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ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Friendly Bowling Tournament and Lunch – Wednesday 10 September

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

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Oddfellows: A Friendly Society with Social Activities and More

Oddfellows is a vibrant community offering a wide range of social activities and benefits. Whether you're looking for fun, learning, or making new friends, there's always something happening!

Bury

There's something for everyone in Bury - whether you love games, social outings, day trips or simply enjoying a good chat! A variety of meet ups weekly and monthly, we offer a variety of events to suit all interests

Blackburn

In Blackburn, we meet monthly for a light lunch, followed by: Visits from guest speakers and charities, sharing interesting insights. Fun social games such as beetle drive, bingo and quizzes. An opportunity to learn and make new connections while having fun. Our focus is on meeting for a catch-up, building friendships, and creating a welcoming community for all.

Wigan

Wigan members enjoy regular monthly meet-ups, which include: A relaxed catch-up over coffee and biscuits, followed by a light lunch and, of course, cake (always cake!) Monthly dining outings where we explore new places to eat around the area.

Occasional walks and day trips - we regularly use public transport to discover new locations and enjoy time out together. It's a fantastic way to enjoy good food, great company, and the chance to explore nearby places.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

We believe in the power of teamwork, and that's why we rely on volunteers to help run and support our events. Our volunteers are fully supported by the team, and we're always looking for people who would like to get involved. Whether you can help occasionally or support regularly, your involvement makes a difference!

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Weekly Events

Craft & Coffee Morning, Bury

Every
Monday



10.30am



Members £2
Guests £3



A two hour session where we have a chat over tea or coffee and cakes whilst painting, crafting or reading a paper. 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. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



Coffee Morning Meet Up, Bury

Every Wednesday
and Friday



11am



As per menu



Members meet at this popular local café weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11am each week to enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Why not come along and join us, everyone is given a warm welcome. Coffee Creations, Millgate Shopping Centre, 2 Union Arcade, Bury BL9 0QF. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



Thursday Friends, Bury

Every
Thursday



12 noon



See below



The Thursday Friends meet every Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm. Bring some lunch and enjoy a bite to eat together whilst chatting and laughing with each other and then finish the afternoon with a few games of Dominoes. The first meeting is free and costs £1 per week with an optional £2 extra on the day. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

Weekly Events

Friday Social Afternoon



1pm



Members £1, Guests £2



Every
Friday

A weekly social group meet up for friendly chat and banter with some social games of cards and dominoes. Refreshments included. Walshaw Sports Club, Sycamore Road, Tottington BL8 3EG. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

Monthly Events

Walk Around



11am



Free



First
Monday

Come for a nice walk around various locations. The walking group meet on the first Monday of every month and walks are less than four miles. Some walks may not be suitable for anyone who has a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Book seven days in advance. Various locations. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

7 April
5 May

2 June
7 July

4 August
1 September

Line Dancing, Bury



7.30pm



Members £4, Guests £5



First
Tuesday

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.

1 April
6 May

3 June
1 July

5 August
2 September

Monthly Events

Social Club, Blackburn



12 noon



Members £5
Guests £6



Second
Tuesday

Join us for a friendly afternoon with our speaker or games in good company. Buffet lunch and refreshments included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon until 2pm. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

8 April
13 May

10 June
8 July

12 August
9 September

Dine Around, Blackburn



12 noon



As per
menu



Fourth
Tuesday

Why not join us for a trip out to a charming country pub? There are some delicious meal options and special offers. Various restaurants, see main diary for details. Book seven days in advance. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.

22 April
27 May

24 June
22 July

26 August
23 September

Scrabble Club, Bury



1pm



Members £2
Guests £3



First and Third
Tuesday

Do you enjoy a game of Scrabble or would like to try it out? We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month to play a game of Scrabble. Everyone welcome to join in, even if you have never played before! Your first visit is free. Refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Karen on 07564 641909 and Glynis on 07426 599967.

1 April
15 April
6 May
20 May

3 June
17 June
1 July
15 July

5 August
19 August
2 September
16 September

Monthly Events

Dine Around, Bury



Second
Tuesday

A chance to catch up with old friends and new at local restaurants 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. Various restaurants, see main diary for details. Contact Vera on 07887 61774. Book five days in advance.

