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*Christmas Wreath Making and Crafts – Friday 5 December 2025*

## Welcome to our Out & About newsletter for Winter 2025/26

In this issue we've plenty in for you to enjoy with a mix of events in Blackpool, Cleveleys, Heysham, Lancaster, Morecambe and Preston.

We have lots of lunches where we've introduced some wellness walks beforehand to see how that appeals to you. Our coffee mornings continue but be aware in this issue many of our regular events feature in the 'Regular Events' section at the start of this booklet, to save space they don't appear in the body, but will as usual be in the 'At a Glance' section at the back.

The biggest change is that our Social Coordinator Colin Burbidge is retiring at the end of September after 9 and a half years. We welcome on board Gillian Bevan as his replacement to coordinate events in Preston and the Fylde Coast.

If you haven't joined us yet then don't be shy, do get in touch and let us know if there's anything or anywhere you'd like to do or visit and we can look at building into our plans.

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**Please only call Monday to Friday during normal office hours**



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# Regular Events

Our regular events, including Coffee Mornings, breakfast clubs and Meetups are a great way to meet us, get to know us and find out what else we have planned that might interest you. All of these events are friendly and growing because once people come along they want to come again.

## Preston Coffee Morning

Every Last Tuesday



10am



£2 for unlimited  
tea or coffee



In Preston we meet on the **last Tuesday of every month at 10am**. Join our regular coffee morning at the Over 60's Club for just £2.50 for unlimited tea or coffee and some biscuits. Our friendly group are always ready to welcome new faces. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

28 October 2025

25 November 2025

27 January 2026

24 February 2026

31 March 2026

## Blackpool Coffee Morning

Every Second Thursday



10am



As per menu



In Blackpool we meet **every second Thursday at 10.30am** at Platform 9. Join our Blackpool Coffee Morning Club for a chat and to find out what other events we have planned. We always welcome new faces so you're sure to get a big welcome. We meet every second Thursday of the month in the Platform 9 Bar and Lounge at the Holiday Inn Blackpool, 85 Talbot Road, Blackpool FY1 1LL. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

9 October 2025

13 November 2025

8 January 2026

12 February 2026

12 March 2026

## Cleveleys Coffee Morning

Every First Thursday



10.30am



As per menu



We meet **every first Thursday of the month at 10.30am**. Join our coffee morning in Cleveleys at The Tramway. It's a spacious central venue with plenty of parking if you drive. Come along and make new friends. All welcome. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

2 October 2025

6 November 2025

4 December 2025

5 February 2026

5 March 2026

For Blackpool, Fylde and Preston events contact Gillian on  
07592 004080 or [gillian.bevan@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:gillian.bevan@oddfellows.co.uk)

# Regular Events

## Cinema Trip

Various Monday



We meet on **various Monday of every month at 11.15am**. Fancy a trip to the cinema? See a film for just £3.99 including tea or coffee and a biscuit. Film will be selected by the cinema the week before, meet in the foyer! Reel Cinema, Central drive, Morecambe LA4 4DW. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

17 November 2025

26 January 2026

23 February 2026

30 March 2026

## Circular Walk and Lunch

Every First Monday



Join us for a circular walk through Bare village, along the promenade and through Happy Mount Park, followed by lunch at The Dog and Partridge. Meet in the Dog and Partridge car park (free parking) for a 45 minute walk to work up an appetite for a meal from the great value menu. All welcome! If you would like to join us for the walk please arrive by 11.30am as we will leave promptly and if you wish to join for the meal only please meet at 12.30pm. The Dog & Partridge, 19 Bare Lane, Morecambe LA4 6DE. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

3 November 2025

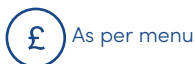
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## Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

Every Second Tuesday



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe **every second Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm**. The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our friendly group would love to meet you. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4SG. Pre-booking is essential, please contact Fiona on 07449 586388 to book your place.

14 October 2025

11 November 2025

9 December 2025

13 January 2026

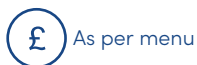
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For Heysham, Lancaster and Morecambe events contact Fiona on 07449 586388 or [fiona.head@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:fiona.head@oddfellows.co.uk)

# Regular Events

## Heysham - Meet Up



Every First Wednesday

We meet every **first Wednesday of the month at 1pm** at The Dispensary. Join us for a chat over a drink and a cake at this popular coffee and wine bar. This is a new group and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. There is nearby on street parking and the Number 1, 1A, 2X and 5 buses stop just outside! The Dispensary, 408 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe LA3 2BJ. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming, so that she can book you a place.

