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# *Events & News*

## **Ormskirk and Southport District** **Incorporating the Isle of Mona**



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Music



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Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



*We hope you can join us for one of our walks*

## Welcome to the April edition of the Ormskirk & Southport newsletter.

With mass vaccination underway and a plan to get back to normal, I feel like we are animals being released back into the wild. For the immediate future we will be continuing with our online Zoom events, then branching out into walks of up to 30 people from Monday 17 May as allowed.

This diary runs for the rest of April until the end of June, and then I am hoping we can add in more of our traditional socials.

**At the moment, all Ormskirk & Southport events must be booked with me (Judith) by phone/text or email, as we need to keep to the number restrictions, and if things change I will need to be able to contact everyone.**

If there is space you are more than willing to bring friends/family along.

If you aren't up for walking I have arranged meeting for a cuppa at the end of some of these arranged walks.

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Please let me know if you'd like to join us, weather permitting etc. Also let me know if you'd like us to arrange a walk that isn't on this list. I am happy to sort ad hoc walks as long as they are compliant with the rules.

# Regular Event

## CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom



16 April, 30 April, 7 May,  
28 May, 4 June and 25 June



Join us online with a brew and a biscuit and let's put the world to rights. Relaxed and informal. All welcome. Zoom Meeting ID: 231 522 2288; Password 1810. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Isle of Mona

### Meet and Chat



Wednesday 5 May  
Wednesday 2 June



Join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. Bring a friend, we'd love to see you. Cafe Bar Two Six, Derbyhaven (The Old Flying Club), Airport Road, Ballasalla, Isle of Man IM9 1TH. Contact Cat on 07624 482077.

## Our social events meet the current COVID-19 Secure guidelines



We're doing all we can to make our meet-ups as safe and as comfortable as possible, because staying connected matters. If you're in need of company, you're more than welcome to come along and join us in person or online.

[www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

All Ormskirk & Southport events are bookable with Judith on **01704 545279** or email [judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk).

All Isle of Mona events are bookable with Cat on **07624 482077** or email [catherine.jenkins@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:catherine.jenkins@oddfellows.co.uk) (see page 8).

# May 2021

## **TUES** **04** **Oddfellows' Brainiest** **Brain Games and Quiz**



Don't be put off by the title. Join us for a fun and relaxed themed quiz and games on Zoom. All welcome. Hope to see you there. Bring a pen and paper. Zoom Meeting ID: 231 522 2288. Password: 1810. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



## **MON** **17** **Hesketh Park Walk**



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet outside the cafe. We will take a gentle stroll around the park finishing with a takeaway cup of tea/coffee from the cafe. If you just want to join us outside for a catch up then meet us at the cafe at 11am. Please note that even if you are just meeting us for a drink you must let us know beforehand. This is so we can comply with regulations and don't exceed 30. Also if the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. Book by Sunday 16 May. Hesketh Park, 17 Park Crescent, Brentwood Court, Southport PR9 9JN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## **WED** **19** **Freshfield** **Path Walk**



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet outside Freshfield Station. We will take a gentle three mile planned walk along the coastal path and through the dunes, finishing by the National Trust Car Park and the station. You must book with us beforehand. If the rules and/or our arrangements change I will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. If you drive and park at either the station or the National Trust Car Park, charges may apply. Book by Tuesday 18 May. Freshfield Station, Victoria Road, Formby L37 7DD. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# May 2021

FRI  
21

## Ormskirk Coronation Park Walk



10.30am



Free



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet at the entrance to the park. We will take a gentle stroll around the park finishing with a takeaway cup of tea/coffee from the nearby O'Brien's or Morrison's cafe, or bring your own refreshments. If you just want to join us outside for a catch up then meet us at the park at 11.15am. Please note that even if you are just meeting us for a drink you must let us know beforehand. This is so we comply with regulations and don't exceed 30. Also if the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. Book by Thursday 20 May. Coronation Park, 41 Park Avenue, Ormskirk L39 3LB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# June

