

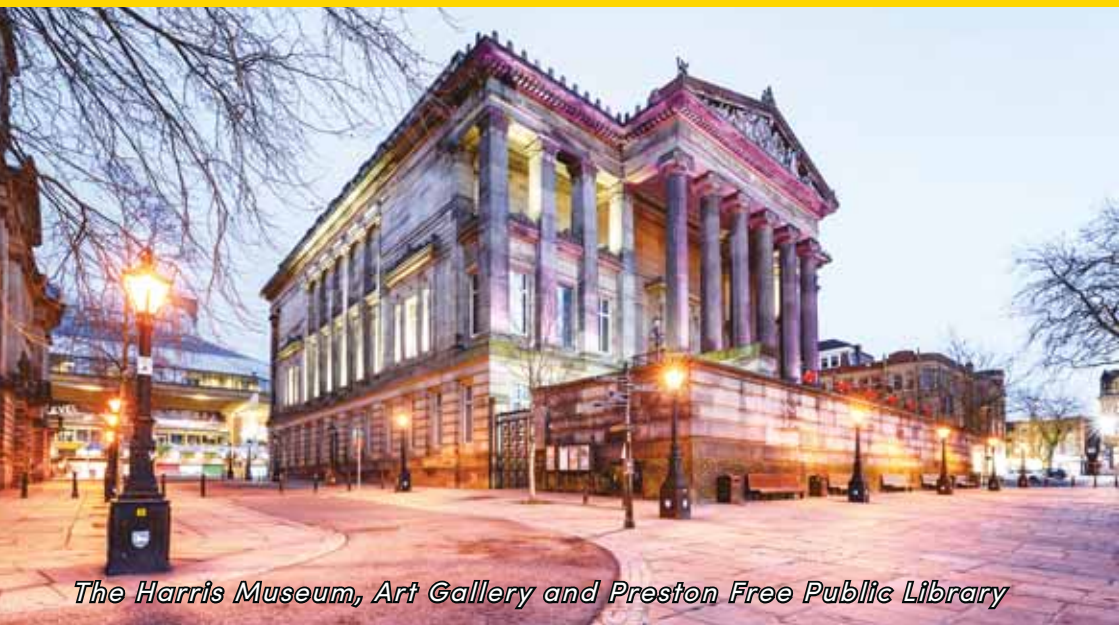
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Blackpool Festive Lunch Friday 2 December, we hope you can join us!

Welcome back to our Out & About newsletter for winter 2022/2023

I hope you've enjoyed the sunshine this summer and the heatwaves haven't been too overwhelming for you. Now it's time to think of cooler weather and shorter days as we look to the autumn and winter months.

We've plenty for you to enjoy including some excellent speakers in Blackpool and Preston. Many of our talks are by representatives of charity organisations. These are often the most fascinating talks as many of them have great stories to tell and of course these events are a great opportunity to raise money for the charity. If you haven't joined us yet then don't be shy, do get in touch.

The best way to get acquainted is to come along to one of our Coffee mornings but failing that join a lunch meeting and enjoy a relaxing chat over a pleasant meal. Note our usual March Canal Boat trip is being pushed back to spring/summer 2023 in the hope we will get better weather for the next one.

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Regular Events

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Mornings are a great way to meet us, get to know us and find out what else we have planned that might interest you. Our coffee morning groups are friendly and growing because once people come along they want to come again.

Blackpool



In Blackpool we meet **every second Thursday at 10.30am** at the Solaris Café on the prom, South Shore.

Preston



In Preston we meet on the **last Tuesday of every month at 10am** at The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane Penwortham PR1 0AR. Parking available on the front and just £2.50 for all the coffee and tea you can drink!



Virtual Coffee Mornings



Our Virtual Coffee Mornings were a lifeline for many of us during the long lockdown period and were so popular we've decided to continue with them every month on the **first Tuesday of the month at 11am**. These are a great way to keep in touch without having to leave your house and to meet people from all over the district. Just draw up in front of your computers or iPad with a cuppa to check in with each other and have a general chat. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk for Zoom details and guidance how to connect.

Coffee Morning - Lytham



Our coffee morning at Whisper's in Lytham is now a regular feature. We're holding them on the **third Thursday of every month at 10.30am**. They are popular so please make sure you book your place in advance so we can organise tables together.



