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Combermere Branch

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Save the Date

Dinner Dance Saturday 14 November Denton Golf Club. Please join us to celebrate our Chairman's year of office with great food, live entertainment and all in good company. For more information, please contact Sarah.

Hello and Welcome to our latest Out and About Diary and hope you will enjoy some of the many events we have planned!

We are leaving the winter weather behind us, enjoying Spring and

looking forward to the summer months with a variety of events across our large district for you to enjoy. As always suggestions for events in future diaries are always welcome. Please join us in getting 'Out & About' with great friends and good company

In Friendship
Sarah

Dear Members,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Charlotte, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Secretary (Prov CS) of the Combermere Branch. I live in Manchester with my family and enjoy travelling, socialising with friends, going on long walks with our dog, and baking in my spare time.

I'm really looking forward to learning more about The Oddfellows, getting involved in the branch, and most importantly, meeting you, our members.

If you ever need to get in touch regarding membership matters, claims or general enquiries, you're very welcome to email me at charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk. If you need my postal address for sending cheques or correspondence, please feel free to give me a call on 07597371391 and I will happily provide it.

Thank you for welcoming me into the branch, and I hope you enjoy this year's diary and all the wonderful events and activities planned.

With kind regards,
Charlotte

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Ray Howard - Leigh and Bolton

Regular Monthly Meeting Places

Bolton

First Monday of the month

Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over
Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ at 11am

Please note due to Monday 4 May
being a Bank Holiday the social is
now Monday 11 May

Glossop

First Tuesday of the month

Glossop Garden Centre, Off
Railway Street, Glossop SK13 7AG
at 11.30am

Leigh

Third Tuesday of the month

Cucina, 198 Chapel Street,
Leigh WN7 2DW at 11am

Manchester

Second Wednesday of the month

Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street,
Northern Quarter, Manchester
M4 1NA at 1pm

Stockport

First Thursday of the month

Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club,
Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme
SK8 5AT at 7pm

Please note due to the 1 January
being a Bank Holiday the social will
be held on the 8 January.

Weekly Online Events

Chi Gung and Meditation



Every Monday

Join Graeme for Chi Gung and Meditation. Chi Gung is a set of standing exercises and gentle slow flowing movements that can help with muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cognitive function.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and finishes off with meditation. You will need a chair and space to stand and stretch and will also have time at the end to ask questions. It starts at 2pm but you will not be able to join after 2.05pm as the class will have started.



Zoom Meeting ID: 824 6194 4085.

Tai Chi with Graeme



Every Wednesday

Join Graeme for Tai Chi. Originally developed for self-defence, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, it promotes serenity through gentle flowing movements.

The class will last approximately 45 minutes, please wear comfortable clothes.



Please note the new meeting ID and passcode. Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0330 1327
Password: 331259.

For further details for any of these events call Sarah on 07873 581975.

Monthly Online Events

Fun and Games



7pm



Free



Online



First Tuesday



Come and join Charles on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm for a variety of online games, quizzes and talks etc. Please Note: These events are open to all members across the country and you are welcome to join along with friends and family. Please just confirm with Charles. For more information and the Zoom codes and passwords please email charlese.venables@yahoo.com.

Tuesday 5 May – VE Day Celebrations

Tuesday 7 July – Talk

Tuesday 2 June – Quiz Night

Please remember that where an event has price per menu, that it is the members responsibility to check prices and dietary requirements with the venue before booking on the event.

Booking on Events

Please remember the importance of the booking deadline date for events, as we cannot guarantee a place on an event once the book by date has past, although we will always do our best to accommodate where possible.

When bookings are made for events that require a deposit or a purchase of ticket(s), payment must be made at time of booking to secure your place. Refunds will only be made where the event is cancelled, no refunds will be given in any other circumstance, unless the place can be refilled a by another member.

There are various ways to make payment (with a bank transfer or SumUp (debit/

credit card) being the preferred method), which are as follows:

Bank transfer – Please ensure that you advise the secretary by email/text/phone of the event(s) you are making payment for. For bank details please contact your secretary Charlotte on 07597 371391 or email charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk

SumUp – Available at events (Social Organisers) or over the phone via a payment link from the Secretary.

Cheque – Please make payable to ‘Combermere District Lodge’ and pass to a Social Organiser at any event or send direct to the Secretary.