TUES  
01

## Oddfellows' Brainiest Brain Games and Quiz



2pm



Free

Don't be put off by the title. Join us for a fun and relaxed themed quiz and games on Zoom. All welcome. Hope to see you there. Bring a pen and paper. Zoom Meeting ID: 231 522 2288. Password: 1810. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# June

TUES  
08

## Southport Pier and Promenade Walk



10.15am



Free



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet outside Silcock's Funland/ Carousel. We will take a gentle stroll along the pier if open and Kings Gardens, finishing with a takeaway cup of tea/coffee from the Kings Garden Tea Rooms. If you just want to join us outside for a catch up then meet us at the cafe at approximately 11am. Please note that even if you are just meeting us for a drink you must let us know beforehand. This is so we can comply with regulations and don't exceed 30. Also if the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. Book by Monday 7 June. Silcock's Funland and Pier, Pier Forecourt, Promenade, Southport PR8 1QX. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# June

THURS  
10

## Freshfield Path Walk



10.15am



Free



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet outside Freshfield Station. We will take a gentle three mile planned walk along the coastal path and through the dunes, finishing by the National Trust Car Park and the station. You must book with us beforehand. If the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. If you drive and park at either the station or the National Trust Car Park, charges may apply. Book by Wednesday 9 June. Freshfield Station, Victoria Road, Formby L37 7DD. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



WED  
16

## Ormskirk Coronation Park Walk



10.30am



Free



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet at the entrance to the park. We will take a gentle stroll around the park finishing with a takeaway cup of tea/ coffee from the nearby O'Brien's or Morrison's cafe, or bring your own refreshments. If you just want to join us outside for a catch up then meet us at the park at 11.15am. Please note that even if you are just meeting us for a drink you must let us know beforehand. This is so we can comply with regulations and don't exceed 30. Also if the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. Book by Tuesday 15 June. Coronation Park, 41 Park Avenue, Ormskirk L39 3LB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



FRI  
18

## Churchtown Botanic Gardens Walk



10.15am



Free



Hopefully we will be able to meet up in a group of fewer than 30 by this date. Meet outside the cafe.



We will take a gentle stroll around the garden finishing with a takeaway cup of tea/coffee from the cafe. If you just want to join us outside for a catch up then meet us at the cafe at 11am. Please note that even if you are just meeting us for a drink you must let us know beforehand.

This is so we comply with regulations and don't exceed 30. Also if the rules and/or our arrangements change we will need to contact everybody. Social distancing will still apply on this date. Book by Thursday 17 June. Botanic Gardens, 40 Bankfield Lane, Churchtown, Southport PR9 7NB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Coming soon in Ormskirk & Southport

- Mini break to Llandudno (October hopefully)
- Rivington Hall Barn
- Chester Zoo
- Lyme Park
- Gibbon Bridge
- And much more



(please note that we are not taking bookings or payments for these events yet)

## Coming soon on the Isle of Mona

Watch out for the next newsletter published in June.

## Isle of Man (Isle of Mona Branch) News

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a part time Development Officer on the Isle of Man. Cat Jenkins will be organising social events and helping you get the most out of your membership. She took up her post in March – one week into the Island's third lockdown.

Cat knows the Island well, and at present she also works part-time as a support worker at the Graih Night Shelter for homeless people. She has in the past served as a Douglas town councillor, and volunteers for several charities from time to time. Cat has two



*Welcome Cat Jenkins*

daughters, twins Catherine and Lizzie, and five (yes five!) Cats, and lives in Douglas. We wish Cat lots of luck in this role and hope you will support her as much as possible. Cat Jenkins can be contacted on 07624 482077 or [catherine.jenkins@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:catherine.jenkins@oddfellows.co.uk).

## Isle of Cider – The Manx Oddfellows Connection

**Hello my name is Philip Jolley. I am the business owner of Isle of Cider ([www.isleofcider.im](http://www.isleofcider.im)). I operate a wholesale business of 100% juice real cider brought to the Isle of Man from my home counties of Herefordshire and Worcestershire.**

I grew up in a 16th century black and white cottage that was a cider house in its hey day. It still had the original cider mill in the barn when we moved there in the late 1990s. We held a couple of community apple pressing events to make cider for the whole village back when I was

growing up; and this is what has given me my passion for cider today.

