

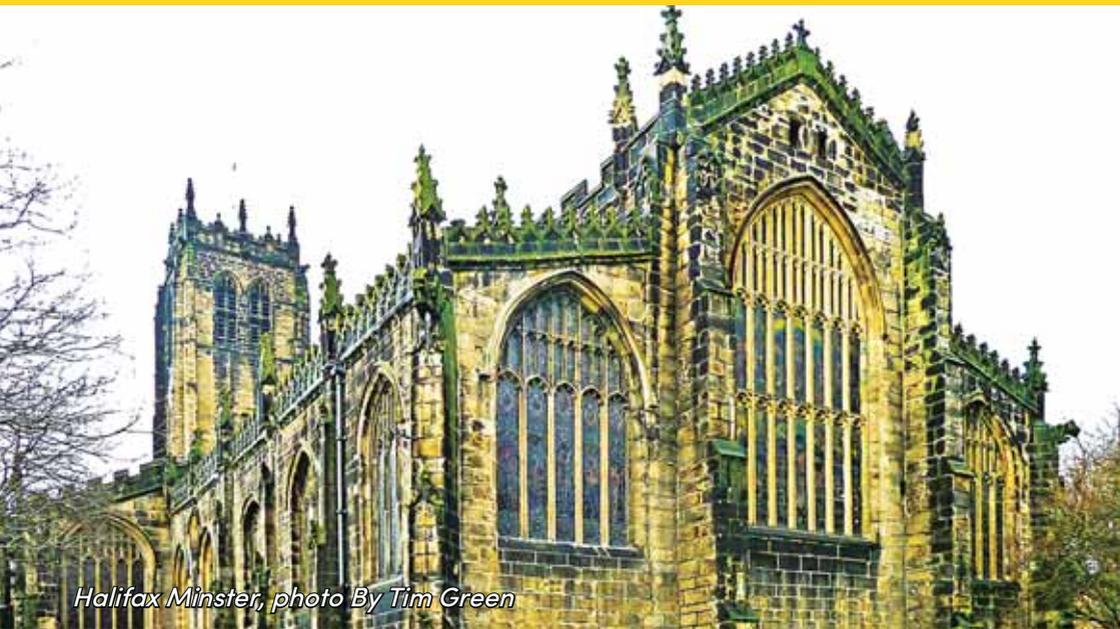
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Halifax Branch



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Coffee Morning
/Afternoon Tea



History



Coldplay by Candlelight - Saturday 1 August, we hope you can join us!

Events Diary April 2026 to September 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of the Halifax District Branch Events Diary.

We hope you are keeping well. A varied programme of events has been organised for you all and we want to see as many of you as possible having fun and socialising at them. Our Social Organiser, Katie, regular members and I would love to see as many of you as possible so please do come along, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

We are here to support and help you when needed and all you need to do is ask. Dawn Terblanche our new Welfare Visitor has settled into her role well and will have spoken to many of you already. Our District officials, such as Branch Secretary and Welfare Visitor are happy to talk to members by phone and can also send letters, emails and text messages. Let us know if you would like a chat, a visit or of any support needed. We try to reach out to you and want you to feel comfortable in

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communicating so let us know how you would prefer for us to get in touch and we will do what is best for you. You will find details about Care and Welfare Support on page 22, please

feel free to contact Dawn, Debra or the Care Department if you need any support.

Oddfellows provide national online events for our members every week, which all members are welcome to attend regardless of location. Enjoy, make new friends and experience the friendly welcome of an Oddfellows get together in the comfort of your own home. They are accessible to all with an internet connection so if you are struggling to get out or fancy a change, why not try one? If you need more details, please contact the Branch.

All members are welcome to get involved in activities, events and in running the Branch. You will be most welcome and appreciated. Please see page 23 for further details and speak with Debra if you would like more information or to get involved.

Your wellbeing is especially important to us. We try to put nice walks on through the summer and a few meals out or at Oddies for good food, socialising and a few laughs. We like to provide activities that you will enjoy so please let us know whether you would like to see any activities or events offered in the future.

We are working hard to stay connected with you and make sure that there is plenty of interesting activities for you to do, make you feel welcome and offer support when needed and we truly hope you get lots out of being an Oddfellow.

