If the answer is yes, get in touch.

For further information see contact details on page 3

Get away with the Oddfellows



London Theatre Break

Friday 17 June 2022
(2 nights)

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

£245 per person[†] includes
breakfast and theatre ticket
to see **Wicked**, at the Victoria
Apollo Theatre.

[†]Based on 2 people sharing



Look what's coming up in 2022:

- **Oddfellows Summer Holiday: Warner's Nidd Hall Hotel:**
N Yorkshire from £351 per person. 4 July (4 nights).
- **Scenic Norwegian Fjords:**
Cruise from £1,149 per person. Departs 12 August (7 nights).
- **Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills Discovery Tour:**
From £655 per person. 19 September (4 nights).

Prices correct at time of printing – 25 February 2022

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

Friendship Month 2021

On 17th September the St Helens and Warrington Branch of the Oddfellows held their Friendship Month event at the World of Glass Museum. It was a chance to meet in a larger group, the first opportunity since government Covid restrictions were eased. More than 40 people had expressed an interest in attending with a few more turning up on the day to swell the numbers to more than 60!



We certainly filled the café and supported a local business as we enjoyed a cuppa with our lunches and caught up with old friends and new.

A raffle on the day raised a further £96 for the Chrysalis Centre, our nominated charity of the year.

The event provided an opportunity for members and friends to say 'Thank You' to our Social Organiser Julie for all that she did during the time of Covid restrictions to offer friendship and keep in touch with Oddfellows members and prospective members.



Julie regularly emailed, texted, made and responded to phone calls, held Zoom sessions and made coffee meet ups when possible whilst observing government guidelines. Julie has been superb in her role as Social Organiser, going above and beyond and especially considering she had not been well herself and is still recovering.

We are fortunate to have Julie as our Branch Social Organiser and look forward to seeing what she has in store for us as things get back to normal such as the Christmas Party and the panto...oh no she hasn't! oh yes, she has!

Maureen Price

Charity

Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity, The Chrysalis Centre for Change. At the time of going to press the total was not finalised but we did raise another £249 with the Christmas Hamper Draw which was held at the Christmas Lunch Party. Congratulations to Mary Egan who won first prize.



Knitting projects

Our ongoing knitting projects for Warrington and Halton Hospital Charity are still being well supported. We have taken many deliveries over the year with HAL puppets, baby blankets, hats, cardigans, cannula covers, teddy's and various other toys, all our items are always gratefully received. If anyone has any oddments of wool they don't need and would like to donate to our knitters or if you would like any patterns or wool to make any items please speak to Julie.



Remembrance Day

The Branch would like to say a big thank you to Mary Egan who very kindly made our wreath for the Remembrance Day Service held in St Helens.

Mary along with some other members represented our Branch and the Oddfellows at the service, with Mary laying her knitted poppy wreath at the cenotaph.



Fun at our events



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.

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 Margaret on **01744 739561** or **07927 731016** or email **margaret.harrison-ingham@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**

A message from Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows CEO

Dear friends

For me, two things really stood out in 2021 – how resilient everyone has been, and how well we’ve adapted to so much change.

It’s been a tough 12 months on top of a previous tough nine months, and who knows how many more? However, as Oddfellows, you’ve looked out for one another, stayed open to doing things differently, and it’s getting us through. Your actions have made an amazing difference to so many of our members’ lives.

Gratitude

I want to thank you all for everything you have done. When speaking with our members and volunteers, and working alongside our Branches and staff in Manchester and Liverpool, I have felt immense pride – about our Society, everyone involved, and in Oddfellowship. By working together, we’ve shown that Oddfellows do what we say we do, no matter what challenges are thrown at us.

“Being there for our members continues to be our priority.”



At the start of 2021, we had hoped that by the end of the year things would feel a little brighter. We’ve made huge strides in our understanding of Covid, but the landscape is still very unpredictable. And when faced with uncertainty over a sustained period, it can make us feel overwhelmed and anxious.

One thing I’ve been doing to try and manage these feelings is to focus on what I can control, and acknowledging what I cannot. It’s not always easy, but it really has helped. Sitting with your thoughts or worries and working out what you can influence is time well spent. You can then identify the bits you can take action to change, which puts you in a more positive frame of mind. Covid is here to stay and the challenge for us all now is learning to live alongside it.

If you’ve needed support from us, I hope we’ve been able to help you where we can. Being there for our members continues to be our priority.

