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

Inside you'll find local and national Oddfellows news, information about our events, and plenty of useful information about your membership – so do have a read and keep it somewhere handy.

We have lots of great events coming up and we'd love to see you at one soon. All our events are open to everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

Branches across the country also host a wide range of free online events, giving you the chance to enjoy friendship from the comfort of your own home. You can check out the latest online events on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/

Remember, you can always find details of Branch events, member benefits and the latest Oddfellows news on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

Everyone is welcome at most Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend events that take your fancy - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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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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 2026

TUES 03

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7.30pm £5 including supper



Join us at Mirfield for an enjoyable evening in good, friendly company and play our version of the popular television quiz. Teams will try to name the top ten answers on a wide range of subjects. Prizes for the lucky winners. Book by Thursday 29 October 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

FRI 06

Ten-Pin Bowling

7pm £15



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. We have a start time of 7pm, please be early to choose your ball. The cost is £15 per person and basket meals are available at extra cost. Book by Thursday 5 November 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 05

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 1pm. Feel free to bring your jigsaws and books to swap or your craft work to work on. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

November 2026

SAT 07 Bonfire Charity Whist Drive



2pm £7 including food

Join us to support your District Chairman, Lynn Bradbury, raising funds for her charity - The Welcome Centre. Last year, The Welcome Centre provided 349,206 meals to people in food crisis across Huddersfield and surrounding areas, so it's a very worthy cause. Spend a relaxing afternoon playing whist with prizes for the highest and lowest scores. This will be followed by a delicious tea of pie and peas with other bonfire treats. Vegetarian option is available, please request when booking. Early booking is recommended (as places are limited) by Monday 2 November 2026. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES 10 Crafty Stash and Coffee at The Recycle Yard

11am £ As per menu



If you fancy stocking up on your crafty bits, enjoy a good rummage and could manage coffee and cake as a bonus, then join us at The Recycle Yard in Ossett for a mooch and a chat. The Recycle Yard Ltd recycles waste from the local area that can be reused for arts, crafts and play. Book by Friday 6 November 2026. The Recycle Yard, Unit 4, Ings Mill Complex, Ossett WF5 9HQ. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

TUES 17 Pre-Christmas Catch Up

11am £ As per menu



Christmas shopping on your mind? All sorts of gift ideas here at Tingley Garden Centre, along with special food items designed to enhance the festive season. Enjoy a late breakfast, brunch or lunch at Blooms Kitchen, before exploring this Aladdin's cave of goodies. Book by Tuesday 10 November 2026. Tingley Garden Centre, Thorpe Lane, Tingley, Leeds WF3 1SL. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

November 2026

THURS 19

Lunch with Friends

12.30pm | £ As per menu

Join us at Finlay's Land and Sea Restaurant on the outskirts of Holmfirth for a lovely catch up with friends, new and old, over lunch. Book by Tuesday 10 November 2026. Finlay's Land and Sea Restaurant, 38 Woodhead Road, Holmfirth HD9 2PR. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS 19

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. Enjoy soup, sandwich and sweet treats. Book by Monday 16 November 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 19

Bingo at Brighouse

1.30pm | £ £2 including refreshments

Meet up with friends old and new at this popular event and enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon. There will be lots of opportunities to win prizes and refreshments will be served halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

WED 25

Tax, Care and The New Guy at Brighouse

10.30am | £ Free



If you haven't yet made a will or want to understand more about Lasting Power of Attorney or Inheritance Tax, then join us at Brighouse Oddfellows Hall, where Silvertime Legal will be presenting a free talk aimed at spreading awareness of the importance of estate planning. The talk will cover: Wills: Why they matter and the different types available. Trusts: How they can protect your assets. Lasting Powers of Attorney: Understanding their role in planning ahead. Sideways Disinheritance: Issues that can arise from remarriage and how to avoid them. Inheritance Tax: Breaking it down in simple terms. The talk lasts around 40 to 45 minutes, with a 15-minute question and answer session at the end. If anyone would like to speak to the speaker on their own, they are more than welcome to. Book by Monday 16 November 2026. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

December

TUES 01 Dominic Beresford

7.30pm | £5 including supper



Start your Christmas celebrations early by joining us at Mirfield for a relaxing evening. Back by popular demand, the talented Dominic Beresford will entertain us with songs from the 1960's onwards and is happy to take requests. Book by Thursday 26 November 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 03 Denshaw Drop In

11am | Free

If you are in the lovely area of Denshaw, the first Thursday of the month, then why not drop in. More details under Thursday 5 November. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI 04 Ten-Pin Bowling