I moved to the Isle of Man in October 2015 to live with my partner Jenny and we now have a 2 year old little girl called Penny. It is since moving here that I have found out through my Uncle's genealogy hobby that I am a direct descendant of the late James Rae Fielding who was Grand Master of the Manx Oddfellows in 1862.

He is my Great Great Great Grandfather. So I have decided to tell his story through my cider. I am launching a cider in March



this year under the Isle of Cider brand that takes you back in time nearly 200 years to Victorian Douglas, centred around the North Quay area. The story is told in the first person of James Rae Fielding himself and I'd love for you to find out all about him if you read on.....

"Good day to you. My name is James Rae Fielding, The Grand Master of the Manx Oddfellows Society. I was born in Blackburn, England in 1817. My Great Great Grandson is the founder of Isle of Cider which is why you find me here today telling you my story.

I came to the Isle of Man in 1821. My parents kept the Eagle and Child Inn in Haywood Place on North Quay Douglas. I was educated at the Commercial School in Bath Place next to where the Steam Packet sea terminal building stands today. I served as an apprentice hairdresser under Mr Joseph Ellison on North Quay and continued my trade there until 1895; a total of 63 years. 1895 was when the improvement scheme of North Quay began. The Douglas Corporation bought my shop for redevelopment. I was 77 years old by then, so it was time to hang up those scissors.

I was a member of the Manx Oddfellows Society in Douglas all my life. Ours was called the Victoria Lodge. I was appointed Deputy Grand Master in the Christmas of 1858 and became Grand master of the Isle of Man in 1862. We often held meetings at the Steam Packet Vaults public house at number 68 North Quay, and on occasions the Liver Hotel Lord Street too. As our organisation grew in number, I helped to

establish Lodges in Castletown, St John's, Kirkmichael, and Onchan.

We were a very charitable organisation helping institutions such as the Isle of Man Hospital Committee, and the Douglas poor relief committee. Personally I was treasurer of the Douglas Coal fund, and the people's Warden of St Matthews Church.

While in office I commissioned the construction of the new St Matthew's church in Ridgeway Street which replaced the Old Structure in Market Place a little further along the Quay. Work started on new St Matthew's Church in 1895 and was consecrated in 1908. It was all part of the redevelopment of the North Quay area including The Municipal Buildings, Town Library and Market Hall that you still see standing today. If you look carefully inside the church you might find a crest or a stain glass window in celebration of what I did for the Manx people and the Oddfellows Society.

I died on February 11th 1912 at the age of 94 and was buried in Old Kirk Braddan Church Yard just off the TT course". Thank you for reading this and I hope I have inspired you to come and take a walk around the North Quay of Douglas to retrace James Rae Fielding's steps and possibly enjoy a cider or two in one of the many great establishments on the Quay. If you do know the exact plot in Kirk Braddan Church please get in touch. This is the final piece of the jigsaw and I'd love to find out. Email me at **[philipjolley01@gmail.com](mailto:philipjolley01@gmail.com)**

All the best, Philip Jolley, Isle of Cider.  
**[www.isleofcider.im](http://www.isleofcider.im)**

# 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 Welfare Visitor team who are here to help you.



**Bonita Hesketh**  
01695 424149  
07753 632433



**Julie Rudge**  
07728 685811



**Isle of Man**  
**Carole Murren**  
01624 890010 or 07624 419570



**Judith Catton**  
01704 545279



**Pauline Fairclough**  
07787 121520

**Could this be you?**  
**Phone Bonita or**  
**Judith for more info**

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings and would like a visit for a cup of tea and a chat? 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!

*All our Welfare Visitors 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 when they visit.*

To arrange for a Welfare Visitor 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@manchestercab.org](mailto:oddfellows@manchestercab.org)**

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/)**

# Ormskirk & Southport News

## Diamonds are Forever

**We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Ormskirk & Southport members Lilian and Eric Ogden. Eric was Secretary of Fleetwood Lodge from 1964 until 1975; Prov CS from 1969 – 2001 and Grand Master of the Order in 2000.**

They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 1 April 2021, having been married at All Souls Church in Southport on Easter Saturday 1961.

