

# out & about

## Ormskirk and Southport District Incorporating the Isle of Mona (Isle of Man)



Ormskirk Parish Church



The promenade and lakes,  
Southport



Marina area of Douglas  
on the Isle of Man

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Music
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Art/Crafts
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Dining Out
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Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea
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Quiz





*Barton Grange Garden Centre -  
Friday 14 November 2025*

## Welcome to the October 2025 to April 2026 events diary and newsletter.

We've had an interesting and busy few months in our District. Our coffee events are going from strength to strength and we've room to grow so please bring along any friends or family to try us out.

We've had a mini break to Grantham, including Lincoln and Burghley House; revisited some of our favourite places such as Gibbon Bridge; The Office; The Bedford Hotel and Skipton, whilst visiting St Giles' Church, Carnforth Station and The Octagon Theatre, Bolton for the first time.

We've been gin tasting and behaved ourselves (mostly) and joined in with the Lancashire Group Conference annual Crown Green Bowling event over near Wigan.

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For information on the Isle of Mona please contact Bonita Hesketh.

In an emergency, please use the national Oddfellows numbers.

**Please book early for events in this diary and take note of deadlines and any deposits requested.** Telephone, email or see Judith Catton at any of our coffee events to book and pay for trips.



# Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the regular monthly events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

## Southport Coffee Morning

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am



10.30am



Cost of refreshments



**2025**

1 October

5 November

3 December

**2026**

7 January

4 February

4 March

1 April

Please use the back door off Anchor Street. Come and join us for our regular informal coffee morning. The chance to meet new friends. The Office Bar & Restaurant, 36 Anchor Street, Southport PR9 0UT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



## Southport Coffee Afternoon

(First Thursday of the month)



1.30pm



Cost of refreshments



**2025**

2 October

6 November

4 December

**2026**

No January meeting

5 February

5 March

2 April

**Please note The Duke's Folly is closed in January. Meet at The Duke's Folly Hotel where we can enjoy a tea or coffee; or a drink from the well stocked bar.**

All are welcome to join us for a catch up and the chance to find out about upcoming events and activities. Ideal to bring friends or family along for the first time to find out more about us. The Duke's Folly Hotel, 11 Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



*No meeting in January 2026 for this event*



# Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the events are ideal if you are attending for the first time.  
We promise a warm welcome.

## Formby Coffee Club (Second Tuesday of the month)



2025	2026
14 October	13 January
11 November	10 February
9 December	10 March
	7 April*

Join us for our regular Formby coffee morning at the Toby Carvery. All welcome.  
**\*Please note that April's date will change to 7 April due to 'Odds on Tour' The Bay Horse, Toby Carvery, 13 Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.**

## Ormskirk Coffee and Chat (Second Wednesday of the month)



2025	2026
8 October	14 January
12 November	11 February
10 December	11 March
	8 April

Join us for a cuppa in this popular town centre café. All welcome. O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3BY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Telephone befrienders

**Our volunteer telephone befrienders are John Roberts and Julie Rudge.**

If you can't get out as much as you'd like or are feeling like you'd like to have a regular chat with someone please give Judith a call on 01704 545279 and she will arrange for someone to call you



on a regular basis. If you know of any members who might benefit from this service, please also do not hesitate to get in touch.

**If any of your contact details change, please advise Bonita Hesketh, so that we can ensure you don't miss out on any communications.**



# October 2025

MON  
13

## Ten Pin Bowling



11.30am



£7 (TBC)



Meet inside and we'll have a game of ten pin bowling, then pop across the car park and have a drink/lunch together at the Brewer's Fayre if you want to join us. Don't worry - it's not competitive (usually!) just for fun and a bit of exercise. Please book at least a week beforehand, so that we can reserve the bowling lanes. Cost will be confirmed depending on amount of people, usually approximately £7. Book by Thursday 2 October 2025. Ten Pin, Ocean Plaza, Marine Drive, Southport PR8 1RY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



SAT  
25

**\*DATE CHANGE\***

## Half Yearly Meeting with Social Afternoon



12 noon



£15



Please note date change from previous diary. Join us for our half yearly business meeting, followed by delicious two-course hotpot lunch and entertainment from Tony Ravel. Please state any dietary requirements. Raffle prizes welcome in aid of the Chairman's charity. Book by Friday 10 October 2025. Southport and Birkdale Sports Club, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 2HF. Bus No 15 stops on Grosvenor Road, just a very short walk from the Club. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Further events are being added, see:  
[www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

