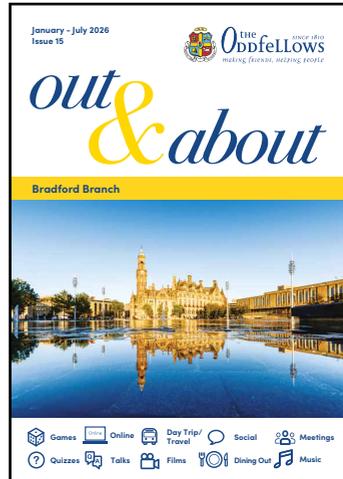


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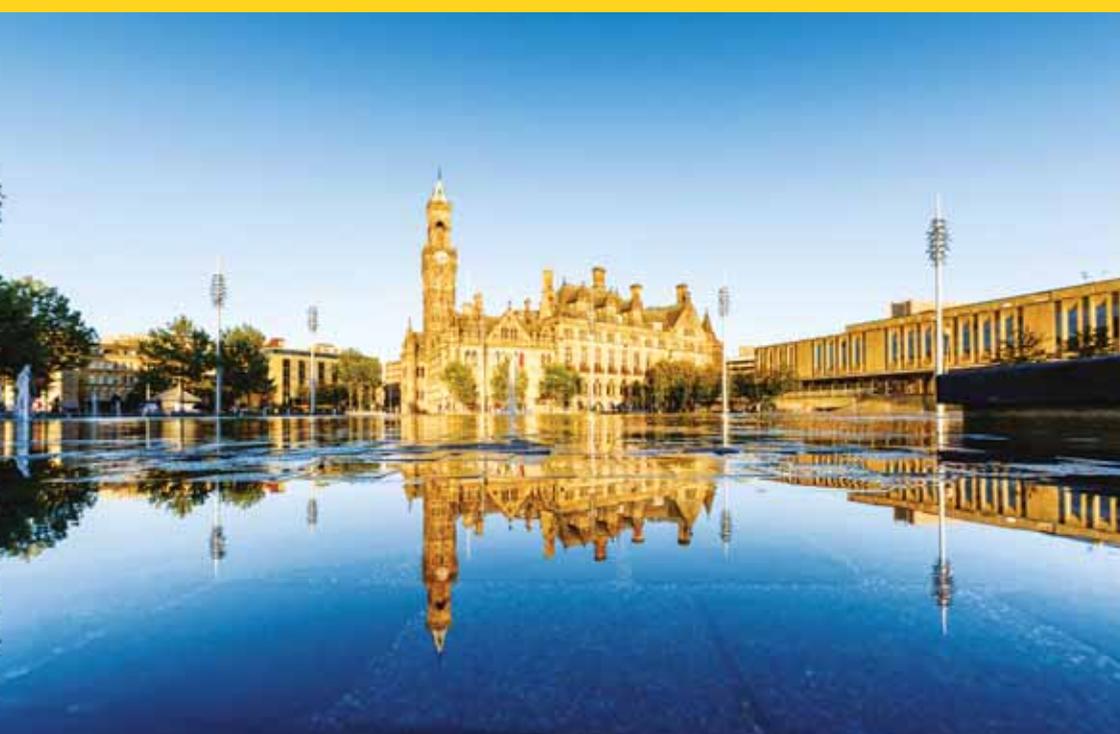
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*Mindfulness Now Programme - Every Tuesday for six weeks from 7 April*

## Welcome to the latest edition of your events diary for Bradford Branch of the Oddfellows.

As a local branch of a national membership organisation, called The Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. In addition our members are provided with a range of advice and support services when needed. We are basically a group of friends brought together through a shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of upcoming events that we are hoping to be able to offer.

If you have any ideas about events you would like to see included just email the team [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) or [samantha.henry@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:samantha.henry@oddfellows.co.uk)

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Everybody is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any events that take your fancy. So come along and join the fun.

## Carlton House

46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA.  
Meets alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

## Woodbottom Social Club

Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP  
Meet alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

## Zoom Online

Zoom Meeting ID: 311 202 1697.

## Various

See description

# Regular Events

## Oddies Scribblers



10am



Members £5  
Guests £7



Monthly creative writing group. No previous experience necessary, just bring pen and paper and have a go. Limited places. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

**19 January**    **20 April**    **20 July**  
**16 February**    **11 May**  
**23 March**    **22 June**

Usually the Third  
Monday of the month



## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

# January 2026

**MON**  
**05** **Film - A Complete Unknown**

 12 noon

 Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a light lunch and screening of the 2024 film 'A Complete Unknown' (two hours and 20 minutes). In the early 1960s, 19 year old



Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Starring Timothee Chalamet as Bob Dylan. Book by Friday 2 January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

**THURS**  
**08** **New Year Games Night**

 7.30pm

 Members £6  
Guests £8



Happy New Year! We welcome our members back with a traditional start to the new year, a fun evening of 'Snowman Beetle'. A hearty stew supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 5 January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

**WED**  
**07** **Pantomime - Snow White at The Alhambra**

 7.15pm

 Members £28, Guests £30



Due to a steep rise in the cost of Friday night tickets we have booked to go to the panto on Wednesday night this year. Sorry for any disappointment this may of caused but the majority of our members preferred to go for the cheaper option. This year, we have Snow White, these shows are always amazing. This is now fully booked. Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford BD7 1JA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# January 2026