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FRI **01** Coffee Morning - Bubble Room, Bramhall

 11am  As per menu 

Please join us in the heart of Bramhall in this great independent bar with lovely vibe. Book by Monday 27 April. The Bubble Room, 2-4 Ack Lane East, Bramhall, Cheshire SK2 2BY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES **05** Social Morning - Glossop

 11.30am  Free 

Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members over a complimentary tea or coffee whilst discussing events we wish to join and ideas for future ones. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS **07** Social Evening - Stockport

 7pm  Free 

Join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi retired and retired people whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee and cake or even a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SUN **10** Sunday Special - Sarah's Kitchen

 1pm  As per menu 

Meeting in this popular venue Sarah's Kitchen housed in the Commercial Inn for Sunday lunch, we are sure to have a lovely afternoon. Book by Tuesday 5 May. The Commercial Inn, 137 Manor Park Road, Glossop SK13 7SH. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED **06** Out and About - Clitheroe

 10.15am  As per menu and travel costs 



Meeting at Victoria Station outside the buffet café at the far end of the station. We can take the train to the historic market town of Clitheroe in Lancashire's Ribble Valley, with its imposing castle and a museum, a vibrant food scene with beautiful countryside, it offers heritage and rural charm that all make for a great day out. We will hopefully be able to lunch at the refurbished Swan and Crown in the centre of Clitheroe. Book by Monday 20 April. Victoria Station, Manchester M3 1NY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

May 2026

MON 11 Social Morning - Bolton

🕒 11am 🇔 Free 💬

Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over tea or coffee with the first one being complimentary and have lunch later if you wish. At the regular socials we discuss what events are being held across our District, booking on them and ideas to go in future diaries etc. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES 12 Dine Around - Albert's, Standish

🕒 6pm 🇔 As per menu 🍴

Lets enjoy an early evening meal in great company at this popular restaurant with lovely food and great atmosphere. Book by Monday 20 April. Albert's, School Lane, Standish, Wigan WN16 0TD. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



WED 13 Social Afternoon - Manchester

🕒 1pm 🇔 Free 💬

Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter in Manchester. Catch up with old friends and make new friends over complimentary tea, coffee and cake. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS 14 Games Afternoon - Hazel Grove Snooker Club

🕒 12.30pm 🇔 £12.50 🎱

Due to the success of the first games afternoon last November, we thought we would



put another one in the diary. This afternoon is just for fun from 12.30pm to 3.30pm with pool tables, darts, table tennis and a snooker table booked. We can practice before the annual tournament in November, where there are prizes. Food is not included today, but is available in the café area. Book by Thursday 7 May. Hazel Grove Snooker Club, 2 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5EN. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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FRI 15 Foodie Friday - The Midland Marple Bridge



This family-friendly local venue with seasonally changing European menu is set in the heart of the picturesque village of Marple Bridge. Book by Tuesday 5 May. Midland Hotel, 26 Brabyns Brow, Marple Bridge SK6 5DT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SUN 17 Sunday Special - Puss in Boots, Stockport



Part of the Almond Family Pubs the Puss in Boots is known for its warm welcome, perfectly kept Robinsons Ales and their fabulous carvery alongside a delicious food menu. Book by Thursday 7 May. Puss in Boots, 147 Nangreave Road, Stockport SK2 6DG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



MON 18 Let's Lunch - Blanco Lounge, Horwich



Enjoy local flavour at Blanco Lounge your neighbourhood café bar for all day dining with relaxed community vibes. You can browse the nearby Middlebrook Retail and Leisure Park before or afterwards if you feel like a shopping spree. Book by Monday 4 May. Blanco Lounge, Unit 21a, 81 The Linkway, Horwich BL6 6JA. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



TUES 19 Social Morning - Leigh



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people over a tea or coffee with the first one complimentary. We can discuss events in the diary and book on them and share ideas for future events. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

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WED 20 Dine Around - The Rice Bowl, Manchester



This popular restaurant has a buzzy modern space with a menu of dim sum and Chinese staples including plenty of veggie options. Book by Monday 4 May. The Rice Bowl, 33a Cross Street, Manchester M2 1NL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS 21 Out and About - The John Rylands Library



Meeting in the café next door we can visit this incredible building on Deansgate in Manchester with hopefully a tour. Opened in 1900, The John Rylands Library is one of Europe's finest example of neo-Gothic architecture. A gift to the city of Manchester, it was purpose built to give public access to world-class collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. Book by Thursday 7 May. John Rylands Research Institute and Library, 150 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3EH. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SAT 23 Saturday Special - Concorde Visit