All the dates are in the diary in this booklet.

October 2022

TUES **04** **Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning**



11am



Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every fortnight at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our Coffee Shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom. Don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



MON **10** **Medical Detection Dogs Talk - Preston**



7.30pm

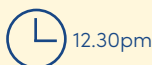


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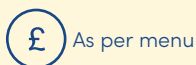


A talk from a Regional Volunteer for the ground-breaking charity Medical Detection Dogs. The charity trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. They are at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and other life-threatening diseases, including Parkinson's disease and bacterial infections. Come listen to this fascinating talk about how dogs are used in this ground-breaking way to detect disease early. By attending you will be supporting a donation to this charity. Tea/Coffee and biscuits available as usual. Book by Friday 7 October 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED **05** **Lunch at The Fleece Penwortham**



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at The Fleece at Penwortham. A handy location on The Liverpool Road with plenty of parking. Make sure you book in plenty of time as we need to book a table large enough and last minute requests may have to be reluctantly turned away. Book by Friday 30 September 2022. The Fleece, 67 Liverpool Road, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9XD. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

October 2022

TUES **11** **Lancaster Lunch** **Meet Up**



12.30pm



As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). Book by Friday 7 October 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS **13** **Blackpool Coffee** **Morning**



10.30am



As per menu



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. Book by Tuesday 11 October 2022. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES **18** **Blackpool Social** **Meeting**



2pm



Free



Sometimes it's just nice to get together, have a brew and share our latest news so that's what we're going to do. There'll be a chance to chat with Colin and perhaps help plan some future events that we can all enjoy. We'll be holding a raffle too so come along and join some old friends and perhaps meet some new friends too. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS **20** **Lytham Coffee Meetup**



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Book by Monday 17 October 2022. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

October 2022 November

TUES 25 Preston Coffee Morning



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre 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 Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 01 Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every fortnight at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our Coffee Shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom. Don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED 26 Lunch at The River Wyre, Poulton



Join us for lunch at The River Wyre near Poulton. Easy to get to, plenty of parking spaces and an extensive menu. Book by Friday 21 October to secure your place. The River Wyre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7JZ. Contact Colin 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 02 Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub

 12.30pm

 As per menu



Join us for lunch at Ego Restaurant at The Fox Cub, Little Hoole. Lunch starts at very reasonable prices for light-bites with an extensive three course menu available. The menu is available on the Ego Restaurants website. Please book early as places may be limited. Pre-orders and a deposit may be required. Book by Friday 28 October 2022. Ego at the Fox Cub, Bridge House Farm, Liverpool Road, Little Hoole, Preston PR4 5JT. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES 08 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up

 12.30pm

 As per menu



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). Book by Friday 4 November 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 10 Blackpool Coffee Morning

 10.30am

 As per menu



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. Book by Tuesday 8 November 2022. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON 14 Alzheimer's Research Charity Awareness Talk

 7.30pm

 £3



Simon McDermott, NW Regional Contact for Alzheimer's Research charity will be giving an awareness talk about the charity and research as well as information about dementia and risk reduction. Simon's presentation includes some personal experience and a story you may just be familiar with. By attending this event you will be contributing to the financial support this charity receives. Tea or coffee available as usual. Book by Friday 11 November 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



November

TUES

15

My Work as a Local History Detective



2pm



Free



Are you interested in researching your family or local history? This is a talk that is intended to encourage others to seek out their local, and family past by accomplished author and local researcher Steve Halliwell. Lancashire based Steve Halliwell has had a number of books published including 'Pubs In Preston 'From Plough to Plau' and 'The Lancashire Bare-knuckle Fighter and Livery Stable Keeper'. The talk has three phases: 1. How Steve got involved with both local and family history (not necessarily his own family), 2. A case study of one of the things he concentrated on. And 3. Some lighter moments he came across during the course of his research. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



THURS
17

Lytham Coffee Meetup



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Book by Monday 14 November 2022. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

WED
23

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. Since it opened a few years ago this spacious pub and restaurant next to the new Booths store has been very popular. With a truly extensive menu from sandwiches and wraps to burgers, pizzas, pub favourites and a hot buffet to choose from. Contact Colin to book your place by Friday 18 November 2022. The Water's Edge, 56 Heyhouses Lane, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 3RG. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

November

TUES 29 Preston Coffee Morning



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre 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 Colin on 07592 004080.