Psychic Night Saturday 18 July
see page 10 for more information

Glasgow Edinburgh Trip
October 2026
see page 15 for more information

Unless otherwise stated, any refreshments purchased whilst out on visits are at menu prices and if no price is stated for an activity then it's free. Transport may be available for visits, please enquire.

Unless otherwise stated event, bookings and queries are through Katie on Telephone/Text: **07854281191** or email: **katie.caufield@oddfellows.co.uk**

You can also get in touch with Katie should you wish to pay by bank transfer for social events.

A bit about us...

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

April 2026

THURS 02 Lunch at Hatch Brunch House



Join us for an early Easter lunch at Hatch, a delicious brunch house in Halifax.



Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 26 March. Hatch Brunch House, Unit 1 Northgate House, Halifax HX1 1UR. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS 09 Spring Crafts



As we had to cancel the winter crafts due to the weather, let's hope we have a bit more luck with spring crafts instead! No crafting skills necessary, just enthusiasm! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Thursday 2 April. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON 13 Memory Games



Come along for a fun evening of games which will test our memories, there may even be a few prizes! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



THURS 16 Salterhebble Canal Walk



We will meet for a gentle stroll along the canal before heading to the Water Mill, a Brewers Fayre pub for lunch together. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 9 April. The Watermill Brewers Fayre, Salterhebble Hill, Huddersfield Road HX3 0QT. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

April 2026

MON 20 Inter District Quiz

🕒 7.30pm £ Members £2
Guests £3 ?

We will be entering teams of four into this annual event. The winning team will attend the Bradford final on Saturday 9 May and will be served some delicious food! Always good fun and great to meet people from other Districts. Food and drink will be served after the quiz, so please provide dietary requirements on booking. Book by Monday 13 April. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



THURS 23 Beefeater Café Lunch

🕒 12 noon £ As per menu 🍴

As it is St George's Day we will meet in George's Square! We will head to the Beefeater Café for a hearty lunch together. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 16 April. Beefeater Café, 1 George Street, Halifax HX1 1HA. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON 27 The Sportsmans Inn for Tea

🕒 6.30pm £ As per menu 🍴

Come along for a delicious meal with friends. The Sportsmans Inn had a winter offer of two mains for £26, so we hope they will have a similar offer at this time too! Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 20 April. The Sportsmans Inn, Rochdale Road, Greetland HX4 8PL. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS 30 Rex Cinema Trip

🕒 10.15am £ £5.50 🎬

Join us to watch a film at the lovely local Rex Cinema in Elland. The film will be announced the week before, but it is sure to be a great one! Refreshments are available at the interval. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 23 April. Rex Cinema Elland, Coronation Street, Elland HX5 0DF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



May

SAT
09

Inter District Quiz Final



7.30pm



£5



Join us in Bradford to watch the qualifying teams from the Yorkshire District compete to become this year's champions. A buffet supper will be served and the bar is likely to be open. Other members can come to support their team. Always good fun and great to meet members from other Districts. A raffle will be held during the evening. Good luck! Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 30 April. The Oddfellows (Bradford), Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



TUES
12

Ten-Pin Bowling



11am



£2 per game



Come and try your hand at ten-pin bowling, no need to be competitive, we just play



for fun! We can have some lunch at the Electric Bowl or head into town after playing. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 30 April. Electric Bowl, 70 Commercial Street, Halifax HX1 2JE. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON
18

Crossley Heath Tour



6.30pm



Members £2
Guests £3



We will be guided around the Crossley Heath School and find out all about its historic relevance and how it came to be the school it is today. Sure to be a fascinating experience. We will meet at the top main entrance into the school grounds and head to the school entrance together. The tour starts at 6.30pm so please be prompt. Profits from this event will go to Diabetes UK. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 11 May. The Crossley Heath School, Skircoat Moor Road, Halifax HX3 0HG. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON
11

Committee of Management and Branch Meeting



1pm



Free



This meeting is specifically looking at investments. We encourage all members to attend our Committee of Management (CoM) meetings; and consider joining the Committee. If you would like to observe a committee meeting and what is involved, please register your interest by getting in touch with Debra on 07572 986452 or debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF.

