

July - December 2026



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# *out & about*

## Cambridge District



### *St Neots from the Regatta Meadow*



Dining Out



Games



Trips



Talks



Music/Concerts



Social



Quiz



Meetings



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea

## Welcome to our latest Cambridge Oddfellows newsletter and social diary, full of new events to look forward to in the coming summer months.

You will find events happening all over the Cambridge district area this summer, including a gathering at the JESC; a great venue with plenty of on site parking, so please do make sure you know where the events are being held..

We are very pleased to announce a new Coffee morning in St Neots. The meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am at The Ferro Lounge, High Street, St Neots, and our first few meetings there have already had a very strong start. We are happy to say that all the coffee mornings continue to go from strength to strength, and its lovely to see so many of you joining us month after month - that's great friendship!

Due to the high demand for places at some of our events/trips, we have changed the way we will confirm your place. From 1st July, if you have indicated interest in a trip, your name will be added to the list as usual, but your place won't be confirmed until you have paid the cost. Once that has been received, you will receive confirmation (by email if you have one) to tell you that you have a confirmed place on the trip. Please

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make sure your email address is up to date as without this confirmation, you won't be able to attend the trip.

Also, to help keep everyone informed, we will be setting up a WhatsApp Community. This works a little differently from a regular WhatsApp group - only admins (page owners) will be able to post messages. It's for information only, and you won't be able to reply, so you won't receive lots of notifications from conversations. It will be a simple way to stay up to date with upcoming events and important information about Cambridge

Oddfellows. If you would like to be added, please contact Hannah on – 07599848221.

As always, our Care and Welfare team is here for you whenever you may need support. Whether it's a friendly chat or a helping hand, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We would also love for more members to get involved. This could be through supporting our Care and Welfare

work, talking to other members on the phone, or simply sharing ideas for new social events you'd like to see. (Leaflets/training is available.)

Thank you to everyone who has joined us at our events so far this year, for being part of our branch and for your ongoing friendship. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon to make even more memories!

## 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:  CambridgeOddfellows



Who can you invite along to join in the friendship and fun?

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

## Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for all to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events)

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# Regular Events

## Brampton Coffee Club



10.30am



Free



**Second Monday  
of the month**

Join us for a relaxed coffee and cake in a cosy and welcoming atmosphere to have a chat and make new friends. Notcutts Garden Centre, Buckden Road, Brampton, Huntingdon PE28 4NF. Contact Hannah on 07599 848221.

**13 July  
10 August**

**14 September  
12 October**

**9 November  
14 December**

## Royston Coffee Club



10.30am



Free



**Fourth Monday  
of the month**

Come along and meet with like-minded Oddfellows. Have a coffee, eat cake and make new friendships. Bury Lane Farm Shop, Off the A10, Meldreth, Royston SG8 6GT. Contact Hannah on 07599 848221.

**27 July  
24 August**

**28 September  
26 October**

**23 November**

## Ely Coffee Club



10.30am



Cost of refreshments



**First Wednesday  
of the month**

Join us for a relaxed coffee and cake in a cosy and welcoming atmosphere to have a chat and make new friends. The Yard, 35A Newnham Street, Ely CB7 4PG. Contact Hannah on 07599 848221.

**1 July  
5 August**

**2 September  
7 October**

**4 November  
2 December**

## St Neots Coffee Club



10.30am



Free



**First Thursday of  
the month**

This is a relaxed, welcoming venue, where you can meet new and old friends over coffee and cake. Why not join us? You won't regret it! The Ferro Lounge, 21-23 Market Square, St Neots PE19 2AR. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.