December

TUES 06 Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every fortnight at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our Coffee Shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom. Don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

December

FRI 02 Blackpool Festive Lunch



Our Blackpool Festive lunches in recent years have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. We're researching a list of venues for this year's event and will publish when the festive menus are available. Make sure you register your interest as soon as possible, so you're first to get the option to reserve your place. A deposit and pre-order of food will be required. Book by Friday 4 November 2022. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



December

THURS 08 Blackpool Coffee Morning



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. Book by Tuesday 6 December 2022. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



MON 12 Christmas Quiz and Buffet



Our popular quiz night returns for some great fun and an enjoyable festive buffet. All are welcome but we need to know if you're coming for the food order, so make sure you book your place as soon as possible. We'll be holding a charity raffle so any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Book by Sunday 1 December 2022. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



FRI 09 Preston Festive Evening Meal



Our Preston festive meal is always popular, a great way to kick off the festive celebrations. We're researching a list of venues for this year's event and will publish when the festive menus are available. Make sure you register your interest as soon as possible so you're first to get the option to reserve your place. A deposit and pre-order of food will be required. Book by Friday 11 November 2022. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



December

TUES
13

Lancaster Christmas Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our Festive Lunch in Lancaster. We are aiming to be able to offer the festive menu,



or food from the normal lunch menu if you prefer. Early booking, a deposit and pre-order are essential given the time of year. Register your interest and we'll send you a menu as soon as it is available. Book by Monday 9 November 2022. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS
15

Lytham Coffee Meetup



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can



even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Book by Monday 12 December 2022. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
20

Blackpool Christmas Buffet



2pm



Members Free, Guests £5



Join us for our final get-together before Christmas. A time for exchanging cards, seasons greetings and we'll have a little Christmas buffet to enjoy. Book by Friday 16 December 2022. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



January 2023

TUES
03

Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Online



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every fortnight at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our Coffee Shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom. Don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
10

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



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THURS
12

Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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. Book by Tuesday 10 January 2023. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS
19

Lytham Coffee Meetup



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Book by Monday 16 January 2023. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



January 2023

February

WED
25

Lunch at The Castle Gardens, Carleton

12.30pm



£ As per menu



This month our lunch club is visiting for the first time the well regarded Castle Gardens in Carleton. I hear the Katsu curry is worth a try! Contact Colin to book your place by Friday 20 January 2023. The Castle Gardens, 10 Poulton Road, Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7NH. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
31

Preston Coffee Morning

10am

£ £2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre 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 Colin on 07592 004080.

WED
01

Lunch at The Continental, Preston

12.30pm

£ As per menu



The Continental is the place to enjoy a delicious meal or a light bite. Avenham Park is next door, so weather-permitting, a short stroll afterwards might burn off some of the calories. Book by Friday 27 January 2023. The New Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
07

Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning

11am

£ Free



Join our 'Virtual Coffee Morning' held every fortnight at 11am lasting about an hour. You're welcome to drop in any time between 11am and 12 noon, just as we do for our Coffee Shop gatherings. This will be using Zoom. Don't worry, you won't need any expertise, just a computer or iPad. We'll send you a link, you simply click and you will load up the Zoom session in your default browser. We have a guide sheet that we'll send you and can talk you through it if you're having problems. If you're feeling a little isolated it really does give you a lift! So come join us for a chat and contribute to the conversation about our future events online and offline. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

February

THURS
09

Blackpool Coffee Morning



10.30am



As per menu



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MON
13

Hilary Roper Author and Illustrator of Children's Books



7.30pm



£3



Hilary Roper is a published author and illustrator of children's books and professional fine artist.

Born in Preston Hilary is actively painting and trading, producing books, painting in oils on canvas and giving lectures. Her first children's book, 'Macfaddion's Finest Hour', was published in

1990. Each illustration is highly detailed and painted in gouache and wax

varnished. The story is about a water vole called Macfaddion, a barge owner who goes in hunt for a dragon-monster, who he can invite to the

Gala day, in order to bring in tourists and money for the villagers. This set of illustrations has in each one, a hidden dragon-monster.