The Runway Visitor Park is one of the



North Wests most popular outdoor attractions. Adjacent to runways of Manchester Airport, the parks raised viewing areas means you can stand literally just a few metres away from the planes as they go past. The park is also home to a variety of retired planes, including the special spy plane Nimrod and Concorde, which we will have a tour of. The Concorde plane G-BOAC, affectionately known as Alpha Charlie was the second Concorde to be delivered to British Airways in 1976. As well as the cost of viewing, there are also parking costs. Book by Thursday 7 May. The Runway Visitor Park, Sunbank Lane, Altrincham WA15 8XQ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES 26 Coffee Morning - Dukes, Glossop



This family run licensed café in the heart of Glossop serves great coffee, cake and has a reasonably priced menu. Book by Tuesday 5 May. Dukes, 19-21 High Street East, Glossop SK13 8PN. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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WED 27 Let's Lunch - The Little Greek

🕒 12.30pm 🇺🇰 As per menu 🍴🍷🍴

This authentic Greek restaurant is based in the heart of Manchester City Centre and has great food with a warm and welcome service. Book by Monday 11 March. The Little Greek, Ground Floor, 88 Princess Street, Manchester M1 6NP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



THURS 28 Dine Around - Turquoise

🕒 6pm 🇺🇰 As per menu 🍴🍷🍴

Lets explore Turquoise Gourmet menu featuring authentic Turkish food and Mediterranean dishes. Book by Thursday 7 May. Turquoise Restaurant, 1-2 Village Square, Ack Lane East, Bramhall SK7 1AW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI 29 Let's Lunch - Royal Inn

🕒 12.30pm 🇺🇰 As per menu 🍴🍷🍴

We love the Royal Inn, a family friendly pub, with huge portion sizes and great value for money. Book by Monday 11 May. Royal Inn, 67- 69 Wigan Road, Atherton M46 0LW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

SAT 30 Weekend Special - Glossop Heritage Weekend

🕒 10.45am 🇺🇰 Free 🚗

Meeting in A'bout Thyme on the High Street, we can join up to enjoy the parade at 11am and everything else the Heritage weekend has on offer on the Saturday. We can discuss at the May monthly social if we need to meet up for events on the Sunday, as well to make the most of this annual event and celebrate everything great about Glossop. With entertainment for all the family with singers and dancers on stage, brass bands, Morris dancers, vintage fair and much more... there should be something to appeal to all members and their families on this fabulous weekend. Book by Monday 18 May. A'bout Thyme, 55 High Street, Glossop SK13 8AZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



June

MON 01 Social Morning - Bolton

🕒 11am 🇔 Free 🗨

Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over tea or coffee with the first one being complimentary and have lunch later if you wish. At the regular socials we discuss what events are being held across our District, booking on them and ideas to go in future diaries etc. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



TUES 02 Social Morning - Glossop

🕒 11.30am 🇔 Free 🗨

Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members over a complimentary tea or coffee whilst discussing events we wish to join and ideas for future ones. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED 03 Dine Around - Cosy Club

🕒 6pm 🇔 As per menu 🍴🍽🔪

This restaurant in the heart of Manchester sited in the Corn Exchange is always popular with members for its good food and service at reasonable prices. Book by Wednesday 13 May. Cosy Club, Corn Exchange, 37 Hanging Ditch, Manchester M4 3TR. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

THURS 04 Social Evening - Beetle Drive

🕒 7pm 🇔 Free 🗨



Join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi retired and retired people over a fun beetle drive whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee and cake or even a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

June

SAT
06

Saturday Special - Wizard of Oz



1.30pm



£19



The East's Cheshires present - The Wizard of Oz. Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaption of L Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score from the MGM film. This timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz is one not to be missed. Book by Tuesday 5 May. Romiley Forum, The Precinct, Compstall Road, Romiley SK6 4EA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

MON
08

Let's Lunch - The Waterside Inn



12.30pm



As per menu



The Waterside Inn serves up great food, drinks and warm relaxed atmosphere in their canal-side hideaway. Book by Tuesday 19 May. The Waterside Inn, Canal Street, Leigh WN7 4DB. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
09

Let's Lunch - A'bout Thyme



12.30pm



As per menu



Having been previously with members for coffee, we are returning for lunch as the food looked great and reasonably priced. Book by Tuesday 2 June. A'bout Thyme, 55 High Street, Glossop SK13 8AZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
10

Social Afternoon - Sangria and Tapas, Manchester



1pm



Free



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter in Manchester. Catch up with old friends and make new ones over a special sangria and tapas afternoon. Weather permitting we can make the most of the lovely outside area at the venue. Book by Monday 1 June. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.