## 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. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.



# October

TUES  
28

## Visit Concorde – Runway Visitor Park



Various  
pickups



£30,  
Guided Tour £45



Visit Manchester Airport's Runway Visitor Park. You don't have to be jetting off anywhere to enjoy a day at the airport. Make the most of the unparalleled views and watch the airport comings and goings, such as 787s, A380s or even the occasional special visitor. With over 9,000 sqm of space, the park provides a diverse range of activities for all to enjoy. Large café on site and shop which sells aircraft themed gifts and Concorde memorabilia. We will arrive and have lunch of soup and sandwich. For those that want to, we will then join a guided 90 minute Concorde tour. With extended time in the flight deck, this tour provides a great opportunity to marvel at Concorde's unique aviation engineering.

A tour underneath the aircraft explores the ground breaking technology behind the supersonic airliner. **There are 26 steps with handrails up to Concorde to look inside.** You can do the tour without going onboard, but it is the highlight of the tour, so try to do it if you are able. You will receive a certificate commemorating your visit. Cost: £45 includes, transport, tour and lunch. £30 without guided tour. We will need a minimum of 25 people to run this trip. Limited numbers. Various pick-up times. Book by Tuesday 14 October 2025. The Runway Visitor Park, Sunbank Lane, Altrincham WA15 8XQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# November

FRI  
14

## Barton Grange Garden Centre



Various  
pickups



£12/£15



Winner of the GCA's Destination Garden Centre of the Year 2025, Barton Grange has everything you need to bring your home and garden to life. With inspirational plant and gardening ideas, homeware and gifts, a choice of dining options and a farm shop, it's a full day out for the whole family to enjoy. Always beautiful at Christmas time. We will travel by coach and enjoy a little retail therapy. Coach pick-up times will be distributed beforehand. Book by Wednesday 12 November 2025. Barton Grange Garden Centre, Garstang Road, Brock, Preston PR3 0RB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# November

THURS  
20

## A Christmas Carol at Floral Pavilion, New Brighton



2.30pm  
performance



£38 to include  
transport



**Book and pay deposit now**

A Christmas Carol is a faithful, full scale, exciting musical adaptation of the Dickens' classic. The production is atmospheric, colourful and beautifully costumed and propped. It utilizes a full scale composite set plus various cloths to represent the magical sky for the night-time journey, Fezziwig's ball, a London Street and various atmospheric gauzes.

We have reserved 30 tickets and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with preference for Oddfellows' members. **Please pay a non-refundable deposit of £20 by Friday 10 October 2025 to secure your place.** Full payment due by Wednesday 12 November 2025 latest. Please note the performance starts at 2.30pm. Time for coach pick-ups will be distributed beforehand. The Floral Pavilion, Marine Promenade, New Brighton, Wirral CH45 2JS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

THURS  
27

## Lancashire Day, Hot Lunch with Talk and Quiz



12.30pm



Members £17  
Guests £19



It's Lancashire Day, so let's celebrate with lunch together and an afternoon of chat and quizzing.

Local journalist, Roger Blaxall, will join us and give his talk - 'Lancashire County Council'. From Burscough to Bury, Ormskirk to Oldham, Formby to Freckleton and Wigan to Westhead, Lancashire is a wonderful and varied county.

Followed by 50 questions to test your knowledge of the Red Rose County. Featuring great prizes for the winners! Cost includes 2 course lunch. Steak and Ale Pie and Crusty bread, or veggie alternative and dessert. Please state any dietary requirements at time of booking by Friday 31 October 2025. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# December

FRI  
05

## Speke Hall at Christmas



Various  
pickups



£29/£32



Join us for an enchanting Christmas experience and the joys of the festive season at Speke Hall. The Christmas activities are not announced yet, but we hope to have full details in November. Lunch is at own expense and we will use the restaurant on a free flow basis. Cost: £29/£32 plus coach. Book by Friday 14 November 2025. Speke Hall, The Walk, Speke, Liverpool L24 1XD. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



WED  
17

## Christmas Lunch at The Calf's Head



Various  
pickups



£46/£49



**Book now**

Celebrate the season with this festive afternoon, including a delicious lunch and carol singing. **Please state your choice of menu from page 15 when booking and paying.**

Various coach pick-ups. Limited spaces to one large coach. First come, first served, with members' preference. Cost: £46/£49 including transport and tips. Book by Sunday 30 November 2025. Calf's Head Country Restaurant, Hotel & Watering Hole, Worston, Clitheroe BB7 1QA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.