1 October 2025

3 December 2025

4 February 2026

5 November 2025

7 January 2026

4 March 2026

## Morecambe Breakfast Club



Every Second Thursday

Join our new breakfast club. **Every second Thursday of the month at 10am** we get together for a friendly catch up and a light breakfast at Brittlestar on Morecambe Promenade. The menu includes a full range of hot drinks and light breakfast options such as toasted teacakes, croissants or bacon ciabatta. Brittlestar Wine Bar and Coffee House, 269 Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming so she can reserve you a place!

9 October 2025

11 December 2025

12 February 2026

13 November 2025

8 January 2026

12 March 2026

## Morecambe Coffee Morning



Every Third Thursday

**Every third Thursday of the month at 10.30am.** Each month we enjoy having a catch up and sometimes a game, quiz or an occasional guest speaker. If you haven't visited Brew Me Sunshine before, you are in for a warm welcome. There is an extensive, great value café menu, a warm environment, a private car park and all profits go to Galloway's Society for the Blind. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Everyone is welcome, but please book your place in advance with Fiona on 07449 586388 as spaces are limited.

16 October 2025

18 December 2025

19 February 2026

20 November 2025

15 January 2026

19 March 2026

# October 2025

WED  
01

## Lunch at The Yew Tree



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at the Yew Tree. This landmark pub opposite the Capitol Retail Park in Walton le Dale, is one of the best in Preston. Book by Wednesday 24 September 2025. Yew Tree, 100 Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, Preston PR5 4AU. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



FRI  
03

## Pig Racing Afternoon (Morecambe)



12.30pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for a fun afternoon of pig racing! Trot along and place your bets on which pig will race to the finish line first. Just 20p a bet, come and enjoy refreshments from the counter and some good company. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

MON  
06

## Summer Evening Walking Club



6pm



Free



Join us for an evening stroll along Morecambe Promenade. Take in the view across the Bay and get some exercise in at the same time. Meet at The Clock Tower at 6pm. The Clock Tower, Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BX. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.

MON  
13

## India - A Talk by Norman Harris



7.30pm



£3



Norman Harris, an accomplished traveler and speaker brings us a trip around northern India taking in Delhi, Mumbai and Agra with visits to astonishing temples, enormous palaces and forts and the Taj Mahal of course. You also get to see the 'other' darker side of India. Book by Friday 10 October 2025. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.





# October 2025

## **TUES 21** Blackpool Quiz and Social



2pm



£3



Join us in the Common Room at Red Rose Lodge for a fun quiz. There will be prizes to be won, so don't miss out on your chance! No need to be in a team, all will be arranged on the day. Refreshments available as usual. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

## **WED 22** Meal at Cappuvino, Lancaster



5pm



As per  
menu



Join us for an evening meal at the lovely Cappuvino Bar and Bistro in Lancaster. Wednesday nights are all about the 'Margs' special offer with a pizza and a cocktail for just £12. Or choose from the extensive tapas and pizza menus. Cappuvino, 60 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LH. Let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming, so she can book you a place.



## **WED 29** Lunch at The Water's Edge St Annes



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Join us for lunch at the Water's Edge in St Annes. This spacious pub and restaurant next to the Booths store is very popular. With a truly extensive menu from sandwiches and wraps to burgers, pizzas, pub favourites and a hot buffet to choose from. Book your place in advance, so we can book the table by Wednesday 22 October 2025. Water's Edge, 56 Heyhouses Lane, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 3RG. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



## **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.

# November

## **WED** **05** Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub

**L** 12.30pm

**£** As per  
menu



Join us for lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub. The Mediterranean style menu offers a great choice and there are usually some offers available, which we can point out when you book and closer to the date. Come join us for a pleasant meal and chat over the table. Book by Wednesday 29 October 2025. Ego at the Fox Cub, Bridge House Farm, Liverpool Road, Little Hoole, Preston PR4 5JT. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

## **FRI** **07** Morecambe Quiz Afternoon

**L** 12.30pm

**£** Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us in the community rooms at Brew Me Sunshine for a fun quiz. Prizes to be won as we round up 2025 with our 'Big Quiz of the Year!' Free to enter and no need to be in a team, all will be arranged on the day. Refreshments available from the café counter. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.