May

THURS
21

A Trip To Haworth

🕒 11am

£ As per menu



After having to cancel due to bad weather, we will



hopefully have better luck this time. Let's take a trip to Haworth main street, visit shops and have some lunch. Haworth is on a steep cobbled hill, so may not be suitable for some with mobility difficulties. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Tuesday 12 May. Haworth, Haworth Car Park, North Street, Haworth BD22 8DG. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS
28

Pottery Painting

🕒 11am

£ Start from £12, depending on item



Sure to be a lovely morning painting our chosen pieces. Costs will vary depending on items, but can be arranged to include a drink and/ or cake if we chose this option. No artistic skills needed, just come along and give it a go! Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 7 May. The Pottery Café Halifax, 5 Dispensary Walk, Halifax HX 1 1QR. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

June

MON
01

Shibden Hall Talk by Kirsty Davies

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £3.50
Guests £4.50



Kirsty volunteers at Shibden Hall and is involved with lots of events regarding Anne Lister. She will share with us how she came to volunteer and her passions on the local history. Profits from this evening will be donated to Diabetes UK. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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THURS
04

Luddenden Canal and The Secret Café

🕒 11am

£ As per menu



We will meet for a gentle stroll along the canal, heading to The Secret Café to grab a bite to eat, before a walk back. Approximately a mile each way. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 28 May. Luddenden Park, Station Road, Luddenden Foot HX2 6AD. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

June

MON
08

Dominoes



7.30pm



Members £2
Guests £3



Always a firm favourite, we have a wide range of dominoes and other versions such as triominoes to stretch our brains! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON
15

Bowls



1pm



Members £4
Guests £5



Try your hand at bowls! Alastair will show us the ropes on the green to see how skilled we are. Depending on numbers attending, we will have 30 minutes to an hour to practice. A maximum of 16 participants, so please book to avoid disappointment! Flat shoes must be worn. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Monday 8 June. Sowerby Tennis and Bowling Club, St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby Bridge HX6 1HA. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS
11

Newbank Garden Centre



11am



As per menu



Let's visit the local garden centre in West Vale and take a look to see if we need any garden bits ready for summer. They also have a lovely indoor home and gift section. We can then visit their onsite café for a coffee and cake or lunch. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 4 June. Newbank Garden Centre - Halifax, Stainland Road, Greetland, Elland HX4 8AN. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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THURS
18

Bolling Hall and The Lodge



11am



As per menu



Let's visit Bolling Hall, a fascinating museum showing the lives of the families who lived there for more than 500 years. It has recently celebrated being open for 110 years as a museum! Following the museum we will cross over to the local café - The Lodge. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 11 June. Bolling Hall Museum, Bowling Hall Road, Bradford BD4 7LP. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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June

MON
22

A Talk about Cromwell Bottom by David Langley

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £3.50
Guests £4.50



David will join us from the local nature reserve, Cromwell Bottom, and deliver a talk about the nature found there and the wonderful work that they do. A donation from this evening will be made to Diabetes UK. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS
25

Hebden Bridge Detective Mystery

🕒 11am

£ Members £2
Guests £3



Following the success of the previous treasure trails, let's discover Hebden Bridge by following the detective clues. The Great Veggie



Whodunnit: Lettuce Investigate! The trail is approximately 1.5 miles long and takes two hours to complete. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 18 June. St George's Square, Hebden Bridge HX7 8ET. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON
29

Table Curling

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £2
Guests £3



We had great fun and lots of laughs when we last played this game. A tabletop version of curling or shuffleboard - come and play with friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

July

THURS
02

Jewellery Making

🕒 11am

£ Members £4
Guests £5



Join us to create your own bespoke necklace or bracelet. All beads and fastenings will be provided and our member, Julie will instruct us on how to finish these beautiful pieces. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Thursday 25 June. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



July

MON 06 David Glover - Horrible Halifax Part 2

7.30pm Members £3.50
Guests £4.50

More historical immoralities and strange events. Why was the first marriage at Brighthouse Parish Church so strange? Who arranged to treat sick cattle with a bird's nest? What happened to lost Ruth Gregory? Who defended his Elland oak pew with a sword? What mental anguish was caused by a palmist? Who sat in the collection plate and which vicar met surprise 'royalty' in New York? Following on from our previous talk from David, sure to be an entertaining evening as always. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS 09 Jerusalem Farm