Eric and Lilian were uncertain about giving advice and 'top tips' for a happy union, but when pressed, suggested to "take the rough with the smooth and apply lots of love, affection and tolerance".



*Saturday 1 April 1961*



*Happy times with the Oddfellows*

## Thank You Ann

We are very sad to announce that Sister Ann Ward died on Thursday 28 January 2021 after a short illness. Ann was a long-standing Management Committee member and Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) of Ormskirk & Southport District on two occasions. She was a dear friend to many and we will miss her wicked sense of humour and infectious laugh.

We send love and condolences to her husband John and their family.

Thank you Ann for all your hard work and dedication to The Oddfellows.



## Branches raise over £145,000 for good causes in 2020

**A big part of the Oddfellows is about giving back. We're run by our members, for our members, and that means providing them with the support they, their friends, family and communities may need.**

The societal impact of the worldwide pandemic and nationwide lockdowns truly showed us the importance of coming together as a community. And despite many facing funding and resource crises themselves, charitable organisations stepped up to play a huge part in helping people to get through the struggles of last year.

To show our continued support, our UK Branches raised £145,742.59 for good causes in 2020.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "In one way or another, we've all needed somebody to lean on at various points during the pandemic, so it's wonderful to see how our Branches and members have been helping their local communities and good causes."

Oddfellows Branches and members also made significant contributions to Society fundraising initiatives during the past year, such as our Coronavirus Emergency

Appeal, in which £19,210 was raised to split between The Silver Line and the National Emergencies Trust.

Our 115 UK Branches regularly donate to a long list of local organisations and charities. From supporting homeless shelters through to funding public defibrillators, they work tirelessly to help make their towns great places to live for people of all ages, from all walks of life. Here are a few examples...

### Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Sponsored a local mum with £550 who was raising money for the Children with Cancer charity by running a marathon across town. Every day, 12 families are given the heartbreaking news that their child has cancer, and CWC funds over 60 research projects which all work towards giving children the very best chance of survival.



### Mid-Staffordshire Oddfellows

donated £1,000 to Midland Air Ambulance Charity, which has air bases in Staffordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, and provides emergency care in hard-to-reach places.



### North Gloucestershire Oddfellows

donated £6,000 to Merton House Hotel to get it back on its feet after early closures in 2020 due to government restrictions. Merton House Hotel offers respite and convalescence care to a number of Oddfellows members.

### The Great Berkhamstead District

donated £2,000 to a local school last year that runs a charity called "No Child Without". Many children were left at a disadvantage following school closures, due to a lack of access to tablets and laptops at home. No Child Without makes sure that every child has the basic necessities to learn, no matter their background.



### Nene and Welland Oddfellows

raised £1,000, plus £400 worth of food and bedding for the Exotic Pet Refuge, which runs entirely on public donations to support its menagerie of wolves, snakes, monkeys and meerkats – to name a few!

### Leigh and Bolton Oddfellows

donated £500 to Bolton Hospice, which offers local support for people with life-limiting or terminal illnesses. The hospice costs £4 million per year to provide its specialist care.

If there's a cause close to your heart which you'd like to support, have a chat with your local Branch Secretary, and share some of your fundraising ideas with them.



# Apprenticeship Educational Awards 2020

Each year, we offer members who are undertaking an apprenticeship the opportunity to apply for a financial grant to help them with their training. Applications are open from March each year, until 31 December, and of those who apply, three members are selected by our Fraternal Board to receive **£250 for every year of their studies.**

Meet our 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award Winners!

**Fenton Gaymer, 16, is completing a plumbing apprenticeship at Gayges Ltd in Swanley, Kent, through Bexley College.**

He says: "I'm really excited to start my career in plumbing. It's an essential service and I feel that there will always be a need for plumbers. An apprenticeship is a great way to begin a career, as it offers the opportunity to earn a wage whilst learning a skill, meaning that when I'm fully qualified, I'll be able to get started straight away."