# January 2026

**Book now**

SUN  
**04**

## Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Southport Little Theatre

 2.30pm performance

 £13



Southport's classic family pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at The Little Theatre. Watch as Jack embarks on a thrilling adventure to defeat the fearsome giant and save his village, all while navigating a world full of laughter and excitement. Whether you're a first-time panto-goer or a seasoned fan, Jack and the Beanstalk at the Little Theatre is an unmissable event.

Please book and pay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as tickets are limited. Performance starts at 2.30pm and seats are fully accessible. Book by Sunday 30 November 2025. Southport Little Theatre, Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

TUES  
**20**

## Metropolitan Cathedral Tour then Albert Dock

 Various pickups

 £18 (£21 to include crypt), or guests £20 (£23.50 to include crypt)



Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, officially known as the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and locally nicknamed 'Paddy's Wigwam' or 'The Mersey Funnel', is the seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool and the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool. We'll arrive and spend up to 90 minutes looking around the cathedral (guides are on duty) and for those who want to, visit the crypt.



There is an accessible entrance via the car park and lift, so no need to use the main stairs. Crypt fully accessible too. Following our visit, we will get back on the coach and be dropped at Albert Dock, where there are plenty of eateries and things to do, for example, Liverpool Museum/Maritime Museum/Tate Gallery etc to spend the afternoon. Various coach pickups, or meet us there. Times confirmed nearer the date. Book by Friday 12 December 2025. Metropolitan Cathedral, Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# January 2026

WED  
28

**Lunch at Penelope's,  
Birkdale**



12.30pm



Price  
TBC January



January can be dreary. But not when you meet for a delicious lunch with friends at this beautiful restaurant, right next to Victoria Park, Southport. Please book as soon as possible as spaces are limited, pre-order and pay for your food upfront. Menu available in January. Book by Tuesday 13 January 2026. Penelope's Birkdale, Rotten Row, Birkdale PR8 2BZ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# February

MON  
02

**'Way Out West' Laurel and Hardy - Bijou Film  
Screening and Lunch**



12.30pm



£15



Way Out West (1937). In 1975, when Stan and Ollie dominated holiday telly schedules, they reached number two in the UK charts with a rendition of 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine', a song that sums up the enduring appeal of this deftly parodic western. However, their soft-shoe routine to 'At the Ball, That's All' better epitomises the gauche grace that underpinned Laurel and Hardy's clowning.

The boys are duped by greedy saloon owner James Finlayson and his brassy wife, played by Sharon Lynne, who tickles Laurel into a state of helpless hilarity during the masterly bedroom chase sequence. Join us for a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, then settle down for the afternoon in the Bijou Cinema. **Please state either tomato or chicken soup on booking.** Book by Friday 16 January 2026. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# February



TUES

17

## Tai Pan Restaurant – Chinese New Year



12.30pm lunch  
Various coach pickups



£35 to include transport

Join us to celebrate Chinese New Year at Tai Pan in Liverpool. We'll have sharing starters and lunch together, followed by time in the Chinese supermarket afterwards. Travel by coach, or meet us there. Book by Friday 16 January 2026, **ask for**

**separate price without transport.** Tai Pan Restaurant, WH Lung Building, Blackstone Street, Liverpool L5 9TZ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



THURS

26

## Waste Recycling Centre Visit



Various pickups



£15/£17



See how we recycle! The Recycling Discovery Centre at Gillmoss offers free visits for us to delve into the world of waste! During this experience, we will discover how we can recycle at home to help us and our group recycle right. And how to reduce contamination – that's the wrong things put in the recycling bins and the journey of waste – from our homes to its final destination.

Every visit includes a tour of the state-of-the-art materials recovery facility, where we'll see recycling in action. We'll stop at a local garden centre (to be confirmed) on the way for refreshments before visiting the recycling centre. Book by Wednesday 11 February 2026. Gillmoss Recycling Centre, Bridgehouse Lane, Liverpool L10 5HA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.