8 April
13 May

10 June
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12 August
9 September

Social & Coffee Morning, Wigan



First
Thursday

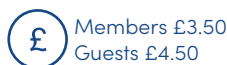
Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our monthly social coffee morning. Held on the first Thursday of the month, friends come together for friendly chatter and laughs over a cuppa and a biscuit. Adjacent to bus station and close to railway station. Limited parking by permit. Easily accessible for all. Wigan Stars, Hallgate House, Frank Street, Wigan WN1 1HP. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

3 April
1 May

5 June
3 July

7 August
4 September

Social Lunch, Wigan



First
Thursday

Our monthly coffee morning are followed by a light lunch and a social game of dominoes or cards etc. We occasionally have guest speakers/demonstrations too. We invite you to come along and get involved. Wigan Stars, Hallgate House, Frank Street, Wigan WN1 1HP. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

3 April
1 May

5 June
3 July

7 August
4 September

April 2025

SAT 05 Annual District Dinner



6pm



£27



All are welcome to join us for our annual celebration in honour of our new District Chairman, Robert Peters. Following a delicious formal dinner, there will be customary toasts, speeches and presentations to the representative of The Alzheimer's Society. After the formalities, there will be music, dancing and a fabulous raffle to raise funds for Robert's chosen charity 'Jigsaw'. Dress to impress. Advance booking is essential for this event by Friday 28 March. The Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury BL9 0LY. Contact Chris on 07711 376280.

TUES 08 Dine Around - Cosalea, Walshaw



1pm



As per menu



Join us for a journey to the local favourite. Lots of choice on the menu and great company. Book by Tuesday 1 April. Cosalea, Ground Floor, Walshaw Unit 2, Bolholt Industrial Park, Walshaw Road, Bury BL8 1PY. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



MON 07 Leisurely Scenic Walk, Astley Park, Chorley



11am



Free



The park stretches out over 43.75 hectares and offers families, friends, the young and the old a great day out. As you walk from one side to the other, you will find several walkways that lead you to beautiful woodlands where you can stumble amongst the summer flowers. The walking group meet on the first Monday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walkers with mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or who are seriously unfit should contact the walk organisers. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Book by Monday 31 March. Astley Park Gates, Park Road, Chorley PR7 1QS. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



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April 2025

FRI
11

Foodie Friday - The Curious Fox, Skipton



1pm



As per menu



Are you feeling adventurous? Every second Friday, we enjoy travelling across the county and beyond to explore new places to eat and drink. We car share wherever possible and encourage new people to come and join in. This month we are heading to The Curious Fox in Skipton. Feed your curiosity with traditional Yorkshire dishes and unique selections from around the world. Unique Bar and Restaurant situated in Skipton Book by Friday 4 April. Curious Fox, Chapel Hill, Skipton BD23 1NL. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



TUES
22

Dine Around - The Grey Mare, Belthorn



12 noon



As per menu



Enjoy a great range of pub classics and homemade dishes as this month we take a trip to this traditional country, award-winning pub, offering a relaxed atmosphere and warm welcome. The Grey Mare is one of the highest pubs in England, situated on the moors of Lancashire so you can enjoy some spectacular panoramic views, on clear days you can see as far as the Ribble Estuary, the coast and even Blackpool Tower. Book by Tuesday 15 April. Grey Mare Inn, Elton Road, Oswaldtwistle, Blackburn BB1 2PG. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.



THURS
17

Wigan Dine Around - The Owls, Standish



12 noon



As per menu



Set in five acres of grounds, an idyllic venue that offers both delicious dining in the restaurant and a chance to unwind in the stylish Orchard Bar or on the outdoor terrace situated within the orchard ground. Book by Wednesday 10 April. The Owls Restaurant, Rectory Lane, Standish WN6 0XD. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



MON
05

Walk Around Fairhaven Lake

L 11am

£ Free



Easy flat walking on good paths. Fairhaven Lake and Gardens covers an area of 19.5 hectares. It is situated halfway between Lytham and St Annes in Fylde, Lancashire and runs adjacent to the Ribble Estuary

The walking group meet on the first Monday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walkers with mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or who are seriously unfit should contact the walk organisers. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

Usually meet at Blackburn Bus Station. Times sent out nearer the time. Book by Tuesday 29 April. Blackburn Bus and Coach Station, Blackburn BB1 5AX. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

FRI
09

Foodie Friday - The Rose N Bowl, Stacksteads

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Come and join us for lunch at this award winning restaurant and pub. The Rose N Bowl has a very varied food menu and a traditional carvery serving four separate meats carved in front of you. All food is cooked in house using fresh, local produce. You will not be going home hungry. Book by Friday 2 May. The Rose N Bowl, 264 Newchurch Road, Stacksteads, Rossendale OL13 0UG. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



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 and payments are non-refundable. We have the right to cancel any events.