11am Members £4
Guests £5

A lovely local spot, we will have a little walk around the woods or some may wish to have a sit alongside the river. We will then share a picnic for lunch. Paths are unpaved and may be a little muddy, weather dependant, suitable footwear will be needed. The car park is only small so please car share where possible. Please provide dietary requirements upon booking. Book by Thursday 2 July. Jerusalem Farm, Jerusalem Lane, Booth HX2 6XB. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON 13 Bingo

7.30pm Members £2
Guests £3

Always a popular one, come and have a fun game of bingo with friends! Sweet prizes for a line or a full house! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

SAT 18 Psychic Night

7pm £17.50



Join us for an evening of mediumship exploring the psychic and spirit realms with Chantelle Lockhart. This event will raise money for our charity this year - Diabetes UK. A relaxed evening with gentle humour, audience connection and spirit communication. Pie and peas will also be served and a raffle will be held. Book by Friday 3 July. West End Golf Club, Paddock Lane, Halifax HX2 0NT. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

July

MON 20 Committee of Management Meeting

🕒 1pm 💷 Free 👥

We encourage all members to attend our Committee of Management (CoM) meetings; and consider joining the Committee. If you would like to observe a committee meeting and what is involved, please register your interest by getting in touch with Debra on 07572 986452 or debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF.

THURS 23 Shibden Park

🕒 11am 💷 As per menu 👣

We will meet at the beautiful local park for a little wander around the gardens and pond, before making our way to the café for a coffee or some lunch. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 4 June. Shibden Park, Shibden Hall Godley Lane, Halifax HX3 6XG. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON 27 Hare and Hounds Meal

🕒 6.30pm 💷 As per menu 🍴

Always a firm favourite, join us for an evening meal at the Hare and Hounds. Proven to be great food with great company. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 20 July. Hare and Hounds Hipperholme, Denholme Gate Road, Hipperholme, Halifax HX3 8JQ. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

August

SAT 01 Coldplay by Candlelight

🕒 6pm 💷 Start from £20 🎵

Featuring a spectacular cast of world-class vocalists and an epic live band, see Coldplay's biggest hits like never before! A room full of candlelight and a memorable live band at Halifax Minster, is sure to be a fantastic experience. Ticket price will depend on numbers when booking, costs start from £24.50 - £44.50. Please note the early booking time to ensure we can get tickets seated together. Book by Thursday 2 April. Halifax Minster, Causeway, Halifax HX1 1QL. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



August

THURS
06

Beaumont Park



11am



Free



Let's visit this beautiful park for a gentle stroll. Bring along a packed lunch and we will find a scenic spot to stop for dinner. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 30 July. Beaumont Park, Beaumont Park Road, Huddersfield HD4 7AY. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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THURS
13

Guided Walk at Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve



11am



Free



We will revisit a local favourite, but this time we will have a guided tour of the nature reserve from one of their fantastic volunteers. Come for a lovely scenic stroll and hopefully find out some fascinating facts along the way. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 6 August. Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve Car Park, Elland Road, Brighouse HD6 2SP. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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MON
10

Bedpans and False Teeth - Denise Adlard



7.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £4.50



Denise is a retired nurse and a member of the association of speakers club. Her 'Bedpans and False Teeth' talk is the story of 49 years with the NHS. It is full of humorous stories and anecdotes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON
17

Half Yearly Meeting



1pm



Free



This meeting is for nominations of officers and to elect Deputies for Annual Movable Conference (AMC) and any other business that may arise. We encourage all members to attend our Committee of Management (CoM) meetings; and consider joining the Committee. If you would like to observe a committee meeting and what is involved, please register your interest by getting in touch with Debra on 07572 986452 or debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Debra on 07572 986452.

September - Friendship Month

FRI 04 Ogden with Friends from Bradford

🕒 11am 💷 As per menu 😊

It is always a lovely event when we meet up with our friends from Bradford. We will join up for a walk around Ogden Water before heading to The Causeway Foot for lunch. Please wear suitable footwear as the trail can get muddy. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 20 August. Ogden Water Country Park, Ogden Lane, Halifax HX2 8XZ. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



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MON 07 Games Night with Snacks!

