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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea

Hello!



As I write this on the first official day of spring I wonder what the next few months have in store for us! On the whole I don't think we had a bad winter, it wasn't too cold, and in fact February was quiet mild compared to previous years! This makes me think about our ever changing climate and what things we can do as individuals to help reduce climate change.

As individuals we can recycle and reuse as much as possible, companies and organisations are no different. Many companies/organisations are trying to reduce their carbon footprint, which includes the Oddfellows. As a Branch, we have made changes to how we work,

for example our Committee of Management meetings are held via Zoom, as this reduces unnecessary traveling.

How can you help? One in way in which you can help the Branch in reducing the carbon footprint, is to have your Out & About emailed to you. Having the Out & About emailed to you saves on printing emissions and postal emissions. If you want to help in the quest to reduce our carbon footprint as a Branch, please let me know by dropping me an email simply stating "Email Diary and your name" and your next Out & About will be emailed instead of being posted to you.

Thank you, Pam

Message from your Social Organiser

Welcome to the latest events diary and hope you will enjoy the events on offer over the summer months.

My year as Chairperson of the District was very rewarding with £5,200 donated to my

chosen charity The Teenager and Young Adults Unit at the Christie from various events. Thank you to each and every one of you who made this possible.

Take Care, Sarah

Message from the District Chairman

My name is Charles Venables or known as Charlie and I'm from the Bolton Area of the District. In July 2023 I became a Care and Welfare Officer covering Leigh and Bolton areas. I am proud and will do my best to serve as Chairman of Combermere District, where I hope I can meet as many of you in my year of office.



My chosen charity for the year is the Royal Manchester Childrens Hospital as this is close to my heart as I had to attend a children's hospital when I was a child. I hope you will support the District in making this year a success, by getting involved in the many events we have on offer. I am looking forward to seeing you all as we support the district together during my forth coming year in office.

Thanks, Charles Venables

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Regular Monthly Meeting Places

Bolton

First Monday of the month

Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over
Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ at 11am

Glossop

First Tuesday of the month

Alternating each month at 11.30am
Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road,
Glossop SK13 7PU

Starting on 7 May with The Smithy
Fold – JD Wetherspoon, Unit 11
Howard, Town Shopping Park,
Victoria Street, Glossop SK13 8HS

Leigh

Third Tuesday of the month

Cucina, 198 Chapel Street,
Leigh WN7 2DW at 11am

Manchester

Second Wednesday of the month

Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern
Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA at 1pm

Stockport

First Thursday of the month

Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club,
Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme
SK8 5AT at 7pm

Please note

The Bolton Social at the new
address is on Monday 13 May as
Monday 6 is a Bank Holiday.

Weekly Online Events

Chi Gung and Meditation



Every Monday

Join Graeme for Chi Gung and Meditation. Chi Gung is a set of standing exercises and gentle slow flowing movements that can help with muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cognitive function.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and finishes off with meditation. You will need a chair and space to stand and stretch and will also have time at the end to ask questions. It starts at 2pm but you will not be able to join after 2.05pm as the class will have started.



Zoom Meeting ID: 824 6194 4085.

Tai Chi with Graeme



Every Wednesday

Join Graeme for Tai Chi. Originally developed for self-defence, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, it promotes serenity through gentle flowing movements.

The class will last approximately 45 minutes, please wear comfortable clothes.



Please note the new meeting ID and passcode. Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0330 1327
Password: 331259.

For further details for any of these events call Sarah on 07873 581975.

May 2024

WED
01

Metro Munchers - Victoria Baths



11am



Free



Meeting at the entrance for the 11am we can tour this amazing building for free. Discover the partly restored swimming pools, Turkish Baths and Superintendents flat in this remarkably intact Grade II listed building with beautiful stained glass windows, amazing wall tiles and incredible mosaic flooring behind the imposing exterior. Afterwards, if you wish we can enjoy a cream tea for £6. Book by Wednesday 24 April. Victoria Baths, Hathersage Road, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester M13 0FE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS
02

Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



£3



Please join us for our social where you can meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends, make new friends over a tea or coffee or get a drink from the bar. Various themed nights throughout the year with talks, games nights etc. Please feel free to bring family and friends along and the evening finishes approximately 9pm. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
03

The Bridgewater Hall - The Mancunium Consort



12.45pm



Free



Meeting in the foyer at 12.30pm for this free lunchtime concert. Founded in 2023, The Mancunium Consort have been described as 'one of the rising stars of the Choral Music scene'. Book by Monday 29 April. The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosely Street, Manchester M2 3WS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SAT
04