## THURS 15 Charity Auction with a Difference



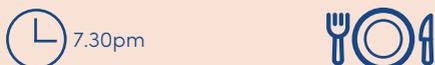
Tonight is our annual charity auction, but we are going to try something different this year. As well as the usual auction items we are going to have a few 'blind bids' where you write your bid and put in box. A pie and pea supper will be served during the evening. All proceeds will go to our Chairman's charity to raise money for NEET. Book by Monday 12 January. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## WED 28 Lunch Club - Dine with Friends



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 26 January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 22 Burns Night Celebration



Join us for an early Burns Night celebration with haggis, mince and tatties. Live music on the night. Book by Thursday 22



January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 29 An Evening of Indoor Carpet Bowls



Join us for an evening of indoor bowls with a casserole supper. Book by Monday 26 January. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# January 2026

FRI  
30

## Oddies Wanderers - Walk Cliffe Castle

🕒 11am

£ Free



Wrap up warm for this short walk at Cliffe Castle. We will be going around the grounds and weather permitting heading up through the woods (a steep path) back to the café. Cliffe Castle museum will be open for those who want to explore afterwards. Book by Friday 26 December 2025. Cliffe Castle Museum, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LJ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



# February

MON  
02

## Film - Mrs Lowry and Son (2019)

🕒 12 noon

£ Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for lunch with a big screen showing of Mrs Lowry and Son (one hour and 33 minutes). Laurence Stephen Lowry (Timothy Spall) a British man, pursues an artistic career whilst living with Elizabeth (Vanessa Redgrave) his overbearing mother. She makes an attempt to dissuade him from following his passion. Book by Friday 30 January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# February

THURS  
05

## Live Music from James Martyn

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £10  
Guests £12



After the wonderful evening that we had in Shipley last year, being entertained by James Martyn (not the chef), we have invited him back to join us at Carlton House. Not to be missed. A soup and sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 2 February. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



THURS  
12

## Tapas Night

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for a taste of Spain. Book by Monday 9 February. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# February

## THURS 19 Preview of Bradford Oddfellows Documentary

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



As part of our Oldiewood short film course tutor Ian did a short video about Bradford Oddfellows. The documentary will be shown this evening. A wonderful pancake supper will be served (only just missed pancake day). Book by Monday 16 February. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## TUES 24 Zoom... Famous Sons and Daughters of Bradford

7.30pm

Free



Join us tonight for a talk about some of Bradford's famous folk. We had to cancel this talk last year due to ill health. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

## WED 25 Lunch Club - Dine with Friends

12 noon

Members £8  
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 23 February. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 26 Chinese Celebration Year of the Horse

7.30pm



Members £8, Guests £10

Join us for a special supper to celebrate the year of the horse. Book by Monday 23 February. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



## FRI 27 Oddies Wanderers - Walk Oakwell Hall

11am

Free



Wrap up warm for this short walk around Oakwell Hall Park. Meet outside the museum at 11 am. Those wanting a longer walk can



park in the first car park and walk up to the hall, for a shorter walk park at the second car park next to the hall. If the café is open we can pop there for a cuppa afterwards. If not, we will look for somewhere else to go. Book by Friday 30 January. Oakwell Hall, Manor House, Nutter Lane, Birstall, Batley WF17 9LF. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# March

## MON 02 Film - Here (2024)



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for lunch, with a big screen showing of Here (one hour and 44 minutes). Multiple generations of couples and families inhabit the same home over the course of a century. Starring Tom Hanks, Robin Wright and Kelly Reilly. Book by Friday 27 February. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



## THURS 05 Importance of Friendships Amongst the Suffragettes Talk



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



We are joined today by Jenny Kiff who will be doing a talk about the importance of friendship amongst the suffragettes, with particular focus on Bradford. A light lunch will be served. Book by Monday 2 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## MON 09 Social Planning Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Come along and join us for an informal social planning session. We are keen to get members input. Book by Monday 2 March. Cake'ole Café, Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1HY. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



## THURS 12 Pie Night



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



A special pie night! Let's see what pie magic Sam can come up with. Book by Monday 9 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# March

## MON 16 Visit to Dog's Trust Leeds

🕒 11am

£ Free



Following Sarah's interesting talk in 2025, we have taken up her invite to visit the Dog's Trust in Leeds,



where we will be able to see first hand the work that they do and meet some of the resident dogs. If you need a lift let us know and we will try to arrange and if you can offer lifts please let us know as soon as possible. We are not charging for this, but please bring donations to help the Dog's Trust. Book by Friday 6 March. Dog's Trust Leeds, Woodlands Farm, York Road, Leeds LS15 4NL. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 19 Call My Bluff

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Players try to guess the definition of an obscure word. Come along and join the fun. Book by Monday 16 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## WED 25 Lunch Club - Dine with Friends

🕒 12 noon

£ Members £8  
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 23 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 26 Napoleons Casino

🕒 7pm

£ £30



Join us for an evening meal at Napoleons Casino. Cost: £30 includes a free drink, three course meal and a £5



machine bet. Essential to book early because we have to confirm places. We may have to book food choices in advance. Please note that we cannot arrange any of the special birthday discounts as part of this booking. Book by Friday 27 February. Napoleons Casino, 37 Bolton Road, Bradford BD1 4DR. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# March

## FRI 27 Oddie's Wanderers - St Ives Estate

🕒 11am

£ Free



Back to St Ives estate today (an annual favourite). We will meet at the gate to Coppice Pond at 11am, but those wanting a longer walk can meet Emma at BD16 1BA at 10.45am to walk up through the woods. We will go to the estate café for a cuppa after the walk. Book by Friday 27 February. St Ives Estate, Harden Road, Harden, Bingley BD16 1AT. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# April

## THURS 02 Easter Themed Night

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for an Easter themed evening with games/quizzes and Easter bonnet competition.