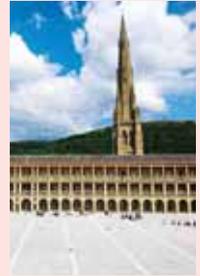
🕒 7.30pm 💷 Members £2
Guests £3 or Free if first event 😊

An evening of friendship, games and snacks! We have a wide range of games from classics such as Scrabble, Uno or Jenga to others we may not have played before! Come along for an evening of laughter. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS 10 The Piece Hall

🕒 11am 💷 As per menu 🛒

Let's meet for a wander around the Piece Hall, we can do a spot of shopping before sharing lunch at one of the many eateries. A lovely venue right on our doorstep. We will meet at the top gate. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 3 September. Piece Hall, Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON 14 Fish and Chips at Oddies

🕒 6.30pm 🍴

💷 Members £2, Guests £3, As per menu

Join us for a fish and chips supper at Oddies. Have a light lunch because I am sure they will serve a good portion. Come and have a chat over tea with friends. Please order upon booking and Katie will collect on the evening. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 7 September. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

September - Friendship Month



THURS 17 Welcome Coffee Morning



Come along to meet our Social Organiser, Katie, Secretary, Debra and Welfare Visitor, Dawn. Find out more about



Oddfellows, our members and what we do! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON 21 Rod Dimbleby - Tellin 't' tale



A few may have seen Rod before, he is joining us again for more humorous tales and poems in our local dialect. Sure to be an evening filled with laughter. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



THURS 24 Halifax Minster Tour



Join us for a guided tour of this beautiful listed building, a local landmark rooted deep in history. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 17 September. Halifax Minster, Causeway, Halifax HX1 1QL. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON 28 Quiz Night



Come along for a fun quiz night with pub style nibbles. Test your general knowledge and memory while having fun with friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Monday 21 September. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

Glasgow Edinburgh Trip – October 2026

Spectacular scenery, stunning sights and two great cities await you on this three day break, with the promise of coach travel throughout, two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Adamton Country House Hotel and an inclusive itinerary visiting Moffat, Glasgow and the delights of the Edinburgh.

What's Included?

- Coach travel with reserved seating
 - Two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Adamton Country House Hotel, Prestwick
 - Visit to Glasgow on your outward journey
 - Full day excursion enjoy the sights and attractions of Edinburgh
 - Visit to pretty Moffat on your return journey
- Glasgow – The lively and modern city of Glasgow is the largest in Scotland, boasting a wealth of art and culture and the best shopping outside of London, with everything to offer from high street stores and designer labels to speciality outlets for the more unique items.

Edinburgh – Steeped in history, this city has been the country's capital since the 15th century and has retained its impressive heritage, whilst offering all the cosmopolitan amenities you'd expect with its medieval old town, Georgian New Town and stunning architecture, it's a perfect holiday destination with so much to discover. Explore the city's famous landmarks and popular visitor attractions, including inspiring art galleries, fascinating museums and picturesque parks and gardens.

The Adamton Country House Hotel, set in a historic country estate combines romance and rich history. Providing accommodation for celebrated guests from Clark Gable to Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Adamton Country House Hotel promises quality accommodation in beautiful surroundings.

Friday 9 October, return date: Sunday 11 October (Duration: 3 Days)
Book by Thursday 30 April 2026.

A deposit of £40 required upon booking please.

Cost: £139 shared twin ensuite room,
£164 single ensuite room (limited number available).

This trip is operated by Caledonian Travel 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.caledonian.com/booking-conditions



Photos from recent events



Nibbles and Natter – Monday 8 September 2025

In celebration of Friendship Month, members came together for a fantastic evening of Nibbles and Natter. With a great turnout and plenty of conversation, it was a relaxed and enjoyable night that everyone clearly enjoyed.



Manor Heath Park – Thursday 11 September 2025

Members enjoyed a lovely walk around Manor Heath Park, followed by a visit to the butterflies at the Jungle Experience. The sun shone to start with, before we took shelter in the café as the rain poured down! Fish and chips for lunch were very welcome, especially while thunder and lightning struck outside – and we all stayed dry.