Saturday Special - Guide Bridge Theatre



2pm



£11



With the brilliant wit of Noel Coward and intricate plotting of Agatha Christie 'Death by Design' is a hilarious, delightful and mysterious mash-up of two of the greatest English writers of all time. Book by Saturday 20 April. Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw M34 5HJ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

May 2024

TUES
07

Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning. We will be alternating each month with Glossop Golf Club, so this morning we will be at The Smithy Fold in the centre of Glossop. Smithy Fold, Unit 11 Howard Town Shopping Centre, Victoria Street, Glossop SK13 8HS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
08

Social Afternoon - Manchester



1pm



Donations, Cost of fish and chips



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee. This month we will be having fish and chips so please let Barbara know if you are coming along for catering purposes. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS
09

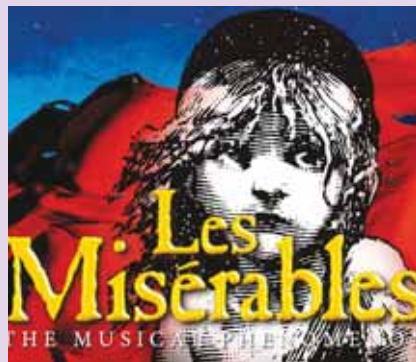
Les Mis at The Plaza



11am



£8.80



Meeting in the foyer at 10.45am we can watch one of the most celebrated musicals of all time on the large screen in the wonderfully restored Art Deco Plaza Building. Book by Thursday 25 April. The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
10

Out and About - Great House Barn Tea Room



12.30pm



As per menu



Meeting for lunch members can either look round Rivington Barn located nearby in the morning or after lunch to walk off the calories. Book by Friday 26 April. Great House Barn, Rivington Lane, Bolton BL6 7SB. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

May 2024

SAT
11

Saturday Special - St Peters Church Stockport



11am



Coffee and
Cake £2



The coffee mornings are held here on the second Saturday of each month from 10am till 1pm with free entertainment provided by a variety of organists, pianists and singers.

Admission is free with tea or coffee and cake £2. There are stalls and a raffle to help keep this iconic church open.

Meeting at 11am, please feel free to come at 10am if you wish. Book by Friday 3 May. St Peters Parish Church, St Peters Square, Stockport SK1 1NZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

MON
13

Social Morning - Bolton



11am



Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning at our new venue to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends over a tea or coffee. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
14

Dine Around - The Wheatsheaf



6pm



As per
menu



The Wheatsheaf with its Bistro vibe, background music, friendly service and excellent food welcomes everyone to this family run pub in Old Glossop. Book by Friday 3 May. The Wheatsheaf, 16 Wellgate, Glossop SK13 7RS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
15

Dine Around - Dishoom



6pm



As per
menu



This trendy and popular restaurant in a building steeped in history, serves modern Indian cuisine amid elegant surroundings and stained glass windows. Book by Wednesday 1 May. Dishoom, 32 Bridge Street, Manchester M3 3BT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

May 2024

THURS
16

Riverbank Coffee - Urmston



12 noon



Free



Riverbank Coffee is a tranquil outdoor café, located on the banks of the River Mersey and Trans Pennine Trail between Urmston and Sale. Meeting at 11am we can have refreshments before or after we take a walk together in this wonderful location. If you look up on Google Maps you can select a walking route to the café and you will see access from several locations. Book by Thursday 9 May. Riverbank Coffee, Sale, Urmston, Manchester M41 9WL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SAT
18

Saturday Special - An Ideal Husband at Chads Theatre



2.30pm



£12



An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde revolves around a blackmail scheme that forces a married couple to re-examine their moral standards. Like most of Wilde's plays, this scintillating drawing room comedy is lively, well constructed and deeply satisfying. Meeting in the foyer at 2.15pm. Book by Wednesday 1 May. Chads Theatre Company, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5AU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



TUES
21

Social Morning - Leigh



11am



Donations



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



May 2024

WED
22

Out and About - Ordsall Hall



12 noon



Free



Meeting in the café area we can have refreshments before we take a look around this historic building. Ordsall Hall has a long and interesting history with many different uses since it was first mentioned in records in 1177. Book by Wednesday 8 May. Ordsall Hall, 322, Ordsall Lane, Salford M5 3AN. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS
23