MON
12

Manchester Museum - Culture Monday



11am



Free



A firm favourite among our members. Manchester Museum opens its doors for a special tour in this age friendly Culture Monday. As the museum is not open to the public on Mondays, this is a unique opportunity to enjoy the galleries at a quiet time and to get closer to the many collections, guided by members of the Visitor Team and our wonderful volunteers. After the tour, we are invited to a lunchtime concert where University of Manchester music students will present a beautiful medley of praise and worship songs from the Nigerian gospel music tradition, singing in English, Nigerian Pidgin English, Yoruba and Igbo.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. The museum tour will take place 11am to 12.30pm, there will be a lunch break 12.30pm to 1pm and we'll enjoy the concert at the Martin Harris Centre 1.10pm to 2pm. Tickets are limited and must be booked in advance. Book by Monday 5 May. Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



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TUES
13

Dine Around - Falshaws Farm, Bury



1pm



As per
menu



Join us for a tasty lunch in this lovely tea rooms. Wander round the garden centre and take in the many craft and art pieces. A lovely afternoon out. Book by Tuesday 6 May. Falshaws Farm, Nabbs Farm, Rowlands Road, Bury BL9 5LJ. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



May

THURS
15

Wigan Dine Around - Golden Days Garden Centre



12 noon



As per
menu



Based in the pretty village of Appley Bridge, our garden centre offers the best in outdoor and indoor plants, fertilisers, gardening tools, garden furniture and BBQs. There's also fine clothing from Edinburgh Woollen Mill and Mountain Warehouse, arts and crafts and aquatics. Book by Thursday 8 May. Golden Days Garden Centre, 181 Back Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan WN6 8RS. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



TUES
27

Dine Around - Traders Mellor



12 noon



As per
menu



Come and join us for a tasty lunch. We use local transport to travel to the village of Mellor, in-between Preston and Blackburn, The Traders Arms is well-known for its wonderful views. All food is all homemade and ingredients are locally sourced wherever possible. The menu offers choice for all, making us the perfect place to eat with family or friends. Book by Tuesday 20 May. Traders Arms, Mellor, Mellor Lane, Blackburn BB2 7EW. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.



TUES
20

Biking in Witton Park



12.30pm



Free



A member suggestion, we are off to try out a biking session in Witton Park. Why not come and join us for this new event? We will have a picnic lunch in the park before the biking session and then the Falls Prevention team will be presenting to us about avoiding falls when on our feet! Book by Tuesday 13 May. Witton Country Park, Blackburn BB2 2TP. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



June

MON
02

Blackburn Walking Group - Avenham Park, Preston



11am



Free



A nice walk along the banks of the Ribble to this lovely park. Café in the park for those who want it with toilet stop. Then through the park coming out in Preston City centre to catch the bus back home. The Walking group meet on the first Tuesday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walks are not suitable for anyone who has a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Book by Monday 26 May. McDonalds, The Capitol Centre Retail Park, Preston PR5 4AW. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

TUES
10

Dine Around - Racconto Lounge, Bury



12.30pm



As per menu



Situated on The Rock, Racconto Lounge offers an exciting menu in a relaxed environment. Join us and take in some of the artwork which dons the walls as you sample some of the menu. Book by Tuesday 3 June. Racconto Lounge, 4 Clerke Street, Bury BL9 0PN. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

FRI
13

Foodie Friday - The Buck, Paythorne



1pm



As per menu



Are you feeling adventurous? Every second Friday, we enjoy travelling across the county and beyond to explore new places to eat and drink. We can share wherever possible and encourage new people to come and join in. This month we are heading over to The Buck Country Pub in Paythorne, Clitheroe. The Buck Country Pub is a renowned spot for warm welcomes and exceptional service. Steeped in history, The Buck Country Pub is more than just a place to eat and drink; it's a part of the local heritage. As an inn that dates back to the 18th century, its walls tell stories of the past while continuing to welcome new visitors. The timeless appeal of this historic pub makes it a cherished landmark in the Ribble Valley. Book by Friday 6 June. The Buck Country Pub, Kiln Lane, Paythorne, Clitheroe BB7 4JD. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