7pm | £15

Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Refer to Friday 6 November for details. Book by Thursday 3 December 2026. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT 05 Whist Drive

2pm | £2 including refreshments

Join us for a relaxing afternoon playing Whist. Good company, refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

WED 09 Christmas Crafts at Brighouse

10.30am | Free

Join us for a morning of Christmas craftiness, making those last minute presents, printing your own wrapping paper or even creating your own decorations! We will supply materials, but please feel free to bring your own supplies or projects you're working on. Refreshments will be available. Book by Friday 4 December 2026. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

December

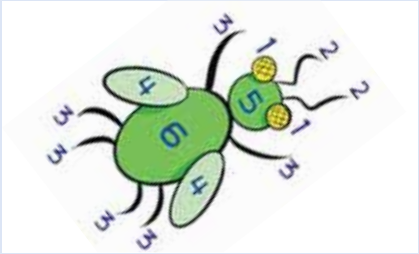
THURS 10 Christmas Choices

1pm | £27.95

Following last year's highly successful event, the Plantagenet Christmas lunch will be held at The White Horse once again. Its traditional country pub food ticks every box and tickles the taste buds. £10 deposit required. Book by Tuesday 1 December 2026. The White Horse, Sharlston Common, Wakefield WF4 1EP. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

THURS 10 Christmas Beetle Drive

1.30pm | £2 including refreshments



Join us for this highly entertaining event with fun and laughter as everyone tries to complete their beetles! Refreshments halfway through and prizes for the lucky winners. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 17 Christmas Three Course Light Lunch

12.30pm | Members £8 Guests £10

We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our Christmas themed light lunch. There will be prawn cocktail or pâté 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 14 December 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI 18 Christmas Lunch

12.30pm | As per menu

Back by popular demand, why not join us for a festive lunch at The Dunkirk. Based in the picturesque village of Denby Dale, you can enjoy great food and drink with surrounding countryside views. Book by Sunday 1 November 2026. The Dunkirk, 231 Barnsley Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield HD8 8TX. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



January 2027

SAT 02

Whist Drive

2pm | £2 including refreshments



Join us for a relaxing afternoon playing Whist. Good company, refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

TUES 05

Fun Quiz

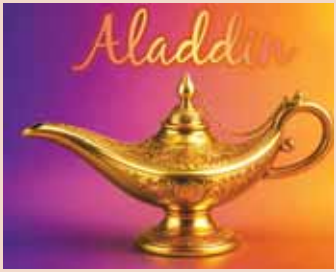
7.30pm | £5 including supper

Come along and enjoy a pleasant evening taking part in our popular general knowledge quiz. Light hearted and fun with questions on a variety of topics. Teams will compete round by round to see who will be the winners and take away the prizes. Book by Thursday 31 December 2026. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

SUN 03

Aladdin – Pantomime

1.30pm | £ Adults £25, Free for Young Oddfellows



Huddersfield's own Aladdin is down on his luck, dreaming of a life beyond the endless piles of laundry in his mam's laundrette. But when he stumbles upon the town's mysterious antiques emporium — a treasure trove brimming with wonders — he uncovers a rather extraordinary lamp that unleashes a world of magic that could change everything...

Packed with mischief, music, and mayhem, Aladdin is brought to life with a signature Lawrence Batley Theatre twist — taking the whole family on a truly unforgettable magic carpet ride. Book by Monday 30 November 2026. Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queens Square, Queen St, Huddersfield HD1 2SP. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109 or email rhiannon.bradbury@Oddfellows.co.uk.

January 2027

THURS 07 Denshaw Drop In

11am | £ Free



If you are in the lovely area of Denshaw, the first Thursday of the month, then why not drop in. More details under Thursday 5 November. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI 08 Ten-Pin Bowling

7pm | £ £15



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Refer to Friday 6 November for details. Book by Thursday 7 January 2027. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 14 Coffee and a Get-Together

11am | £ As per menu



All are welcome to join us for coffee and a get-together at Cooper's Yard, a modern food hall found in the centre of Holmfirth. The venue features three kitchens, two bars and a café. Book by Wednesday 6 January 2027. Cooper's Yard, Cooper Lane, Holmfirth HD9 3BP. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS 14 New Year Alphabetical Quiz

1.30pm | £ £2 including refreshments





Join us for a fun-filled afternoon featuring this light-hearted quiz. As a clue, the starting letter for every answer will be given. Prizes for the winning team and refreshments half-way through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

WED 20 Book Swap at Brighouse

10.30am | £ Free





Bring along a book you've enjoyed and swap it for something new to discover. This is a lovely chance to share favourite stories, find a new read and chat with others about books you've loved. Come along, relax and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while meeting like-minded people. And of course, there'll be cake! Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

January 2027

THURS 21 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. Enjoy soup, sandwich and sweet treats. Book by Monday 18 January 2027. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 28 Let's Kick the Conversational Ball About!

