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Brighouse and Huddersfield District News and Events

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New Year Catch-Up - Thursday 22 January 2026

Welcome to our latest Valleys Link from the Brighthouse and Huddersfield District.

**Everyone 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 of
our events that take your fancy**

**and we like to think that we can
guarantee you a good time.**

This Events Diary and Newsletter is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place – by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. Find out more at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or call **0800 028 1810**.

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Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



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

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November 2025

SAT
01

Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES
04

Tenable



7.30pm



£5 including supper



Celebrate bonfire night a day early with us in the warmth of the Old Bank Club. You'll have an enjoyable evening in good, friendly company, playing our version of the popular television quiz. Teams will try to name the top ten answers on a wide variety of subjects, prizes for the lucky winners. In bonfire night tradition, supper will be pie and peas with options for vegetarians and anyone who doesn't like pie, please ask when booking. Book by Thursday 30 October 2025. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



THURS
06

Denshaw Drop In



11am



Free



If you are in the lovely area of Denshaw the first Thursday of the month, then why not drop into our Oddfellows



Hall where a warm welcome is guaranteed. Free tea, coffee, biscuits and company are on offer. Your Social Secretary Rhiannon will be available to help with general Oddfellows enquiries and advice, be it filling in application forms, claim forms, etc. We are open 11am to 2pm. Feel free to bring your jigsaws and books to swap or your craft work. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

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.

November 2025

THURS
06

Ten-Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. No matter what your skill level is, we can guarantee a fun evening amongst friends who like to enjoy themselves. We play two games with a prize for everyone. Start of 7pm, please be early so you can choose your ball. The cost is £12 per person and basket meals are available at extra cost. Book by Wednesday 5 November 2025. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
13

Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 10 November 2025. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



FRI
07

Brighouse Book Club



Are you an avid reader or would like to get into reading more? Would you like to try new authors and share your thoughts with like minded people? Do you need recommendations for new books? The Brighouse Book Club will meet monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book, share new authors and get ideas for your next read. The first meeting of the Brighouse Book Club will include: choosing the monthly read for the next few months; sharing your favourite book and authors; getting personalised recommendations for your reading outside of the club and collecting the first book to be read in time for the next month. Book by Wednesday 5 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.



November 2025

FRI **14** Lunch with Friends



Enjoy a casual lunch from a wide-ranging menu at this laid-back family pub/restaurant serving something to suit everyone and only five minutes from the city centre. Book by Friday 7 November 2025. Rhubarb Triangle, Brewers Fayre, Paragon Business Park, Herriot Way, Wakefield WF1 2UF. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

SUN **16** Writers Retreat



Are you an inspiring novelist or poet? Are you forever finding something else to do instead of write? The Writers Retreat at Brighthouse offers



you an opportunity to write in a safe setting with like-minded companions. Set easy goals, write in sprints and enjoy hot drinks and pastries. The retreat is aimed at those people who need a nudge to write. There is no requirement to share your work with the group and there is no formal advice given on your work. 10am to 1pm. Book by Friday 14 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.

THURS **20** Beetle Drive at Brighthouse



Please join us for this popular event. You'll enjoy taking part in the fun game, where there are sure to be plenty of laughs as everyone tries to complete their beetles. There are prizes for the lucky winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



FRI **21** Brunch at The Fleece Inn



Join us for breakfast/brunch and a get together at The Fleece Inn, a cosy country pub at the foot of Holme Moss on the outskirts of the Peak District. If you are feeling energetic afterwards, it would be nice to take a walk around Digley Reservoir, a local beauty spot close by. We will be meeting at the venue at 10.30am. Book by Friday 14 November 2025. The Fleece Inn, Woodhead Road, Holme HD9 2QG. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

November 2025 December

SUN
30

Christmas Light Switch On - Denshaw



5pm



Free



Join us as we start the countdown to Christmas with the Christmas Light Switch On at Denshaw. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
04

