

July - December 2025



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Handforth and Altrincham



Visit to E Smith & Son in Lymm

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|  Day Trip |  Art/Crafts |  Theatre |  Dining Out |
|  Walks |  Games |  Friendship |  Meetings |
|  Social |  Talks |  Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea |  Online |



Hedgehog Rescue Talk - Wednesday 17 September, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the new edition of your Out and About for the Handforth and Altrincham Branch of The Oddfellows.

As a local Branch of the national membership organisation the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

We have arranged an exciting calendar of events for the next six months of 2025, so you can meet up with friends and to make some new ones.

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Events are sometimes subject to change, so it's really important to book in for an event so Sharon can get in touch with you if there are any changes.

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.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

July 2025

WED
02

Walk Around Lymm Dam and Ice-Cream



11am



Free



Join us for a sunny stroll around Lymm Dam, finishing off with an ice-cream. Lymm's rich history dates back to the 1086 Domesday Book, where it was recorded as 'Limme' which means 'a place of running water' and the Dam was built in 1824 when a new turnpike road (now the A56) was built to connect Warrington to Stockport. Cost is free with ice-cream payable on the day. Book by Tuesday 1 July. Lymm Dam, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0QS. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
03

Online Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Online



Catch up for a fun chat with your online Oddfellow friends. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 778 6504 1522. Passcode: 9ybd8y. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
07

Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. We are trying out a new venue for a morning coffee, you can even treat yourself to a breakfast or piece of cake here. Book by Friday 4 July. Bramley Farm, Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
09

Indoor Bowling with Strawberries and Cream



11am



£3 each



Come along for a fun morning of indoor bowling with your Oddfellow friends, accompanied by delicious strawberries and cream as the Wimbledon Championships are taking place this week. Book by Monday 7 July. Goostrey Methodist Church Hall, Main Road, Goostrey, Crewe CW4 8PA. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

July 2025

TUES
15

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with Macclesfield friends on St Swithin's Day at our monthly coffee morning - trying out a new venue. Lets hope for good weather, as today's weather, according to folklore dictates the next 40 days. Book by Monday 14 July. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
22

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 21 July. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



SUN
20

Sunday Lunch at The Golden Pheasant in Plumley



Join Shirley and a small table of friends to enjoy a traditional Sunday lunch with all the trimmings at this delightful



200 year old country pub. Sunday lunch approximately £16.95 each. Book by Monday 14 July. The Golden Pheasant, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 9RX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
28

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 25 July. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



July 2025

WED
30

Branch Meeting



2pm



Free



All are welcome to come along and hear about the workings of our Branch. Lostock Grahnam Community Centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Grahnam, Northwich CW9 7PU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

August

MON
04

Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning with Craft Making



11am



Cost of refreshments



Come along to our monthly Altrincham coffee



morning for coffee, cake and a chat with friends or come and have a go at making a fun mug cosy to keep your drinks warm. Karen and friends from the Altrincham Knitting Group are joining us to knit and crochet over coffee. Look out for our special event in September where we'll be selling mugs and cosies to raise money for The Christie charity. Book by Friday 1 August. The Range Café, Unit 8, George Richards Way, Altrincham, Macclesfield WA14 5GR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

August

TUES
05

Tuesday Lunch at The Plough and Flail in Mobberley



1pm



As per menu



Following recommendations from members, join us for a delicious seasonal lunch at this traditional country pub. They offer a midweek set menu for £16.95 for two courses and £19.95 for three courses. Book by Friday 1 August. The Plough & Flail, Paddock Hill, Mobberley, Knutsford WA16 7DB. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES
12

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 11 August. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



August

THURS
14

Talk by the RNLI



11am



£3 each



Come along and hear about the amazing work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), saving more than 146,000 lives at sea day and night, in calm seas or in ferocious storms, since the charity launched it's first lifeboat in 1824. Refreshments and fun summer ice-cream on offer as well. Book by Monday 11 August. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES
19

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends our our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 18 August. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
21

Online Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Catch up for a fun chat with your online Oddfellow friends. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 729 9065 7585. Passcode: 9DCLf5. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
26

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 22 August. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



September Friendship Month

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**MON
01** **Altrincham Coffee Morning - Cold Pudding Event**