11am | £ As per menu

Join us for a New Year get-together at the new café/restaurant adjacent to and overlooking Wakefield Trinity's rugby ground. Choose from a mouth watering selection of snacks or full meals and enjoy exchanging festive anecdotes. Book by Tuesday 19 January 2027. Wakefield Trinity Clubhouse, Doncaster Road, Wakefield WF1 5EY. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

FRI 22 Cinderella - Adults Only

8pm | £ £23



To celebrate an incredible 50 years of pantomime, Huddersfield Light Opera Company return to the stage with a strictly adult production of the ever-popular Cinderella with a mischievous twist. This is Cinderella as you've never seen it before.

Packed with cheeky humour, sharp wit, and a generous helping of naughty innuendo, this adults-only pantomime takes all the traditional elements you love and turns them up a notch.

Expect outrageous slapstick, bold musical numbers, and glamorous, over-the-top costumes, alongside dazzling scenery and effects that bring a more risqué fairy tale world to life. Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen's Square, Queen Street, Huddersfield HD1 2SP. Please book by Saturday 2 January 2027. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109 or email rhiannon.bradbury@Oddfellows.co.uk.

February

TUES 02 Fun Night

7.30pm | £5 including supper



Meet up with friends and enjoy a fun evening playing different types of bingo and taking part in a variety of short, fun quizzes. There will be plenty of opportunities to win prizes. Book by Thursday 28 January 2027. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 04 Denshaw Drop In

11am | Free

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FRI 05 Ten-Pin Bowling

7pm | £15

Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Refer to Friday 6 November for details. Book by Thursday 4 February 2027. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT 06 Whist Drive

2pm | £2 including refreshments

Join us for a relaxing afternoon playing Whist. Good company, refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

WED 10 Valentine's Crafts at Brighouse

10.30am | Free



Join us for a morning of crafty love at Brighouse, making all things Valentine's including cards, decorations and presents. We will supply all materials, but please feel free to bring your own stash or any projects you're currently working on. Refreshments will be provided. Book by Friday 5 February 2027. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

February

THURS 18

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. Enjoy soup, sandwich and sweet treats. Book by Monday 15 February 2027. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 18

Variety Bingo

1.30pm | £ £2 including refreshments



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon, enjoying friendly company. This is a popular and fun event, playing a variety of bingo games with prizes and refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 25

Fox Valley Shopping Centre, Stocksbridge

9.45am | £ Free with bus pass



Join us for a fun shopping trip to Fox Valley followed by lunch. A great opportunity to enjoy some time together, browse the shops and catch up over a nice lunch. Meeting in Towngate Bus Station, Holmfirth HD9 3AZ at 9.45am to catch the Service 59 bus to Fox Valley, leaving at 9.55am. Book by Tuesday 16 February 2027. Fox Valley Shopping Centre, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 2AB. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

TUES 23

Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb

12 noon | £ £15 payable in advance



This annual delight comes around so quickly! Coinciding with Wakefield's Annual Rhubarb Festival, a taste-tingling menu is prepared by students at Wakefield College, featuring rhubarb in every course. Book immediately as places for this popular event are always snapped up! Book by Monday 8 February 2027. Gaskell's at Wakefield College, Margaret Street, Wakefield WF1 2DH. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

March

TUES 02 Ten Clues Quiz

7.30pm | £5 including supper



Join us for a fun evening taking part in this light-hearted quiz. You'll have fun finding out how many clues are needed to name the person, place or object. The sooner you answer correctly, the more points for your team. Prizes as usual for the winners. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS 04 Denshaw Drop In

11am | Free

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FRI 05 Ten-Pin Bowling

7pm | £15

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SAT 06 Whist Drive

2pm | £2 including refreshments



Join us for a relaxing afternoon playing Whist. Good company, refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest scores. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

WED 10 Easter Crafts at Brighouse

10.30am | Free



Lots of 'Egg-citing' arts and crafts to make in celebrating Easter at this morning workshop. We'll be sharing ideas for cards, decorations and presents, so come and get stuck in. Materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own or any crafty projects you need to finish. Refreshments available. Book by Friday 5 March 2027. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