A fish pie will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 30 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# April

## THURS 09 Becoming a Young Shepherdess Talk

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £8  
Guests £10



Ever wondered what it is really like being a woman in wellies, wrangling sheep and shearing wool for a living? Well now is your chance to find out. In this lively hands-on talk Gracie Arnold will share her journey from a young girl playing the harp to a full blown shepherdess - mud, muscles, mishaps and all. She will chat about what it is like carving out a space in the farming world as a woman, the history of women out in the fields long before her, the future of agriculture and that British wool (and the people behind it) deserve a bit more love.



You will also get chance to feel different types of wool from various breeds she has sheared. So it is not just a talk, it's a bit of show and tell as well bringing the countryside to life. We will be serving shepherds pie for supper. Book by Monday 6 April. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# April

MON  
13

## Film - The Thursday Murder Club (2025)



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a light lunch with a big screen showing of The Thursday Murder Club (one hour and 58 minutes). Four retirees spend their time solving cold case murders for fun, but their amateur sleuthing takes a thrilling turn when they find themselves with a real who dunnit on their hands. Starring Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Celia Imrie and Ben Kingsley. Book by Friday 10 April. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

THURS  
16

## Bradford Heat IDQ



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



For the Bradford heat of the IDQ, we need teams of four to compete. Why not come and give it a go?

A sausage and mash supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 13 April. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



THURS  
23

## St George's Day Celebration



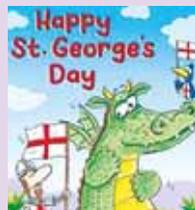
7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



Fun St George's Day celebration with games and quizzes. A sandwich supper will be served during



the evening. Book by Monday 20 April. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

FRI  
24

## Oddie's Wanderers - Otley Chevin Forest Walk



11am



Free



Join Oddie's Wanderers today as we walk through Otley Chevin Forest with spectacular views. This walk is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Meet Emma in the top car park on right hand side going down the hill just above the Cheerful Chilli café on the left hand side. If you don't fancy doing the walk why not come and meet us for lunch at The Royal afterwards at 12.30pm (we will need to book tables, so please let us know if you are coming for lunch). Book by Friday 27 March. Otley Chevin Forest Park Car Park, East Chevin Road, Otley LS21 3DD. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# April

## TUES 28 Zoom... A Evening of Spoken Word



Come along and join us as we read our own and other author's writings. Join in with the reading or just come along and listen. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

## WED 29 Lunch Club - Dine with Friends



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 27 April. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# May

## FRI 01 Weekend Break - Lytham St Annes



### FULLY BOOKED

Staying at Monterey Beach Hotel Lytham St Annes. Arriving Friday 1 May for three nights, dinner, bed and breakfast. Tea or coffee upon arrival. Three course menu, three choices per course, tea or coffee after dinner. Entertainment is bingo each evening, a quiz and cabaret depending upon the numbers staying in the hotel. The only supplements requestable are for a standard sea view room which is an additional £75 per room, or for a large sea view room is £95 per room subject to availability. Monterey Bay Hotel, North Promenade, Lytham St Annes FY8 2NQ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

This holiday is operated by JAK Coach Holidays. Please understand their terms and conditions before booking at [www.jaktravel.co.uk/](http://www.jaktravel.co.uk/) The Oddfellows cannot be held responsible for any bookings made with JAK Coach Holidays.

## THURS 30 APRIL Annual Summomed Meeting



It's time again for our District Annual Summomed Meeting. Please attend to support our annual business meeting and participate in discussions which affect the running of your District Branch. Followed by a pie and pea supper. Book by Monday 27 April. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# Mindfulness Now Programme

Every Tuesday for six weeks, 10.30am

7 April, 14 April, 21 April, 28 April, 5 May and 12 May

This is a unique opportunity to support your mindfulness. Each session is one hour and 30 minutes long. This six week course combines key elements of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) and Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (MDCT). The sessions explore practical techniques to manage stress, anxiety, depression and physical or emotional pain while supporting emotional resilience and overall wellbeing. Run by qualified trainer Claire Coles from Acacia Mindfulness. Book by Monday 30 March.

