



out & about

Ormskirk and Southport District Incorporating the Isle of Mona (Isle of Man)



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*Autumn sunset behind
St Peter's Church in
Cregneash, Isle of Man.*
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Music



Art/Crafts



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



*New Member Social – Friday 8
May, we hope you can join us!*

Welcome to the April to October 2026 events diary and newsletter.

We've had an interesting and busy few months in our District. Our coffee events remain well supported and we've had some lovely days out and events together, including our first trips to Bowness in the Lake District, and Penelope's Restaurant, plus a return visit to Concorde in Manchester, and Christmas visits to Speke Hall and the Calf's Head. We had a very successful Friendship Month in September with new members joining across our District, plus a lovely friendship lunch at O'Brien's.

Please book early for events in this diary and take note of deadlines and any deposits requested. Telephone,

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In an emergency, please use the
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email or see Judith Catton at any of
our coffee events to book and pay for
trips. Please make cheques payable to
The Oddfellows Society.

Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the regular monthly events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

Southport Coffee Morning

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am



Come and join us for our regular informal coffee morning. The chance to meet new friends. Please use the back door off Anchor Street. The Office Bar & Restaurant, 36 Anchor Street, Southport PR9 0UT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

- 1 April
- 6 May
- 3 June
- 1 July
- 5 August
- 2 September
- 7 October



Southport Coffee Afternoon

(First Thursday of the month)



Meet at the Duke's Folly Hotel, where we can enjoy tea or coffee, or a drink from the well-stocked bar.

All are welcome to join us for a catch up and the chance to find out about upcoming events and activities. Ideal to bring friends or family along for the first time to find out more about us. The Duke's Folly Hotel, 11 Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

- 2 April
- 7 May
- 4 June
- 2 July
- 6 August
- 3 September
- 1 October



The District Office (Bonita Hesketh) will be closed from Saturday 6 June to Tuesday 23 June.

Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

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We promise a warm welcome.

Formby Coffee Club (Second Tuesday of the month)



7 April*
12 May
9 June
14 July

11 August
8 September
13 October

Join us for our regular Formby coffee morning at the Toby Carvery. All welcome.
***Please note that April's date will change to 7 April due to 'Odds on Tour'.** The Bay Horse, Toby Carvery, 13 Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Ormskirk Coffee Club (Second Wednesday of the month)



8 April
13 May
10 June
8 July

12 August
9 September
14 October

Join us for a cuppa in this popular town centre café. All welcome. O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3BY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Telephone befrienders

Our volunteer telephone befrienders are John Roberts and Julie Rudge.

If you can't get out as much as you'd like or are feeling like you'd like to have a regular chat with someone, please give Judith a call on 01704 545279 and she will arrange for someone to call you



on a regular basis. If you know of any members who might benefit from this service, please also do not hesitate to get in touch.

If any of your contact details change, please advise Bonita Hesketh, so that we can ensure you don't miss out on any communications.

April 2026

Annual General Meeting - Summoned Meeting

 12 noon  Two course £23 

Join us as we discuss the business of running our District, followed by a two-course lunch and entertainment. You may attend the business meeting free of charge without prior booking, although we would appreciate a booking for planning purposes. Cost charged is for the lunch and entertainment only. Please state any dietary requirements at time of payment. Lunch will be lamb hotpot with crusty bread and red cabbage or vegetarian hotpot, followed by sticky toffee pudding and toffee custard or ice-cream, plus tea and coffee. Lunch served at 1pm followed by entertainment and raffle. **Book by Friday 3 April.** The Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Chorley Market (previously advertised)