Join us for a special Friendship Month coffee morning - please bring along a cold pudding/cake to share with friends, refreshments will be provided. Come and buy a special handmade mug and cosy, celebrating Oddfellow friendships and raising money for the Christie Charity. We'll be joined by Vicky Lawson from The Royal British Legion to chat to us about this year's Poppy Appeal. Book by Friday 29 August. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

**THURS
04** **September Online Coffee Morning**



Catch up for a fun chat with your online Oddfellow friends. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 771 1862 7804. Passcode: 8kfSMs. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September Friendship Month

**TUES
09** **Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning**



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 8 September. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

**TUES
16** **Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning**



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 15 September. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September

WED
17

Hedgehog Rescue Talk



Donations



Come along and hear all about the amazing work of the small local Northwich Hedgehog Rescue, providing specialist care and treatment for sick, injured and orphaned wild hedgehogs from all across Cheshire. Learn about when a hedgehog needs our help and find out more about these wonderful species in decline. Refreshments provided and donations welcome. Book by Monday 15 September. Lostock Grahnam Community Centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Grahnam, Northwich CW9 7PU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SUN
28

Sunday Lunch at The Cheshire Grill in Lach Dennis



As per menu



Join Shirley and a small table of Oddfellow friends for a delicious Sunday roast lunch at this lovely country pub and grill between Knutsford and Northwich (the old Duke of Portland). Book by Monday 22 September. The Cheshire Grill, Holmes Chapel Road, Northwich CW9 7SY. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI
26

Friday Lunch at Yum Cha in Altrincham



As per menu



Literally translated from Cantonese as 'drink tea' – join us at Yum Cha, a newly opened independent Chinese restaurant, offering a new take on traditional Chinese classics – hand crafted Dim Sum, roasted meats, dumplings, rice and noodle dishes and traditional Chinese tea. Book by Monday 22 September. Yum Chai, Unit 2, Foundation Building (in the Stamford Quarter), Altrincham WA14 1RN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September - Friendship Month

MON 29 Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning

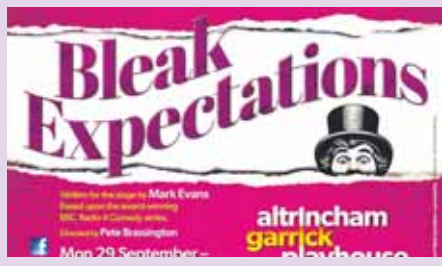


Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 26 September. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 29 Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick - 'Bleak Expectations'



Join our Oddfellow theatre friends for a night at the Altrincham Garrick - this hilarious, chaotic caper, based on the award winning BBC Radio 4 series, features dastardly villains, preposterous names, pulse quickening romances, heart rending death scenes and probably a happy ending. Book by Monday 18 August. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES 30 Branch Meeting and Friendship Month Magic Show



Come along at 12 noon to find out more about our Branch. Or join us at 1pm to celebrate Friendship Month with a special magic show by award winning performing magician, Robert Newgroosh. A fun and interactive card magic show followed by a Q and A on card magic and Robert will tell us about his unique 'Magic Skills for Schools' developmental work in school, teaching children useful skills such as memory, concentration and observation as well as confidence - all over drinks, jelly and cake in celebration of our Friendship Month. Book by Friday 26 September. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

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

October

THURS
02

Online Coffee Morning



Catch up for a fun chat with your online Oddfellow friends. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 714 5529 7129. Passcode: 5UbB2u. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
06

Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 3 October. Bramley Farm, Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES
14

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Trying out another new venue today.

Book by Monday 13 October. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
21

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 20 October. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
23

Thursday Lunch at Sutton Hall in Macclesfield



Join us at Sutton Hall in Macclesfield, a wonderful 480 year old manor house, convent and family home of the Earls of Lucan. Full of nooks, crannies and a warren of rooms - serving delicious seasonal food with a lunch menu of light bites, mains and pudding to choose from. Book by Friday 17 October. Sutton Hall, Bullocks Lane, Macclesfield SK11 0HE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

October

THURS
23

Theatre Trip - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Musical



7.30pm



£25



Join our Oddfellow theatre friends for a night at the Altrincham Garrick - the world famous Willy Wonka is opening the gates to his mysterious factory. Based on the famous novel and featuring original score and songs from the 1971 film. Cost: Golden tickets are £25 each. Book by Monday 8 September. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
27

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 24 October. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES
28