This is just a sample of Hilary's often award-winning work over the years with some illustrations selling for thousands at auction. Join us as Hilary talks through three to four children's book illustrations (with full visuals) telling the audience how she writes a fairy tale, treasure book, certain strategies, a short review of each story line and how to marry the illustrations with each story and where and how she creates the ideas and ethos and empathy within each storyline. This will be a complete visual full colour show. Some of Hilary's books will be available for sale on the evening. As usual tea or coffee will be provided. Book by Friday 10 February 2023. Penwortham Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

February

TUES
14

Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



12.30pm



As per menu



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THURS
16

Lytham Coffee Meetup



10.30am



As per menu



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TUES
21

UK Med Charity Talk



2pm



Donations



Join us for a talk to discover the great work undertaken by Manchester-based humanitarian charity working in Ukraine and around the world in disasters and emergencies. UK Med provide vital healthcare, supplies, and essential training and capacity building wherever crises occur. They were recently verified by the World Health Organisation to provide emergency medical teams abroad, making them the first UK based NGO with their own independent capability. Find out about what they do and some incredible stories their staff have to tell from the front line over 25 years of work. By attending this talk you will be supporting a donation to this important charity. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

February

WED
22

Lunch at Marsh Mill Tavern, Thornton

12.30pm



£ As per menu



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 Friday 17 February 2023. Marsh Mill Tavern, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys FY5 4JZ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
28

Preston Coffee Morning

10am

£ £2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre 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 Colin on 07592 004080.

March

THURS
02

Lunch at Tino's, Preston

12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us at Tino's for some tasty Italian fayre! Our lunch group are a friendly bunch and always welcoming new members. It's essential to book in time so we can organise the table with the restaurant. Book by Friday 24 February 2023. Tino's, 21 Hill Street, Preston PR1 2BB. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES
07

Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning

11am

£ Free



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March

THURS 09 Blackpool Coffee Morning



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. Book by Tuesday 7 March 2023. Solaris Centre Café, New South Promenade, Blackpool FY4 1RW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

TUES 14 Lancaster Lunch Meet Up



The monthly meet-up in Lancaster is at The Boot and Shoe. The extensive menu means there's plenty to choose from and our small friendly group would love to meet you. Pre-booking is essential and we are likely to need to request a pre-order of your food on the previous Friday (we'll send you menu details). Book by Friday 10 March 2023. The Boot and Shoe, 171 Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

MON 13 Pig Racing Evening



Returning by popular demand, our pig racing night is not to be missed. Come along, place your bets and hope your pig comes first. Refreshments will be provided. Numbers are limited, so please book early to avoid missing out. Book by Friday 10 March 2023. Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.

THURS 16 Lytham Coffee Meetup



Come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee in leafy Lytham. This is now a regular event, so come along and take part, make new friends and just enjoy. You can even indulge in a slice of cake. Make sure you contact Colin so we can book seating together. Book by Monday 13 March 2023. Whispers Café, 81 Clifton Street, Lytham FY8 5ER. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



March

TUES 21 Blackpool - Mystery Speaker

L 2pm

£ Free



We're aiming to bring you an important and enjoyable speaker to our Blackpool meeting this month. Watch out for announcements on our web site or sign-up for our email newsletter to get notification when we've confirmed the booking. Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton FY4 4LW. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



TUES 28 Preston Coffee Morning

L 10am

£ £2.50



Join our regular coffee morning at The Over 60's Centre 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 Colin on 07592 004080.



WED 22 Afternoon Tea at The Glendower

L 2pm

£ £15



Join us for afternoon tea in the beautiful surroundings of The Glendower on St Annes sea-front. With a selection of finger sandwiches, scones of course, dainty cakes and choose from a selection of fine teas. Menu and prices correct and time of publication but subject to change. Book by Wednesday 1 March 2023. Glendower Hotel, North Promenade, St. Annes-on-Sea FY8 2NQ. Contact Colin on 07592 004080.



Email Newsletter

This six-monthly Out and About newsletter and events diary is still the main way to give you all the information you need about our social events, your benefits packages and other important Oddfellows news in one place. However, we know that sometimes things change or opportunities arise to enjoy a social event but at short notice so we now have an email newsletter that is published most weeks.

The email serves as a timely reminder for events coming up and will alert you to anything new that crops up so if you have an email address just drop a line to **colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk** and ask to be subscribed to our Preston



District Newsletter. We will of course respect your privacy and if at any point you want to unsubscribe just let us know and we'll take you off our list.