June

THURS
11

Dine Around - The Ship Styal



You may wish to just come for an early evening dinner in this fabulous restaurant, but you may also like to take a walk before meeting for dinner in the picturesque village of Styal or the nearby Quarry Bank Mill. Book by Thursday 4 June. The Ship Inn, Altrincham Road, Styal, Cheshire SK9 4JE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SAT
13

Saturday Special - Wythenshawe Hall and Park



Wythenshawe Hall and Park are celebrating their centenary, marking 100 years since Ernest and



Sheena Simon purchased and gifted the estate to the city in 1926. Meeting in the café area at 1pm, we can take a walk round the 16th century timber-framed historic house and former manor house and weather permitting the park. Book by Thursday 4 June. Wythenshawe Park, Northenden, Manchester M23 0AP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES
16

Social Morning - Leigh



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people over a tea or coffee with the first one complimentary. We can discuss events in the diary and book on them and share ideas for future events. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED
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Coffee Morning - House of Books & Friends



This stunning bookshop and café housed in an historic building with its gothic event space. Its purpose is bringing people together with its welcoming staff and relaxed atmosphere and is the perfect place for having a catch up and making new friends over tea, coffee and cake. We can discuss at the social the week before if there is anywhere members would like to visit afterwards in our great city. Book by Wednesday 10 June. House of Books & Friends, 81 King Street, Manchester M2 4AH. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.



June

THURS
18

Coffee Morning - Upper Rooms



11am



As per menu



The Upper Rooms café in Cheadle is a nice place to meet with a selection of refreshments, hot and cold food,



delicious cakes - all served by staff and volunteers at reasonable prices. The access is from the car park behind Tescos and there is a lift. The local shops in the village are worth a browse afterwards if you fancy. Book by Monday 8 June. The Upper Rooms, High Street, Cheadle SK8 1PX. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

FRI
19

Foodie Friday - The Little Mill Rowarth



7pm



As per menu



Our Foodie Friday this month sees us visiting The Little Mill which is an iconic grade II listed country pub and deluxe bed and breakfast, serving superb locally sourced food. Located in a beautiful, secluded valley in the Northwest of the Peak District. Book by Tuesday 2 June. The Little Mill, Hollinsmoor Road, Rowarth, High Peak SK22 1EB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SUN
21

Sunday Special - The Cherry Tree



1pm



As per menu



As a favourite with our members having frequently visited during the week, we thought we would try Sunday lunch at this fabulous restaurant as it comes highly recommended. Book by Tuesday 2 June. The Cherry Tree, Chorley Road, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5LA. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
23

Late Lunch - Waggon and Horses Matley



2pm



Two courses £14
Three courses £17



Built in 1663 as a farm house, then in 1789 became an Inn, the Waggon and Horses is situated in an area that is called the Deep Cutting and has become a popular place to eat, serving all the classics dishes in comfortable surroundings. The two and three course specials are great value. Book by Tuesday 2 June. Waggon and Horses, 300 Mottram Road, Matley, Stalybridge SK15 2SU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



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

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



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Self-help for Living Alone

More people are living alone either due to choice or personal circumstances. While it can have its benefits such as greater independence and opportunities for personal growth, living alone can also have its disadvantages.

If not managed well, living alone can be isolating. Not having someone readily available to talk to and share feelings with may lead to loneliness, which can affect mental wellbeing.

It can also be easy to adopt unhealthy habits and neglect self-care such as eating well and having a good sleep routine, which may impact physical wellbeing. But there are simple ways to support wellbeing through self-care, including:

- Staying active and doing something you enjoy e.g. a hobby, which gives a sense of purpose.



- Having a regular routine to give structure to the day e.g. getting up and going to bed at the same time, going for a walk or doing gentle exercise.
- Maintaining connections with friends and family e.g. meeting up for a chat or visiting.
- Creating a calming atmosphere at home e.g. relaxing music and soft lighting.

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

**Our online events are
here to stay**



To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

Maggie's Cancer Care



Maggie's is a charity that provides free expert care and social support at centres across the UK for people who have cancer, and their family and friends. Support and information available includes:

- Information – what cancer is and the different types of cancer.
- Diagnosis and treatment – what a cancer diagnosis is and treatment available.
- Living with cancer – mental health and

social support to manage symptoms and the side effects of treatment, with advice on exercise, eating well, fertility and the menopause.

- Support for family and friends – how to support someone with cancer and help to manage work and caring responsibilities.
- Work and money – information about benefits and other financial concerns.

For general enquiries call Maggie's on **0300 123 1801** or email **enquiries@maggies.org**

To find a centre in your area, go to www.maggies.org

Centres are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. You don't need an appointment and can just drop in.