June

THURS
19

Wigan Dine Around - La Mama, Standish

 12 noon

 As per menu



Everything you want and need from a fantastic Italian restaurant. La Mama Italian Restaurant is located in the heart of Standish, Wigan. Our fantastic, recently refurbished restaurant provides a culinary experience that is far beyond anywhere else in the area; it is the place to dine. Book by Thursday 12 June. La Mama, 19, High Street, Standish WN6 0HA. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



TUES
24

Blackburn Dine Around - Whelan's, Lytham

 12 noon

 As per menu



We are off for fish and chips to one of our favourite places to visit. Why not join us at this popular destination? Book by Tuesday 17 June. Whelans Fish & Chips, 26 Clifton Street, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire FY8 5EW. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.

THURS
26

Day Trip to Llandudno

 9.30am

 As per menu



We are heading for a day trip on the train to Llandudno. We're hoping the sun will shine and the seagulls stay away from our fish and chips! Come and join us for a stroll along the prom and a trip up the Orme. Everyone is welcome. Book by Thursday 19 June. Llandudno, Llandudno LL30 1QX. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

July

SAT
05

LADGC Bowls Day - Garswood Hall Bowling and Community Club

 10am

 £10



Come and join us for our annual day of Crown Green Bowling. A friendly tournament followed by a buffet lunch and a fully stocked bar. This place is famous for exceptionally good Gin and Tonics. Everyone is welcome, the venue is easily accessible for all and the day is always highly enjoyable. If you are attending by car and are happy to give a lift to another local member, please let us know when booking. Book by Friday 20 June. Garswood Hall Bowling and Community Club, 47 Nicol Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8LU. Contact Robert on 07905 524885.

MON
07

Walk Around River Calder at Whalley

L 11am

£ Free



This walk starts from Whalley bus station with walking on mostly good paths. Some walking on the riverside path next to the River Calder. Then a circular tour around and over the river near the railway arches and back pass the Abbey. Finally finishing at the Bus Station. About an hour. The walking group meets on the first Monday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walkers with mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or who are seriously unfit should contact the walk organisers. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Usually meet at Blackburn Bus Station. Times sent out nearer the time. Book by Monday 30 June. Blackburn Bus and Coach Station, Blackburn BB1 5AX. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

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TUES
08

Dine Around - Olive's Kitchen at The Fusilier Museum, Bury

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Join us for a sumptuous lunch inside this popular cafe situated in The Fusilier Museum. Everyone welcome. Book by Tuesday 1 July. The Fusilier Museum, Moss Street, Bury BL9 0DF. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.



FRI
11

Foodie Friday - The Hamers Arms, Summerseat

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Are you feeling adventurous? Every second Friday, we enjoy travelling across the county and beyond to explore new places to eat and drink. We car share wherever possible and encourage new people to come and join in. Set in the village of Summerseat, the Hamers Arms is both historic and iconic. It is a place that promotes a relaxed feel where people can come and relax with friends and family and enjoy the great food and drinks available. Book by Friday 4 July. Hamers Arms, 23 Higher Summerseat, Ramsbottom BL0 9UG. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

WED
16

Trip to RHS Bridgewater

11am

£ Admission prices vary



Join us for a look round these local gardens with its historic landscapes set in Salford. With the many garden areas to explore, you will see how heritage and world class horticulture make Bridgewater special. Book by Wednesday 9 July. RHS Bridgewater, Occupation Road, Off Leigh Road, Worsley M28 2LJ. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

TUES
22

Dine Around - Fernhurst, Blackburn

12 noon

£ As per menu



Why not join us at the Fernhurst for lunch? The more the merrier. Boasting generous portions of tasty pub-grub, come along and join us for a tasty lunch amongst friends. Book by Tuesday 15 July. The Fernhurst, 466 Bolton Road, Blackburn, Blackburn With Darwen BB2 4JP. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.