Denshaw Drop In



11am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 6 November event description on page 4. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
04

Ten-Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 6 November on page 5. Book by Wednesday 3 December 2025. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

December

TUES
02

Dominic Beresford



7.30pm



£5 including supper



Start your Christmas celebrations with us. The very popular Dominic Beresford has agreed to entertain us. He's a talented singer and musician who performs songs from the 1960s onwards and will be happy to sing requests. Book by Thursday 27 November 2025. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



December

FRI

05

Brighthouse Book Club



Are you an avid reader or would like to get into reading more? The Brighthouse Book Club will meet monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book. See Friday 7 November on page 5 for more information. Book by Wednesday 3 December 2025. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.

SAT

06

Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



TUES

09

Christmas Choices



Rehearse for Christmas Day by enjoying a three-course Christmas menu (£27.95) or eat from the regular menu - the choice is yours. Superb traditional fare in a country pub - what more could you ask for? Cost as per menu - £10 deposit required when booking. Book by Tuesday 18 November 2025. The White Horse, Sharlston Common, Wakefield WF4 1EP. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



THURS

11

Lunch at Toby Carvery



Come meet up and join friends for a spot of lunch at the warm and inviting Toby Carvery. Choose from the carvery on offer or the menu provided, there's something for everyone. Book by Sunday 30 November 2025. Toby Carvery, Brighthouse Road, Elland, Huddersfield HD2 2LB. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

December

THURS 18 Christmas Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our Christmas themed three course light lunch. There will be prawn cocktail or pate starter, hot or cold turkey sandwiches and Christmas themed sweet treats. If you have any dietary requirements please tell Rhiannon when booking. Book by Monday 15 December 2025. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI 19 Christmas Lunch



After great demand why not get into the festive spirit and join us for lunch. The Dunkirk is based in the picturesque



village of Denby Dale. Enjoy great food and drink with surrounding countryside views. Book by Saturday 1 November 2025. The Dunkirk, 231 Barnsley Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield HD8 8TX. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

January 2026

FRI 02 Brighthouse Book Club



Are you an avid reader or would like to get into reading more? The Brighthouse Book Club will meet monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book. See Friday 7 November on page 5 for more information. Book by Wednesday 31 December 2025. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.



SAT 03 Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

January 2026

TUES
06

Quiz of the Year



7.30pm



£5 including
supper



Come along and enjoy a pleasant evening, taking part in our lighthearted quiz, where you'll be able to enjoy finding out how much you remember about 2025. Prizes for the winners. Book by Tuesday 30 December 2025. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
08

Denshaw Drop In



11am



Free



Please refer to Thursday 6 November event description on page 4. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS
08

Ten-Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 6 November on page 5. Book by Wednesday 7 January 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



SUN
11

Writers Retreat



10am



£2 including
refreshments



Are you an aspiring novelist or poet? The Writers Retreat at Brighouse offers you an opportunity to write in a safe setting with like-minded companions. See Sunday 16 November for more information. Book by Friday 9 January 2026. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.

January 2026

SUN

11

Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime



4.30pm



Adults £25, Young Ones Free



Our very popular Young Ones event is now in Huddersfield! Follow the courageous Jack Trot as he embarks on a thrilling journey up the beanstalk to confront the fearsome Giant Blunderbuss and save his town from doom. Meet in the foyer at 4.15pm. Young Ones goes free and receive a free bag of sweets! Limited spaces available. Book by Sunday 30

November 2025. Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen's Square, Queen's Street, Huddersfield HD1 2SP. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



THURS
15

Alphabetical Quiz



1.30pm



£2 including refreshments



Join us and enjoy an afternoon in good company. The quiz will be lighthearted and good fun. As a clue the starting letter of each answer will be given. Prizes for the lucky winners. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