*Carlton House  
46 Little Horton Lane  
Bradford  
BD5 0BA*

**Cost: Members £8  
Guests £10**

**Call Emma for more  
information on  
07432 047213**



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# May

## THURS 07 Charity Cheque Presentation - District Officer's Visit with Singer Olivia Schofield

🕒 7.30pm

💷 Members £10, Guests £12



Join us for our District Officer's evening and charity cheque presentation, with entertainment from Olivia Schofield. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. The District Officer's visit is now just a social gathering, but used to be when the District Officers visited Branch members and inspected their books. Book by Monday 4 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## MON 11 Film - Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

🕒 12 noon

💷 Members £5  
Guests £7



Showing slightly late due to the bank holiday. Join us for lunch followed by a big screen showing of the film Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (two hours and five minutes). After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a younger man and her son's science teacher. Starring Renee Zellweger, Leo Woodall and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Book by Monday 4 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



## THURS 14 The Darker Side of Fairy Tales Talk

🕒 7.30pm

💷 Members £8  
Guests £10



We are joined tonight by Brian Clarke, who has done many talks for us on our monthly Zooms. Come find out about the darker side of fairy tales. A stew supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 11 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# May

FRI  
15

## Trip Out Harewood House



11am



Members £18  
Guests £20



Join us for a trip out to Harewood House. The group booking cost is £18 and this gives access



to the house and grounds. We will be meeting there at 11am. If you need a lift let us know and we will try to organise. If you can offer a lift please let us know as soon as possible to help with planning. Book by Friday 24 April. Harewood House, Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LG. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
21

## Curry Night - MyLahore



7pm



Free



We return to MyLahore, a south Asian café-bar offering four floors of chic decor for a menu of Indian and eclectic food. Something for everybody's tastes. Early booking is recommended. You pay for your individual meal. Book by Friday 1 May. MyLahore, 52 Great Horton Lane, Bradford BD7 1AL. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



WED  
27

## Lunch Club - Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £8  
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 25 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
28

## Bingo Evening



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



An evening of bingo, come along and try your luck. A baked potato supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 25 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



# May

## FRI 29 Community Meal at The Woodlands

🕒 12.30pm 🇼 Free



Back to the wonderful Woodlands Pub for a community meal. There is no charge to attend this event, but you will need



to buy yourself drink and food. Early booking is essential and we will need to pre order food. Book by Thursday 30 April. The Woodlands, 14 Mill Carr, Mill Road, Oakenshaw BD12 7EZ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# June

## MON 01 Film - Ride the Eagle (2021)

🕒 12 noon 🇼 Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a lunch followed by a big screen showing 'Ride the Eagle' (one hour and 28 minutes). In order to inherit his deceased mother's cabin, Leif learns that he will have to complete a few tasks described by her on a vhs tape. As he sets about doing so, he learns a few life lessons. Starring Jake Johnson, Susan Sarandon and Eric Edelstein. Book by Friday 29 May. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# June

## THURS 04 Chairman's Charity - Solving Kids Cancer UK Talk

🕒 7.30pm 🇼 Members £8  
Guests £10



Come along tonight to find out about this year's Chairman's charity 'Solving Kids Cancer UK'. A chicken casserole supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 1 June. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

## THURS 11 Members Night

🕒 7.30pm 🇼 Members £5  
Guests £7



Do it yourself evening, bring along games etc... Sandwiches will be served. Book by Monday 8 June 2026. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# June

THURS  
18

## Play Your Cards Right

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for a game of 'Play Your Cards Right' with a cold savoury supper. Book by Monday 15 June. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



WED  
24

## Lunch Club - Dine with Friends

12 noon

Members £8  
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 22 June. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
25

## Kurling

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Thanks again to Stephen Pugh for lending us the kurling set. Always a fun night. A Cornish pasty supper will be served. Book by Monday 22 June. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

FRI  
26

## Oddie's Wanderers - Wycoller Country Park

11am

Free



A trip over the border into Lancashire for a walk at Wycoller Country Park. A short stroll into the village from the car park. A beautiful clean tidy village with the ruins of Wycoller Hall at its heart. Lovely walks with a ford and old bridges. There is a place to get a bite to eat before heading back to the car park. Please note that there is a relatively steep uphill climb back to car park that people with mobility issues may find challenging. We will try to arrange mini bus transport from Keighley (there will be a cost for this). If not, this will rely on car shares. We will have further details nearer the time. The car parking is £1 per day. Book by Friday 15 May. Wycoller Country Park, Trawden Road, Colne BB8 8SY. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# June

## TUES 30 Zoom... Guessing Game

7.30pm

£ Free

Online

Join in the fun trying to guess what the item is used for (novel way of learning history). Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

# July

## THURS 02 Country Line Dancing Display

7.30pm

£ Members £8  
Guests £10



We are so pleased to have old members Marilyn and Alwyne Clapham join us tonight with their friends to do a country line dance display. If you fancy it you will have the chance to join in. We will be serving a hotdog/burger supper. Book by Monday 29 June. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



# July

## THURS 09 A Year Looking for Kingfishers Talk

7.30pm

£ Members £8  
Guests £10



We are joined tonight by wildlife photographer Steve Midgley. He will do a talk about how he got into photography and the animals he met whilst trying to photograph kingfishers, including owls, deer, eagles, seals, otters and foxes. A sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 6 July. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



## THURS 16 Members Night with Speaker

7.30pm

£ Members £5  
Guests £7



A night run by members with a speaker. A cold savoury platter supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 13 July. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# July

THURS  
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## Skittles

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us tonight for a game of skittles. A sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 20 July. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

WED  
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## Community Lunch at The Hitching Post