THURS
17

Wigan Dine Around - Forbes On The Lane, Wigan

12 noon

£ As per menu



Formerly a large private residence, this is just a short walk from the gates of Haigh Hall Country Park and just 1 mile from Wigan town centre. British food menu, tapas plates and drinks including large selections of wines, cocktails, gins and Two Real Ales. Book by Thursday 10 July. Forbes on the Lane, 236 Wigan Lane, Wigan WN1 2NT. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



August

MON
04

Walk through Blackburn Corporation Park



11am



Free



Corporation Park is a traditional Victorian park. It was landscaped by William Henderson and opened in 1857. Corporation Park is regarded as the main formal park in Blackburn and is used mainly by local people for general recreation, walking and dog walking, as well as for its tennis, bowling and football facilities. The walking group meet on the first Monday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walkers with mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or who are seriously unfit should contact the walk organisers. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Usually meet at Blackburn Bus Station. Times sent out nearer the time. Book by Monday 28 July. Blackburn Bus and Coach Station, Blackburn BB1 5AX. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

FRI
08

Foodie Friday - The Carding Shed, Holmfirth



12 noon



As per menu



An amazing destination for car enthusiasts. The food here is delicious and the unusual surroundings of classic and vintage car will have you reminiscing about the good old days in no time. The area of Holmfirth is famous as the setting of the soap opera *Last of The Summer Wine* and the scenery is just stunning. If you would like to come along and are happy to car-share, please let us know when booking. Book by Friday 25 July. The Carding Shed, Washpit Mills, Green Lane, Holmfirth HD9 2RD. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

TUES
12

Blackburn Social Club, Guest Speaker Brian Topping



12 noon



Members £5
Guests £6



Alongside our social lunch, today we welcome guest speaker Brian Topping to share his presentation 'A World of Mules and Minders part two of Tales of a Customs Officer'. Come along and join us to hear this interesting subject matter. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



August

TUES 12 Dine Around - Bradley Fold Garden Centre, Radcliffe



This lovely, stylish café serves a selection of hot and cold food and drinks. The cakes are simply delicious and baked in house daily. The Garden Centre also has lots of different departments if you like a good browse and maybe some inspiration for summer. So why not join us for good food and good company? Book by Tuesday 5 August. Bradley Fold Garden Centre, Radcliffe Moor Road, Bradley Fold, Bolton BL2 6RE. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Chris on 07711 376280.



THURS 21 Dine Around - The Boars Head, Standish



A firm favourite among our members, this cosy, friendly pub offers a warm welcome and good, home-cooked food. Just make sure you leave room for dessert! The Boars Head, Wigan Road, Standish WN6 0AD. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.

TUES 26 Dine Around - Ego at The Knowles Arms, Blackburn



Come along and enjoy a lunch with us and sample the freshly cooked Mediterranean food. This place offers excellent value and we offer great company, what more could you want? Book by Tuesday 19 August. Ego at The Knowles Arms, Pleckgate Road, Blackburn BB1 8QW. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.

WED 20 Tour of Unity Office, John Rylands Library and Lunch



Ever wondered what goes on at our headquarters in Manchester? Unity office sits in Oddfellows House, a Grade II Listed building on Deansgate in Manchester. Come and join us for the grand tour. Whilst there, we will explore the nearby John Rylands library and stop for a spot of lunch. Book by Wednesday 13 August. Unity Office, 184-186 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WB. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

September

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MON
01

Walk Around Preston Marina and River Ribble



Easy flat walking on good paths. Some walking on the riverside path next to the River Ribble. About an hour. For the many people who seem to google the distance around Preston docks it's 1.46 miles using the footpath which leads round the main basin, crossing on the main road/rail bridge! This walk is a little further. The walking group meet on the first Monday of every month until October and walks are less than four miles. Walkers with mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or who are seriously unfit should contact the walk organisers. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Usually meet at Blackburn Bus Station. Times sent out nearer the time. Book by Monday 25 August. Blackburn Bus and Coach Station, Blackburn BB1 5AX. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

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WED
03

Tour of Rochdale Town Hall



Rochdale Town Hall is a Victorian-era municipal building. It is widely recognised as being one of the finest municipal buildings in the country, and is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade I listed building. Undergoing a recent transformation, we will enjoy a guided tour and a lunch in the ever popular Martlet Kitchen. Advance booking is essential. As this is Friendship Month, we encourage you to invite a friend to join us for the day. Book by Wednesday 27 August. Rochdale Town Hall, The Esplanade, Rochdale OL16 1AZ, Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

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FRI
05

Friday Social Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



A Macmillan Coffee afternoon to raise some much needed funds for this fantastic cause. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.

September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES
09

Blackburn Social Club, Macmillan Coffee Morning



12 noon



Members £4
Guests £5



Join us today and bring a friend along to support us as we raise money for the fantastic Macmillan nurses. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

TUES
09

Dine Around - Park Farm, Bury



1pm



As per
menu



Come and enjoy a tasty lunch with this friendly group. Get in touch to book a place. Book by Tuesday 1 April. Park Farm Tea Rooms, Walmersley BL9 5NP. Contact Vera on 07887 617742.