FRI
16

Lunch at Home



12.30pm



£5



The Strangers Refuge Social Secretary would be delighted if you could join her for lunch and a game of Rummykub and bingo. So come and enjoy an afternoon for fun and food with your host. Book by Tuesday 6 January 2026. Little Cliffe, Holmfirth HD9 1XT. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



January 2026

THURS
22

New Year Catch-Up



11.30am



As per menu



Savour late breakfast, early lunch or simply a hot drink whilst catching up with friends after the Christmas and New Year festivities. The various departments at this venue will be running their January sales which is another reason not to miss this event! Book by Thursday 15 January 2026. Blooms Kitchen, Tingley Garden Centre, Thorpe Lane, Tingley, Leeds WF3 1SL. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

THURS
22

Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 19 January 2026. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

February

TUES
03

Beetle Drive



7.30pm



£5 including supper



Please join us for this popular event. You'll enjoy taking part in the fun game, where there are sure to be plenty of laughs and friendly banter as everyone tries to complete their beetles. Prizes for the lucky winners. Book by Thursday 29 January 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
05

Denshaw Drop In



11am



Free



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THURS
05

Ten-Pin Bowling



7pm



£12



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 6 November on page 5. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

February

FRI

06

Brighthouse Book Club



Are you an avid reader or would like to get into reading more? The Brighthouse Book Club will meet monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book. See Friday 7 November on page 5 for more information. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoe on 07432 648836.

SAT

07

Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



SUN

08

Writers Retreat



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TUES

10

Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb!



It's that time of year again! College students prepare a delightful meal featuring rhubarb in each course, to coincide with the city's annual rhubarb festival. This is one of our most popular events so early booking is essential. Book by Monday 26 January 2026. Gaskell's Restaurant, Wakefield College, Margaret Street, Wakefield WF1 2DH. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



February

SAT
14

Tapas with Friends



Join us for an early evening tapas on Valentine's Day at Harvey's Kitchen and Wine Bar. The open kitchen is where they serve good food from locally sourced ingredients. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Harvey's Kitchen/Wine Bar, 2 Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1HA. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS
19

Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 16 February 2026. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

March

TUES
03

Ten Clues Quiz



Join us and enjoy taking part in this popular, lighthearted quiz. You'll have fun finding out how many clues are needed to name a person, place or object. The sooner you answer correctly the more points for your team. There are prizes for the winners. Book by Thursday 26 February 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS
05

Denshaw Drop In



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THURS
05

Ten-Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 6 November on page 5. Book by Wednesday 4 March 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

March

FRI
06

Brighthouse Book Club



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SUN
08

Writers Retreat



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SAT
07

Whist Drive

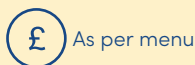


Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



THURS
12

Don't forget the mushy peas!



Join us for another of our regular visits to this highly-regarded fish and chips restaurant. We would not be popular if we were to omit this venue from our events diary! Book by Monday 2 March 2026. Wetherby Whaler, 550 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2DX. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



March

THURS 12 **Bingo at Brighthouse**



Meet up with friends old and new and enjoy a pleasant afternoon in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. There are prizes for the lucky winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 19 **Three Course Light Lunch**



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 16 March 2026. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

April

WED 18 **Early Bird at La Dantri, Italian Restaurant**



Why not come and join us for an early bird meal at this contemporary Italian dining experience with classic dishes, authentic recipes and a five-star rating. Book by Sunday 8 March 2026. La Dantri, 13a Westgate, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6AA. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS 02 **Denshaw Drop In**



Please refer to Thursday 6 November event description on page 4. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 02 **Ten-Pin Bowling**



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. For further details please refer to Thursday 6 November on page 5. Book by Wednesday 1 April 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

April

FRI 03 Brighthouse Book Club



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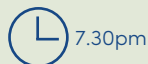
SAT 04 Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



TUES 07 Quiz Night



Please join us for our popular general knowledge quiz, as part of a friendly team you'll be able to enjoy finding the answers to a wide variety of topics. In a relaxed atmosphere teams will compete round by round to see who will be the lucky winners and take home the prizes. Book by Thursday 2 April 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