Fire Safety Talk by the Knutsford Fire Service



11am



Free



Come and hear valuable fire safety advice, from the Knutsford Fire Service, helping you feel safe in your home. We will learn about the causes of fire within homes and how to prevent them, night time routines and escape routes and smoke detection (including deaf alarms). Book by Monday 27 October. St Cross Church, Mobberley Road, Knutsford, Macclesfield WA16 8EL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



November

MON 03 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning with Christmas Crafting



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning and have a go at knitting some fun Christmas puddings which you can fill with a chocolate orange for a festive decoration or gift, or just come along for coffee, cake and a fun chat. Book by Friday 3 October. The Range Café, Unit 8, George Richards Way, Altrincham, Macclesfield WA14 5GR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 04 Talk at Petty Pool College



Join us to learn more about this amazing local charity, set up in 1981 to provide education and training for young people with learning disabilities and difficulties. Petty Pool College Pool Lane Northwich. Cheshire CW8 2DR. Book with Sharon on 01925 758117 by Wednesday 1 October.

FRI 07 Online Coffee Morning



Catch up for a fun chat with your online friends. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 748 6391 3711. Passcode: 21HzvD. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 11 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 10 November. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 17 Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick - 'It's a Wonderful Life'



Join our Oddfellow theatre friends for a night at the Altrincham Garrick - for a perfect way



to begin the festive period. Based on the critically acclaimed Frank Capra movie, arguably the most popular Christmas film of all time. Christmas Eve, 1946, Bedford Falls - down on his luck, banker George Bailey feels like has passed him by, but when George's guardian angel pays him a visit, he's amazed to discover what life in his beloved town would be like without him. Maybe it's a wonderful life, after all? Cost: Festive tickets are £16 each. Book by Monday 6 October. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

November

TUES **18** **Knutsford Monthly Coffee Mornings**

 11am

 Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 17 November. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON **24** **Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning**

 11am

 Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 21 November. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI **28** **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at E Smith & Son in Lymm**

 2pm

 £35



We are delighted that Sarah Smith from E Smith & Son is putting on a special Christmas wreath making workshop for us. They have been making beautiful holly wreathes at the nursery for over 60 years, this is your chance to have a go yourself. and take home your very own creative festive Christmas wreath. Cost: Approximately £35 and bring along your own 'marigold' rubber gloves. Book by Friday 14 November. E Smith & Son, The Nurseries, Booths Lane, Lymm Cheshire WA13 0PF. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



THURS **27** **Branch Meeting followed by Christmas Songs with Steve and Julie**

 1pm

 £5 each



Come and find out and have a say about the working of our Branch. Or join us at 2pm, when we welcome back Steve and Julie Wrigley to listen to some Christmas songs together with coffee, hot chocolate and mince pies and kick start the festive season. Julie has written a selection of humorous and touching Christmas and seasonal songs, along with some festive old favourites, so there will a chance to join in and sing along if you want. Book by Monday 24 November. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



November

SUN
30

Sunday Lunch at The Bells of Peover



Join Shirley and a small table of Oddfellow friends for a delicious Sunday roast with crisp Yorkshire puds, perfectly roasted meats, seasonal vegetables and rich home-made gravy. Book by Monday 24 November. The Bells of Peover, The Cobbles, Church Walk, Lower Peover, near Knutsford WA16 9PZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

December

MON
01

Altrincham Monthly Festive Coffee Morning



A festive catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends with seasonal mince pies and festive drinks at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 28 November. The Range Café, Unit 8, George Richards Way, Altrincham, Macclesfield WA14 5GR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

December

TUES
02

Christmas Lunch at The Slow & Easy in Northwich



Returning to The Slow & Easy, after last year's amazing Christmas lunch. Come and join our Committee for a fabulous two or three course Christmas lunch, served by kind and friendly staff and in the company of great Oddfellow friends. Christmas menu and prices will be available in September. Book by Tuesday 30 September. The Slow & Easy, Manchester Road, Northwich, Macclesfield CW9 7PJ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
04

Online Coffee Morning



Wish your online Oddfellows friends a very Happy Christmas today. Here's the Zoom link to join in: Meeting ID: 793 9522 2419. Passcode: 1nvSEJ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

December

TUES 09 Macclesfield Festive Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



A festive catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 8 December. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 16 Knutsford Festive Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our festive coffee morning and perhaps a visit from a special Fryers Santa as well today. Book by Monday 15 December. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 11 Christmas Lunch at Aspire, Trafford College