FRI
12

Foodie Friday - The Black Bull, Edgworth



1pm



As per
menu



Are you feeling adventurous? Every second Friday, we enjoy travelling across the county and beyond to explore new places to eat and drink. We car share wherever possible and encourage new people to come and join in. This month we head to The Black Bull, which sits on the edge of the picturesque village of Edgworth in a pleasant rural location close to two reservoirs and the historic house known as Turton Tower. Book by Friday 5 September. The Black Bull, 167-169 Bolton Road, Bolton BL7 0AF. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



WED
10

Friendly Bowling Tournament and Lunch



1pm



£6



Join us for our annual Crown Green Bowls tournament! Whether you're a seasoned player or a complete beginner, come along for a fun-filled day on the green. Enjoy a friendly game, soak up the atmosphere, and embrace the spirit of camaraderie. Bring a friend or simply join us to meet new ones - everyone is welcome. Seedfield Bowling Club, Parkinson Street, Bury BL9 6NY. Contact Karen on 07564 641909.



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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
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Dine Around - Bag and Bean Coffee Shop, Billinge



12 noon



As per menu



Come along by yourself or bring a friend (it is Friendship Month after all) and sample the delights on offer at this amazing Coffee Shop. If you have never been, it is worth the trip. Bag and Bean, Love it Gallery, Wigan WN5 7XG. Contact Charles on 01942 259569.



SAT
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Half Yearly Summoned Meeting (AGM)



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 Annual Movable Conference (AMC).

All are welcome to attend, but only Members will be able to vote on matters affecting the District. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows House, 94, Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Karen on 07403 834284.

TUES
23

Dine Around - Ribchester Arms, Ribchester



12 noon



As per menu



Located in the historic village of Ribchester, this beautiful little pub/restaurant offers a great selection of classic pub food and some superb specials. Come and join us for a lovely lunch with lovely people.

Book by Tuesday 23 September. The Ribchester Arms, Blackburn Road, Ribchester, Lancashire PR3 3ZP.

Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.



Bring friendship to your front room



There are many reasons that might prevent you from being able to attend some of our events in person. A clash in the diary might mean something else takes priority, you might not be able to spare the cost this time, or perhaps you just want to stay close to home that day.

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions.

These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

What's coming up online

We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

On Tuesday 8 April 10am, Liver Health Awareness Talk with the British Liver Trust. Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 891 3103 9250 Passcode: 576521.

Tuesday 10 June 7pm, Food and Mood with Valentina Cartago (Registered Nutritionist). Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 862 5077 7538 Password: 616704.

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on events@oddfellows.co.uk, with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/events or ask me to send you a list by email.

Karen White, Secretary

New Provincial Grand Master for 2025/6, Robert Peters

It is both a privilege and an honour to represent you for the next year as your new Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) of the South East Lancashire District Branch.

I have a very difficult and challenging task to do in following Brian Kirkby as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman). Brian has worked tirelessly to raise money for Alzheimers.

During my year in office my chosen charity will be 'Jigsaw'; a local charity which helps young people with learning difficulties to enjoy sports and to get more out of life. So be prepared for some fundraising events which I hope you will

all be able to attend and bring your friends along as well.

It is also my intention to visit the many groups which comprise the South East Lancashire District Branch; the groups at Bury and the keen members in Blackburn and Wigan.

I look forward to seeing you - both old friends and hopefully lots of new ones at dinners, lunches, meetings and fund-raising events. For this is Oddfellowship - making friends and helping people.



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A Mystery Weekend to Remember

Members from Blackburn enjoyed a fantastic mystery weekend getaway together.

Joining others on a coach trip, we arrived in the charming town of Criccieth, North Wales. Our trip was filled with delicious food, refreshing drinks and plenty of good company with friends old and new. We enjoyed excursions to Llandudno, Pwllheli

and Caernarfon, taking in the stunning sights and sampling the local cuisine.

While the weather in November wasn't on our side, a little rain couldn't dampen our spirits or stop our adventures!

If you'd like to join us on our next mystery trip, we'd love to have you along for the journey!

New Secretary for South East Lancashire

We are excited to announce the appointment of Karen White as the new Secretary for SEL, following the retirement of Sheila Kendall.