**Jack Lockwood, 18, is completing an apprenticeship in Carpentry with Alan Bender Ltd in Colchester, through the Colchester Institute.**

He says: "I'm hoping to put as much of it as I can towards a van and some tools to help me get set up in the trade."



*Fenton, Jack and Rhianna*

My Grandad was a carpenter, but I really got into woodwork at school. It's always satisfying to see a project from start to finish, and feel proud that you've created it yourself."

**Rhianna Lees, 17, is completing an apprenticeship in Manufacturing Engineering at Rolls Royce in Derby, through the University of Sheffield.**

She says: "I'm extremely grateful for the award. It will go a long way in helping me to purchase essential course textbooks. My mum's always encouraged me and my twin brother to dream big and go for what we want. She's really made me who I am today."

We also offer Educational Awards for members who are undertaking their first University Degree. If you'd like to be considered for our First Degree Course Educational Awards, contact your Branch Secretary for an application form. The deadline is 31 August each year, and member eligibility applies.

# Peak District Friendship Tour

Oddfellows Travel is hosting a special three night guided tour of the Peak District. All members and their guests are invited.



Staying at HF Holiday's Peveril of the Peak Country House Hotel, in Dovedale. You'll get the chance to explore some of the Peak District's signature attractions.

For further information  
contact tour host Mike Hall:  
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[travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk)

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# Poem: A Pound a Penny No Matter

By Zoe Dalton, Ormskirk & Southport member

*Each raising a helicopter to the sky  
raising the spirit of those in the  
darkness of hours and the soothing  
voice when all seems lost and in  
these uncertain times needed now  
more than ever as every penny  
really does count to heal the injured  
to find a cure and sooth internal  
pain so please if you can spare a  
penny or two as your local charities  
really do need you.*



*In Aid of the North West  
Air Ambulance*

## Who looks after what in our District?



*Bonita Hesketh  
Southport  
and Ormskirk*



*Judith Catton  
Southport  
and Ormskirk*



*Cat Jenkins  
Isle of Mona*

- All membership queries and renewals (including change of details).
- Optical and Dental claims
- Convalescence
- Benevolence
- All local Ormskirk & Southport social event queries and payments
- Bookings
- Social Payments
- General care and welfare issues
- All Isle of Mona social enquiries
- New member enquiries and general matters

# Don't miss out, Zoom in!



Join us online until we can meet face to face

## Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

### Refer a friend today

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

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# Social distancing can still be social

**Your guide to online events you can enjoy  
from the comfort of your own home**

**April – June 2021**

Social restrictions have meant that our usual face-to-face events had to be suspended, but that doesn't mean we can't get together! Our network of 121 Branches are running a huge variety of nationwide online events, and everybody is welcome to join – no matter where in the country you are.

This guide lists the current regular and featured events available for you to attend.

**Not attended an online event yet – you don't even need to be on the internet? Need help? Check out our 'How to' overleaf...**

# How to join a Zoom event for the first time



You will need a device that is connected to the internet with a camera and microphone (most computers, laptops, smart phones and tablets have them). Don't worry if you don't have these, you can still join an event using your landline phone – you'll be able to hear and speak to everyone but not see them. Here's some simple steps to help get you started.

## 1. Connecting to Zoom via an app or website

You can download the free Zoom app from your app store – once you've 'signed in' and set up a password you'll be ready to start. Alternatively you can connect to Zoom via

**www.zoom.us** – just click on 'Join a Meeting' and enter the 'Meeting ID'.

## 2. Using the 'Meeting ID' to join an event

The 'Meeting ID' is a unique set of numbers listed with the event information in this leaflet – you need to enter these once you've logged onto Zoom (either via the app or website). For some events you may have to pre-register with the event organiser and/or enter a 'Passcode'.

## 3. Getting your audio and video settings right

When prompted, make sure your video and audio is on – if you see a red line through the microphone and/or camera icons, click on them to activate otherwise you won't be seen or heard!

