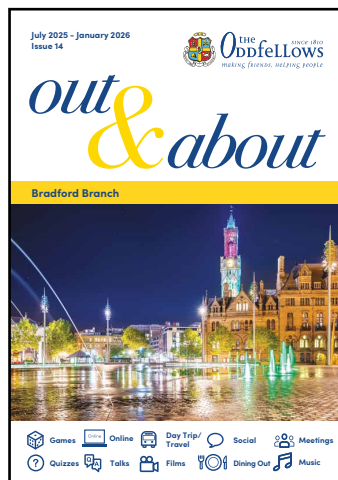


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# *out & about*

**Bradford Branch**



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Music



*Chairman's Charity Dance - Midland Hotel - Sunday 21 September*

## Welcome to the latest edition of your events diary for Bradford Branch of the Oddfellows.

As a local branch of a national membership organisation, called The Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. In addition our members are provided with a range of advice and support services when needed. We are basically a group of friends brought together through a shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of upcoming events that we are hoping to be able to offer.

If you have any ideas about events you would like to see included just email the team  
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Everybody is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any events that take your fancy. So come along and join the fun.

## Carlton House

46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA.  
Meets alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

## Woodbottom Social Club

Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP  
Meet alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

## Zoom Online

Zoom Meeting ID: 311 202 1697.

## Various

See description

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# Regular Events

## Oddies Scribblers



10am



Members £5  
Guests £7



Monthly creative writing group. No previous experience necessary, just bring pen and paper and have a go. Limited places. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

21 July 2025

17 November 2025

18 August 2025

15 December 2025

15 September 2025

19 January 2026

20 October 2025

Usually the Third  
Monday of the month



## Learning How to Make Short Films Course for Seniors



1pm



Free



**Every Second Tuesday**  
(Starting from 22 July)

This course will develop your skills so that you are able to create and edit short films. No experience is needed, but

you will need a smart phone/tablet or camera that has video facility. Each session is two hours. Marie and Ian will guide you along the way. Tea or coffee will be available. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



## Lunch Club - Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £8  
Guests £10



Usually the last  
Wednesday of the month

Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice

must be made at least two days before. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



27 August 2025

26 November 2025

24 September 2025

17 December 2025

29 October 2025

28 January 2026

# July 2025

THURS  
17

## Meal at Aldo's Italian

7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for a meal out at Aldo's Italian restaurant. Limited space, so booking early is



essential. A £5 deposit will be required when booking. You will have to pay for your own drink and meal. Aldo's, 927-929 Harrogate Road, Greengates, Bradford BD10 0RB. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

WED  
30

## Special Lunch Club at The Hitching Post, Idle

12 noon

£ Free



Due to Sam being on holiday, the lunch this month has been moved to The Hitching Post at Idle. Please confirm with Emma as soon as possible, whether you need a place because we need to confirm with the pub. There is free parking. The event is free to attend, but you will need to pay for your own food and drink. Book by Friday 18 July 2025. The Hitching Post, 54 Leeds Road, Idle/Thackley, Bradford BD10 9SX. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
24

## Bradford Heat of Inter-District Quiz

7.30pm

£ Members £5  
Guests £7



Tonight is the Bradford District heat, so come along and show your general knowledge or just come and cheer people on. The heat will be run with competing teams of four, so pick your partners, name your team and let us know you are competing. A sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 21 July 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS  
31

## Yorkshire Celebration

7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



## A Reet Yorkshire Quiz



Come along and join us for this Yorkshire Day Celebration with picture quiz. A cold buffet supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 28 July 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



# August

## **FRI 01** Dubrudden Café Baildon Community Cuppa, Chat and Cake



11am



Free



This Yorkshire Day we will be returning to The Dubrudden Café on Baildon Moor. There is no charge to attend this event, but you will need to buy yourself a refreshment. Please note that the track up to the café is unmade. If you need a lift let us know and we will see what we can arrange. Book by Tuesday 29 July 2025. Dobrudden Café, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5EE. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## **SAT 02** Inter-District Quiz Final



7.30pm



Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us to watch the qualifying teams from the Yorkshire District compete to become this year's champions.