March

WED 17 Lunch at Bennett's Eggs and The Garden Coffee Lounge

12.30pm | £ As per menu



Join us for lunch at Bennett's Eggs farm and enjoy traditional home-cooked food served in the newly renovated café bistro and ice-cream parlour. All dietary requirements catered for. Their fabulous shop is fully stocked with eggs and hosts a wide variety of Yorkshire food fayre and a selection of gift ideas perfect for a browse. Book by Monday 8 March 2027. Bennett's Eggs, Croft Farm, Clough Lane, Liversedge WF15 8AD. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

THURS 18 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. Enjoy soup, sandwich and sweet treats. Book by Monday 15 March 2027. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

THURS 18 Tenable

2pm | £ £2 including refreshments

Join us at Brighouse for an enjoyable afternoon playing our version of this popular television quiz, trying to name the top ten answers on a wide variety of subjects. Prizes for the lucky winners and includes refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

THURS 18 Pre-Easter Chat at Carr Gate

11am | £ As per menu



Rapidly becoming one of our most popular venues, this charming café at Carr Gate Garden Centre fulfills your every need - be it for light refreshments or a full meal. The centre also offers the opportunity to browse among the array of plants and small sales departments. Book by Wednesday 10 March 2027. Carr Gate Garden Centre, Old Bradford Road, Carr Gate, Wakefield WF2 0SY. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

April

THURS 01

Denshaw Drop In

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Ten-Pin Bowling

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SAT 03

Whist Drive

2pm | £ £2 including refreshments

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TUES 06

Spring Quiz

7.30pm | £ £5 including supper

Come along and enjoy being part of a friendly team taking part in our spring-themed quiz. To add to the enjoyment, there will be an opportunity to double your points by using the Joker card! Prizes for the winners. Book by Thursday 1 April 2027. Old Bank WMC, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

MON 12

Cinema Trip

5pm | £ As per ticket cost

Do you enjoy seeing films on the big screen but don't fancy going on your own? Why not join us on Monday evening at the Odeon Cinema, Huddersfield. Pick your favourite treats, enjoy the film and enjoy the company. We'll let you know the film choice the week before when you book. Monday is Event Saver Day at Odeon Huddersfield with tickets from just £4.50. Sign up here www.odeon.co.uk/sign-up-odeon-extras. Book by Friday 9 April 2027. Odeon Cinema, John Smith's Stadium, Bradley Mills Road, Huddersfield HD1 6PQ. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

April

WED 14 Book Swap at Brighouse

10.30am | £ Free

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THURS 15 Three Course Light Lunch

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THURS 15 Variety Bingo

1.30pm | £ £2 including refreshments

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THURS 22 Early Evening Meal at The Huntsman Inn

4.30pm | £ As per menu

All are welcome to join us at The Huntsman Inn for an early supper. Situated near the village of Holmfirth on Saddleworth Moor, this country-style pub has a casual restaurant serving traditional British cuisine. Fireside seating and incredible views of the Pennines make this a perfect setting for friends. Book by Saturday 10 April 2027. The Huntsman Inn, Greenfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3XF. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



April

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Harrogate Flower Show

9.15am £40 TBC



By popular request, we are planning a coach trip to this outstanding event once more. Pick-ups from Brighouse, Wakefield and Oulton will be made. We should arrive around 11.30am and depart for the return journey around 4pm, giving ample time to enjoy the wonderful floral displays, various refreshments and interesting side stalls. Book as soon as possible to ensure the definite running of this trip. £10 deposit required. Book by Monday 5 April 2027. Harrogate Flower Show, Great Yorkshire Events Centre, Harrogate HG2 8NZ. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

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– big brand offers and savings

From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and much more – 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.

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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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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

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Photos of past events

Celebrating Friendship Month



Friendship Special at Old Bank WMC, Mirfield. Members enjoyed a pleasant evening playing different types of bingo, followed by a variety of fun short quizzes.



Members of the Strangers Refuge Lodge had a very enjoyable lunch when they got together at Norman's Neighbourhood Kitchen and experienced a Michelin star dining experience.

Out and About Around the District



Crafternoon session at Brighouse. Members got stuck into a range of crafty activities as well as enjoying coffee and cake.



Variety Bingo at Brighouse. Members enjoyed an afternoon playing different kinds of bingo in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.



Birthday celebrations for Margaret at Denshaw's Light Lunch.



Quiz Night at Old Bank WMC, Mirfield.