Karen brings a wealth of experience, having spent many years in IT with the Civil Service. She has led numerous projects across both HM Government and multinational commercial businesses. After deciding to transition to a role with a lower profile, Karen chose the Prov CS position at SEL. Even in the unique environment of Oddfellow-land, Karen has quickly

discovered the many important responsibilities that come with the role as she settles in and gets her feet under the table.

Please join us in welcoming Karen to her new position.

We also want to extend our best wishes to Sheila in her well-deserved retirement. While she will be stepping down from her role as Prov CS, Sheila will continue her tenure as President of the LADGC until October, so we look forward to seeing her around.



The Whitby Wanderers

Friends, old and new, from across the district set off bright and early for a fantastic day out in Whitby.

Our visit coincided with the Regatta Festival, meaning the town was bustling with energy and exciting boat races; some members even enjoyed their own boat ride. The sun shone as we enjoyed delicious fish and chips, and lively Morris dancing.

Some of us took on the challenge of climbing the famous 99 steps to the beautiful cathedral, while others opted for a more relaxed approach, savouring a pint in a cosy pub instead!

After a bit of shopping and soaking in the atmosphere, we headed home for a well-earned rest.

A great day out - until the next adventure!



Lancashire Night – A Celebration to Remember

We had a fantastic turnout in Bury to celebrate Lancashire Night!

Guests enjoyed a delicious hot supper, followed by traditional Lancashire cakes. The evening was filled with fun and entertainment, including a 'How Well Do You Know Lancashire?' quiz, lively clog dancing, and dialect translation challenges. All the while, the music of The Houghton Weavers played in the background, creating the perfect atmosphere.

The highlight of the night was the excellent poetry readings in Lancashire



dialect by Robert Peters and Margaret McGarraghy, adding an authentic touch to our celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us - what a wonderful way to honour our Lancashire heritage!

Generational Gamers

In November, our Wigan group enjoyed a visit from the Leigh Home Instead Group. We jumped at the chance to use a range of virtual reality equipment to enjoy virtual trips around the world from Graceland and New York to The Seychelles and Japan. We also took a trip back in time to the 1950s and enjoyed reminiscing about how we lived back then.

There was a driving simulator which proved some of us should stick to using buses! We also had virtual games of Ten Pin Bowling and Football which sparked our competitive edge and resulted in lots of laughter. As always this was followed by a shared lunch that we enjoyed whilst we chatted and laughed about the experience. We look forward to welcoming the Home Instead group back again soon.



Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery

In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: “It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must.”

Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

Port four

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. “It was amazing,” said Wendy. “The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre.”

Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

“The sea defences were testament to the city’s position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean,” Wendy said.

Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: “Lisbon wasn’t quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo.”

Surprises and celebrations

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member’s birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel’s 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Trio receive university funding

Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.

Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

Lillie Buckley, Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"

Edward Smith, Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

“I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies,” he said. “I would encourage all eligible students to have a go at applying for this award.”



Edward says the money will go toward purchasing books and other learning materials.

Torsten Ellis, Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extra-curricular activities.

He added: “It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

“My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I’ll get a rich understanding of both and I’m looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields.”

Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting



With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps

by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

For more financial tips and resources visit www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub
To view Unity Mutual's range of family friendly financial products* visit www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows

For more information call 0161 214 4628.

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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 Karen on **07403 834284** or email **karen.white@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**

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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).

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 1pm.

Contact: Karen White for further details on ceremonial meetings.

Telephone: 07564 641909

Email: karen.white@oddfellows.co.uk

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

Events at a glance

Weekly Events

Bury Craft and Coffee Morning - Every Monday at 10.30am

Bury Wednesday Coffee Morning Meet Up - Every Wednesday at 11am

Bury Thursday Friends - Every Thursday at 12 noon

Bury Friday Coffee Morning Meet Up - Every Friday at 11am

Friday Social Afternoon - Tottington - Every Friday at 1pm

April 2025

Tues 1	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 1	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Social and Coffee Morning - Wigan, Guest Speaker - John Mumford	10.30am
Thurs 3	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Sat 5	Annual District Dinner	6pm
Mon 7	Leisurely Scenic Walk, Astley Park, Chorley	11am
Tues 8	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 8	Dine Around - Cosalea, Walshaw	1pm
Fri 11	Foodie Friday - The Curious Fox, Skipton	1pm
Tues 15	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Thurs 17	Wigan Dine Around - The Owls, Standish	12 noon
Tues 22	Dine Around - The Grey Mare, Belthorn	12 noon
Tues 22	Talking Tuesday, Bury - Guest Speaker, Age UK - Scam Awareness	1pm