A buffet supper will be served. A raffle will be held on the night and all proceeds will go to our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET). Book by Friday 25 July 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## **MON 04** Film - Vindication Swim (2024)



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for lunch followed by a big screen showing of the film Vindication Swim (one hour and 38 minutes). The inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze (Kirsten Callaghan), who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. Discover Mercedes' struggle in overcoming both the cold waters of the English Channel and the oppressive society of 1920s England. Book by Friday 1 August 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

## **THURS 07** Afternoon Session - Dogs Trust Talk



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



We are joined today by Sarah Greenhaigh from Dogs Trust Leeds. A light lunch will be served before the talk. Book by Monday 4 August 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# August

THURS  
14

## General Knowledge Quiz Night

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Come along and test your general knowledge. A small buffet will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 11 August 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

THURS  
21

## Table Top Games

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for this evening of tabletop games, including shuffle board, connect four etc. A sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 18 August 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

TUES  
26

## Zoom... Dogs Trust Talk

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Free



We are joined on international dogs day by Sarah from The Dogs Trust, who will tell us about the amazing work they do. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

THURS  
28

## Summer BBQ

⌚ 7.30pm



£ Members £8, Guests £10

Following the success of last years BBQ, we thought we would do it again. Hopefully, we can



persuade Chris to run the BBQ again. Come along and enjoy some delicious food and have some fun. Book by Monday 25 August 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# August

## **FRI 29** Oddies Wanderers Airedale Sculpture Walk



Member Colin Jarvis will lead us on a walk along the River Aire and canal to view the sculpture trail. Meet at the bottom of Victoria Road Saltaire (where the boats are moored) this is easy to reach by bus or train and there is parking in Saltaire Village or on Coach Road (the other side of Roberts Park). We will head somewhere for lunch after the walk, to be decided on the day. Book by Friday 8 August 2025. Roberts Park and Canal Boats, Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LF. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# September

## **MON 01** Film - The Six Triple Eight (2024)



Join us for lunch with a big screen showing of The Six Triple Eight (two hours and seven minutes). An American war drama based on the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all black female battalion in World War Two, who addressed a three year mail back long despite discrimination and war torn conditions. Starring Kerry Washington and Oprah Winfrey. Book by Friday 29 August 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# September

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



### **THURS 04** Friendship 'Getting to know us' Indoor Picnic



To kick off Friendship Month we are having an indoor picnic, 'Getting to know us' event. Come along and meet the staff and find out all about the Oddfellows, play some games and get chance to chat with some of our members.



We are encouraging members to bring along a friend (to get an introductory gift for you and your friend). You can sit on the grass and enjoy our indoor meadow or sit at a table. Book by Friday 29 August 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



## District Officer Evening of Entertainment with Mark Memphis

THURS  
11

7.30pm

Members £10  
Guests £12



Come along for an evening of music with singer Mark Memphis. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 8 September 2025.



Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## Stroll Up to see the City of Bradford Sculptures at Penistone Hill Country Park

FRI  
05

11am

Free



Join us for a short stroll up to look at the Sculptures designed for the city of culture at Penistone Hill Country Park (part of the newly designated nature reserve 'Bradford Pennine Gateway'). Meet at the Bronte Parsonage (there is plenty of car parking). After the walk we will go for lunch in Haworth (venue to be confirmed). Please note the walk is not suitable for wheelchair users or those with severe mobility issues. The walk is free, but pay for your own food and drink. Book by Friday 1 August 2025. Bronte Parsonage car park, Haworth, Keighley BD22 8DS. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## Friendship Cruise and Walk - Saltaire

MON  
08

11am

£8



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT  
Join the fun



Join us for our friendship cruise and walk today. We have two canal boat trips booked. Sailing at 11am or 1.30pm which last an hour and include a packed lunch. Between the boat trips we will have a walk out along the canal and around Roberts Park. Meet at the bottom of Victoria Road where the boats are moored. There is parking in Saltaire Village or on Coach Road. Buses run to Saltaire from Bradford, Shipley and Keighley, there is a train station (Skipton - Airedale line) in Saltaire Village. There is a charge of £8 for the boat trip. Please note you can only book onto one of the boat trips and numbers are limited and priority will be given to Bradford Oddfellows members. Early booking is essential by Friday 15 August 2025. Roberts Park and Canal Boats, Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LF. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS  
18