Young Oddfellows enjoyed a slightly wet and windy walk around the annual Scarecrow Trail.



The Young Oddfellows Trip to Chester Zoo proved extremely popular with some Members opting to spend the day in Chester whilst others enjoyed exploring the many different animals at the zoo.



The annual Whit Friday Band Contest drew enormous crowds as bands played outside Denshaw Oddfellows Hall. Members supported the event serving food and drink.



Enjoying Sunday Lunch at The Fox House Inn, Holmfirth.

Traditional Terms

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM): District Chairman
Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS): District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches
Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM): Immediate Past District Chairman
Lodge: Branch

Notes to members

We are now able to accept claim forms and receipts via email. Claim forms are available via email on request from rhiannon.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 note we are unable to 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 the 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.

Meet Grand Master Debbie Jex



For Debbie Jex, the Oddfellows has been part of her life for more than 50 years. Recently elected as Grand Master, she remains characteristically modest about the honour.

"I know it's a huge honour and I am immensely proud," she says. "But half the time I'm just the District Secretary at Reading Oddfellows until somebody reminds me I'm the Grand Master."

Debbie first joined the Society as a child when her parents became members. However, it was in 1993, when she became Lodge Secretary, that her deeper involvement began.

"That's when I got pulled in," she jokes.

Over the years, the Society has provided much more than a role. It has become a source of friendship, connection and lasting memories.

"It's not just a job now, it's a way of life. It's a huge part of my social life, a huge part of my friendship group."

Looking back, Debbie believes the relationships she has built through the Oddfellows have enriched her life.

"I've attended some lovely events and made friends with lots of lovely people all over the country. So it's definitely enriched my life."

As Grand Master, Debbie sees her role as representing and championing members.

"I'm there to champion our members and make sure we're doing the best we can for them."

She is also excited about meeting members across the country and helping more people discover the support and friendship the Society offers.

"I'd like more members to know what a wonderful caring and benevolent Society this is."

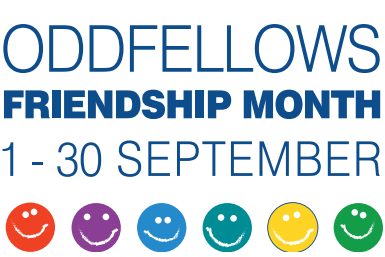
After decades of service, Debbie's message remains simple:

"The Oddfellows is there for you if you need it."

Read the full interview on the Oddfellows' website at: www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Friendship Month 2026: celebrating connection, community and companionship

Another Friendship Month has come to a close, with Oddfellows branches across the UK welcoming members, friends and guests to a wide range of free and low-cost taster events designed to bring people together and celebrate the value of friendship.



From coffee mornings and social lunches to walks, talks and special gatherings, September provided countless opportunities for people to reconnect with existing friends, make new connections and enjoy good company.

Keep friendships warm

This year's campaign focused on the importance of staying in touch as we move into the colder months, when opportunities to get together can sometimes reduce and feelings of isolation can become more common.

The campaign struck a chord with people across the country. Branches reported strong attendance at events and were especially pleased to welcome newcomers discovering the Oddfellows for the first time.

"A huge thank you"

Pam Casey, Secretary of the Order, said: "A huge thank you goes to every branch, volunteer, organiser, member and guest who helped make Friendship Month 2026 such a success.



Concord Oddfellows celebrated Friendship Month in style at their popular coffee morning in Aldershot.

"Your enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to others demonstrated the positive difference that friendship can make in our communities."

Steph Hopes, Branch Secretary for Concord Oddfellows, said: "We welcomed several people who had never attended an Oddfellows event before. By the end of the morning, everyone was chatting as though they'd known each other for years. It was a fantastic atmosphere."



Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows met up for a round of adventure golf.

Sharon Hulse-Cottle, Branch Secretary of Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows, said: "Our members did a brilliant job of helping newcomers feel at ease. By the end of the event, there was a real buzz in the air. It was lovely to see new faces becoming part of the group."

Expert support

Friendship Month also helped raise awareness of the wider benefits of friendship. During the campaign, expert anthropologist Dr Anna Machin supported the initiative by sharing insights into the importance of maintaining meaningful relationships and making time for regular face-to-face contact.

While Friendship Month may be over, the opportunities certainly aren't. With a busy programme of events planned throughout autumn, winter and beyond, there are still plenty of ways to meet new people, try something different and strengthen existing connections.