12.30pm

Free



No lunch club this month, so we are doing a community lunch. Please book early by Wednesday 1 July. The Hitching Post, 54 Leeds Road, Idle/Thackley, Bradford BD10 9SX. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
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## History of the Oddfellows Talk

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Emma will do a brief talk about the history of the Oddfellows followed by a short documentary that was made as part of our Oldiewood short film course by tutor Ian. Pie and peas supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 27 July. Woodbottom Social Club, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

FRI  
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## Oddie Wanderers - Denso Marston Nature Reserve

11am

Free



Our annual visit to see member Steve Warrillow today, as he takes us on a walk around this lovely nature reserve. Meet Steve at the Half Way House BD17 7JR. We will arrange for a meal in the Half Way House afterwards for those who would like to join us. There is no charge for this, but please bring a donation for the reserve. Book by Friday 26 June. Denso Marston Nature Reserve, Otley Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 7JR. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



# 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 3 February, 7pm - 'Being Cheerful' with Nancy Radford**

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/BeingCheerfulOddfellows>

### **Tuesday 24 February, 7pm - 'Hedgehogs - In Need Of Your Help' and 'Getting Connected' with Stephen Powles**

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/HedgehogsOddfellows>

### **Tuesday 17 March, 7pm - 'An Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL)'**

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/BSLOddfellows>

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.

**Emma Marshall**

## REFER A FRIEND

# Share the love and make someone smile



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

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## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Emma by phone on **07432 047213** or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk)

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# At a glance

## January 2026

● <b>Mon 5</b>	Film – A Complete Unknown	12 noon
● <b>Wed 7</b>	Pantomime – Snow White at The Alhambra	7.15pm
● <b>Thurs 8</b>	New Year Games Night	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 15</b>	Charity Auction with a Difference	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 19</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 22</b>	Burns Night Celebration	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 28</b>	Lunch Club – Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 29</b>	An Evening of Indoor Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 30</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Walk Cliffe Castle	11am

## February

● <b>Mon 2</b>	Film – Mrs Lowry and Son (2019)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 5</b>	Live Music from James Martyn (not the chef)	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 12</b>	Tapas Night	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 16</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 19</b>	Preview of Bradford Oddfellows Documentary	7.30pm
● <b>Tues 24</b>	Zoom... Famous Sons and Daughters of Bradford	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 25</b>	Lunch Club – Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 26</b>	Chinese Celebration Year of the Horse	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 27</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Walk Oakwell Hall	11am

## March

● <b>Mon 2</b>	Film – Here (2024)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 5</b>	Importance of friendships amongst the suffragettes Talk	12 noon
● <b>Mon 9</b>	Social Planning Coffee Morning	11am
● <b>Thurs 12</b>	Pie Night	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 16</b>	Visit to Dogs Trust Leeds	11am
● <b>Thurs 19</b>	Call My Bluff	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 23</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Wed 25</b>	Lunch Club – Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 26</b>	Napoleons Casino	7pm
● <b>Fri 27</b>	Oddies Wanderers – St Ives Estate	11am

# At a glance

## April

● <b>Thurs 2</b>	Easter Themed Night	7.30pm
● <b>Tues 7</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 9</b>	Becoming a Young Shepherdess Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 13</b>	Film - The Thursday Murder Club (2025)	12 noon
● <b>Tues 14</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 16</b>	Bradford Heat IDQ	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 20</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Tues 21</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 23</b>	St George's Day Celebration	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 24</b>	Oddies Wanderers - Otley Chevin Forest Walk	11am
● <b>Tues 28</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Tues 28</b>	Zoom... A Evening of Spoken Word	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 29</b>	Lunch Club - Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 30</b>	Annual Summoned Meeting	7.30pm

## May

● <b>Fri 1</b>	Weekend Break - Lytham St Annes	10am
● <b>Tues 5</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 7</b>	Charity Cheque Presentation - District Officer's Visit with Singer Olivia Schofield	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 11</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Mon 11</b>	Film - Bridget Jones: Mad about the boy	12 noon
● <b>Tues 12</b>	Mindfulness Now Programme - Six Week Course	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 14</b>	The Darker Side of Fairy Tales Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 15</b>	Trip Out to Harewood House	11am
● <b>Thurs 21</b>	Curry Night - MyLahore	7pm
● <b>Wed 27</b>	Lunch Club - Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 28</b>	Bingo Evening	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 29</b>	Community Meal at The Woodlands	12.30pm

# At a glance

## June

● <b>Mon 1</b>	Film – Ride the Eagle (2021)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 4</b>	Chairman’s Charity – Solving Kids Cancer UK Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	Members Night	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 18</b>	Play Your Cards Right	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 22</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Wed 24</b>	Lunch Club – Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 25</b>	Kurling	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 26</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Wycoller Country Park	11am
● <b>Tues 30</b>	Zoom... Guessing Game	7.30pm

## July

● <b>Thurs 2</b>	Country Line Dancing Display	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 9</b>	A Year Looking for Kingfishers Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 16</b>	Members Night with Speaker	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 20</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 23</b>	Skittles	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 29</b>	Community Lunch at The Hitching Post	12.30pm
● <b>Thurs 30</b>	History of the Oddfellows Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 31</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Denso Marston Nature Reserve	11am