## Play Your Cards Right



Join us for an ever popular evening of 'Play Your Cards Right'. A supper of scampi or chicken with chips will be served at the beginning of the evening. Please give your food selection when booking by Monday 15 September 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



FRI  
19

## Friendship Walk with Halifax Oddfellows - Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve



We are joining our friends from Halifax today for a walk at Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve. Meeting at the reserve car park at Elland Road, Brighouse HD6 2SP. From the car park we will head into the reserve for a leisurely walk, we can stop at the bird hide to see if anything is about. This is a short, accessible walk suitable for most abilities. A loop along the canal will bring us back to the car park. We will be going into Brighouse for lunch at Mamil Café for those who wish to join us. Early booking is essential especially if you are joining us at the café by Friday 29 August 2025. Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve, Elland Road, Brighouse HD6 2SP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

SUN  
21

## Chairman's Charity Dance - Midland Hotel



Following the success of last years charity dance, we are organising another one this year. Join us for a charity dance in the French Ballroom at the Midland Hotel. A small afternoon tea will be served at 2.30pm followed by entertainment from the fabulous Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective. There will be a raffle and scratch cards for this years Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET). Early booking is recommended. We will be inviting Oddfellows from across the Yorkshire District, so it is a good opportunity to catch up with friends and have a fun time. Book by Friday 15 August 2025. Midland Hotel, Forster Square, Bradford BD1 4HU. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# September

WED  
24

## Friendship Month Lunch Club Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £8, Guests £10

Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 22 September 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

THURS  
25

## Talk - Local Artist Samantha Roberts



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



We are joined tonight by local artist Samantha Roberts talking about her



work with stained glass. She will have items available for sale too (early Christmas presents). Book by Monday 22 September 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# October

THURS  
02

## Afternoon Social Bingo



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



An afternoon of cash bingo. A light lunch will be provided. Book by Monday 29 September 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.



MON  
06

## Film - Mrs Lowry and Son (2019)



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for lunch with a big screen showing of Mrs Lowry and Son (one hour and 33 minutes). Laurence Stephen Lowry (Timothy Spall) a British man, pursues an artistic career whilst living with Elizabeth (Vanessa Redgrave) his overbearing mother. She makes an attempt to dissuade him from following his passion. Book by Friday 3 October 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# October

## THURS 09 Members Evening

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



An evening of games run by members for members. Feel free to suggest games. A sandwich supper will be provided. Book by Monday 6 October 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



## FRI 10 Community Meal at Wibsey Ancient Foresters Pub

12 noon

Free



Join us at The Ancient Foresters Pub for a community meal. We are meeting a bit later than usual because the pub does not serve food until after 12 noon. This makes a good lunch meet up. The Greene King menu is varied, with good value smaller portion offers. There is no charge to attend the event, but you will need to buy your own food and drink. Book by Friday 5 September 2025. The Ancient Foresters, 230 High Street, Wibsey, Bradford BD6 1QP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 16 Half Annual Summoned Meeting

7.30pm

Free



Join us for our Half Annual Summoned Meeting. Please attend to support our annual business meeting and participate in discussions which affect the running of your District Branch. Followed by a free pie and peas supper. Book by Monday 13 October 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 23 Charity Race Night with Buffet Supper

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Come and join us for 20p bets on horse or dog racing on the big screen.



All bets in aid of our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity appeals – Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET). A sandwich supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 20 October 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

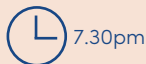
# October

## **FRI** **24** **Oddies Wanderers -** **Northcliffe**



It has been a few years since we did this walk at Northcliffe. There is a small car park where we will meet. Then we will walk through Northcliffe to the golf course and then back stopping at Northcliffe Nurseries for lunch and a chat with the crew at NEET (this year's Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity). There are good paths, but it is steep in places with steps at the golf club end. Booking is essential for catering purposes by Monday 20 October 2025. Northcliffe Park and Woods, Cliffewood Avenue, Shipley BD18 3DD. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## **THURS** **30** **Halloween** **Special**