Dine Around - Fold Bistro Marple



6.30pm



As per
menu



This friendly neighbourhood Bistro and Bottle Shop serves delicious British seasonal sharing plates, with multi-cultural influences and a touch of North West nostalgia throughout. Book by Wednesday 1 May. Fold Bistro, 7 Town Street, Marple Bridge SK6 5AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
24

Lets Lunch - Summat to Ate



12.30pm



As per
menu



This restaurant is the Ultimate Hot Rock experience, but caters for vegetarians and has other options on the menu. The Friday lunchtime special of a 60 day dry aged rump steak served on a hot rock for £5 is a fabulous deal. Book by Tuesday 30 April. Summat to Ate, 48-50 Market Street, Hindley WN2 3AN. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

SUN
26

Sunday Special - RHS Bridgewater



11am



Adults £15.30
Children 5-16 £7.70



Meeting inside the entrance we can enjoy this stunning relatively new 156 acre RHS Garden in the heart of the North West. There is so much to see from The Weston Walled Garden to the wider woodland and lakes, the Chinese Streamside Garden to the Woodland play area for children, there really is something for everyone to enjoy. We can have refreshments later in the café area. Entry is free for RHS members. Book by Friday 10 May. RHS Garden Bridgewater, Occupation Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2LJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



May 2024

TUES
28

Out and About – The Turnpike Gallery



11am



Free



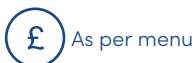
Meeting at this Art Gallery in the heart of Leigh, the Turnpike Gallery has a vibrant programme that features exhibitions, events and projects created with artists and communities. Book by Tuesday 14 May. The Turnpike Gallery, Civic Square, Leigh WN7 1EB. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

FRI
31

Coffee Morning - Pico Lounge



11am



As per menu



Meeting for a catch up over coffee in the heart of Glossop, we can always stay longer and have a bite to eat if you wish. Book by Friday 24 May. Pico Lounge, Unit 3 and 4, Howard Town, Victoria Street, Glossop SK13 8HT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

June

SUN
02

Saturday Special - Smithills Hall



12 noon



Free



Meeting at the entrance to the hall we can look round this historic building set in land on the edge of the West Pennine Moors and weather permitting take a walk round the grounds after. We can have refreshments later in the tea room. Book by Friday 24 May. Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton BL1 7NP. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



MON
03

Social Morning - Bolton



11am



Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends over a tea or coffee or even a drink from the bar in our new venue. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

June

TUES
04

Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning. The meeting this month is at Glossop Golf Club set amid the rolling hills of the Peak District. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
05

Fun and Friends - Rummikub



2pm



£1



If you want to try something new or may already play Rummikub, its such fun so 'Don't be blue, call in for a brew'. Everyone welcome. West Houghton Sports and Social Club, Park Road, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3ED. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

THURS
06

Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



£3



Please join us for our social where you can meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends, make new friends over a tea or coffee or get a drink from the bar. Various themed nights throughout the year with talks, games nights etc. Please feel free to bring family and friends along and the evening finishes approximately 9pm. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



Booking on Events

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment. Prices advertised in the diary are not guaranteed and are subject to change due to the current economic climate (where possible you will be notified prior to the event). Payment to be made when booking on events where tickets have already been purchased by the Branch.

SUN
09

Sunday Special - Boat Trip Salford Quays

L 2pm

£ £12



Meeting in the Lowry Café we can walk round the corner to the Quay to board the Lady Katherine. We can take a scenic cruise along Manchester's historic Ship Canal and River Irwell.

Discover the industrial heartland of the North of England and see historic monuments such as the Stephenson's Railway Bridge, see highlights, from the ultra - modern Media City to the railway arches over Hulme Lock.

The cruise lasts approximately an hour. Book by Friday 10 May. The Lowry, The Quays, Salford M50 3AZ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
11

Lets Lunch - Alberts Standish

L 12.30pm

£ Two courses
£14.95



Part of a family run group with a great lunchtime meal deal with fabulous freshly cooked food with a British twist at £14.95 for two courses. Book by Monday 27 May. Alberts, School Lane, Standish, Wigan WN16 0TD. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED
12

Social Afternoon - Manchester

L 1pm

£ Donations



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee or even a drink from the bar. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS
13