 Various pick-up times  Members £12 Guests £15 

Chorley is famous for its markets, which date back to 1498. The most popular market day is Tuesday. There are two main markets in Chorley. Chorley covered market, which makes up the heart of the town and operates four days a week. Chorley's Tuesday market, which sees everyone's favourite stalls lining Fazakerley Street, Chapel Street, New Market Street, Cleveland Street, Market Street and the bottom half of High Street. There are more than 150 stalls on their busiest day. **Book by Tuesday 31 March.** Chorley Market, Market Place (off Cleveland Street), Chorley PR7 1BH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

to Odds on Tour 2026 - Dundee, Scotland

 Various pick-up times  From £495 to £645 

Join us on our annual 'Odds on Tour' mini-break, staying outside Dundee in The Best Western Woodlands Hotel. We will be away for five days, four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast and excursions to Scone Palace and The Falkirk Wheel, plus Anstruther, Dundee and optional visit to Glamis Castle (at extra cost). The on-site leisure facilities at the hotel provide the perfect place to relax too, with a lovely pool, steam room and jacuzzi. Cost includes all transport; dinner, bed and breakfast, most excursions and tips. Pick-up points and times will be distributed. Cost: £495 per person sharing a twin/double room. £645 per person single room. Best Western Woodlands Hotel, 13 Panmure Terrace, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2QL. **For late availability please contact Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149 or Judith Catton on 01704 545279.**

This trip is operated by Best Western your booking, and any subsequent changes to your trip, will be subject to the travel partner's terms and conditions. It's important that you read and understand them. www.bestwestern.co.uk/policies/terms-of-use

April 2026

MON
27 Ten-Pin Bowling



11am



TBC - £8



Join us for a game of ten pin bowling, or just come and spectate. If you want, we'll stay for lunch across in the Brewer's Fayre. Cost to be confirmed, approximately £8. Please book by Monday 20 April. Ten Pin, Ocean Plaza, Marine Drive, Southport PR8 1RY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

May

FRI
08 New Member Social



2.30pm



Free



If you've joined us in the past year, or would like a refresher of the benefits of your membership, please book this date where we will have an informal welcome event including coffee and cake, followed by short presentations from 3.30pm where we talk a little bit about the Oddfellows and benefits of membership. This is the chance to meet other new members and ask any questions you may have. Please note there is one step into the venue. Let us know if you need assistance.

Book by Friday 1 May. Hoghton Street Coffee Lounge, Hoghton Lounge Bar, 11c Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0NS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

May

THURS
14 British Ironwork Centre



Various pick-up times



Members £21
Guests £23



The British Ironwork Centre is an award-winning, family-run destination and the UK's leading metal sculpture park. Home to the nations largest collection of decorative metalwork, it offers unique shopping, national projects, fresh dining, inspiring sculptures and incredible art from around the world.

You can walk the sculpture trails, dine in the cafés and explore two fabulous indoor showrooms, each filled with an eclectic array of wonderful and fascinating items crafted from beautiful metals and materials. From a wide range of quirky homeware furnishings, interior accessories and interesting cookware to ironmongery, fine jewellery, everlasting flower sculptures and other metal handicrafts you won't find elsewhere. We'll be setting off a little earlier than our usual days out to make the most of the day, but not before 9am! Pick-ups will be distributed beforehand. **Book by Thursday 30 April.** British Ironworks Centre, Whitehall, Aston, Oswestry SY11 4JH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

May

WED
27

The Trafford Centre



Various pick-up times



Members £16
Guests £19



Calling all you shopaholics! The Trafford Centre is world-renowned as one of the biggest and most exciting shopping and leisure destinations in the UK, consisting of more than 200 shops, over 60 restaurants, cafés, bars and an array of exciting leisure venues - all under one spectacular roof. Whether you're looking for the latest must-have brands or all your high street favourites, a delicious meal or a fabulous day out, you'll find it all at The Trafford Centre. **Book by Wednesday 13 May.** Trafford Centre, Manchester M17 8AA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

June

SAT
13

Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows District Lunch



12.30pm



Members £35
Guests £38



Reception at 12.30pm. Dine at 1pm. Join us for a delicious three course meal with entertainment and dancing, as we celebrate our Chairman's year in office. Raffle prizes welcome. Menu available from Judith month beforehand. **Book by Saturday 30 May.** Southport Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