THURS 09 Lunch at the Thirsty Gardener



We'd love for you to join us as we once again visit the Thirsty Gardener Café based in the Colne Valley Garden Centre. We'll enjoy a lovely lunch, followed by a browse of the wonderful plants and gift shop. Why not take the opportunity to get some seeds or plants ready for the growing season? Book by Wednesday 1 April 2026. Colne Valley Garden Centre, 12 Scar Lane, Milnsbridge HD3 4PE. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

April

SUN
12

Writers Retreat



10am



£2 including refreshments



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THURS
16

A Post-Easter Get-Together



11am



As per menu



Tea, coffee, breakfast, brunch - it's all here at this increasingly popular venue with its large selection of gardening aids as well as plants. Book by Wednesday 8 April 2026. Bloom and Brew Café, Spring Green Nurseries, Pontefract Road, Crofton, Wakefield WF4 1LW. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

SAT
18

Lunch at Norman's Neighbourhood Kitchen



12.30pm



As per menu



All members are welcome to join us at Norman's Neighbourhood Kitchen, to enjoy creative cooking in a fun-loving local Bistro with a Michelin Guide listing. Book by Wednesday 8 April 2026. Norman's Neighbourhood Kitchen, 22A North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0RH. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



THURS
23

Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 20 April 2026. Oddfellows Denshaw Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

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 Gillian on **01484 645836** or email gillian.longbottom@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**

Introducing our new Branch Development and Social Co-ordinator

Zoë Channing joined the Branch on Monday 1 September as Development and Social Co-ordinator with a remit to develop new audiences, create new events for Brighthouse and support the existing Social Organisers.

Zoë has had a successful career in arts and event development across the UK and brings a wealth of experience in organising small and large scale events and working with professional artists from all disciplines.

More recently, Zoë owned an independent bookshop in Clitheroe that specialised in crime and thriller fiction and true crime from across the world. She is currently writing a thriller and is keen to encourage members to join a monthly book club and a writers' group at Brighthouse.



In her spare time, when not renovating a house, Zoë is a keen printmaker and dabbles in other arts and crafts so watch out for opportunities to be more creative!

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.

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Out and About in the District



Denroyd Farm, Denby Dale.



Field Café.

On Saturday 10 May 2025 members of the Strangers Refuge Lodge gathered for a fantastic night out at Denroyd Farm, Denby Dale. All members thoroughly enjoyed the evening and definitely a night to remember.

In August members new and old had a very enjoyable time at the Field Café, Farnley Tyas, they were able to spend time catching up, and the food was excellent.

Members enjoying our Three Course Light Lunch at our Oddfellows Hall in Denshaw. Open to members and friends every month.



Three Course Light Lunch.

Inter District Quiz

In July our District held their heat of the quiz at Old Bank Club, Mirfield on Tuesday 15th July. Over 30 people attended and gave a warm welcome to quiz masters Emma and Steve from Bradford. Everyone enjoyed a good night which included the excellent supper prepared by Jo and Jane.

Our team did us proud and won a place at the final, which took place at Carlton House, Bradford. They were worthy runners up, with only a point separating



Inter District Quiz.

the teams, and were presented with a shield which is now on display at our Oddfellows Hall, Brighouse.

We hold a social event at Old Bank Club on the first Tuesday of every month, the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and there's always a delicious supper.

What is it?



Race Night.

Young Oddfellows Co-ordinator

We would like to introduce our new Young Oddfellows Co-ordinator Rhiannon, many of you will have seen Rhiannon at various



events. Rhiannon is currently Social Secretary for Huddersfield and Denshaw and also our Provincial Grand Master for the year. She has lots of exciting ideas for the Young Oddfellows and hopes to see you at some of her upcoming events.