Dine Around - Crown & Conspirator

L 6.30pm

£ As per
menu



The Crown & Conspirator your charming village pub serves fresh British dishes and regular classics, depending on numbers we can watch the world go by from the front terrace or dine in the garden room with retractable roof. Book by Friday 24 May. Crown & Conspirator, 26 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, Stockport SK1 1AF. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

June

FRI
14

Friday Friends - The Gun Inn



With outdoor seating and dogs allowed we can hopefully enjoy some good weather in this community local in the heart of the village. Whether we have the speciality coffee or tea or even a drink from the bar we are guaranteed a warm welcome and we can even weather permitting eat 'Al Fresco' later. Book by Monday 10 June. The Gun Inn, 2 Market Street, Hollingworth SK14 8LN. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



MON
17

Dine Around - Pine Tree Farm



Just outside Bolton this a great place to visit with good food, extensive menu and good value. Book by Monday 10 June. Pinetree Farm, Cutacre Lane, Bolton BL5 1FN. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
18

Social Morning - Leigh



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED
19

Out and About - Chethams Library



Chetham's library is the oldest public library in Britain, it



has been in continuous use as a public library for over 350 years. It is house in a beautiful sandstone building dated from 1421 which was built to accommodate the priests of Manchester's Collegiate Church. The library has been designated as one of national and international importance. Meeting at 10.45am at the main entrance for the tour at 11am. Book by Monday 27 May. Chetham's Library, Long Millgate, Manchester M3 1SB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

June

THURS
20

Coffee Morning - Morley Nurseries



11am



As per menu



Meeting for refreshments in the lovely tea shop we can look round this family run garden centre afterwards. Book by Thursday 13 June. Morley Nurseries, Altrincham Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4LY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SUN
23

Sunday Special - Hare & Hounds



1pm



As per menu

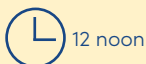


Lets enjoy the countryside with this fabulous pub on the edge of the Peak District. Reviews include 'Great choice of home cooked food' and 'Lovely atmosphere with good food and great service'. Book by Monday 10 June. Hare & Hounds, Simmondley, Glossop SK13 6LS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SAT
22

Saturday Special - Quarry Bank Mill



12 noon



Adults £22, Children £11



Quarry Bank Mill is one of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites, set on picturesque gardens and countryside. With the Mill, Apprentice and Quarry Bank House, garden and estate, there is plenty to see. Afterwards you can take a walk around Styal village where Terry Waite attended school and finish with a drink in the Ship Inn. Meeting in the café area at 12 noon we can have refreshment before or after we look round this historic site. The train station is a five minute walk away and plenty of parking at venue. Entry is free for National Trust members. Book by Monday 3 June. Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Wilmslow SK9 4HP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



June

TUES

25

'Ladies Day' - Partington Theatre



7.30pm



£7



Work, love and life are just one long hard slog for the fish filleting foursome Pearl, Jan, Shelley and Linda. But their fortunes change when Linda finds a ticket to Ladies Day at Royal Ascot. So out go the hairnets and overalls as the four head off to the races for a drink, flirt and flutter.

A fun filled play that will appeal to all. Book by Monday 3 June.

Partington Theatre, Glossop SK13 8BW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



WED

26

Dine Around - TNQ



5.30pm



Two courses £21, Three courses £26

With this fabulous early dining special you can come into Manchester to look around the vibrant Northern Quarter before heading to TNQ. This modern food lovers paradise led by accomplished chef Anthony Fielden who believes in only using the finest seasonal ingredients the British Isles has to offer, to create bold and thought provoking contemporary British cuisine. Book by Monday 3 June. TNQ, 108 High Street, Manchester M4 1HQ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS

27

Out and About - Hat Works Museum



11am



Free



Following four years of closure to restore and reinterpret the museum and its collections, Hat Works is the UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry, hats and headwear, and is an award winning attraction in a restored Grade II listed Victorian Building. Meeting at the reception area we can have a look round the museum and gift shop and have refreshments in the café. The Museum is a five minute walk away from Stockport Train Station. Book by Thursday 13 June. Hat Works Museum, Wellington Road South, Stockport SK3 0EU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



June

FRI
28

Coffee Morning - Milk Maids at Over Hulton

⌚ 11am

£ As per menu



Meeting for refreshments we can also experience the delectable taste of the award-winning, handcrafted gelato ice-cream, expertly crafted with care and made from the freshest ingredients right here on the Bolton-based farm. The dairy products are sourced from their own milk and cream, ensuring unmatched quality and flavour. Book by Friday 21 June. Milk Maids, Deardens Farm, 908 Manchester Road, Over Hulton BL5 1AT. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