## **MON** **10** Wines For Christmas Wine and Cheese Tasting

**L** 7.30pm

**£** £3



Qualified wine educator Colin Burbidge will take us through some ideas for Christmas wines for the season's enjoyment and provide a tasting of three wines with cheeses. Book by Friday 7 November 2025. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

## **TUES** **18** Lunch at the Gallico Lounge

**L** 12.30pm

**£** As per  
menu



Join us for lunch at the Gallico Lounge in Lancaster. With brunch served all day, burgers, salads and a selection of tapas, there is something for everyone. Close to city centre car parks and a short walk from Lancaster Bus Station. The Gallico Lounge, 7-17 Market Street, Lancaster LA1 1HZ. Let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming, so she can book you a place at the table.



# November

## TUES 18 Atlantic to Pacific - The story of the Panama Canal



A talk by Norman Harris accomplished traveler and speaker. The story of the Panama Canal taking you from the original French ideas to the USA's undertaking with its immense construction problems to the canal as it is now and experience a wonderful trip through the canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Book by Friday 14 November 2025. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



## WED 26 Lunch at The Tavern at The Mill Thornton



Join us for a friendly lunch at Marsh Mill Tavern in Marsh Mill Village Thornton. The menu offers light-bites, pub favourites and the ever-popular carvery, so something for everyone. Book by Wednesday 19 November 2025. Marsh Mill Tavern, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 4JZ. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

# December

## MON 01 Festive Lunch at The Dog & Partridge



Christmas jumpers, hats and tinsel at the ready for our popular festive lunch at The Dog & Partridge. There will be a choice of two or three courses from the delicious festive menu. Pre-orders and deposit required. The Dog & Partridge, 19 Bare Lane, Morecambe LA4 6DE. Let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming, so that she can book you a place at the table by Monday 3 November 2025.

## WED 03 Blackpool Festive Lunch



Our Blackpool festive lunches are always popular and thoroughly enjoyed. We're looking at a shortlist



of venues including last year's very successful Plum Tree Farm. Register your interest and we'll inform you as soon as we have firmed up a venue and a menu. Please note that most venues require a deposit and menu choice from each diner at least two weeks before the event. Venue to be announced. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

# December

FRI  
05

## Christmas Wreath Making and Crafts



10.30am



Members £5, Guests £15



Join us at Brew Me Sunshine for a full festive day of Christmas wreath making and crafts. Try your hand at creating a wreath for your front door or maybe a candle holder or centrepiece for the table.

There will also be the chance to challenge yourself with some fun Christmas themed puzzles and all funds raised at this event will be donated to Galloway's Society for the Blind. All materials will be supplied and hot chocolate, coffee, lunch and refreshments available from the counter.

Join us anytime between 10.30am and 3pm. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Please ensure you pre-book with Fiona on 07449 586388 for this event as places are limited.



MON  
08

## Christmas Quiz Night and Buffet



7.30pm



£3



Our popular quiz night returns for some great fun and an enjoyable festive buffet. All are welcome, but we need to know you're coming to plan the food order. We'll be holding a charity raffle, so any donations for prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Friday 5 December 2025. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

THURS  
11

## Preston Festive Meal



7.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our festive evening meal. We're working through a shortlist of venues and will inform members as soon as menus and prices are available. We try to pick venues that are reasonably priced and accessible by public transport if possible. Register your interest and we'll make sure you're the first to know the details. Book by Thursday 27 November 2025. Venue to be announced. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

# December

## TUES 16 Christmas Buffet and Social



Join us for a pre-Christmas get-together with a few nibbles. A chance to offer seasonal wishes before we go on our Christmas break and to find out what online offerings the Oddfellows have over the Christmas period if you need a bit of company. Let us know you're coming, so we can make sure we have enough mince pies! Book by Friday 12 December 2025. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# January 2026

## TUES 20 New Year Quiz and Social (Blackpool)



Our popular quiz afternoon returns for some great fun and an enjoyable chat with tea, coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, but we need to know you're coming to plan the food order. We'll be holding a raffle, so any donations for prizes will be gratefully received. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



## FRI 23 Lunch at the Gallico Lounge



Join us for lunch at the Gallico Lounge in Lancaster. With brunch served all day, burgers, salads and a selection of tapas, there is something for everyone. Close to city centre car parks and a short walk from Lancaster Bus Station. The Gallico Lounge, 7-17 Market Street, Lancaster LA1 1HZ. Let Fiona know on 07449 586388 if you are coming, so she can book you a place at the table.