# March

MON  
02

## West Kirby Walk

L 11am

£ Free



We will meet for a local walk lasting no longer than an hour. Details to follow. Use public or own transport. Book by Friday 13 February 2026. West Kirby. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



TUES  
17

## Rivington Hall Barn - St Patrick's Day Lunch

L Various pickups

£ £45



Join us as we travel to one of our favourite venues, Rivington Hall Barn, to celebrate St Patrick's Day with a delicious two-course lunch, followed by entertainment. Details to follow. Cost: Approximately £35 to be confirmed plus coach. Book early and pay a deposit of £10 to secure your place. Book by Tuesday 17 February 2026. Rivington Hall Barn, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7SB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

FRI  
27

## Discover Stockport Plaza and Lunch

L Various pickups

£ £39/£42 includes lunch, tour and transport



Built in 1932, the Grade II listed Stockport Plaza is a building of



international significance, as the last remaining art deco Super Cinema and Variety Theatre in the UK, still trading in its original capacity.

Many of the greatest stage, screen stars of yesteryear and the modern day have appeared in person on stage or on the giant silver screen here at The Plaza since her doors first opened. We will have a guided tour (or talk if you have limited mobility), then have a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches. Following that, you may walk up the road and visit Hatworks, the UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry, hats and headwear (entry is free, but we will pre-book for those interested - last entry 3.15pm). Alternatively, have a wander around Stockport's shopping centre. Cost: £39/£42 to include tour/talk, lunch, transport and tips. Book by Saturday 28 February 2026. Stockport Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# April

SAT

11

## Annual General Meeting – Summoned Meeting



12 noon



TBC



Join us as we discuss the business of running our District. Followed by lunch and entertainment. You may attend the business meeting free of charge without prior booking, although we would appreciate a booking for planning purposes. Cost charged is for the lunch and entertainment only. Please state any dietary requirements at time of payment. Book by Friday 3 April 2026. The Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

MON- FRI

13-17

## Odds On Tour 2026 – Dundee, Scotland



Various  
pickups



Twin/Double Room £495,  
Single Room £645



Join us on our annual 'Odds On Tour' mini-break, staying outside Dundee in The Best Western Woodlands Hotel. We will be away for five days, four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast and excursions to Scone Palace and The Falkirk Wheel, plus Anstruther, Dundee and optional visit to Glamis Castle (at extra cost). The onsite leisure facilities at the hotel provide the perfect place to relax too, with a lovely pool, steam room and jacuzzi.



Please pay a deposit of £50 per person before the end of December to reserve your place, stating any special requirements (**there are no reservations made without deposit**). Places are strictly limited and we must have a minimum of 40 people for this trip to go ahead. If in the unlikely event it does not go ahead, any deposits will be refunded. Cost: £495 per person sharing a twin/double room, £645 per person single room. Cost includes all transport, dinner, bed and breakfast, most excursions and tips. You may pay in instalments. Balance must be paid in full by the end of February 2026. Pick-up points and times will be distributed nearer the departure date. Best Western Woodlands Hotel, 13 Panmure Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2QL. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

\*The overnight stay is operated by The Best Western Woodlands Hotel, the Oddfellows cannot be held responsible for any bookings made with The Best Western Woodlands Hotel. Terms and conditions apply.



# April

TUES  
21

## Chorley Market Trip



Various  
pickups



£12/£15  
coach only



It is market day in the Lancashire town of Chorley, and you will be dropped close by and you can spend a few hours wandering the stalls and local amenities. Cost: £12/£15 coach only. Book by Tuesday 31 March 2026. Chorley PR7 1XA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



## Coming soon:

Haydock Races, Bodnant Gardens, Wedgwood, Wine Tasting Evening and much more

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at  OddfellowsOrmskirkSouthport

## For Dental and Optical Claims

If you are entitled to claim optical and dental benefits as part of your membership, please do not send in any receipts to Bonita without the correct claim form. If it is your first claim please phone Bonita for a form.

If you have claimed previously your cheque will arrive attached to a form. Please keep this safe as it contains useful information that will speed up any subsequent claims. Claims cannot be processed without a form. Please also note that the date of treatment must fall under the following claim period.

**Please note that receipt must have your name and address on.  
Credit card receipt is not acceptable.**

Ts and Cs apply check [www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs) for more details.



# Christmas Lunch at The Calf's Head

Wednesday 17 December, arrive midday to dine at 12.30pm

Calf's Head Country Restaurant, Hotel and Watering Hole  
Worston, Clitheroe BB7 1QA



## Menu

### Starter:

Home-made vegetable soup  
or  
Medley of melon cocktail.