July

MON
01

Social Morning - Bolton

⌚ 11am

£ Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning at our new venue to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends over a tea or coffee. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

July

TUES
02

Social Morning - Glossop

⌚ 11.30am

£ Donations



Join us for our monthly social morning. We will be alternating each month with Glossop Golf Club, so this morning we will be at The Smithy Fold in the centre of Glossop. Smithy Fold, Unit 11 Howard Town Shopping Centre, Victoria Street, Glossop SK13 8HS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
03

Summer Special - Platform 5

⌚ 1pm

£ £18.95



Lets enjoy summer with drinks to start on the terrace then enjoy a fabulous buffet all whilst being entertained

with live music. For members travelling by train Platform 5 is ideally located next to Cheadle Hulme Train Station and has ample parking for people coming by car. Book by Wednesday 12 June. Platform 5, 47 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



July

THURS
04

Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



£3 plus cost of
fish and chips



Please join us for our social where you can meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Tonight we will have a summer quiz and finish with a great British favourite fish and chips. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



MON
08

Lets Lunch - The Cherry Tree



12.30pm



As per
menu



Returning to a favourite restaurant the Cherry Tree the lunchtime special is great value with fabulous food and we always have such a warm welcome. Book by Monday 24 June. The Cherry Tree, Chorley Road, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5LA. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



SAT

06

Saturday Special - Canal Boat Trip



11am and 2pm



£18.95



Our annual event from Marple aboard the barge travelling on the canal towards Poynton is always very popular and books up quickly. Take in beautiful views along the way whilst enjoying food and fizz with friends.



Trip 1: Meeting at the wharf at 10.45am, we will return at 1pm.

Trip 2: Meeting at the wharf at 1.45pm returning at 4pm.

Please note: When booking there are two trips one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Book by Monday 3 June. The Wharf, Church Lane, Marple SK6 6BW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

July

TUES
09

Dine Around - La Corrente



6.30pm



As per
menu



La Corrente evokes the generosity, humour and simplicity of Italy with great food and personal dining experience. Book by Monday 17 June. La Corrente, Howard Town Shopping Centre, Unit 6, Glossop SK13 8HS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



WED
10

Social Afternoon - Manchester



1pm



Donations



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter. You can meet old friends and make new ones over a tea or coffee. And to celebrate summer we will have a themed quiz and finish with ice-creams. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS
11

Out and About - Hebden Bridge



11am



Train costs



Meeting at Victoria Station at 11am we can catch the 11.20am to Hebden Bridge. With its picturesque setting in the Pennines, historic buildings and stunning countryside along with independent shops and boutiques. Bookstores, antique shops and craft stores, we can enjoy a lovely day out. Book by Monday 24 June. Victoria Station, Manchester M3 1NY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
12

Friday Friends - The Coffee Shop



11am



As per menu



With great food and quality coffee lets have a Friday catch up here with friends. Book by Friday 5 July. The Coffee Shop at Heaton, 59 New Hall Lane, Bolton BL1 5LW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

SUN
14

Sunday Special - Coronation Street Experience

⌚ 1pm

£ £35



Meeting at the entrance we can step in the world of Coronation Street like never before. Wander down the cobbled streets and visit legendary locations like the Rovers Return and Roy's Rolls and with insights into the making, behind the scenes stories and trivia we can explore the worlds largest single TV production site.

Book by Wednesday 12 June. ITV

Studios, Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester M17 1FZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



TUES
16

Social Morning - Leigh

⌚ 11am

£ Donations



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people. Meet old friends and make new friends whilst having a tea or coffee. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



WED
17

Out and About - Bury Market

⌚ 11am

£ Travel costs



Meeting at 11am at the Queen Victoria monument at Piccadilly we can make our way by tram to Bury Market. This world famous market is well

worth a visit for its array of stalls and Black Pudding. Book by Wednesday 10 July. Queen Victoria Monument, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester M1 1RN. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



July

THURS
18

Dine Around - Verandah Sale

⌚ 6.30pm

£ As per menu



This Authentic Eastern Mediterranean restaurant serves cuisine that is fresh and cooked simply and elegantly with interesting. Mains and fabulous desserts Book by Friday 28 June. Verandah, 16 Northenden Road, Sale M33 3BR. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SAT
20

Saturday Family Special - National Police Air Service

⌚ 10.30am

£ Free



Join us for a unique visit to The National Police Air Service (NPAS) Operations Centre, operating 24 hours a day, all year round, they manage requests for air support from all police forces and other agencies across England and Wales. We will be visiting the main offices, flight field and helicopter (subject to availability). Afterwards, we can have a bite to eat at the Club House, Liverpool Road Eccles M30 7RF, two minutes away from the centre. Please note: This trip is on a first come, first serve basis as limited to 15 people. If demand is high a future visit will be arranged. Book by Monday 24 June. NPAS Barton, Eccles, Manchester M30 7FZ. Contact Pam on 07966 934747.