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

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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)

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 Charlotte Ryalls on **07597 371391** or email charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk or Sarah North on **07873 581975** or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk, or visit 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

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Out and About - Shrewsbury



10am



Travel costs



Shrewsbury is a market town in Shropshire, the birth place of Charles Darwin. There are over 660 listed buildings and a largely undisturbed medieval street plan, along with a beautiful abbey and magnificent castle. The market hall was crowned Britain's favourite for the fourth year running. There are boat trips down the river and all only 75 minutes away by train to visit this lovely town. Meeting 10am at Manchester and 10.10am at Stockport. Book by Wednesday 10 June. Manchester Piccadilly Train Station, 28 Fairfield Square, Droylsden, Manchester M43 6AE. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.



THURS
25

Saturday Special - Canal Boat Trip



1pm



£25



Our annual canal boat trip sees us cruising along the Macclesfield Canal from Marple to Higher Poynton. Whilst taken in the views of the beautiful countryside, we can enjoy a lovely afternoon tea with Prosecco, soft drinks, tea or coffee and other treats. We have three trips booked, but as limited numbers on each one, so please book early to secure your place. Meeting at 1pm for the cruise at 1.15pm, returning at approximately 4.30pm. Book by Thursday 4 June. The Wharf, Church Lane, Marple SK6 6BW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
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Foodie Friday - Stockport



5.30pm



Free



Foodie Friday is Stockport's hugely popular street food event taking place between 6pm and 9pm on the last Friday of each month. This family friendly event features street food, craft ales and live music across Underbank and the Market Place. Meeting at Starbucks in the Merseyway Precinct at 5.30pm, we can make our way there in five minute walk to the start of Underbank for the event. Book by Monday 15 June. Starbucks, 48 Merseyway, Stockport SK1 1PL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

June

SAT 27 Saturday Special - Canal Boat Trip



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MON 29 Dine Around - The Whistling Wren



Find food you fancy at the Whistling Wren in Leigh Sports Village, home of the Leigh Leopards. They have a varied menu offering pizzas, grills and traditional pub classics to cater for everyone. Book by Tuesday 16 June. Whistling Wren, Turner Way, Leigh WN7 4GX. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES 30 Let's Lunch - The Oakwood



On the High Street, close to the centre of Glossop, with its large architectural windows, The Oakwood brings a bit of big city style to Glossop. Book by Monday 15 June. The Oakwood, 67 High Street, Glossop SK13 8AZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

July

WED 01 Dine Around - The Ivy



The Ivy is a beautiful restaurant in the heart of Spinningfields in Manchester, serving timeless classics in art deco surroundings. Book by Wednesday 10 June. The Ivy, The Pavilion, Byrom Street, Manchester M3 3HG. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.



July

THURS
02

Social Evening - Sangria and Tapas, Stockport



7pm



Free



With a Sangria and tapas night please join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi-retired and retired people for an enjoyable evening in great company. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
03

Out and About - Millennium Walkway



11am



Free



The Millennium Walkway in New Mills is suspended from the side of the gorge, above a point where the river flows over a large weir. Its special for its stunning futuristic 'Steel Spiders Web' design, providing breathtaking views as it cantilevers over the previously impassable River Goyt gorge, linking parts of the Midshires Way. Meeting at New Mills train station as the start of the trail is a few minutes walk away down the side of the station. We can discuss at the socials if this is the best place to meet and how far we want to walk and if we would like to have refreshments later and where we should go? Book by Monday 29 June. New Mills Train Station, Station Road, New Mills SK22 3JB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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MON
06

Social Morning - Bolton



11am



Free



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over tea or coffee with the first one being complimentary and have lunch later if you wish. At the regular socials we discuss what events are being held across our District, booking on them and ideas to go in future diaries etc. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES
07

Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Free



Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members over a complimentary tea or coffee whilst discussing events we wish to join and ideas for future ones. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

July

WED 08 Social Afternoon - Manchester



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter in Manchester. Catch up with old friends and make new friends over complimentary tea, coffee and cake. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI 10 Foodie Friday - Napoli



Returning to a restaurant. A favourite with our members - the Napoli in Glossop is always a popular choice for our Friday Foodie nights. Book by Monday 22 June. Napoli, Norfolk Square, Glossop SK13 8BP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS 09 Out and About - The Hat Works Museum



A short walk from either Stockport bus or train station the Hat Works Museum is well worth a visit as such a fascinating museum, the only one in the UK dedicated to the hating industry, housed in a restored grade II listed Victorian mill. There is lots to see with interactive things to enjoy and has over the last few years has been refurbished and more items of interest added for visitors to enjoy. Meeting in the café for a coffee before we take in this centuries old business. Book by Wednesday 1 July. Hat Works Museum, Wellington Road South, Stockport SK3 0EU. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.