Charity Race Night – Monday 24 November 2025

“Place your bet – and they’re off!” A small group gathered for a fun-filled charity race night, raising funds for the Chairman’s chosen charity for their year of office, this year’s charity. As always, the evening was both entertaining and worthwhile.



Christmas Meal at Long Can Hall – Thursday 18 December 2025

We enjoyed a wonderful festive celebration with friends at Long Can Hall, a charming 17th-century gastro pub in Fountain Head Village. The delicious Christmas meal and warm atmosphere made for a memorable evening, enjoyed amongst friends.



So far during this period, we have raised an impressive £595 for this year’s Chairman’s Charity Appeal, Alzheimer’s Society (Halifax) – and there are still a few events to come. Brilliant work everyone, let’s keep it going!

Looking ahead, next year’s chosen charity will be Diabetes UK. Let’s see if we can beat this year’s total!

Big Kids Party – Jan’s 80th Birthday – Sunday 19 January 2026

A night filled with fun as we embraced our inner children with jelly, buns, party games and lots of laughter. The highlight of the evening was celebrating Jan’s 80th birthday – and of course, no party would be complete without a cake!

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.

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.

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".





Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

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

Local Care and Welfare Support

For local help or support and for information about Branch benefits and benevolence, contact Dawn on **07548 855261** or email:
dawn.terblanche@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**

Branch Meetings, Events and Meetups

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members and regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, and in time to join the Committee of Management.



We try and hold group events and meetups that members will enjoy, an afternoon tea might be your thing or a race night and can raise money for our chosen charity but there's lots of different types of events to choose from. You might want to try something new, let us know and we will try to include it in a future events diary. Why not get involved – come along and join in, you will probably enjoy it! If you'd like to join us or know more, please contact Debra on 07572 986452 for more information.

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 telephone befriender.



To find out more, contact Debra on **07572 986452**
debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk

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Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

At a glance

April 2026

Thurs 2	Lunch at Hatch Brunch House	12 noon
Thurs 9	Spring Crafts	11am
Mon 13	Memory Games	7.30pm
Thurs 16	Salterhebble Canal Walk	11am
Mon 20	Inter District Quiz	7.30pm
Thurs 23	Beefeater Café Lunch	12 noon
Mon 27	The Sportsmans Inn for Tea	6.30pm
Thurs 30	Rex Cinema Trip	10.15am

May

Sat 9	Inter District Quiz Final	7.30pm
Mon 11	Committee of Management and Branch Meeting	1pm
Tues 12	Ten-Pin Bowling	11am
Mon 18	Crossley Heath Tour	6.30pm
Thurs 21	A Trip To Haworth	11am
Thurs 28	Pottery Painting	11am

June

Mon 1	Shibden Hall Talk by Kirsty Davies	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Luddenden Canal and The Secret Café	11am
Mon 8	Dominoes	7.30pm
Thurs 11	Newbank Garden Centre	11am
Mon 15	Bowls	1pm
Thurs 18	Bolling Hall and The Lodge	11am
Mon 22	A Talk about Cromwell Bottom by David Langley	7.30pm
Thurs 25	Hebden Bridge Detective Mystery	11am
Mon 29	Table Curling	7.30pm

July

Thurs 2	Jewellery Making	11am
Mon 6	David Glover - Horrible Halifax Part 2	7.30pm
Thurs 9	Jerusalem Farm	11am
Mon 13	Bingo	7.30pm
Sat 18	Psychic Night	7pm
Mon 20	Committee of Management Meeting	1pm
Thurs 23	Shibden Park	11am
Mon 27	Hare and Hounds Meal	6.30pm

August

Sat 1	Coldplay by Candlelight	6pm
Thurs 6	Beaumont Park	11am
Mon 10	Bedpans and False Teeth - Denise Adlard	7.30pm
Thurs 13	Guided Walk at Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve	11am
Mon 17	Half Yearly Meeting	1pm

September - Friendship Month

Fri 4	Ogden with Friends from Bradford	11am
Mon 7	Games Night with Snacks!	7.30pm
Thurs 10	The Piece Hall	11am
Mon 14	Fish and Chips at Oddies	6.30pm
Thurs 17	Welcome Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 21	Rod Dumbleby - Tellin 't' Tale	7.30pm
Thurs 24	Halifax Minster Tour	10am
Mon 28	Quiz Night	7.30pm