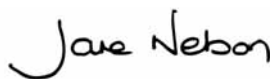
Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

We sadly lost many people we cared about in 2021. To those that passed, we will always remember you. Our condolences go out to family and friends, and rest assured they'll always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

We are having to cope with higher levels of uncertainty and worry at the moment, so we must make sure we rest well, smile as often as we can and be kind to ourselves and others. These are all totally within our control.

On behalf of the Society and my family, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe and well. Yours always in friendship



Jane Nelson
CEO, the Oddfellows

Lupus research team skills up for the future

In November we visited Guy's Hospital to see members of the Lupus Trust research team who have been the recipients of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund since 2019. Lockdown had the unintended consequence of sending the research in a new direction.

The restrictions meant they had to abandon the laboratory to work from home but this gave them time to focus on learning how to analyse big data, a skill that will benefit the research well into the future.

Pictured is the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Ogden handing over a cheque of £29,000



to Professor Jo Spencer and PHD student Bekki Velounias.

The donation marks the final instalment of a major three-year funding partnership, which totalled £85,000.

Oddfellows Travel – travel with confidence and in great company in 2022

We can't wait to get members and guests together for an exciting range of holidays in 2022. There's such a selection, something is sure to float your boat. Here's what's on offer...

London Theatre Weekend

17–19 June 2022

(2 nights. Bed and breakfast)

£245 per person



For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

We kick off the season with a trip to London to enjoy restaurants, shopping and musical theatre. We couldn't get closer to the buzzing West End than the 3* St Giles Hotel, located just yards from Oxford Street and Leicester Square. Join us for welcome drinks on Friday with our host, member Debra Haley. On Saturday, we head to the Victoria Apollo Theatre to see highly acclaimed musical, **Wicked**. On Sunday, we will make the most of the location with a shopping trip, ending our weekend with lunch before the journey home.

An unforgettable cruise exploring Norway and the Arctic Circle

22 June–7 July 2022

(15 nights. Full board)

From £2,899 per person

All aboard the Fred. Olsen cruise ship Balmoral on this exploration of Norway's northernmost reaches – an unforgettable journey of a lifetime. Setting off from Newcastle, join Oddfellows host Wendy Atkins as we journey to the Arctic Circle to the famous island of Spitsbergen, just 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. We will experience the remote beauty and eerie silence of distant towns situated in the stunning Arctic landscape. Our magical journey continues to the Norwegian mainland, to the 'top of Europe', the North Cape plateau and Tromsø, taking in stunning sights of lakes, mountains and glaciers on a journey that's unforgettable.



For more information, contact host Wendy Atkins at wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk or call 01437 251 867

Oddfellows Summer Holiday 4–8 July 2022

(4 nights. Half board)

Warner Leisure Hotel's Nidd Hall, Harrogate. From £351 per person for a Standard room or £381 per person for a Signature room

Treat yourself to a break in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in the Yorkshire countryside on our annual hosted summer getaway. Oddfellows Travel summer holidays are legendary and this year promises to be no exception. Set in 45 acres of award-winning gardens in the North Yorkshire countryside, we will be staying at Nidd Hall Hotel – where rumour has it Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party.

For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

Unwind with friends

The group holiday, which will be hosted by David Ogden, our Grand Master, is open to any members and their guests from across the UK. Together we'll be enjoying drinks, mouth-watering meals and superb live evening entertainment. You'll be free to choose how to spend your day – exploring the stunning location, sharing a game of bowls in the glorious gardens or relaxing in the swimming pool and spa. There's a host of activities to entertain you. Join us – bring a friend – and enjoy this beautiful 18th century mansion near Harrogate.



The spectacular grounds at Nidd Hall, Harrogate

At a glance

May 2022

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Tues 17	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 24	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Mon 30	Trentham Estate	9am
Tues 31	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

June

Tues 7	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 14	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 21	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 23	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Mon 27	Jubilee Party	12.30pm
Tues 28	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

July

Tues 5	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Sat 9	LADGC Bowling	10am
Tues 12	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 19	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 21	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 26	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 28	Piece Hall	9am

August

Tues 9	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Sat 13	Oddfellows Brass	2pm
Tues 16	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 18	A Trip to the Seaside	9am
Tues 23	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 30	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

At a glance

September - Friendship Month

Thurs 1	Waterways Museum and Cheshire Oaks	9am
Tues 6	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Fri 9	Friendship Month Lunch	12.15pm
Tues 13	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 15	Friendship Month Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 20	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 27	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am

October

Tues 4	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 11	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Thurs 13	Coffee Morning at The Hotties	10.30am
Tues 18	Tuesday Drop In	1.30pm
Tues 25	Warrington Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 26	Bury Market	9.15am

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