TUES
16

Clitheroe and Shackleton's Garden Centre



Various pick-up times



Members £16
Guests £19



Clitheroe is a vibrant market town with a bustling high street and side streets full of character, revealing independent shops, galleries and eateries and more. We'll spend a few hours there as it's Market Day, then back on the coach and a short trip to Shackleton's Garden Centre, an independent, family-owned furniture retailer specialising in premium indoor furniture, garden furniture, home accessories and gifts, plus a lovely café for an afternoon treat. **Book by Wednesday 10 June.** Shackletons Garden Centre, Clitheroe Road, Chatburn, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 4JY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

June

WED
24

Day at World of Wedgwood, including Lunch and Tour



Various pick-up times



£45



We will arrive just before midday and have lunch of soup, sandwich, fries and a pot of tea or filter coffee in the Wedgwood Tea Room (please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking), followed by group tours around the factory and then free time to explore the V and A Wedgwood Collection and three shops on site, plus eateries. Cost to include lunch, tour, transport and tips. **Book by Wednesday 10 June.** World of Wedgwood, Wedgwood Drive, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST12 9ER. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

July

SAT
11

Crown Green Bowling Day



Various pick-up times



TBC



Join Oddfellows from across Lancashire for this lovely social day of friendship and crown green bowling. Bowling in pairs if you want to join in (let us know beforehand), but you are welcome to come along simply for the company, delicious buffet and to cheer on the bowlers of course! Transport will be provided depending on minimum numbers being reached. **Book by Friday 12 June.** Garswood Hall Bowling & Community Club, 47 Nicol Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8LU. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



WED
22

'Remember When' - New Brighton Floral Pavilion



Various pick-up times



Members £30
Guests £33



Step back in time with Neil Sands and his wonderful West End cast as they celebrate an incredible 20 record-breaking years of the nation's favourite afternoon nostalgia shows with their hit show 'Remember When'. Relive the Golden Days of the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s in a heartwarming trip down Memory Lane, packed with over 60 of the greatest songs ever written. We'll travel mid morning, so we have time for lunch before the show - performance at 2pm (at own expense) and a walk along New Brighton riverfront if the weather is fine. **Tickets are limited, so please pay a £10 deposit to secure your place as soon as possible.** Coach pick-ups various times. **Book by Thursday 30 April.** The Floral Pavilion, Marine Promenade, New Brighton, Wirral CH45 2JS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

July

FRI 31 Lunch at Volare, Southport



Join us for a relaxed lunch at Volare, the family run, warm and welcoming restaurant voted 'UKs Best Restaurant' recently at the 2026 SBA Small Business Awards in London. Please pre-order from a menu available from May. Meet us there. Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking. **Book by Friday 17 July.** Volare, 613-619 Lord Street, Southport PR9 0AN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



August

THURS 20 Southport Flower Show



The show takes place from Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 August and promises to be bigger and better than ever!



You can also enjoy live cookery demonstrations, delicious food, live music and a whole host of entertainment that makes this a fantastic day out for everyone. Take advantage of the group rate by ordering your tickets through the Oddfellows. Under 16s go free. Tickets will be distributed at the August coffee events. You must have paid for your tickets by the end of July. **Book by Friday 31 July.** Victoria Park, 31 Rotten Row, Southport PR8 1RX. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

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August

THURS 13 Day Trip - Chester



Join us on a day to the pretty cathedral city of Chester, famous for its unique Roman and medieval history. Walk the city walls, browse the two-tiered Chester Rows for shops and visit the impressive Chester Cathedral. Explore Roman ruins like the Amphitheatre, while also enjoying the scenic River Dee and Victorian parks like Grosvenor Park, with options for boat trips. Book early to avoid disappointment. Various coach pick-ups. **Book by Wednesday 5 August.** Location in Chester CH1. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