**2 July  
6 August**

**3 September  
1 October**

**5 November  
3 December**

# July 2026

THURS  
09

## My Tu-Tu Went AWOL!

🕒 2pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £5



Are you ready, ladies and gentlemen, for a show not quite like any other? Lestyn Edwards brings to Cambridge his very amusing account of touring the battlefield camps of Iraq, entertaining Royal Marines and sharing some of their dangers. A very different speaker this month who is guaranteed to brighten our day. Refreshments provided afterwards. Book by Monday 6 July. Oddfellows Hall, 131 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8HA. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



THURS  
23

## Wildlife Gardening with the Wildlife Trust

🕒 2pm

£ Members £2, Guests £5



We're excited to welcome Iain from the local Wildlife Trust to this month's gathering! He will be sharing practical tips and inspiration on wildlife friendly gardening and simple ways we can all help support birds, pollinators and other local species in our own outdoor spaces. Whether you have a large garden or just a few pots, there'll be something for everyone to take away. Refreshments provided. Book by Monday 20 July. Trinity Free Church, Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon, Cambridge PE29 1LY. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



# August

THURS  
13

## Alan Sugar, the Mafia, the CIA and Me



2pm



Members £2  
Guests £5



After Alan Sugar fired him, Keith Warburton became an expert witness, worked for the Mafia (probably) and the CIA (retired), which led to the biggest mystery he has ever experienced. Having also been a columnist in various publications, Keith is now a writer and his first collection of stories - 'Leaving Traces', has gained tremendous reader response with reviewers calling it 'engaging', 'hilarious' and 'thought - provoking'.

Refreshments provided. Book by Monday 10 August. Oddfellows Hall, 131 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8HA. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



THURS  
27

## Young Carers, Caring Together



2pm



Members £2  
Guests £5



We are delighted to welcome Laura from the Young Carers, Caring Together Society. She'll be joining us to share insights into the incredible work they do supporting young carers in our community, as well as ways we can better understand and support

those balancing caring responsibilities. It promises to be an eye opening and meaningful session and we hope you'll come along to hear more. Refreshments provided. Book by Monday 24 August. Trinity Free Church, Buttsgrove Way, Huntingdon, Cambridge PE29 1LY. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



# September

## THURS 10 Death in Disguise - Jury Service!



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £5



Please note location



FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT  
Join the fun



We're very excited to welcome Gary Powell, a former police officer, to our first Friendship Month gathering at the Ex-Services Club.

Gary will be sharing real cases he worked on, giving us the chance to step into the role of the jury and decide - 'guilty or not guilty' before he reveals what really happened. It promises to be an interactive and fun afternoon! As a token of our appreciation, we're treating our valued members to fish and chips, served from our visiting van. It's our way of saying thank you for your continued support. Booking is essential, so please reserve your spot in advance and as it's Friendship Month - don't forget to bring a friend (non-members £5 for fish and chips). Book by Thursday 10 September. Cambridge Ex-Services Club, Barnwell Drive, Cambridge CB5 8RD. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.

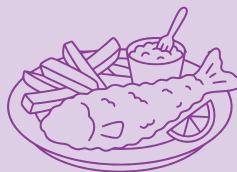
## THURS 24 Paint, Play, Perform with Paul Lillie



2pm



Members £2  
Guests £5



FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT  
Invite a friend

Get ready for something a little different! Paul Lillie will be bringing us a lively mix of music and art in this unique illustrated talk. As he performs songs on his guitar, he'll also be creating bold, paintings live before our eyes. It's going to be a fun, creative performance that blends storytelling, music and visual art into one.

As a token of our appreciation, we're treating our valued members to fish and chips, served from our visiting van. It's our way of saying thank you for your continued support. Booking is essential, so please reserve your spot in advance and as it's Friendship Month - don't forget to bring a friend (non-members £5 for fish and chips). Book by Wednesday 16 September. Trinity Free Church, Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon, Cambridge PE29 1LY. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



# October

## THURS 08 Trinity House - Past, Present and Future



2pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £5



Come along to hear Adrian, from the Trinity Ambassadors, a charity that keeps navigation safe around England, Wales, the Channel Islands and curiously - Gibraltar, give a fascinating talk. With over 500 years of history, the charity supports maritime communities and distributes funds to other maritime charities across the UK. The organisation also includes a fraternity of ex-captains and notable contributors to maritime Britain - a rare place where Royal and Merchant Navy veterans come together. Refreshments available. Book by Monday 5 October. Oddfellows Hall, 131 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8HA. Contact Linda on 01223 351197 or Hannah on 07599 848221.