### 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.

## 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  **OddfellowsBradford**

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# Bradford News and Views

News and views from Bradford Branch Oddfellows

## Branch News

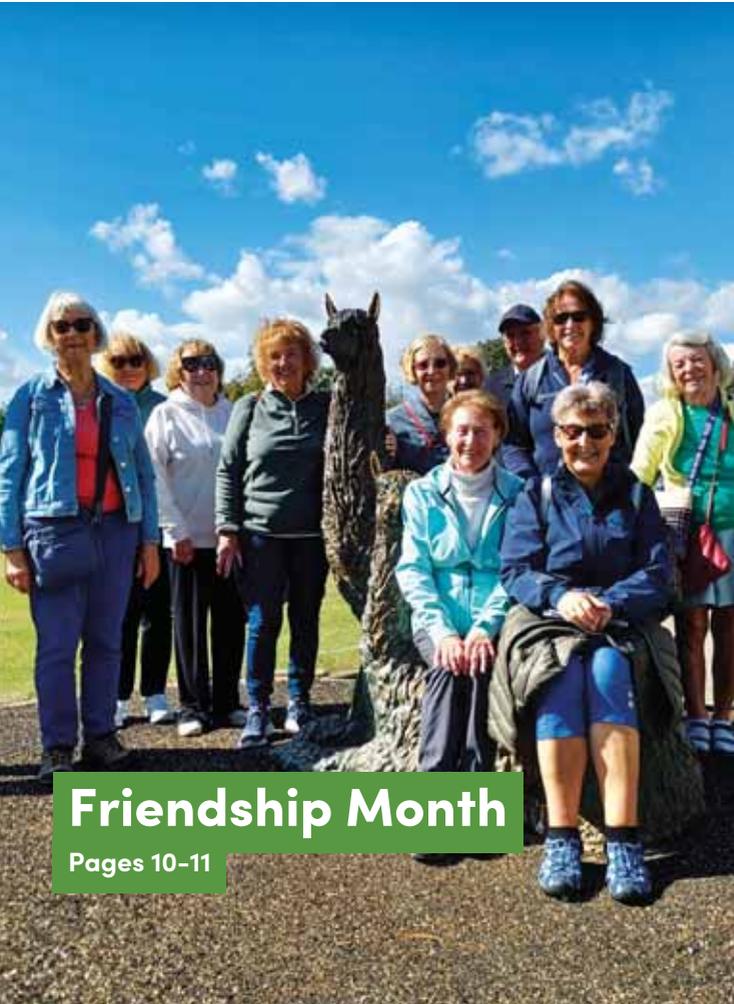
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## Welcome to the Spring/ Summer edition of the Bradford District News and Reviews.

We hope that you have all had a wonderful festive break and we send all best wishes for the coming year!

### New Social WhatsApp

The new social WhatsApp is now active so if you attend events and would like to be added to the WhatsApp group please let Emma or Sam know.

### A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit Friendly Society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as supporting our members through a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for our members. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

## Contact Details

For more information about membership and the wider range of benefits available please contact.

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## Provincial Grand Master's Charity Dance



The Charity Dance in the wonderful French ballroom at the Midland Hotel on Sunday 21 September was a great success. 47 members from Bradford, Leeds and York attended. After a light afternoon tea they had the opportunity to meet Suzanne and Joel from NEET (this year's charity) before being entertained by the Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective. Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) Brother Steve Warrillow had a lovely time and was even encouraged to get onto the dance floor. We had so many wonderful raffle prizes (thank you all) and we made £156 for the charity. Thanks to all who came along to support us.



## Provincial Grand Master's Charity for 2026

Our Provincial Grand Master for 2026 will be Chris Henry.



His main chosen charity will be 'Solving Kids Cancer UK'. They are a dedicated children's cancer charity with children and families firmly at their heart. They are striving for better outcomes for children affected by childhood cancer, both now and in the future. They have particular focus and expertise in the rare and complex childhood cancer, neuroblastoma.

This organisation is passionate about speeding up pioneering clinical research to save lives and improve outcomes for children. With parents embedded in their charity they are uniquely placed to use their influence and reputation alongside their accredited research funding framework to make a difference for children now and in the future.

## Eric Wallace

Sadly Brother Eric Wallace passed away in October. He was a big character both in stature and in personality and he will be greatly missed. Whether doing the address to the haggis, dressing up for Halloween or delivering Christmas presents as Santa he was always up for a laugh.



# Branch News

## Social Events Survey

Thanks to all members who completed our survey at events. This is helpful for when we are planning the social events diary. Due to low numbers at events and indications from the survey we have decided to stop the afternoon sessions going forward. We have one booked for February that we cannot alter, but all future Thursday events will be on an evening - unless it is a special afternoon tea.

## Reminder about bookings and changes to events

**We put down booking dates so that we can plan food/book tables in restaurants etc. So can we please ask members to book by the date given in the event diary. It will make life much easier for us. Thank you. Most Thursday nights need to be booked three days before on the Monday, walks are booked a month in advance and some meal bookings can require much more notice so please check the event diary and book in good time.**

We plan our diary six months in advance so we cannot promise that there will not be changes to the events. The unexpected does happen and we need to be flexible so please bear with us. We know that this can be confusing and frustrating but we do

our best to avoid having to make changes. However, we are making some changes in our next diary:

1. As mentioned we will not be doing regular afternoon sessions at Carlton House.
2. We will not be doing the monthly cuppa and chats on the first of each month. Instead we will be combining our walks with meals where folks can just do the walk, just do the meal or do both. We will also do the odd community meal.
3. Our monthly Zoom events, these changes are to ensure we're able to continue putting a varied and exciting social program.