August

MON 24 Young at Heart Party Afternoon at The Bedford Hotel

🕒 Various pick-up times

£ Members £50
Guests £55



Join us on one of our favourite days of the year - Party Afternoon at The Bedford Hotel! Young at Heart Party Afternoons are the perfect way to spend a fun-filled day with friends, featuring a delicious three-course meal, live cabaret, dancing and bingo. Costs to include three course meal, transport and all tips. Please pre-order from the menu available from Judith a month beforehand. Please pay £10 deposit to secure your place. Once the coach is full we will be running a reserve list. Coach times will be distributed beforehand. Members preference. **Book by Wednesday 12 August.** The Bedford Hotel, 303-313 Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes FY8 1HN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

September

Friendship Month

WED 02 Southport Open Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am

£ Cost of refreshments



Come and join us for our regular informal coffee morning. The chance to meet new friends. Bring a friend for this special Friendship Month event. Please use the back door off Anchor Street. The Office Bar & Restaurant, 36 Anchor Street, Southport PR9 0UT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



TUES 08 Formby Friendship Lunch

FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT

Join the fun

🕒 12 noon

£ As per menu



Following our regular coffee morning, we will stay on and have carvery lunch together.



Everyone is welcome to join us for the lunch, but transport is not provided. Cost as per the menu. Please book in advance and pay for yourself on the day. **Book by Tuesday 11 August.** Toby Carvery, 'The Bay Horse', Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

September - Friendship Month

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 09 Friendship Lunch at O'Brien's

FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Join the fun

12 noon TBC



Following our regular coffee morning in Ormskirk, we will stay and have a delicious lunch together to celebrate Friendship Month. This must be pre-ordered from the menu available in August and paid for in advance. All are welcome, but transport is not provided, so make your own way there, or we will car share and organise lifts for those who need them. **Book by Friday 14 August.** O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3BY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



TUES 29 Oswaldtwistle Mills - Cabaret Lunch

Various pick-up times Members £48
Guests £50

Join us for a special trip to Oswaldtwistle Mills to include a cabaret show and



meal package, a day packed with laughter, live music and delicious food plus a little retail therapy on the side. Costs to include lunch, cabaret, transport and tips.

Please pre-order food and pay a £10 deposit to secure your place by the end of May. Book by Wednesday 9 September. Oswaldtwistle Mills, Moscow Mills, Colliers Street, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington BB5 3DE. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

THURS 17 Smithills Hall with Lunch

Various pick-up times Members £20
Guests £23, plus lunch



Set in land on the edge of the West Pennine Moors, Smithills Hall is one of the oldest and best preserved manor houses in the North West of England, containing fine examples of architecture through the ages, from Medieval and Tudor right through to Victorian times. We will have lunch on arrival and then have a guided tour around the hall. Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking. **Book by Monday 31 August.** Smithills Hall, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton BL1 7NP. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



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October

SAT
10

Half Yearly Meeting followed by Lunch and Social Afternoon

🕒 12 noon

£ £23



Our half yearly business meeting will start at midday. Come and join us to have your say running your society. Followed by delicious two-course hot lunch with tea or coffee and then an afternoon of entertainment. Raffle prizes welcome. Please state dietary requirements at the time of booking. Cost is only for lunch and afternoon entertainment. You may attend the meeting only free of charge.

Book by Wednesday 30 September.

The Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



FRI
16

Haydock Race Afternoon

🕒 Various pick-up times

£ Members £28
Guests £31



Join us for an afternoon of flat racing at Haydock Races. Always interesting and exciting. Have a little flutter if you want (it's so easy and you don't have to spend a lot!) or just soak up the atmosphere and admire the horses and the competition.