SAT 11 Saturday Special - St Peter's Church



St Peter's Church was built in 1768 and is one of the oldest churches in Stockport town. Come and listen to guest organists playing all types of music to get you toes tapping. There is always coffee and cake on these special Saturdays, where we can meet and enjoy the music and later take a wander round the Makers Market. Book by Tuesday 2 July. St Peter's Parish Church, St Peters Square, Stockport SK1 1NZ. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

SUN
12

Saturday Special - Canal Boat Trip

🕒 1pm

£ £25



Our annual canal boat trip sees us cruising along the Macclesfield Canal from Marple to Higher Poynton. Whilst taken in the views of the beautiful countryside, we can enjoy a lovely afternoon tea with Prosecco, soft drinks, tea or coffee and other treats. We have three trips booked, but as limited numbers on each one, so please book early to secure your place. Meeting at 1pm for the cruise at 1.15pm, returning at approximately 4.30pm. Book by Thursday 4 June. The Wharf, Church Lane, Marple SK6 6BW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES
14

Out and About - Holmfirth

🕒 11am

£ Free



Meeting at Glossop Tennis Courts, we can car share to take trip out to Holmfirth. Home of 'Last of the Summer Wine', it's set in charming West Yorkshire countryside and has a vibrant mix of traditional pubs, cafés and walking trails making it a delightful escape for nature lovers and those seeking a relaxed authentic Yorkshire experience. Book by Tuesday 7 July. Glossop Tennis Courts, Pyegrove Road, Glossop SK13 8QS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED
15

Let's Lunch - El Kabron

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Inspired by the lively Tavernas of Spain, this tapas restaurant is a hidden gem, just off Albert Square with its warm Spanish atmosphere and authentic tapas, pintxos and a great selection of wines. Book by Wednesday 8 July. El Kabron, 2 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5WQ. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

July

THURS
16

Thursday Special - Afternoon Tea and Shopping



2pm



Cream Tea £7.50
Afternoon Tea £16



You can shop till you drop at Broadstone Mill Shopping Outlet, which has been your local department store in Stockport for over 25 years offering everything you need from fashion to home for less, all under one roof. Shop the latest mens and womens fashion, and footwear across two floors, with unbeatable prices on top brands and new trends arriving every week. Then meet in Angelica's Tea Room at 2pm on the first floor for their wonderful afternoon or cream tea, which is great value and even have a glass of fizz. There are other options on the menu if you do not wish to have the afternoon tea. Book by Thursday 2 July. Broadstone Mill, 332 Broadstone Road, Reddish, Stockport SK5 7DL. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

FRI
17

Out and About - Bents Garden Centre



12.30pm



As per menu



Meeting in the café of this fabulous garden centre, you can look round before meeting or after refreshments if you wish. Book by Monday 6 July. Bents Garden Centre, Warrington Road, Leigh End, Glazebury WA3 5NT. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

SUN
19

Sunday Special - Pennington Flash Festival



11.30am



Free



Pennington Flash forms part of the Flashes of Wigan and Leigh, the first National Nature Reserve in Greater Manchester. Come along to spend a fun filled day at the annual showcase, Learn about the abundance of wildlife that resides in and around this amazing site and its importance to our landscape, through its range of activities that include guided walks, stalls, arts and crafts and much more. It's free to attend, but some activities may incur a small charge. Meeting in the Hide Café, which is located alongside a pay and display car park. Pennington Flash Nature Reserve, St Helens Road, Leigh WN7 3PA. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

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July

TUES
21

Social Morning - Leigh

🕒 11am

£ Free



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people over a tea or coffee with the first one complimentary. We can discuss events in the diary and book on them and share ideas for future events. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Cucina, 198, Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

WED
22

Out and About - Hebden Bridge

🕒 11am

£ Travel costs



Hebden Bridge is a vibrant creative market town in West Yorkshire with independent shops and cafés the town was for formally known as a trouser town for its clothing manufacturing. It is now a popular destination for its art scene and quirky atmosphere, a stroll in the park or a boat trip down the river are all there to enjoy. Those wishing to have lunch, we will be going to the Shoulder of Mutton serving home-made food right in the heart of the pedestrianised centre of the town. Please confirm on booking if you wish to have lunch or you may just want to grab something whilst enjoying this lovely town. Book by Wednesday 8 July. Victoria Station, Manchester M3 1NY. Contact Barbara on 07565 051833.