TUES
23

Lets Lunch - Baker's

⌚ 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Taste your way through the delicious and handcrafted menu, carefully curated with your taste buds in mind. You will find yourself on an exciting culinary journey at Baker's and will be back for more. Book by Monday 1 July. Baker's, 247 Blackburn Road, Egerton, Bolton BL7 9SN. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED
24

Dine Around - The Cosy Club

⌚ 6.30pm

£ As per menu



In the heart of the Corn Exchange this restaurant always proves a popular choice with members. Book by Wednesday 10 July. The Cosy Club, Corn Exchange, Hanging Ditch, Manchester M4 3TR. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



July

THURS
25

Out and About - The Plaza

🕒 2pm

£ £18.15



Join Neil Sands for his brand new matinee show, as he brings back more musical memories. From the fabulous 40s, the rocking 50s, the swinging 60s, the sensational 70s, in fact, everything from Vera Lynn to Abba with lots in between. This feel good afternoon is mixed with stunning voices, dazzling costumes, with tons of good old fashioned fun that will brighten any day. Meeting in the Chestergate opposite the Plaza at 1.30pm. Book by Monday 1 July. The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



FRI
26

Lets Lunch - Worsley Old Hall

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



This 17th Century country house pub has wood-panelled rooms and a leafy beer garden with an eclectic menu. Book by Friday 5 July. Worsley Old Hall, Worsley Park, Worsley M28 2QT. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

MON
29

Bridgewater Hall - Beethoven's Fifth

🕒 1.30pm

£ £14



Beethoven's Fifth Symphony as you've never heard it before. A rare live concert performance of this masterpiece by the two hands and feet of Associate Artist Jonathan Scott in his own arrangement. With Clair de Lune and the Galop from William Tell Overture, this is a concert not to be missed. Meeting at 12.45pm. Book by Monday 1 July. The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Moseley Street, Manchester M2 3WS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



TUES
30

Lets Lunch - Miller & Carter Lowton

🕒 12 noon

£ As per menu



Lets lunch with friends at this friendly bar and restaurant with good food at reasonable prices. Book by Monday 22 July. Miller & Carter, 322 Newton Road, Lowton WA3 1HD. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

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None of us know what is around the corner...

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To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Pam on **07966 934747** or email **pamela.casey@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens 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**

Society-funded cancer research on track

The Centre for Cancer Immunology, current beneficiaries of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund, recently received its second donation instalment.

The Centre, based at the University of Southampton, was chosen as the recipient of the £100,000 grant, split over three years, in 2022. The money is sponsoring the PhD studies of Nur Zainal, who is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

Nur's first year

The first year of Nur's studies has been spent preparing for the execution of her PhD project over the next three years. She has been learning appropriate techniques, skills and procedures, as well as being introduced to theories and connecting with relevant research groups.

Nur, who travelled to the UK from Malaysia with her family to undertake the PhD, said: "I believe the invaluable experiences and knowledge I have acquired over the past year have equipped me to be a more productive and capable student."



Nur updating AMC last year

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Oddfellows for their support in making my studies possible."

On the right path

Some of Nur's work on 3D cell culture – growing cancer cells in a way that more closely resembles the environment they experience in our bodies than traditional 2D cell culture – is included in a manuscript which will be published in a major international journal, for which she will be listed as a co-author.

Dr Tim Fenton, Associate Professor in Cancer Biology, says Nur has "excelled during her first year", adding: "We hope that Nur's studies will lead to improvements in the design of cancer vaccines, which is a key theme in the work being undertaken at the Centre for Cancer Immunology here in Southampton."



Dr Tim Fenton

HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The Fund provides financial support to UK-based medical research projects or organisations. For more information about the Fund, and how you can donate, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews

Our fantastic four

Congratulations to 2023's First Degree Course Educational Awards winners. George, Benedict, Jamie and Charlotte will each receive £3,600 over the next four years of their respective university courses to help ease the financial pressures of student life and create opportunities.