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

Volunteers

As we run more and more events it's becoming impossible for one person to organize everything. Would you like to volunteer to help?

We won't burden you with too much. We need people to greet new attendees to make sure they're looked after and have all the information they need about membership. Perhaps you could help organizing a quiz or maybe you have a pet subject you'd like to give a talk or presentation about. Contact Colin on 07592 004080 or colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk and we'll get you organized.

The more people we have to help us out, the less work for each person and of course the more we can achieve and enjoy as Oddfellows.

Canal Boat Trip

We're breaking with recent habits in 2023 and won't be running our usual Canal Boat trip in March... but don't despair! Following your feedback we're going to organize something for late spring when the weather is better. So look out for announcements in our email newsletter or of course in the next edition of 'Out and About'.



Are You a Quizzer?

Our Quiz nights in Preston are always popular, a great way to meet and mix with others with a common goal of winning that quiz! Our next quiz is on Monday 12 December in Preston with our Christmas Quiz and Buffet night.



The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

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



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



A spectacular opening night firework display

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

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

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



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

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

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

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

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



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*

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

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



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

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

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



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

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

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



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

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



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

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



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

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

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 **01772 614480** 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@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

We're on Facebook!



our Facebook page where we post latest news and hints and tips from Preston and from Oddfellows.

How do you find it?

Login to your Facebook account and go to the search field, type in 'Preston Oddfellows' and you'll find us.

Not everything can make it into the newsletter, much changes in six months so keep up to date on

Any problems call Colin on 07592 004080 or email colin.burbidge@oddfellows.co.uk.

Branch Meetings

We hold regular meetings for each of our Branches in Preston, Fylde and Lancaster. All members are welcome and meetings often include an interesting talk or activity. Just get in touch for more details or come along, we'll make you welcome! Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary.

Blackpool (Duke of Wellington Branch)

Red Rose Lodge, Newhouse Road, Marton, Blackpool FY4 4LW.
Contact Andy Anderson on 01253 777666 or email andy.anderson@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Preston (Prince of Peace Guild 2012 Branch)

The Over 60's Club, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Preston PR1 0AR.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

Lancaster (King William IV Branch)

The Boot and Shoe Pub, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4PU.
Contact Barbara Malloy on 01772 614480 or email barbara.malloy@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm.

At a glance

October 2022

Tues 4	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 5	Lunch at The Fleece Penwortham	12.30pm
Mon 10	Medical Detection Dogs Talk - Preston	7.30pm
Tues 11	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 13	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 18	Blackpool Social Meeting	2pm
Thurs 20	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Tues 25	Preston Coffee Morning	10am
Wed 26	Lunch at The River Wyre, Poulton	12.30pm

November

Tues 1	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 2	Lunch at Ego at The Fox Cub	12.30pm
Tues 8	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 10	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 14	Alzheimer's Research Charity Awareness Talk	7.30pm
Tues 15	My Work as a Local History Detective	2pm
Thurs 17	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Wed 23	Lunch at The Water's Edge, St Annes	12.30pm
Tues 29	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

December

Fri 2	Blackpool Festive Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 6	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 8	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Fri 9	Preston Festive Evening Meal	7.30pm
Mon 12	Christmas Quiz and Buffet	7.30pm
Tues 13	Lancaster Christmas Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 15	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Tues 20	Blackpool Christmas Buffet	2pm

At a glance

January 2023

Tues 3	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 10	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 12	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 19	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Wed 25	Lunch at The Castle Gardens, Carleton	12.30pm
Tues 31	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

February

Wed 1	Lunch at The Continental, Preston	12.30pm
Tues 7	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 9	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 13	Hilary Roper Author and Illustrator of Children's Books	7.30pm
Tues 14	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Tues 21	UK Med Charity Talk	2pm
Wed 22	Lunch at Marsh Mill Tavern, Thornton	12.30pm
Tues 28	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

March

Thurs 2	Lunch at Tino's, Preston	12.30pm
Tues 7	Preston District Virtual Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 9	Blackpool Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 13	Pig Racing Evening	7.30pm
Tues 14	Lancaster Lunch Meet Up	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Lytham Coffee Meetup	10.30am
Tues 21	Blackpool - Mystery Speaker	2pm
Wed 22	Afternoon Tea at The Glendower	2pm
Tues 28	Preston Coffee Morning	10am

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