THURS
23

Dine Around - Gusto

🕒 6pm

£ As per menu



This contemporary Italian bar and restaurant serves fresh authentic food in a great atmosphere. Book by Thursday 2 July. Gusto, Landmark House, Station Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 7BS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI
24

Out and About - Bramall Hall

🕒 11.30am

£ Tour of the hall
£6.50



Meeting in the Stables Café, we can have a quick drink before we take a walk around the 70 acres of parkland at this magnificent black and white timber-



framed Tudor Manor House. We can return to the Stables Café for a bite to eat and members who wish to, can then take a tour of this wonderful hall. Anyone wishing to come by public transport, the bus from Stockport to Bramhall stops outside, but there is a walk uphill to the café. Cheadle Hulme train station is nearby and we could possibly pick members up from there. Book by Tuesday 7 July. Bramall Hall, Hall Road, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 3NX. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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July

SUN 26 Sunday Special - Lunch at Oaklands Hall



Having not visited for a few years it has been recommended by members to return for the Sunday lunch at this lovely hall with great service and good food. Book by Monday 13 July. Oakland's Hall, Beech View, Hyde SK14 3DE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

MON 27 Out and About - Partridge Lakes



Having had to cancel the event in March for work being done on the walkway and numbers due to a fishing tournament,



which are normally at weekends, the venue suggested we come in the week. Meeting in the café with beautiful lakeside views, quality food and dog friendly, we can have refreshments before we look round the 70 plus acres of wonderful countryside in Cheshire. Book by Monday 6 July. Partridge Lakes, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 4AQ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES 28 Let's Lunch - Portobello



Whether you just fancy a coffee or something to eat, we can have a catch up in this family run café in the heart of Hadfield. If the weather is looking good we could also arrange a walk afterwards if members wish. Book by Tuesday 14 July. Portobello, 86 Station Road, Hadfield, Glossop SK13 1AJ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS 30 Let's Lunch - The Kingfisher



As part of the JD Wetherspoon chain you are always guaranteed great prices and an extensive menus and offers on food and drink. As we are only minutes away from Poynton Pool, Higher Poynton and the Middlewood Way, a walk can be arranged for afterwards if the weather permitting. Book by Monday 20 July. The Kingfisher, London Road South, Poynton SK12 1NJ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



Thousands raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts by Oddfellows branches

The Oddfellows has 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.

Essential supplies

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.

Pam Casey, spokesperson for the Oddfellows, said: "When communities are devastated by disasters of this scale, the need for swift and compassionate support is critical. We are incredibly proud of our branches for coming together to raise these funds.

"Every contribution helps people to access shelter, food, and vital services as they begin the long process of rebuilding.



"Supporting this appeal reflects the very best of Oddfellowship – standing alongside others in times of greatest need."

The Oddfellows extends sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the appeal and helped make this support possible.

Find out more

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

You can also learn more about how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

To find out how you can get involved with fundraising initiatives Oddfellows branches are conducting locally, speak to your Branch Secretary.

Talented trio win Educational Awards

We're proud to announce our 2025 First Degree Course Educational Award winners: Melanie Healy (Humber Wolds Oddfellows), Will Stevenson (Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows) and Emma Corbin (Worcester Oddfellows).

Each winner will receive a non-repayable bursary worth £900 per year for the duration of their studies, which can go towards anything from text books and vital equipment to helping out with rent, bills and other practical items.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said:

It fills me with pride each year when we announce the winners of the First Degree Course Educational Awards, and I'm sure that Melanie, Will and Emma will work hard and have a wonderful university experience.

University is an exciting time, but it can also be quite stressful. I hope this money will go some way to help reduce some of the financial pressures that are a reality of being a student.

Melanie Healey, Humber Wolds Branch

In October 2025, Melanie began her Asian and Middle Eastern Studies course at the University of Cambridge. The four-year course will begin with learning Arabic language skills from scratch, building up her existing French language skills and looking at French Literature.



She says she is hoping to put the money towards travelling to French and Arabic-speaking countries for internships and exchanges to help sharpen these skills.

Melanie said: "I was delighted when I found out that I'd been chosen to receive the funding, and I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the grant."

Although unsure what her career plans are at this stage, Melanie says she "would definitely like to work in a role that allows me to use my language skills".

Will Stevenson Pride of Woolwich Branch

Will started reading Geography at the University of Durham's Trevelyan College in Autumn 2025, where modules cover



topics such as climate change, physical geography, human geography, geographical research and geographies in crisis.

The money, he says, will go towards the social aspects that university life has to offer, such as the Durham University Big Band.