## 4. Joining an event with a landline phone

You can use your landline to phone into an event – there is a charge, (please check your operator for details), but the standard rate number is **0330 0885830**. You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID number followed by # and may also be asked for a Passcode followed by # . For additional information on how to join meetings, here's a few useful links:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bp-assets/globalassets/trafford/how-to-use-zoom-for-the-first-time.pdf>

## Monthly events

Frequency/time	Event	Meeting ID	Passcode	Contact
3rd Mon 11am	Coffee in the Virtual Potting Shed	848 9002 1785	493398	valerie.ashcroft@oddfellows.co.uk
4th Mon 4pm	Zingo Bingo	542 724 7603	-	joanne.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
1st Tues 2pm	Brainiest Brain Fun Quiz	231 522 2288	1810	judith.cotton@oddfellows.co.uk
1st Tues 2pm	Word Games and Chat	542 724 7603	-	wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk
2nd Tues 2pm	Busy Fingers, Crafts and Coffee	542 724 7603	-	wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk
2nd Tues 4pm	Beetle Drive	542 724 7603	-	joanne.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
2nd Tues 7.30pm	Games, quizzes and more	860 2803 8495	-	dawn.taylor@oddfellows.co.uk



# Weekly events

Below are events that occur every week – for a full description visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) and type “online” in the location search box or contact the local organiser listed.

Time	Event	Meeting ID	Passcode	Contact
<b>Monday</b>				
10.30am	Online Games – All Welcome	950 0863 2889	1810	emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk
2pm	Chi Gung	824 6194 4085	-	sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk
3pm	Monday Music & Musing	420 044 9988	942052	maretta.heap@oddfellows.co.uk
7pm	Weekly Monday Games Night	967 996 1868	-	charles.venables@oddfellows.co.uk

## Tuesday

4pm	Art, Talks, Fun and Games	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
7pm	Fun Quiz – Open to all	869 8507 8184	-	sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk

## Wednesday

11am	National Coffee Morning	988 3920 7187	-	peter.needham@oddfellows.co.uk
3pm	Fun Quiz – Open to all	854 769 23503	-	debbie.jex@oddfellows.co.uk
6pm	Tai Chi	873 2888 5615	-	sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk

## Thursday

10.30am	Coffee Morning	949 4131 7445	1810	emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk
11am	Easy Zumba Gold	9468 1625 757	PRE-REG	debbie.jex@oddfellows.co.uk
11am	Coffee Morning	798 2731 5650	-	sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk
2pm	Oddfellows Fun Thursdays	988 3920 7187	-	events@oddfellows.co.uk
7pm	Weekly Quiz Night	967 996 1868	-	charles.venables@oddfellows.co.uk

## Friday

2pm	The Weekend Starts Here!	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
3pm	Friday Fun and Games	420 044 9988	942052	maretta.heap@oddfellows.co.uk

## Saturday

11am	Fun, Quiz and Games	894 5983 8236		peter.needham@oddfellows.co.uk
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## Sunday

5pm	Facebook Live @ 5 Quiz	www.facebook.com/Oddfellowslpswich		wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk
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**\*please contact the event organiser to register in advance of the event**

1st Wed	2.30pm	Nationwide Quiz	852 9201 2067	1810	syd.goodwin@oddfellows.co.uk
3rd Wed	2pm	Sing Along	853 5928 5951	-	helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
3rd Wed	7pm	Talks from Tunbridge Wells	984 8355 1408	1810	karen.rose@oddfellows.co.uk
1st and 3rd Fri	7pm	Fun on Friday	542 724 7603	-	wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk
2nd and 4th Fri	7pm	Fun on Friday	845 7787 3384	-	sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk
1st and Last Fri	10.30am	Corona Club Coffee Morning	231 522 2288	1810	judith.cotton@oddfellows.co.uk
Last Sat	5pm	Saturday Sing Along	967 996 1868	-	charles.venables@oddfellows.co.uk
3rd Sat	7pm	Saturday Night Fun	460 928 7642	1810	karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk

# Featured events

Featured events are usually one-offs – they may be repeated but not necessarily weekly or monthly. As with the other listed events, you can find out more about them via [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) or by contacting the event organiser.