May

Thurs 1	Social and Coffee Morning - Wigan	10.30am
Thurs 1	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Mon 5	Walk Around Fairhaven Lake	11am
Tues 6	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 6	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Fri 9	Foodie Friday - The Rose N Bowl, Stacksteads	1pm
Mon 12	Manchester Museum - Culture Monday	11am

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May

Tues 13	Blackburn Social, Guest Speaker - Adam Brogden	12 noon
Tues 13	Dine Around - Falshaws Farm, Bury	1pm
Thurs 15	Wigan Dine Around - Golden Days Garden Centre	12 noon
Tues 20	Biking in Witton Park	12.30pm
Tues 20	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 27	Dine Around - Traders Mellor	12 noon
Tues 27	Talking Tuesday, Bury	1pm

June

Mon 2	Blackburn Walking Group - Avenham Park, Preston	11am
Tues 3	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 3	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Social Coffee Morning with Speaker	10.30am
Thurs 5	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Tues 10	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 10	Dine Around - Racconto Lounge, Bury	12.30pm
Fri 13	Foodie Friday - The Buck, Paythorne	1pm
Tues 17	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Thurs 19	Wigan Dine Around - La Mama, Standish	12 noon
Tues 24	Blackburn Dine Around - Whelan's, Lytham	12 noon
Tues 24	Talking Tuesday, Croquet, Coronation Park, Radcliffe	1pm
Thurs 26	Day Trip to Llandudno	9.30am

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July

Tues 1	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 1	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Social and Coffee Morning - Wigan	10.30am
Thurs 3	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Sat 5	LADGC Bowls Day - Garswood Hall Bowling and Community Club	10am
Mon 7	Walk Around River Calder at Whalley	11am
Tues 8	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
Tues 8	Dine Around - Olive's Kitchen at The Fusilier Museum, Bury	1pm
Fri 11	Foodie Friday - The Hamers Arms, Summerseat	1pm
Tues 15	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Wed 16	Trip to RHS Bridgewater	11am
Thurs 17	Wigan Dine Around - Forbes On The Lane, Wigan	12 noon
Tues 22	Dine Around - Fernhurst, Blackburn	12 noon
Tues 22	Talking Tuesday, Bury	1pm

August

Mon 4	Walk through Blackburn Corporation Park	11am
Tues 5	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 5	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Social and Coffee Morning - Wigan	10.30am
Thurs 7	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Fri 8	Foodie Friday - The Carding Shed, Holmfirth	12 noon

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Bury Friday Coffee Morning Meet Up - Every Friday at 11am

Friday Social Afternoon - Tottington - Every Friday at 1pm

August

Tues 12	Blackburn Social, Guest Speaker - Brian Topping	12 noon
Tues 12	Dine Around - Bradley Fold Garden Centre, Radcliffe	1pm
Tues 19	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Wed 20	Tour of Unity Office, John Rylands Library and Lunch	11am
Thurs 21	Dine Around - The Boars Head, Standish	12 noon
Tues 26	Dine Around - Ego at The Knowles Arms, Blackburn	12 noon
Tues 26	Talking Tuesday, Bury	1pm

September - Friendship Month

Mon 1	Walk Around Preston Marina and River Ribble	11am
Tues 2	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Tues 2	Line Dancing - Bury	7.30pm
Wed 3	Tour of Rochdale Town Hall	11am
Thurs 4	Social and Coffee Morning - Wigan	10.30am
Thurs 4	Wigan Social Lunch	12 noon
Fri 5	Friday Social - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	1pm
Tues 9	Blackburn Social Club, McMillan Coffee Morning	12 noon
Tues 9	Dine Around - Park Farm, Bury	1pm
Wed 10	Friendly Bowling Tournament and Lunch	1pm
Fri 12	Foodie Friday - The Black Bull, Edgworth	1pm
Tues 16	Scrabble Club - Bury	1pm
Thurs 18	Dine Around - Bag and Bean Coffee Shop, Billinge	12 noon
Sat 20	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting (AGM)	1.30pm
Tues 23	Dine Around - Ribchester Arms, Ribchester	12 noon
Tues 23	Talking Tuesday, Guest Speaker, Pete Mellor - The Assassination of JFK	1pm