Will said: "Hearing I was a recipient of the award was incredibly exciting, and I am extremely thankful to the Oddfellows for the trust and generosity they have offered me."

Will also hasn't mapped out his career plans at this stage, but says that's one of the reasons the course appealed to him, given "the breadth of Geography and its wide application".

Emma Corbin Worcester Branch

Unbeknownst to either, Emma and Will have ended up on the same Geography course at the University of Durham.



Emma plans to put the money towards learning materials and field trips.

"I felt extremely grateful and lucky when I was picked as one of the successful candidates from what would have been many amazing applications," she said. "I would like to say how thankful I am. It is a great opportunity to have an award like this available."

Emma too hasn't decided which direction she wants her career to take, but thinks her chosen course will provide her with a range of opportunities.

"It's an increasingly relevant subject, considering topics such as climate change and geopolitics," Emma added.

More about our Educational Awards

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the Educational Awards funding, based on the applications received from members. To learn more about the awards, including the Apprenticeship Educational Award, eligibility and how to apply, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards.

2026: Time to make a financial plan



a proud part of the Oddfellows

The year might have only just started, but we all know how quickly the calendar can flip. One minute it's spring, and the next we're wondering where the mince pies have gone.

Taking a little time now to think about your finances before the new tax year starts in April can make life feel calmer and more organised.

Where to start?

A financial plan doesn't have to involve spreadsheets or complicated formulas. It can simply start with a few questions, like: 'What do I want to save for? Am I prepared for life's surprises? Could my money be working harder for me?'

For some Oddfellows members, the focus might be on simply enjoying life or planning for the future. Others may also be thinking about the younger people in their lives – children, grandchildren, or that teenager who changes career ambitions daily.

Small, regular contributions now could grow into something meaningful later.

Start saving

Lucky for Oddfellows members, our financial services arm, Unity Mutual, is close at hand.

Unity Mutual is a regulated provider of ISAs and other savings and investment

products, which means they follow strict rules designed to protect our members.

Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bonds, including two, three and five year terms, offer fixed-rates for savers with a lump sum to invest, and Oddfellow members can benefit from preferential rates.

Alternatively, ISAs are a tax-efficient way to save or invest, whether you're building up funds to enjoy retirement or looking to help give your child a confident step into adulthood.

ISA Products available from Unity Mutual for Oddfellow members include a Lifetime ISA, a Flexible ISA and a Junior ISA, and you can also make the most of the Adult and Child Tax-Exempt Savings Plans.

Get in touch

And the good news? You don't have to figure it all out by yourself. Unity Mutual is happy to chat with you about your goals, big, small, or somewhere in between.

Our friendly staff can provide information on what is available to you. They'll talk through things in plain English, not financial jargon, so you can make decisions confidently and comfortably.

Terms and conditions apply to all products.

Find out more

Visit www.unitymutual.co.uk or call us for a chat on 0161 214 4650.

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 Charlotte on **07597 371391** or email **charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line **Call 0800 0149 821***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline **Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)
Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm
Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

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Tues 19	Social Morning	11am
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June

Mon 1	Social Morning	11am
Tues 2	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 3	Dine Around	6pm
Thurs 4	Social Evening	7pm
Sat 6	Saturday Special	1.30pm
Mon 8	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 9	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Wed 10	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 11	Dine Around	6pm
Sat 13	Saturday Special	1pm
Tues 16	Social Morning	11am
Wed 17	Coffee Morning	11am

June

Thurs 18	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 19	Foodie Friday	7pm
Sun 21	Sunday Special	1pm
Tues 23	Late Lunch	2pm
Wed 24	Out and About	10am
Thurs 25	Saturday Special	1pm
Fri 26	Foodie Friday	5.30pm
Sat 27	Saturday Special	1pm
Mon 29	Dine Around	6pm
Tues 30	Let's Lunch	12.30pm

July

Wed 1	Dine Around	5pm
Thurs 2	Social Evening	7pm
Fri 3	Out and About	11am
Mon 6	Social Morning	11am
Tues 7	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 8	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 9	Out and About	11.30am
Fri 10	Foodie Friday	7pm
Sat 11	Saturday Special	11am
Sun 12	Saturday Special	1pm
Tues 14	Out and About	11am
Wed 15	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Thursday Special	2pm
Fri 17	Out and About	12.30pm
Sun 19	Sunday Special	11.30am
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Wed 22	Out and About	11am
Thurs 23	Dine Around	6pm
Fri 24	Out and About	11.30am
Sun 26	Sunday Special	1pm
Mon 27	Out and About	12.30pm
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Thurs 30	Let's Lunch	12.30pm