# January 2026

## MON 12 Preston Games Night



Come join us for a fun games night! Dominoes, Scrabble, Wordies, darts, table top bowls and more! A chance to have a go at more than one game and enjoy some lively fun company. Tea or coffee and biscuits provided. Book by Tuesday 6 January 2026. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

# January 2026

SUN

25

## Songs of the Stage and Screen



7pm



£12



St John's Hospice Choir brings a celebration of musical favourites from Broadway and Hollywood to Lancaster Grand Theatre. Enjoy show-stopping numbers from Sister Act, West Side Story, Les Misérables, The Lion King and more! Lancaster Grand Theatre, St

Leonardsgate, Lancaster LA1 1NL. Tickets will sell quickly, so please let Fiona know on 07449 586388 as soon as possible if you would like to come along. Every ticket sold helps raise vital funds for St John's Hospice.



WED

28

## Lunch at The Tramway Cleveleys



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our special lunch at The Tramway in Cleveleys. A great menu including a carvery is on offer here. Plenty of room, but let us know in plenty of time if you plan to join us, so we can book enough tables(s) by Wednesday 21 January 2026. The Tramway, 167-169 Victoria Road West, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 3LB. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# February

WED

04

## Lunch at The Ram's Head



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The Ram's Head Longton. One of our favourite's with a great menu and a lovely atmosphere. Book early, so we can reserve the table by Wednesday 28 January 2026. Ram's Head Longton, 67 Liverpool Road, Longton, Near Preston PR4 5HA. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# February

FRI  
06

## Pig Racing Afternoon (Morecambe)



12.30pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



MON  
09

## The Charm of Lancashire by A Lancashire Lass Talks



7.30pm



£3



Join us for a fun afternoon of pig racing! Trot along and place your bets on which pig will race to the finish line first. Just 20p a bet, come and enjoy refreshments from the counter and some good company. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.



Popular speaker Jennifer 'A Lancashire Lass Talks' returns with her talk 'The Charm of Lancashire'. Jennifer purchased a second book that had been gifted as a Christmas gift in 2019 titled 'The Charm of Lancashire'. Jennifer has revisited many of the northern sites mentioned in the book to see if they remain charming. With historic postcards, a few poems and loads of recent photographs, this highly illustrated talk looks back to the historic county of Lancashire's northern reaches. Just how much our county would that 1929 author recognise now? Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.

TUES  
17

## Pig Racing Evening



2pm



£3



Don't miss our popular pig racing afternoon. The pigs aren't real, but battery operated and great fun. Refreshments will be provided and we'll have some sausage rolls and pork pie to nibble on. You will need some change to place your bets on the pigs, usually 20p a bet (it's just for fun). Don't worry about the rules all will be explained on the day, so get the date in your diary and trot along for some great fun! Book by Friday 13 February 2026. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# February

WED  
25

## Lunch at Park's Art Dec Café, Stanley Park



11.15am



As per menu



Join us in Blackpool's award winning Stanley Park for a pleasant walk around the park lake before taking lunch in Park's Art Deco Café. We'll meet at 11.15am outside the café before taking our walk. If the weather just too wild, then we can shelter in the visitor centre for a while before lunch. Lunch tables will be booked for 12.30pm. Depending on numbers, we may need to pre-book food, we will advise in advance, so let us know if you're coming. Book by Wednesday 18 February 2026. Park's Art Deco Café, Stanley Park, West Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 9EQ. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# March

WED  
04

## Lunch at Salvatore's



1pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at Salvatore's in Penwortham. This Italian restaurant has been a firm favourite in the area for many years. Enjoy pizza, pasta or other dishes in the great company of our Oddfellows members. Please note the slightly later time for this one. Book by Wednesday 28 January 2026. Salvatore's, 61-63 Liverpool Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9XD. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



FRI  
06

## Morecambe Games Afternoon



12.30pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for a fun couple of hours of games and a friendly chat over a hot drink. There will be a selection of games to try your hand at. If you have a particular game you like to play, why not bring it along? All welcome at this friendly meet up, refreshments available to purchase at the café counter. Brew Me Sunshine, 12 Victoria Street, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4AH. Contact Fiona on 07449 586388.