## THURS 22 Local Ghostly Tales



2pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £5



Ever wondered about the spooky stories hidden in our local area? Grace from St Neots Museum will guide us through the fascinating tales that occurred right on our doorstep and history behind them. Refreshments available. Book by Monday 19 October. Trinity Free Church, Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon, Cambridge PE29 1LY. Contact Hannah on 07599 848221.



## Bookings and Cancellations

We kindly encourage early booking for all events to avoid disappointment. Please note that, where charges apply, full payment must be made in advance. A place at an event will only be confirmed once payment has been received.

## Outdoor Events

All outdoor events are subject to weather conditions. It is essential that you book in advance for all events and provide up-to-date contact details, enabling us to notify you promptly of any changes or cancellations.

# Oddfellows Online Events

## Discover the five Rs for a happier retirement with Dr Anna Machin

Tuesday 14 July, 7pm

Join author, broadcaster and world-renowned Anthropologist, Dr Anna Machin as she offers her expert advice on how to navigate the emotional and social aspect of retirement.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/AnnaMachin2](http://tinyurl.com/AnnaMachin2)

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## Murder Most Austen

Tuesday 28 July, 7pm

Whether you're a fan of Austen or just thrilled by a good detective story, join crime writer and scholar Dr Lucy Andrew for this engaging talk on how Austen's works have shaped the evolution of detective fiction.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/MurderMostAusten](http://tinyurl.com/MurderMostAusten)

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## Staying Safe from Financial Scams

Tuesday 18 August, 7pm

Financial scams are becoming more sophisticated, using new tactics to exploit trust. This talk with Unity Mutual explains how these scams work, highlights key warning signs, and provides practical strategies to help you protect yourself and your finances.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/FinancialScams1](http://tinyurl.com/FinancialScams1)

## Understanding Diabetes

Tuesday 15 September, 7pm

Join us for this informative talk covering what type 1 and type 2 Diabetes are, signs and symptoms, who's at risk of type 2 Diabetes, how to access support, and how to live well.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/OddfellowsDiabetesUK](http://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsDiabetesUK)

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## More Ghostly Tales to be Told

Tuesday 27 October, 7pm

Get ready for Halloween with another fascinating evening of stories and poems by Dr Ann Featherstone, a retired university lecturer, teacher and writer who has appeared on numerous BBC programmes and documentaries.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/MoreGhostlyTales](http://tinyurl.com/MoreGhostlyTales)



# Photos of past events...



*Easter Get Togethers!*



*Chocolate Tasting went down a treat!*





*Downing College Garden Tour.*



*Sally Kent from The Royal Commonwealth Society.*



*Rachel and Roxy Dog.*



*Afternoon Tea with Friends.*



*St Neots Coffee Morning in Full Swing.*

# 60 seconds with...Rachel Marlow

1. **What is your favourite thing about being part of the Oddfellows?**

Friendship and meeting new people.

2. **How many years have you been with The Oddfellows?**

About two and a half years

3. **Have you ever visited any other Oddfellows branches? If so where?**

I go to the Cambridge and Huntingdon meetings as well as Ely coffee club.

4. **What would your advice be to new members?**

Come and see, hear what the Oddfellows is all about. And enjoy the afternoon tea!

5. **What was the best Oddfellows event you ever attended?**

Has to be the Christmas events.

6. **What is your favorite meal...? Starter, main & pudding!**

King prawns, lobster with sweet potato wedges, anything chocolate with raspberries.

7. **If you could learn to do something new, what would it be?**

Wake boarding.

8. **What book would you recommend others to read?**

I read a fair bit. Liking Richard Osman books at the present time.

9. **If you could invite any 4 people to a dinner party, who would it be?**

Sara Cox (for her book club), Hamza Yassin (wildlife photographer), Kevin Olusola (Musician and singer) and my Mum.

10. **What was your first job?**

Hair salon, I trained to be a hairdresser.