### Main:

Traditional roast turkey, chipolata and stuffing  
or  
Veggie alternative.



### Dessert:

Christmas pudding served with home-made brandy sauce  
or  
Tea and coffee



Cost: £46/ £49 (including tip). Book by Sunday 30 November 2025,  
please contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Important Please Read

Please endeavour to contact the right person for your query

### Judith

- Social events/booking
- Payment For Social Events
- Pick up time details etc for Social Events
- Care & Welfare General

### Bonita

- Membership queries
- Membership Renewals
- Change of Address and Phone nos.
- Optical & Dental Claims
- Convalescence
- Benevolence
- All other Administrative matters



## All ideas are welcome for future social events/activities

Please let Judith or Bonita have details at any time.



*Members on holiday in Bath*

## 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, see contact details on page 2

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Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

## Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/login](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/login)

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Visit the Oddfellows Extra website for details.



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# Photos from the last few months

Here are some photos of our Ormskirk and Southport members from the last six months. Hope you enjoy them

## The Bedford Hotel



## Wild Fox Distillery





## Grantham



## 'Odds on Tour 2025' The Office Restaurant



## Wrexham 'St Giles' Cathedral'





# Photos from the last few months

Here are some photos from the last six months. Hope you enjoy them

## Carnforth Railway Station



## Crosby Walk





# Bring friendship to your front room



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

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions. These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

## What's coming up online

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Judith Catton and Bonita Hesketh**



# Meet your Ormskirk and Southport District Care Team

## The Oddfellows looking after you

Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



**Bonita Hesketh**

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07753 632433



**Julie Rudge**

07728 685811



**Isle of Man  
Carole Murren**

01624 890010  
or  
07624 419570



**Judith Catton**

01704 545279



**Pauline Fairclough**

07787 121520

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings? Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

*Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.*

To arrange for a member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Bonita Hesketh on **01695 424149** or email **[bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk)**



# National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

## 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](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)**

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

*Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.*

## Care and Welfare Helpline\*



**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

**Email: [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)**

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits\* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our '**Looking After You**' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/)



## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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





# 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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



## Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

### Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

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

Achieving Together

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



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

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



## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

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



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



# Your Committee of Management



From left to right: Bonita Hesketh, Sheila Martland, Judith Catton, Paul White, John Roberts, Tom Maddocks, Brenda Lowe, Zoe Dalton and Julie Rudge.

If you are interesting in finding out about getting involved on our Committee of Management, please contact Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149.

## Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Please find below the dates and venues of our Social Branch meetings (sometimes referred to as 'Lodges'). You are welcome to join any of the below meetings to hear the latest news from the Society and any training opportunities/other events. Just contact the relevant Secretary beforehand.

### Ormskirk and Southport District

**Annual General Meeting** - Saturday 11 April, 12 noon - see diary entry.

**Half Yearly Meeting** - Saturday 25 October, 12 noon - see diary entry

**Secretary:** Bonita Hesketh **Telephone:** 01695 424149

**Mobile:** 07753 632433

**Address:** 1 Royal Oak, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk L39 0EF

### Fleetwood

Meets at The Imperial, Manchester Road, Southport on the second Monday of the month at 10.30am for coffee & chat, with optional lunch. (Apart from December - see below) **Contact:** David Ogden Telephone 07754 057590

**Monday 13 October**

**Monday 10 November**

**Monday 8 December** - The Bold Arms, Churchtown 12.30pm for 1pm lunch

**Monday 12 January 2026**

**Monday 9 February**

**Monday 9 March**

**Monday 13 April**

**All welcome  
to attend**



# Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

## Rose of England

Meets usually on the last Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30am at the Hop Vine, Burscough  
10.30am Tea/Coffee. 11am Meeting.  
12.00 Lunch. Contact Sheila  
Martland Telephone 01704 892393

**November - TBC**

**December - Christmas Lunch, TBC**

**Tuesday 27 January 2026**

**Tuesday 24 February**

**Tuesday 31 March**

**Tuesday 28 April**

**Contact:** Sheila Martland  
**Telephone:** 01704 892393  
Calmont, Bleak Lane, Lathom,  
Ormskirk L40 4BP

## Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

**Contact:** Bonita Hesketh on  
01695 424149

## Earl of Sefton

Earl of Sefton meets at O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Ormskirk at 12 noon for lunch and chat on the following dates:-