Food and drinks are available on site and you can view from indoors if the weather is chilly. Cost to include entry, transport and tips. **Book by Thursday 8 October.** Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 0HQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

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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October

FRI
30

Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea at The Everyman



12 noon



£55

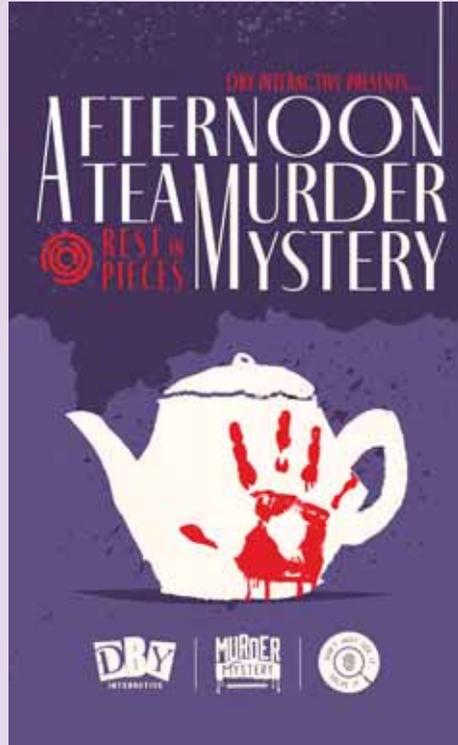


Ever fancied yourself as an Agatha Christie? A Sherlock Holmes maybe? Do you love crime solving? After their sell out series 2025 debut and five star reviews, the creators of 'Murder At Hope Manor', 'Death on Deck', 'First Class Murder' and 'A Matinee Murder' bring you a brand new series of DBY Interactive's Murder at Afternoon Tea! Ticket cost includes afternoon tea.

Please state any dietary requirements at the time of booking. We have 35 tickets. First come, first served.

Afternoon starts at midday, but coach times will be earlier and distributed nearer the time.

Cost to include transport, ticket and afternoon tea. If you wish to meet us there, ask us for a separate price. **Please book and pay £10 deposit as soon as possible to secure your ticket. Book by Friday 31 July.** Everyman Theatre, 5-11 Hope Street, Liverpool L1 9BH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



Coming soon:

- Wednesday 18 November - Bury Market
- Tuesday 15 December - Lytham Hall at Christmas
- Christmas Lunch at Calf's Head
- And much more...

Bring friendship to your front room



We understand that life can get busy – a diary clash, travel costs, or simply the need for a quiet day at home can all make attending events in person a challenge.

But no matter the reason, we believe everyone should be able to enjoy the warmth of friendship and community. That's why Branches across the country host around fifty free online events every month. From inspiring talks and creative arts and crafts sessions to fun games, gentle exercise and calming meditation – there's something for everyone. These online gatherings are a wonderful way to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new friends from all over the UK – all from the comfort of your own home. Who knows? You might even discover a new passion along the way!

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 7 April, 7pm - 'Investing for Beginners' with Ruth Knowles, Head of Marketing at Unity Mutual

Register in advance for this meeting at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:
<https://tinyurl.com/InvestingForBeginners1>

Tuesday 21 April, 7pm - 'Discovering Medical Detection Dogs'

Register in advance for this meeting at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsDog>

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, 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 or ask me to send you a list by email.

Yours Bonita Hesketh and Judith Catton

All ideas are welcome for future social events/activities

Please let Judith or Bonita have details at any time.



Members on holiday in Bath

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members Guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, see contact details on page 2

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Booking and Cancellations

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

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 [OddfellowsOrmskirkSouthport](#)

For Dental and Optical Claims

If you are entitled to claim optical and dental benefits as part of your membership, please do not send in any receipts to Bonita without the correct claim form. If it is your first claim please phone Bonita for a form.

If you have claimed previously your cheque will arrive attached to a form. Please keep this safe as it contains useful information that will speed up any subsequent claims. Claims cannot be processed without a form. Please also note that the date of treatment must fall under the following claim period.

**Please note that receipt must have your name and address on.
Credit card receipt is not acceptable.**

Ts and Cs apply check www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs for more details.