11. **What is your favorite film?**

Pretty Woman.

12. **Which country have you most enjoyed visiting?**

New Zealand.

13. **What make and model was your first car?**

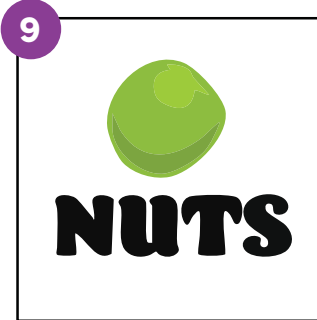
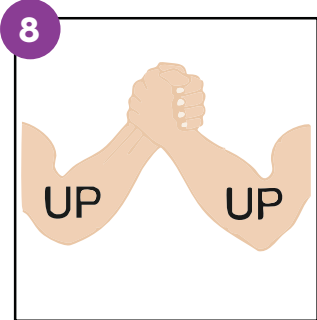
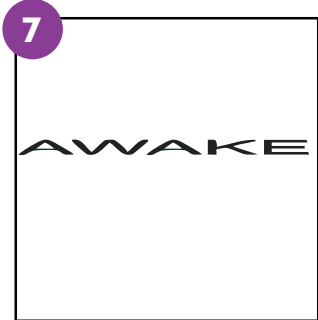
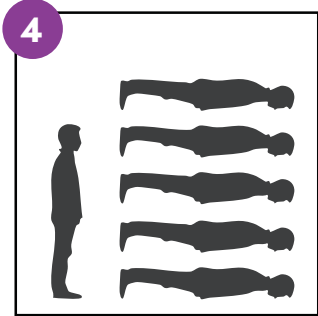
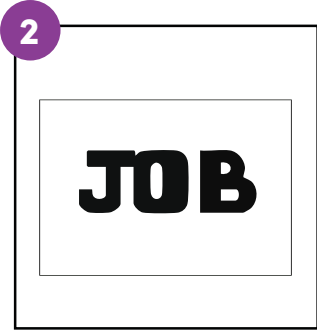
Bright yellow mini. (With a sticker in it saying when I grow up, I want to be a Rolls Royce)

14. **Have you ever met anyone famous? If so, who?**

Can't remember ever meeting anyone famous.



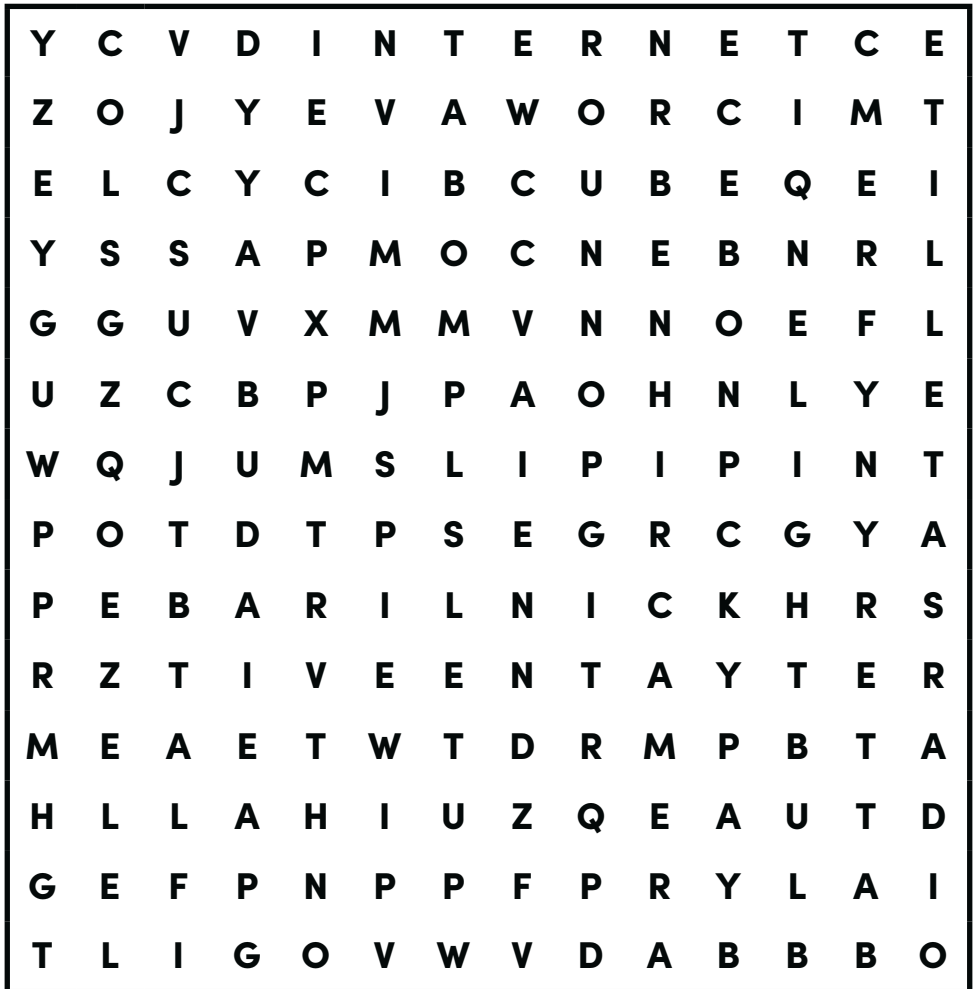
# Rebus Puzzle (Answer on page 15)