# March

MON  
09

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7.30pm



£3



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TUES  
17

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2pm



£3



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WED  
25

## Lunch at The Station, Lytham



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for a friendly lunch at this well known and well rated pub and grill at The Station in Lytham. The menu is varied from pub classics to sandwiches, ciabattas and of course can be reached by train. Book by Wednesday 18 March 2026. The Station, Lytham, Station Square, Lytham FY8 5PA. Contact Gillian on 07592 004080.



# 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.

### **Tuesday 28 October 2025, 7pm, 'Ghostly Tales to be Told' with Dr. Ann Featherstone**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsGhostlyTales>

### **Tuesday 18 November 2025, 10.30am, 'Scam Awareness Talk with Age UK**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsScamAwareness>

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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) or ask me to send you a list by email.

**Fiona**

# 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)

For more information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits).

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# Farewell From Colin

**Just a quick farewell as I retire on 30th September, I started as Social Coordinator in April 2016, initially organizing events in Preston, Blackpool and Lancaster. I knew nothing about The Oddfellows but as I learned more about the organization I grew to love its openness, friendliness, support and inclusivity.**

Everybody is welcome as an Oddfellow! Getting the right mix of events was a big learning curve and at the start much of it was trial and error. I expanded our offering of different events introducing speakers on various subjects and of course the famous 'Pig Racing'.

In those 9 years Preston District has moved from a shrinking membership to a growing membership and I have raised the profile of Preston district with Manchester Unity which gets us great support in areas like Marketing and Membership Services.

I remember the big challenge in 2020 through 2021 when lockdown meant we had to try to keep in touch with our membership somehow. None of us had heard of Zoom then but we soon learned and hosted a whole variety of events online for members across the country. Since then I was active in recruiting Fiona who has done a wonderful job in Lancaster and Morecambe. This allowed us to expand into Cleveleys also. As I approach the age of 67 years young I took the decision to concentrate on my family (yes that



old one!). My four Grandchildren are all Young Oddfellows (have you signed yours up yet? Only £10) and are still at the age to think Grandad is great so I'm going to make the most of it! I'll still be around as a member so I'll probably see you around.

I hope you'll give our new Social Coordinator Gillian a big welcome and as much support and help as you've given me. On that note I'll finish by saying a big thank you to all the Great Oddfellows who have helped and supported me with coffee making, cakes, sausage rolls, arranging venues, placing posters, running bingo sessions, organizing bowls competitions, organizing games nights, running raffles and not least all the kind words and support and just being good Oddfellows, you've been great! This is not goodbye from me it's hasta la vista.

# Our New Social Coordinator

**Hello everyone,**

My name is Gillian Bevan and I'm delighted to be joining Oddfellows as your new Social Organiser for the Preston district. At 57 years young, I'm excited to be taking on this new chapter and getting to know each of you. I have always believed that life is richer when shared, and I'm looking forward to helping create opportunities for our members to come together, connect, and enjoy good company.

A little about me: I have two wonderful adult children and, this summer, I was overjoyed to welcome my first granddaughter into the world. Family time is very precious to me, but I also love to keep busy with hobbies and interests. Musical theatre has always been a passion - I rarely miss a chance to see a show! I also enjoy dining out, exploring new places on foot, and planning holidays (almost as much as actually going on them).

I've long been active in our local community through volunteering, and I



really enjoy meeting people from all walks of life. I can't wait to bring that same enthusiasm to Oddfellows and to work with you all to create a fun, welcoming programme of events.

I'm looking forward to the journey ahead!







*Last Night of the Proms.*



*Lunch at Art Deco.*





*Lytham Hall afternoon tea.*



*Heysham Power Station.*



*Windy Walk on the Promenade.*



*Pig racing.*

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting for 2026 will be on Tuesday 21 April at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW. Agendas will be at the meeting, all are encouraged to attend.

## We're on Facebook!

Not everything can make it into this newsletter. Much changes in six months so keep up to date on our Facebook pages for Preston (Including Fylde coast) and Lancaster and Morecambe.