12 noon



As per
menu



Details to be confirmed. Please let Sharon know if you would like to join us for a delicious Christmas meal, prepared by the hospitality students. All will be confirmed when the college term starts in September. Menu and prices to be confirmed in September. Book by Tuesday 30 September. Aspire Restaurant at Trafford College, Manchester Road, Broadheath, Altrincham WA14 5PQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



MON 22 Wilmslow Festive Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



A festive catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our Christmas coffee morning. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Photos from recent social events



Altrincham Coffee Morning



Altrincham Coffee Morning



Altrincham Coffee Morning



Chinese Lunch



ESmith & Son



ESmith & Son



Indoor Bowling



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Lunch at Aspire, Trafford College



Lunch at Aspire, Trafford College



Macclesfield Coffee Morning



Macclesfield Coffee Morning

Photos from recent social events



Macclesfield Coffee Morning



Songs by Steve and Julie at Tony Aston's talk



Talk by Andy Bright from Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis



Talk by author Tony Aston



Talk by author Tony Aston



Visit to E Smith & Son in Lymm



Visit to Petty Pool College, joined by local author Susi Osborne



Wilmslow Coffee Morning



Wilmslow Coffee Morning



Wilmslow Coffee Morning



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Wilmslow Coffee Morning

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A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

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

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 15 July, 10am - Gardening the natural way with Adam Pasco
Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 892 3222 7539. Password: 778536.

Tuesday 19 August, 7pm - Art and the Working Class with Ann-Marie Michel
Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 882 8581 8734. Password: 299310.

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

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

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

Sarah Robinson

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact **Sharon** on **01925 758117** or email **sharon.hulsecottle@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**

Say *yes* to friendship in September

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit **www.friendshipmonth.com**

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. 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 refreshments
- 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.



To find out more, contact Sharon by phone on **01925 758117** or email **sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk**



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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 Hamer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

Nur Zainal, who's 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.

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 Knight, 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.

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

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.”

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

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.”

At a glance

July 2025

Wed 2	Walk Around Lymm Dam and Ice-Cream	11am
Thurs 3	July Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 7	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 9	Indoor Bowling with Strawberries and Cream	11am
Tues 15	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Sun 20	Sunday Lunch at The Golden Pheasant in Plumley	1pm
Tues 22	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 28	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 30	July Branch Meeting	2pm

August

Mon 4	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning with Craft Making	11am
Tues 5	Tuesday Lunch at The Plough and Flail in Mobberley	1pm
Tues 12	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 14	Talk by the RNLI	11am
Tues 19	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 21	August Online Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 26	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am

September - Friendship Month

Mon 1	Altrincham Coffee Morning - Cold Pudding Event and Mug Cosies Fundraising for The Christie Charity	11am
Thurs 4	September Online Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 9	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 16	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 17	Hedgehog Rescue Talk	2pm
Fri 26	Friday Lunch at Yum Cha in Altrincham	1pm
Sun 28	Sunday Lunch at The Cheshire Grill in Lach Dennis	1pm
Mon 29	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 29	Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick - 'Bleak Expectations'	7.30pm
Tues 30	September Branch Meeting and Friendship Month Magic Show	12 noon

At a glance

October

Thurs 2	October Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 6	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 14	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 21	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 23	Thursday Lunch at Sutton Hall in Macclesfield	1pm
Thurs 23	Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick - Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Musical'	7.30pm
Mon 27	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 28	Fire Safety Talk by the Knutsford Fire Service	11am

November

Mon 3	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning with Christmas Crafting	11am
Tues 4	Talk at Petty Pool College	11am
Fri 7	November Online Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 11	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 17	Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick - 'It's a Wonderful Life'	7.30pm
Tues 18	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Mornings	11am
Mon 24	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 27	November Branch Meeting followed by Christmas Songs with Steve and Julie	1pm
Fri 28	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at E Smith & Son in Lymm	2pm
Sun 30	Sunday Lunch at The Bells of Peover	1pm

December

Mon 1	Altrincham Monthly Festive Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 2	HandA Christmas Lunch at The Slow & Easy in Northwich	12 noon
Thurs 4	December Online Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 9	Macclesfield Festive Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 11	Christmas Lunch at Aspire, Trafford College	12 noon
Tues 16	Knutsford Festive Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 22	Wilmslow Festive Coffee Morning	11am