# Famous Inventions Word Search

Can you find all 15 words hidden in the grid?

See page 23 for answer



Airplane

Battery

Bicycle

Camera

Compass

Computer

Engine

Internet

Lightbulb

Microwave

Printing

Radio

Satellite

Telephone

Television

## 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 Linda on 01223 351197  
[linda.miller@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:linda.miller@oddfellows.co.uk)

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

## Puzzle Answers for page 13

1. Big Baby
2. Inside Job
3. Forfeit
4. Last Man Standing
5. I understand
6. Jail Break
7. Wide Awake
8. Up In Arms
9. Peanuts
10. Slightly Overcast
11. Low Self Esteem
12. Turn Around

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810**.

# Meet your Cambridge Care and Welfare 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.



**Robert Monk**  
Welfare Visitor



**Rosemary Monk**  
Welfare Visitor



**Peter Jackson**  
Welfare Visitor

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 Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Linda on **01223 351197** or email **[linda.miller@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:linda.miller@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/)

\*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-rcs](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-rcs)

# Get the most out of your membership



As well as making friends and meeting new people, the Oddfellows offers a wide range of benefits to members.

From advice and financial aid through to travel opportunities, we provide a helping hand to make life a little easier. With your standard benefit membership, for £25 a year\*, you have access to:

- Local social events
- Money saving partner offers
- Care and Welfare Helpline and local support
- Dedicated Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Convalescence and Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Benevolence Grants
- Member referral rewards scheme
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Access to group holidays and travel discounts
- Educational and Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

If you're an extra benefit member, your £35 a year membership\* enables access to additional benefits of:

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

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## Find out more about the benefits and support available

You'll find more information about member benefits in your member handbook. You can also call **0800 028 1810** 9am-5pm Mon to Thurs, 9am-4pm Fri, or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits)

To make sure you receive our monthly emails for updates on benefits and offers, just email us with your full name, postcode and membership number (if you know it): [membership@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:membership@oddfellows.co.uk)

\*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services. For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.



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## Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

**Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.**

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



### Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

### Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

### Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email [travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk).

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at [www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions](http://www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions).

## Support with fundraising and donations

**Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.**

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

### Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

### £10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at [www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa](http://www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa).

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

### The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)

## Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

**The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.**

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

### Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA\* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

### Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond\* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

### Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

### Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

*\*Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

### New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.

# Branch Meeting

This will be the District Branch meeting where we discuss all the matters of running the Branch. All members are welcome to attend. Starts at 2pm on Wednesday at Oddfellows Hall, 131 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8HA. Contact Linda on 01223 351197.