### How to find us?

Login to your Facebook account, go to the search field, type in 'PrestonOddfellows' or 'Lancaster and Morecambe Oddfellows'

Any problems call Gillian or Fiona (see page 2 for contact details).

## Are You a Quizzer?

Our quiz events with light buffet are popular and we have them in the schedule once again. Preston Christmas quiz is held on Monday 8 December 2025 at 7.30pm at the Over 60's Club.

Blackpool quiz is held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 and the New Year quiz is held on Tuesday 20 January 2026, both at 2pm at Red Rose Lodge. Morecambe quiz is held on Friday 7 November 2025 at 12.30pm at Brew Me Sunshine.

## REFER A FRIEND

### Share the love and make someone smile

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



\*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers).

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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 such as help with optical and dental costs and benevolence contact Barbara on **07598 162386** or email **barbara.malloy@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**



## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



**For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.**

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, whose PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.**

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



## Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

### Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

### Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."



## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

# Incredible total raised for good causes



*Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

**Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.**

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

**Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



**In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.**

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”



## Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

### You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender

### Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

**If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Anna by phone on 07846 525143, email at [anna.chapman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:anna.chapman@oddfellows.co.uk)**

"Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

*Cynthia, volunteer*

# At a glance

## October 2025

<b>Wed 1</b>	Lunch at The Yew Tree	12.30pm
<b>Wed 1</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 3</b>	Pig Racing Afternoon (Morecambe)	12.30pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Summer Evening Walking Club	6pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 13</b>	India - A Talk by Norman Harris	7.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 21</b>	Blackpool Quiz and Social	2pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Meal at Cappuvino, Lancaster	5pm
<b>Tues 28</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 29</b>	Lunch at The Water's Edge St Annes	12.30pm

## November

<b>Mon 3</b>	Circular Walk and Lunch at The Dog & Partridge	11.30am
<b>Wed 5</b>	Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub	12.30pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 7</b>	Morecambe Quiz Afternoon	12.30pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Wines For Christmas - Wine and Cheese Tasting	7.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 17</b>	Cinema Trip	11.15am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Lunch at the Gallico Lounge	12.30pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Atlantic to Pacific - The story of the Panama Canal	2pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 25</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 26</b>	Lunch at The Tavern at The Mill Thornton	12.30pm

# At a glance

## December

<b>Mon 1</b>	Festive Lunch at The Dog & Partridge	2pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Blackpool Festive Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 5</b>	Christmas Wreath Making and Crafts	10.30am
<b>Mon 8</b>	Christmas Quiz Night and Buffet	7.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Preston Festive Meal	7.30pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Christmas Buffet and Social	2pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am

## January 2026

<b>Mon 5</b>	Circular Walk and Lunch at The Dog & Partridge	11.30am
<b>Wed 7</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 12</b>	Preston Games Night	7.30pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 20</b>	New Year Quiz and Social (Blackpool)	2pm
<b>Fri 23</b>	Lunch at the Gallico Lounge	12.30pm
<b>Sun 25</b>	Songs of the Stage and Screen	7pm
<b>Mon 26</b>	Cinema Trip	11.15am
<b>Tues 27</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 28</b>	Lunch at The Tramway Cleveleys	12.30pm

## February

<b>Mon 2</b>	Circular Walk and Lunch at The Dog & Partridge	11.30am
<b>Wed 4</b>	Lunch at the Ram's Head	12.30pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am

# At a glance

## February

<b>Fri 6</b>	Pig Racing Afternoon (Morecambe)	12.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	The Charm of Lancashire by A Lancashire Lass Talks	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Pig Racing Evening	2pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Cinema Trip	11.15am
<b>Tues 24</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
<b>Wed 25</b>	Lunch at Park's Art Dec Café, Stanley Park	11.15am

## March

<b>Mon 2</b>	Circular Walk and Lunch at The Dog & Partridge	11.30am
<b>Wed 4</b>	Heysham Meet Up at The Dispensary	1pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Lunch at Salvatore's	1pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Cleveleys Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 6</b>	Morecambe Games Afternoon	12.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Morecambe Breakfast Club	10am
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 17</b>	The Charm of Lancashire by A Lancashire Lass Talks	2pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Morecambe Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Wed 25</b>	Lunch at The Station Lytham	12.30pm
<b>Mon 30</b>	Cinema Trip	11.15am
<b>Tues 31</b>	Preston Coffee Morning	10am