You can always find details of upcoming local and online events at www.oddfellows.co.uk/events



Birmingham Oddfellows shared positive messages of friendship at its events.

Important update to some membership benefits

As part of our regular review of the services and support we provide, three discretionary, non-contractual membership benefits were withdrawn on 16 September 2026.

The benefits affected are **Legal Aid Scheme, Accidental Death Benefit** and **Emergency Financial Aid**.

The change applies to new Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members joining from 16 September 2026, and to existing Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members when they renew their membership.

Existing members will continue to have access to these benefits until their renewal date.

Any claims, applications or cases already received and in progress will continue to be considered and fulfilled in accordance with the relevant benefit terms and conditions.*

As with all member benefits, the Society regularly reviews its offering to ensure it remains relevant, appropriate and sustainable. While these three discretionary benefits have been withdrawn, no other membership benefits have been affected.

The Society remains committed to providing members with valuable support, friendship and opportunities to connect with others.

Members who have questions about how this change affects them or their membership can contact the Membership team on **0800 028 1810** for further information, or email **membership@oddfellows.co.uk**

Apprenticeship Educational Awards

If you're starting an apprenticeship, the Oddfellows' Apprenticeship Educational Awards could help with some of the costs along the way. Each year, up to three eligible members can apply to receive a non-repayable bursary of £250 per year for the duration of their apprenticeship.*

The award can be used towards expenses such as textbooks, equipment, rent, bills and other practical costs.

To apply, members must have at least five years of continuous Oddfellows membership (which can include Young Oddfellows membership) and be starting their first apprenticeship. This is a discretionary benefit and applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To find out more or request an application form, contact your Branch Secretary as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by 31 December each year.

*Terms and conditions apply to all Oddfellows benefits, which are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Financial benefits are awarded at the Society's discretion, not guaranteed, and claim applications may be declined. For full details, call 0800 028 1810 or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs



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 Zoë by phone on 07432648836 or email zoe.channing@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

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At a glance

November 2026

Tues 3	Tenable	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Fri 6	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 7	Bonfire Charity Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 10	Crafty Stash and Coffee at The Recycle Yard	11am
Tues 17	Pre-Christmas Catch Up	11am
Thurs 19	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm
Thurs 19	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 19	Bingo at Brighouse	1.30pm
Wed 25	Tax, Care and The New Guy at Brighouse	10.30am

December

Tues 1	Dominic Beresford	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Fri 4	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 5	Whist Drive	2pm
Wed 9	Christmas Crafts at Brighouse	10.30am
Thurs 10	Christmas Choices	1pm
Thurs 10	Christmas Beetle Drive	1.30pm
Thurs 17	Christmas Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 18	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm

January 2027

Sat 2	Whist Drive	2pm
Sun 3	Aladdin - Pantomime	1.30pm
Tues 5	Fun Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Fri 8	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Thurs 14	Coffee and a Get-Together	11am

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January 2027

Thurs 14	New Year Alphabetical Quiz	1.30pm
Wed 20	Book Swap at Brighouse	10.30am
Thurs 21	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 22	Cinderella - Adults Only	8pm
Thurs 28	Let's Kick the Conversational Ball About!	11am

February

Tues 2	Fun Night	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Fri 5	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 6	Whist Drive	2pm
Wed 10	Valentine's Crafts at Brighouse	10.30am
Thurs 18	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 18	Variety Bingo	1.30pm
Tues 23	Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb	12 noon
Thurs 25	Fox Valley Shopping Centre, Stocksbridge	9.45am

March

Tues 2	Ten Clues Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Denshaw Drop In	11am
Fri 5	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 6	Whist Drive	2pm
Wed 10	Easter Crafts at Brighouse	10.30am
Wed 17	Lunch at Bennett's Eggs and The Garden Coffee Lounge	12.30pm
Thurs 18	Pre-Easter Chat at Carr Gate	11am
Thurs 18	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 18	Tenable	2pm

April

Thurs 1	Denshaw Drop In	11am

At a glance

April

Fri 2	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
Sat 3	Whist Drive	2pm
Tues 6	Spring Quiz	7.30pm
Mon 12	Cinema Trip	5pm
Wed 14	Book Swap at Brighouse	10.30am
Thurs 15	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 15	Variety Bingo	1.30pm
Thurs 22	Early Evening Meal at The Huntsman Inn	4.30pm
Fri 23	Harrogate Flower Show	9.15am

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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Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Monday 16 November 2026

Monday 21 December 2026

Monday 18 January 2027

Monday 15 February 2027

Monday 15 March 2027

Monday 19 April 2027

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.

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