Friday 17 July

Wednesday 19 August

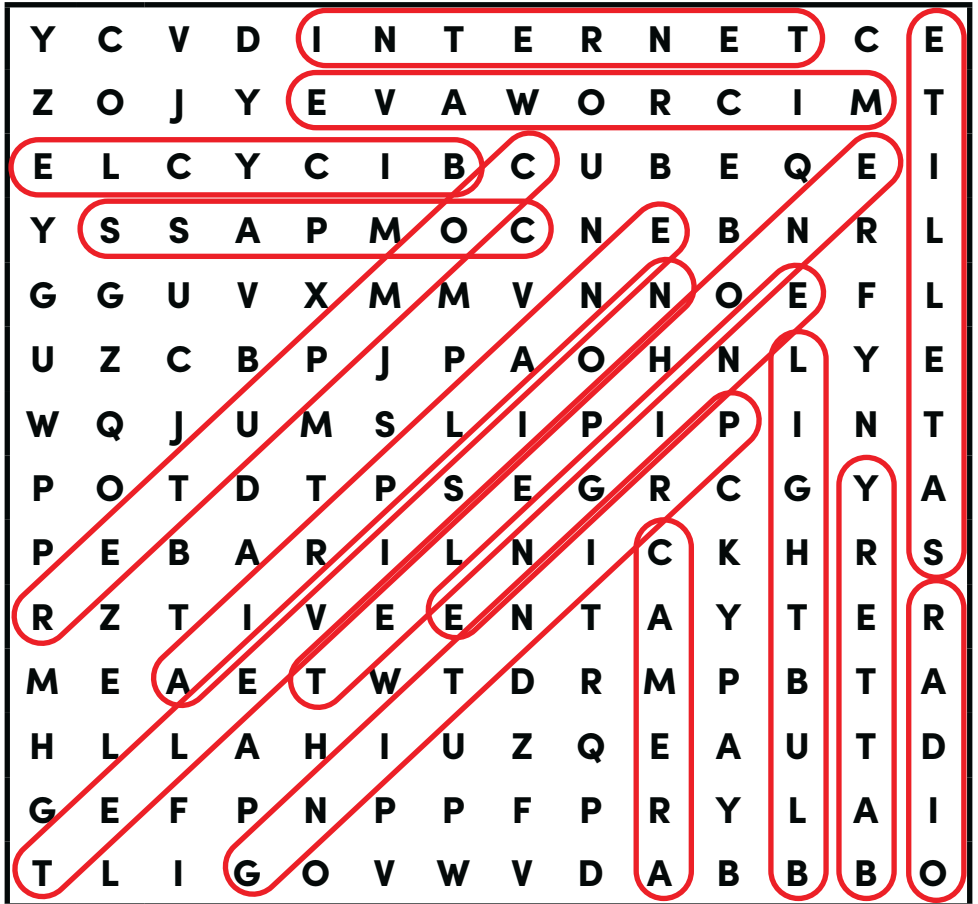
Wednesday 16 September

Wednesday 21 October

Wednesday 18 November

Wednesday 16 December

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# At a glance

## July 2026

<b>Wed 1</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 9</b>	My Tu-Tu Went AWOL!	2pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Wildlife Gardening with Wildlife Trust	2pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	Royston Coffee Club	10.30am

## August

<b>Wed 5</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Mon 10</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Alan Sugar, the Mafia, the CIA and Me	2pm
<b>Mon 24</b>	Royston Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Young Carers, Caring Together	2pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Wed 2</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 3</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Death in Disguise - Jury Service!	2pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 24</b>	Paint, Play, Perform with Paul Lillie	2pm
<b>Mon 28</b>	Royston Coffee Club	10.30am

## October

<b>Thurs 1</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 7</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Trinity House - Past, Present and Future	2pm
<b>Mon 12</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Local Ghostly Tales	2pm
<b>Mon 26</b>	Royston Coffee Club	10.30am

## November

<b>Wed 4</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 5</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Royston Coffee Club	10.30am

## December

<b>Wed 2</b>	Ely Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Thurs 3</b>	St Neots Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Brampton Coffee Club	10.30am