George LeBon

Heart of Norfolk
Branch member

George began his studies at the University of Southampton in September 2023 – a four-year course in Computer Science with Cybersecurity.



His dream job is to become a “white hat hacker”, which he explained is someone who is “hired by companies to try and hack into their databases and report back the vulnerabilities”.

He says he and his family were overjoyed to discover he'd be receiving the funding and has thanked the Society, adding: “It will go towards buying textbooks so I can enhance my knowledge further and better understand the industry that I want to work in.”

Benedict Weis

Leodis Branch member

Benedict hasn't yet decided what his ideal future job role might be. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at Queen's University Belfast and hopes a career path might become clearer over the next few years.

Since starting in September 2023, Benedict has joined the University's rowing club and the money will help him pay for training camps and trips, which he says will allow him to study more effectively without worrying as much about his finances.



“I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the award and just to say how grateful I am for it,” he said.

Jamie Messett

Loyal Lord Byron
Branch member

Jamie started his first of four years of Chemistry at the University of Oxford's Balliol College in October 2023, and will put the money towards



learning materials. He would like his future to be in the pharmaceutical industry, but a PhD and a career in research is also a potential avenue.

He said: "Nobody should underestimate how valuable funding can be towards determining how well a student performs.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in helping me with this award, and also everyone involved with providing the funding."

Charlotte Stevenson,

Pride of Woolwich
Branch member

Charlotte started her four-year course in Physics and Philosophy at the University of Oxford's Brasenose College in October 2023.

She is hoping to do a PhD in astrophysics and then continue researching within the field beyond that.



The funding will allow her to take part in unpaid research programmes during university holidays, covering the cost of travel, accommodation and food, as well as contributing to the cost of textbooks and other resources. She said: "This award will be an immense help throughout my degree and I'm so, so grateful to have received it."

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, said: "Ordinarily, we hand out three First Degree Course Educational Awards each year, but such was the strength of the applications of this year's winners that we felt they all deserved the financial boost. "I'm delighted for all four of them, and I wish them every success over the next few years at university and beyond."

For more information and T&Cs, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Striving for a greener future

The Oddfellows is committed to being as green as possible. That's why we've been calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint since 1 April 2020.

Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, 106.38 tonnes of CO₂e was recorded as being produced through the operations of our Liverpool and Manchester offices and associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

Although this figure is up 5.4% on the previous year, benchmarked against employee numbers, carbon emissions have remained almost constant (up 0.2%).



The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Our focus is to keep learning through our assessments and to make incremental changes to the way we operate so we can bring our greenhouse gas emissions down and play our part in tackling climate change."

The Society's aim is to be Net Zero, where our carbon emissions are as low as possible. As a last resort, we have offset our 2022-23 carbon footprint by funding carbon dioxide-saving initiatives, including in Eritrea, Cambodia, Brazil, Bulgaria and India.

Jane added: "Climate change is real. It's the greatest environmental challenge we've ever faced. But there is hope, because we can all do something about it."

Investing in futures

Unity Mutual discovered a genuine interest in its children's savings accounts – a topic many grandparents and parents hadn't considered before – while at the 2023 Baby and Toddler Show in Manchester.

The Junior ISA (JISA), offered in partnership with Mini First Aid to include a free paediatric first aid course*, turned heads, especially when parents realised once they'd set it up, anyone could contribute.



Unity Mutual at the Baby and Toddler show

Unity Mutual's Head of Sales and Marketing, Abi Jones, said: "No more brainstorming gift ideas for that first birthday or Christmas – a shared investment in a secure future sparked enthusiasm. Because, sometimes, the best gifts are the ones that grow over time."

*T&Cs apply.