Important Please Read

Please endeavour to contact the right person for your query

Judith

- Social events/booking
- Payment For Social Events
- Pick up time details etc for Social Events
- Care & Welfare General

Bonita

- Membership queries
- Membership Renewals
- Change of Address and Phone nos.
- Optical & Dental Claims
- Convalescence
- Benevolence
- All other Administrative matters

Make the most of your membership



Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

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

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions, or call us on 0800 028 1810.

Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings



From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: www.oddfellows.co.uk/login

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*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits.
Visit the Oddfellows Extra website for details.



Photos from the last few months

Here are some photos of our Ormskirk and Southport members from the last six months. Hope you enjoy them

Rainy trip to Bowness!



Concorde Trip



Friendship Month photos



Friendship month lunch – O'Brien's Tea Rooms



Speke Hall



Christmas at The Calf's Head



Photos from the last few months

Here are some photos from the last six months. Hope you enjoy them

Bijou Cinema Trip



Penelope's Restaurant



Meet your Ormskirk and Southport District Care Team

The Oddfellows looking after you

Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Bonita Hesketh
01695 424149
07753 632433



Julie Rudge
07728 685811



Isle of Man
Carole Murren
01624 890010
or
07624 419570



Judith Catton
01704 545279



Pauline Fairclough
07787 121520

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings? Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

To arrange for a member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Bonita Hesketh on **01695 424149** or email **bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk**

National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our 'Looking After You' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/

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.

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.

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.

Your Committee of Management



From left to right: Bonita Hesketh, Sheila Martland, Judith Catton, Paul White, John Roberts, Tom Maddocks, Brenda Lowe, Zoe Dalton and Julie Rudge.

If you are interesting in finding out about getting involved on our Committee of Management, please contact Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149.

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Please find below the dates and venues of our Social Branch meetings (sometimes referred to as 'Lodges'). You are welcome to join any of the below meetings to hear the latest news from the Society and any training opportunities/other events. Just contact the relevant Secretary beforehand.

Ormskirk and Southport District

Annual General Meeting - Saturday 11 April, 12 noon

See diary entry, meeting followed by lunch and entertainment

Half Yearly Meeting - Saturday 10 October, 12 noon

See diary entry, meeting followed by lunch and entertainment.

Secretary: Bonita Hesketh

Telephone: 01695 424149 **Mobile:** 07753 632433

Address: 1 Royal Oak, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk L39 0EF

Fleetwood

Meets at The Imperial, Manchester Road, Southport on the second Monday of the month at 10.30am for coffee and chat, with optional lunch. Please call David regarding dates, as they may change.

Contact: David Ogden Telephone 07754 057590.



Monday 13 April

Monday 11 May

Monday 8 June

Monday 13 July

Monday 10 August

Monday 14 September

Monday 12 October

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Rose of England

Meets usually on the last Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30am at the Hop Vine, Burscough. 10.30am Tea/Coffee. 11am Meeting. 12 noon Lunch. Contact Sheila Martland Telephone 01704 892393.

Tuesday 28 April

Tuesday 26 May

Tuesday 30 June

Tuesday 28 July

No meeting in August

Tuesday 29 September

Tuesday 27 October

Contact: Sheila Martland

Telephone: 01704 892393

Calmont, Bleak Lane, Lathom,
Ormskirk L40 4BP

Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

Contact: Bonita Hesketh on
01695 424149

Joint meeting – venue TBA 6pm
for 6.30pm evening meal

Monday 6 April

Earl of Sefton

Earl of Sefton meets at O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Ormskirk at 12 noon for lunch and chat on the following dates:-

Friday 1 May

Friday 5 June

Friday 3 July

Friday 7 August

Friday 4 September

Friday 2 October

Lord Skelmersdale

Lord Skelmersdale meets at Trinity Church at 10.30am for coffee and chat on the following dates:

Monday 11 May

Monday 13 July

Monday 14 September

Joint Lord Skelmersdale & Earl of Sefton

Meet on the following dates:

Friday 3 April

**6pm for 6.30pm
evening meal.**

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



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Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

April 2026

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| Wed 1 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 2 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Tues 7 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 8 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Sat 11 | Annual General Meeting - Summoned Meeting (members only) | 12 noon |
| Mon 13 to Fri 17 | Odds on Tour 2026 - Dundee, Scotland | Various pick-up times |
| Tues 21 | Chorley Market | Various pick-up times |
| Mon 27 | Ten-Pin Bowling | 11am |

May

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| Wed 6 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 7 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Fri 8 | New Member Social | 2.30pm |
| Tues 12 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 13 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14 | British Ironwork Centre | Various pick-up times |
| Wed 27 | The Trafford Centre | Various pick-up times |

June

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| Wed 3 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 4 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Tues 9 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 10 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Sat 13 | Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows District Lunch | 12.30pm |
| Tues 16 | Clitheroe and Shackleton's Garden Centre | Various pick-up times |
| Wed 24 | Day at World of Wedgwood, including Lunch and Tour | Various pick-up times |

July

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| Wed 1 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 2 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Wed 8 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Sat 11 | Crown Green Bowling Day | Various pick-up times |

Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

July

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| Tues 14 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 22 | Remember When - New Brighton Floral Pavilion | Various pick-up times |
| Fri 31 | Lunch at Volare, Southport | 1pm |

August

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| Wed 5 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 6 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Tues 11 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 12 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Thurs 13 | Day Trip - Chester | Various pick-up times |
| Thurs 20 | Southport Flower Show | 10am |
| to Sun 23 | | |
| Mon 24 | Young at Heart Party Afternoon at The Bedford Hotel | Various pick-up times |

September - Friendship Month

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| Wed 2 | Southport Open Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Thurs 3 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Tues 8 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Tues 8 | Formby Friendship Lunch | 12 noon |
| Wed 9 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Wed 9 | Friendship Lunch at O'Brien's | 12 noon |
| Thurs 17 | Smithills Hall with Lunch | Various pick-up times |
| Tues 29 | Oswaldtwistle Mills - Cabaret Lunch | Various pick-up times |

October

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| Thurs 1 | Southport Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm |
| Wed 7 | Southport Coffee Morning | 10.30am |
| Sat 10 | Half Yearly Meeting followed by Lunch and Social Afternoon | 12 noon |
| Tues 13 | Formby Coffee Club | 10.30am |
| Wed 14 | Ormskirk Coffee and Chat | 10.30am |
| Fri 16 | Haydock Race Afternoon | Various pick-up times |
| Fri 30 | Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea at The Everyman | 12 noon |

Ormskirk and Southport Booking Form

Please reserve me a space on the following trip/s. Places are not guaranteed until confirmed by Judith.

Name:

Telephone No:

Any special requirements:

Please note any deposits requested and deadlines

April 2026 (previously advertised)

- Sat 11** AGM (members only)

- Mon 13 to Fri 17** Odds on Tour 2026 - Dundee, Scotland

- Tues 21** Chorley Market

- Mon 27** Ten-Pin Bowling

May

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June

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- Tues 16** Clitheroe and Shackleton's Garden Centre

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July

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- Wed 22** 'Remember When' - New Brighton Floral Pavilion £10 deposit required

- Fri 31** Lunch at Volare, Southport

August

- Thurs 13** Day Trip - Chester

- Thurs 20 to Sun 23** Southport Flower Show

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September - Friendship Month

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- Wed 9** Friendship Lunch at O'Brien's

- Thurs 17** Smithills Hall with Lunch

- Tues 29** Oswaldtwistle Mills - Cabaret Lunch

October

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- Fri 16** Haydock Race Afternoon

- Fri 30** Murder Mystery Afternoon Tea at The Everyman £10 deposit required

Any information you supply on this form will be used to book your chosen event(s). We will not use this information for future marketing, nor will this information be shared with any third party.