**Friday 7 November**

**Friday 6 February 2026**

**Friday 6 March**

## Lord Skelmersdale

Lord Skelmersdale meets at Trinity Church at 10.30am for coffee and chat on the following dates:

**Monday 10 November**

**Monday 12 January 2026**

**Monday 9 March**

## Joint Lord Skelmersdale & Earl of Sefton

Meet on the following dates:

**December**

Christmas Lunch  
– venue and date TBC

**Friday 3 April 2026, 6pm for 6.30pm evening meal**





# Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

## October 2025

<b>Wed 1</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	11.30am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Sat 25</b>	Half Yearly Meeting with Social Afternoon	12 noon
<b>Tues 28</b>	Visit Concorde – Runway Visitor Park	Various pickups

## November

<b>Wed 5</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 12</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Fri 14</b>	Barton Grange Garden Centre	Various pickups
<b>Thurs 20</b>	A Christmas Carol at Floral Pavilion, New Brighton	Various pickups
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Lancashire Day Hotpot with Talk and Quiz	12.30pm

## December

<b>Wed 3</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Speke Hall at Christmas	Various pickups
<b>Tues 9</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Christmas Lunch at The Calf's Head	Various pickups

## January 2026

<b>Sun 4</b>	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Southport Little Theatre	2.30pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 13</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 14</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 20</b>	Metropolitan Cathedral Tour then Albert Dock	Various pickups
<b>Wed 28</b>	Lunch at Penelope's, Birkdale	12.30pm



# Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

## February

<b>Mon 2</b>	Way Out West Laurel and Hardy – Bijou Film Screening and Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Tai Pan Restaurant – Chinese New Year	Various pickups
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Waste Recycling Centre Visit	Various pickups

## March

<b>Mon 2</b>	West Kirby Walk	11am
<b>Wed 4</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Rivington Hall Barn – St Patrick’s Day Lunch	Various pickups
<b>Fri 27</b>	Discover Stockport Plaza and Lunch	Various pickups

## April

<b>Wed 1</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Formby Coffee Club*	10.30am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sat 11</b>	Annual General Meeting – Summoned Meeting	12 noon
<b>Mon 13 – Fri 17</b>	Odds On Tour 2026 – Dundee, Scotland	Various pickups
<b>Tues 21</b>	Chorley Market Trip	Various pickups

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# Ormskirk and Southport Booking Form

Please reserve me a space on the following trip/s. Places are not guaranteed until confirmed by Judith.

Name: .....

Telephone No: .....

Any special requirements: .....

**Please note any deposits requested and deadlines**

## October 2025

- ☐ **Mon 13** Ten Pin Bowling
- ☐ **Sat 25** Half Yearly Meeting  
with Social Afternoon
- ☐ **Tues 28** Visit Concorde  
- Runway Visitor Park

## November

- ☐ **Fri 14** Barton Grange Garden Centre
- ☐ **Thurs 20** A Christmas Carol at  
Floral Pavilion, New Brighton
- DEPOSIT REQUIRED**
- ☐ **Thurs 27** Lancashire Day Hotpot  
with Talk and Quiz

## December

- ☐ **Fri 5** Speke Hall at Christmas
- ☐ **Wed 17** Christmas Lunch at  
The Calf's Head

## January 2026

- ☐ **Sun 4** Jack and the  
Beanstalk Pantomime at Southport  
Little Theatre **PLEASE PAY ASAP**
- ☐ **Tues 20** Metropolitan Cathedral  
Tour then Albert Dock
- ☐ **Wed 28** Lunch at Penelope's

## February

- ☐ **Mon 2** 'Way Out West' Laurel  
and Hardy - Bijou Film  
Screening and Lunch
- ☐ **Tues 17** Tai Pan Restaurant -  
Chinese New Year
- ☐ **Thurs 26** Waste Recycling  
Centre Visit

## March

- ☐ **Mon 2** West Kirby Walk
- ☐ **Tues 17** Rivington Hall Barn  
- St Patrick's Day Lunch
- ☐ **Fri 27** Discover Stockport Plaza  
and Lunch

## April

- ☐ **Sat 11** Annual General Meeting  
- Summoned Meeting
- ☐ **Mon 13** Odds On Tour 2026  
Dundee, Scotland
- DEPOSIT REQUIRED**
- ☐ **Tues 21** Chorley Market

Any information you supply on this form will be used to book your chosen event(s). We will not use this information for future marketing, nor will this information be shared with any third party.