# WE NEED YOU!

## The need for new Committee Members



### **Hello Bradford Oddfellows members,**

I am reaching out to you in the hope that we can get some of you interested in joining our committee. In order for our Branch to be a part of The Oddfellows we have to have a committee.

To be eligible you must have been a member for two years and have done the initial welcoming step to the order this can be undertaken as a formal or informal reading. Welcoming includes the member agreeing to observe confidentiality about the business

of the society. Your committee meet every other month in the daytime and at the Half Annual and Annual Summoned meetings, which are held on Thursday evenings.

It is not a difficult job and can feel rewarding to know you are helping your Branch and members to keep going. If you are interested, please let me know and we can talk it through with you.

### **Regards**

**Sue Jones (Telephone: 07425 154201)  
Committee member and Trustee**

## Yorkshire and Adjacent District Group Conference

As part of the Oddfellows rules our branch needs to be affiliated to a regional group which in our case is the Yorkshire and Adjacent District Group. This group has just undergone a review and after consultation it has been agreed

that at some point Bradford District will be asked to host a conference event. Any member can attend these events as visitors and it is a great opportunity to meet other members from across the Yorkshire and adjacent area.

# Members News

## More memories from members

I would like to share my memories of the Oddfellows. I was born in 1947 so most of my memories are from the 1950s/60s.

My dad Stanley Bolton (died 1981) was one of the organisers of the Oddfellows Juveniles. Myself, my late brother David and our cousin Brenda were members. I remember we were all excited when it was time to go on the annual trip to the seaside. We didn't often go to the coast in those days. It was by train to either Morecambe or Southport, meeting at the station in Bradford. Before we boarded we were given a packed lunch in a paper bag. We enjoyed ourselves whatever the weather and before we left for home we were given a fish and chip tea at a local restaurant. Good times eh! I am not sure but there may well have been Christmas parties too.

There was a theatre group called Unity Players who performed at Unity Hall, my uncle Jack Aggus was part of some productions as my cousin and myself remember being taken to watch. My uncle and my aunt Ada were members for many years, uncle Jack being Grand Master at some time. They were welfare officers for many years.

I am still a member and hope to be more involved in the future.

**Jeanne Evans**



## Unity Players

We were excited to learn that Bradford Oddfellows used to have a theatre group called Unity Players. A couple of our members are involved in theatre and a few have said how much they enjoy going to the theatre. Are there any budding thespians out there who would be interested in setting up a theatre group (no previous experience needed)? If so contact Emma at [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk)

# The success of Refer a Friend

The refer a friend scheme can be such an effective way of introducing your friends to the Oddfellows, as well as earning rewards. A few years ago member Liz Madden started to bring her friends along to events and encouraged them to join via refer a friend. We now have a regular group of them attending events at Woodbottom and the occasional walks and meals out. Here are a few of them waiting to go on the Friendship Month canal boat trip. Well done Liz.



## Care and Welfare

We are pleased to say that following our appeal in the last newsletter we now have a new Welfare Officer, Susan Waine. Susan did the online training at Carlton House on Tuesday 21 October 2025 and is in the process of completing her DBS check. She says "I have been a member of Bradford Oddfellows for 18 months. I was asked in September this year if I would be interested in becoming a telephone befriender or welfare officer. In October I did the Zoom training and found it very interesting, I enjoyed every minute of the half day training. I found out things about myself that I did not know and I look forward to being a comfort to people who just need a friendly face/voice letting them know we care. If anybody is considering becoming a befriender or welfare officer, I thoroughly recommend this training course."



# Oddies Wanderers

**We have had some lovely walks, by taking advantage of the good weather?**

A full coach went down to Yorkshire Sculpture Park in July.

Member Colin Jarvis led a walk in August looking at the Airedale sculptures.

In September we had two walks, one up to Penistone Hill Country Park to see the City of Culture sculpture installations and a friendship walk with Halifax Oddfellows to Cromwell Bottom.

In October we had a fabulous autumnal walk at Northcliffe woods and a visit to the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity NEET.

In November a short walk at Nunroyd Park in Guisley/Yeadon.

In December we have two walks planned, one at Bowling Park on Friday 19 and our traditional twixmas walk at Lister Park on Monday 29.



*Penistone Hill*



*Cromwell Bottom*



*Yorkshire Sculpture Park*

# Friendship Month September 2025

We had a busy Friendship Month with lots of well attended activities. We are always looking for ways to make Friendship Month even more fun so please contact us if you have any ideas.



## Creative members Oddies Scribblers

How fabulous to have seen Eileen and Emma from our group presenting their work both online and at the Halloween event in October 2025. We welcome a new person to our creative writing group recently, Nora Smith. Nora has shared this poem with us.

### Winter Blues?

Well to me all seasons are really great

And winters a season I never hate  
Give me a bright day, a still day and  
cold

My thick woolen scarf with colours  
of gold.

Plonk a grey hat on top of my head

Pull on my mittens of strippy red  
And I'm off out the door with fresh  
air around me

And I take in the scene as I walk  
along free.