Date/Time and Event			Meeting ID	Code	Contact
<b>April</b>					
2	2pm	Marie Curie Charity	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
3	3pm	Easter Fun Afternoon	872 9621 0277		sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk
9	10.30am	Social Prescribers	940 0419 6205		emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk
9	2pm	The Great Unwatched – Bob Sinfield	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
13	4pm	The Carry on Films and their Stars	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
14	2pm	The Contrast of China	853 5928 5951		helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
14	7pm	Charity Schools in York	894 5983 8236		peter.needham@oddfellows.co.uk
15	7pm	A Question of Taste? – Henderson's Relish	829 8042 3134	1810	toni.siddall@oddfellows.co.uk
16	2pm	RSPB	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
21	2pm	Sing Along	896 1081 9201		helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
22	7.30pm	Peculiar Words and Phrases	835 7286 6270	1810	sarah.robinson@oddfellows.co.uk
23	10.30am	Nutrition and Wellness Talk	916 0511 4104		emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk
28	2pm	Discovering Family History	853 5928 5951		helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk

## May

5	2pm	And So To Ted	853 5928 5951		helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
5	7pm	My Derbyshire Life'	821 0037 5056	200051	toni.siddall@oddfellows.co.uk
7	2pm	Dead and Breakfast – Bob Sinfield	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
11	4pm	From Phil Silvers to Sergeant Bilko	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
19	2pm	Sing Along	896 1081 9201		helen.bullock@oddfellows.co.uk
25	4pm	Skeletons in the Cupboard	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
27	7.30pm	Winston Churchill "I'll be sober in the morning"	847 8664 4646	1810	sarah.robinson@oddfellows.co.uk

## June

1	4pm	Oddfellows Membership Benefits	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
8	4pm	The Lives and Music of The Everly Brothers	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
11	2pm	Blasts from the Past	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
18	2pm	John Scott Cree's Christmas Special	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
22	4pm	Your Hundred Best Tunes	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk
29	4pm	60s Karaoke	910 7968 6020	1810	paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk

## More online events are added every week!

If you'd like the latest online event listing, email your Secretary or Social Organiser with the subject line 'Please send the online events list'. You can also receive the latest Oddfellows news straight to your inbox. Just make sure your Branch Secretary has your up-to-date email address or call our Membership team to check on **0800 028 1810**. You can opt out at any time by contacting your Branch Secretary or [unsubscribe@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:unsubscribe@oddfellows.co.uk). We'll never share your details with any third party without your consent.

# Branch Contact Details and Business Meetings

All face to face Lodge meetings are on hold until later in the year. Details of meetings and Lodge social events will be announced in the next newsletter.

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## Isle of Mona

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Hunters Croft, Main Road, Ballaugh,  
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If you would like to attend any of  
these meetings, please call Bonita.

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# Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

## April 2021

<b>Fri 16</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am
<b>Fri 30</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am

## May

<b>Tues 4</b>	Oddfellows' Brainiest Brain Games and Quiz	2pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am
<b>Mon 17</b>	Hesketh Park Walk	10.15am
<b>Wed 19</b>	Freshfield Path Walk	10.15am
<b>Fri 21</b>	Ormskirk Coronation Park Walk	10.30am
<b>Fri 28</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am

## June

<b>Tues 1</b>	Oddfellows' Brainiest Brain Games and Quiz	2pm
<b>Fri 4</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am
<b>Tues 8</b>	Southport Pier and Promenade Walk	10.15am
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Freshfield Path Walk	10.15am
<b>Wed 16</b>	Ormskirk Coronation Park Walk	10.30am
<b>Fri 18</b>	Churchtown Botanic Gardens Walk	10.15am
<b>Fri 25</b>	CoronaClub Online Coffee Morning - Zoom	10.30am

# Isle of Mona at a glance

## May

<b>Wed 5</b>	Isle of Mona - Meet and Chat	2pm
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## June

<b>Wed 2</b>	Isle of Mona - Meet and Chat	2pm
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## Please remember...

Please remember at the moment all events must be booked in advance.

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