At a glance

May 2024

Wed 1	Metro Munchers	11am
Thurs 2	Social Evening	7pm
Fri 3	The Bridgewater Hall - The Mancunium Consort	12.45pm
Sat 4	Saturday Special	2pm
Tues 7	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 8	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 9	Les Mis at The Plaza	11am
Fri 10	Out and About	12.30pm
Sat 11	Saturday Special	11am
Mon 13	Social Morning	11am
Tues 14	Dine Around	6pm
Wed 15	Dine Around	6pm
Thurs 16	Riverbank Coffee	12 noon
Sat 18	Saturday Special	2.30pm
Tues 21	Social Morning	11am
Wed 22	Out and About	12 noon
Thurs 23	Dine Around	6.30pm
Fri 24	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 26	Sunday Special	11am
Tues 28	Out and About	11am
Fri 31	Coffee Morning	11am

June

Sun 2	Saturday Special	12 noon
Mon 3	Social Morning	11am
Tues 4	Social Morning	11.30am

June

Wed 5	Fun and Friends	2pm
Thurs 6	Social Evening	7pm
Sun 9	Sunday Special	2pm
Tues 11	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
Wed 12	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 13	Dine Around	6.30pm
Fri 14	Friday Friends	2pm
Mon 17	Dine Around	6pm
Tues 18	Social Morning	11am
Wed 19	Out and About	11am
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning	11am
Sat 22	Saturday Special	12 noon
Sun 23	Sunday Special	1pm
Tues 25	'Ladies Day'	7.30pm
Wed 26	Dine Around	5.30pm
Thurs 27	Out and About	11am
Fri 28	Coffee Morning	11am

July

Mon 1	Social Morning	11am
Tues 2	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 3	Summer Special	1pm
Thurs 4	Social Evening	7pm
Sat 6	Saturday Special	11am
Sat 6	Saturday Special	2pm
Mon 8	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 9	Dine Around	6.30pm
Wed 10	Social Afternoon	1pm

At a glance

July

Thurs 11	Out and About	11am
Fri 12	Friday Friends	11am
Sun 14	Sunday Special	1pm
Tues 16	Social Morning	11am
Wed 17	Out and About	11am
Thurs 18	Dine Around	6.30pm
Sat 20	Saturday Family Special	10.30am

Tues 23	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
Wed 24	Dine Around	6.30pm
Thurs 25	Out and About	2pm
Fri 26	Lets Lunch	12.30pm
Mon 29	Bridgewater Hall Beethoven's Fifth	1.30pm
Tues 30	Lets Lunch	12 noon

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Payments For Events

Going forward when booking an event that requires a ticket or deposit, please make payment to Pam Casey to confirm your place, which will be non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

York Trip

Final balance to be paid by 12 August. There are a limited number of rooms left so please contact Barbara as soon as possible if interested on 07565 058133.

Deadlines

Please check deadlines for events so you do not miss out on a place.

Ideas

If you have any ideas for future events please email to Sarah at sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

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- Legal Aid Scheme
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From our Hatting Event and Dinner Dance to The Gift Fair at Stockport Town Hall and Brass Band at St Georges along with other events. £5,200 was raised for the District Chairperson's charity The Teenager and Young Adults Unit at the Christie.

THANK YOU to everyone who made items, donated raffle prizes, helped at events.



Fun at the Annual Hatting event whilst presenting the first cheque to a representative from the charity.



In loving memory of Terry.



Alyssa a young Oddfellow member helping on the raffle at the Brass Band Concert.



Hatting Event.



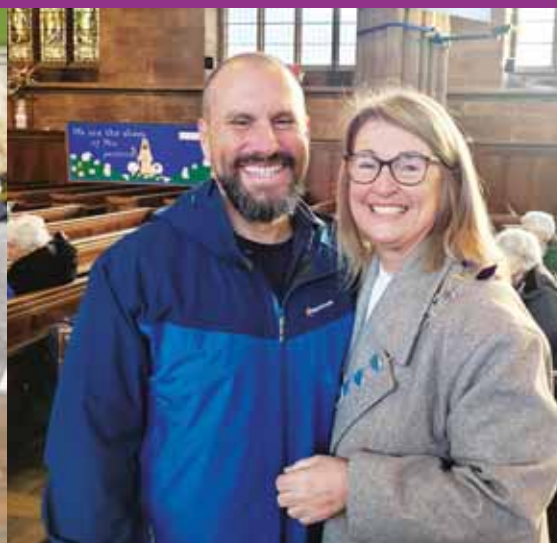
Barbara Needham Grand Master looking great in her chosen hat that was presented to her at our Annual Hatting event.



The Mayor and the Mayoress of Stockport attended our Oddfellows Brass performance.



Thank you so much to Julie and Janine for their fantastic donation of £1,260 raised at their monthly market in Cheadle Hulme in March.



Our District Chairperson even had the pleasure of meeting Graeme face to face who takes the Online Tai Chi and Chi Gung classes.



Dinner Dance.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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here to stay



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

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