Young Oddfellows Annual Trip

This year members enjoyed a lovely day out at Blackpool Zoo followed by an afternoon in Blackpool. There was lots for the Young Ones to see and do. We have lots of exciting upcoming events, including a trip to Farmer Copley's Pumpkin Festival, a Bowling Party and a Christmas Crafternoon.



Notes to members

We are now able to accept claim forms and receipts via email. Claim forms are available via email on request from
lynn.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk.
All receipts must have your name on.

Receipts must be sent as a pdf. We are unable to deal with screenshots or photos. Please also note we do not do bank transfers, all claims are paid via cheque.

Please Note

In the unlikely event that dates and times of any of the events change, you are advised to contact the event organiser or your branch secretary to ensure your place and to avoid disappointment.

We're on facebook!



Not everything can make it into the newsletter, so keep up to date on our Facebook page where we post latest news, hints and tips from us and from Oddfellows.

How do you find it?

Visit Facebook or login to your Facebook account and go to the search field type in

- 'Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows' for our main page.
- 'Denshaw Oddfellows' for our members in Denshaw.
- 'Oddfellows Young Ones' for our younger members.

Any problems our contact details can be found on page 3.

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, 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."



Birmingham Oddfellows



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

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

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



Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender

Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Lynn by phone on 07764 255181, email at lynn.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk

"Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

Cynthia, volunteer

At a glance

November 2025

Sat 1	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 4	Tenable	7.30pm
Thurs 6	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 6	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 7	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Thurs 13	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 14	Lunch with Friends	1pm
Sun 16	Writers Retreat	10am
Thurs 20	Beetle Drive at Brighthouse	1.30pm
Fri 21	Brunch at The Fleece Inn	10.30am
Sun 30	Christmas Light Switch On - Denshaw	5pm

December

Tues 2	Dominic Beresford	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 4	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 5	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Sat 6	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 9	Christmas Choices	1pm
Thurs 11	Lunch at Toby Carvery	12 noon
Thurs 18	Christmas Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 19	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm

January 2026

Fri 2	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Sat 3	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 6	Quiz of the Year	7.30pm

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January 2026

Thurs 8	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 8	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sun 11	Writers Retreat	10am
Sun 11	Jack And The Beanstalk Pantomime	4.30pm
Thurs 15	Alphabetical Quiz	1.30pm
Fri 16	Lunch at Home	12.30pm
Thurs 22	New Year Catch-Up	11.30am
Thurs 22	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm

February

Tues 3	Beetle Drive	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 5	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 6	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Sat 7	Whist Drive	2pm
Sun 8	Writers Retreat	10am
Tues 10	Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb!	12 noon
Sat 14	Tapas with Friends	4pm
Thurs 19	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm

March

Tues 3	Ten Clues Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 5	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 6	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Sat 7	Whist Drive	2pm
Sun 8	Writers Retreat	10am

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March

Thurs 12	Don't forget the mushy peas!	1pm
Thurs 12	Bingo at Brighthouse	1.30pm
Wed 18	Early Bird at La Dantri, Italian Restaurant	4.30pm
Thurs 19	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm

April

Thurs 2	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Thurs 2	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 3	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
Sat 4	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 7	Quiz Night	7.30pm
Thurs 9	Lunch at the Thirsty Gardener	12 noon
Sun 12	Writers Retreat	10am
Thurs 16	A Post-Easter Get-Together	11am
Sat 18	Lunch at Norman's Neighbourhood Kitchen	12.30pm
Thurs 23	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm

Regular Monthly Meeting

Branch meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at the Oddfellows Hall, 2 Industrial Street, Brighthouse HD6 1TX starting at 7pm.

Monday 17 November 2025

Monday 16 February 2026

Monday 15 December 2025

Monday 16 March 2026

Monday 19 January 2026

Monday 20 April 2026

Please come along, you will be made very welcome, this is a great opportunity to see how your branch runs and put your suggestions and ideas forward. Coffee, biscuits and a chat always helps to get to know us.