The wind may be strong as it tries to  
get in

Then I make it a friend and it stops  
all it's din.

My mother once told me ,make  
weather your friend'

I think of her now walking on to the  
end.

There is no such thing as an horrible  
season

So enjoy everyone (even though  
winters freezin').

## Oldiewood

The Oldiewood short film course has been an excellent opportunity for members and visitors to learn new skills and to meet experts from within film making. We have a short film about our weekend break and a short documentary about Bradford Oddfellows that we will be showing next year. Thanks to Maria and Ian for facilitating.



## Oddie's do enjoy their food

As well as our monthly home-made three course lunch with friends we have been out and about across the District enjoying meals. We had a lovely evening meal at Aldos at Apperley Bridge and a lunch at The Hitching Post at Idle in July, an outdoor lunch at Dobrudden cafe on Baildon moor in August, a lunch at Ancient Foresters in Wibsey in October, an evening Chinese buffet at Azuma Bradford and lunch at The Marsh Cleckheaton in November.



## Dog's Trust

**Sarah Greenhalgh, who's the Supporter Relations Officer at Dog's Trust Leeds, visited the lunchtime meeting of the Bradford Oddfellows to talk about the work Dogs Trust do locally and nationally. This included telling us about how they go above and beyond for the dogs currently at the Leeds Rehoming Centre and the 21 centres elsewhere as well as the community projects Dog's Trust is involved with and the schemes the charity runs to support owners and their four-legged-friends.**

She also attended a Zoom meeting at the end of August, and talked to some of our national members about Dog's Trust about the critical work the charity does for our canine family members. We have been invited to go to Dog's Trust Leeds in March, please see the event diary for details.



# Terry's Chocolate Orange Fudge Recipe from Sam

## Ingredients

### *Fudge*

397g condensed milk (one tin)

600g Terry's chocolate orange

### *Topping*

Terry's chocolate orange chunks

Sprinkles



## Instructions

### *Step 1*

Line a tin with parchment paper – I would use a 9 inch square tin as it makes a nice depth of fudge!

### *Step 2*

Put the condensed milk and Terry's chocolate orange pieces into a deep heavy based pan and melt on a low heat, stirring often so that the chocolate doesn't catch on the bottom and burn and so that all the ingredients mix together well.

### *Step 3*

Alternatively, melt the chocolate in the microwave in short bursts, then beat in the condensed milk with a spatula until smooth and combined.

### *Step 4*

Pour into the tin and smooth over the mixture – store in the fridge for an hour or so.

### *Step 5*

Sprinkle on some orange sprinkles, and any spare bits of Terry's chocolate orange!

### *Step 6*

Leave the fudge to set for at least three to four hours, or overnight! Once set – remove from the tin portion and then return to the fridge for another couple of hours to finish setting – enjoy!

# Give someone a great start in life for only £10!



**It's never too early to start  
making friends for life.**

**We laugh as we learn together and give each other a helping hand through the ups and downs of growing up. That's what being a Young Oddfellow is all about.**

If you have a family member aged 17 or under, and would like them to experience the friendship and support of the Oddfellows, we'd love to welcome them.

There are lots of great reasons\* to join Young Oddfellows – to find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows)

**As a parent, grandparent or guardian,  
you can join them online or ask your  
Branch Secretary for an application form.**



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# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

## **Local Care and Welfare Support**

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Lisa on **07983 496831** or email [lisa.waugh@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:lisa.waugh@oddfellows.co.uk)

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

\*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

## **Care and Welfare Helpline**

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

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

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

## Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

**Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.**

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows' ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance, the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all –

including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: “Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs.”

“But it’s not just about accessibility. We’ve also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future.”

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows), and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.

# Thank you for saying ‘yes’ to friendship

**This Friendship Month, we’ve been encouraging people to say ‘yes’ to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.**

It’s safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows’ CEO, Jane Nelson, said: “Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I’m thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it.”

“Saying ‘yes’ to trying new things can be daunting, but you’ve all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying ‘yes’ to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that’s organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month.”



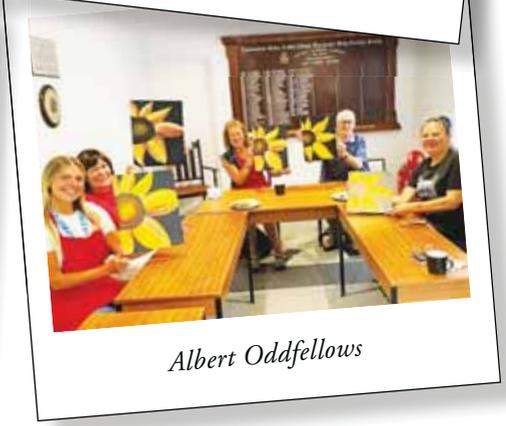
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*Bradford Oddfellows*



*Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows*



*Albert Oddfellows*



*Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows*



*Cambridge Oddfellows*



*Heart of the West Oddfellows*



*Concord Oddfellows*



*Halifax Oddfellows*



*Sudbury Oddfellows*

# Application deadlines approach!

**Whether it's enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.**

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

## Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards, which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.\*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025**.

\*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients' stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

## Making a Difference Awards



Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.

Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference)

**If you've missed these deadlines this time don't worry, just make a note for next year!**