It's nearly Halloween, so come and join us for some scary fun, and a ghoulish supper. Fancy dress

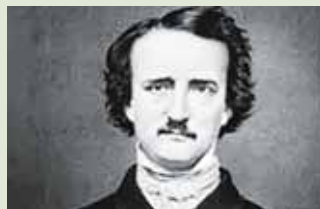


optional, but there will be a prize for the best Halloween costume. Book by Monday 27 October 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## **TUES** **28** **Zoom... The life, death and afterlife of** **Edgar Allan Poe Talk**



Edgar Allan Poe is one of literature's most iconic literary figures, famous for his psychological horror stories and melancholic poetry. Poe's personal life was in many ways as sad, strange and disturbing as the worlds of his literary inventions. From his tragic childhood to his mysterious death and what happened to his corpse in the days thereafter, this much-mythologised author's life is just as dark as 'The Raven', 'The Tell-Tale Heart', 'The Fall of the House of Usher' and 'The Cask of Amontillado'. Join Brian Clarke for a timely Halloween presentation on America's most infamous horror writer. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.





# November

## **MON 03** Film - The Windermere Children (2020)

 12 noon

 Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for lunch with a big screen showing of The Windermere Children (one hour and 28 minutes). Having escaped from the horrific clutches of the Holocaust, a group of children recuperate with the help of a few counsellors in the hope to redeem their lives. Starring Iain Glen and Tim McInnerny. Book by Friday 31 October 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

## **TUES 04** Short Films Festival with Bradford Oddfellows Documentary and Oldiewood Short Films

 1pm

 TBC



City of culture funding has enabled us to run a Oldiewood - short films for over 50s course at Carlton House. This will culminate in some short films and a documentary about Bradford Oddfellows being showcased on the big screen at a short films festival at the Pictureville Cinema. More details will be available near the time. Cost etc as yet to be finalised. Book by Tuesday 21 October 2025. Pictureville Cinema, National Science and Media Museum, Bradford BD1 1NQ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## **THURS 06** Napoleons Casino

 7pm

 £30



Join us for an evening meal at Napoleons Casino. Price £30 to be confirmed, includes a free drink, three course meal and a £5 machine bet. Essential to book early because we have to confirm places. Please note that we cannot arrange any of the special birthday discounts as part of this booking. Book by Friday 26 September 2025. Napoleons Casino, 37 Bolton Road, Bradford BD1 4DR. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



## **FRI 07** Community Meal at Cleckheaton

 12.30pm

 Free



We are trying somewhere new in Cleckheaton for a change. The Marsh pub is a five minutes walk from the bus station, so still easy to get to and it has it's own car park. Early booking essential. The event is free, but pay for your food and drink. Book by Friday 5 September 2025. The Marsh, 28 Bradford Road, Cleckheaton BD19 5BJ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# November

## THURS 13 Afternoon Session with Guessing Game

L 12 noon

£ Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a light lunch and guessing game. Book by Monday 10 November 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## TUES 25 Zoom... Wildlife on the Western Front Talk

L 7.30pm

£ Free

Online



We are joined by Steve Warrillow for a talk/presentation about wildlife on the western front. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

## THURS 20 Silent Disco and Quiz Night

L 7.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for a silent disco, dance along with headphones or watch the dancers and try and guess the song. Other quizzes will be available. A cottage pie or lasagna supper will be served during the evening. Please state choice of meal when booking. Book by Monday 17 November 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 27 Home-made Fish and Chips and St Andrew's Quiz

L 7.30pm

£ Members £8, Guests £10



Something new! Join us for home-made fish and chips with mushy peas. Try your hand at the St Andrew's Day quiz. Please note early booking date to plan the food by Monday 17 November 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

# November

## **FRI** **28** **Oddies Wanderers -** **Nunroyd Park Guiseley**

 11am

 Free



Join us for an exploration of Nunroyd Park followed by lunch at The Stone Trough (LS19 6LP). Hopefully our friends from Leeds will join us. If you cannot manage the walk why not just join us for lunch. Booking is essential. There are 10 parking spaces next to the cricket club LS19 7HR or on street parking and some parking at The Midway pub. The walk is free, but you will have to pay for your meal. Book by Friday 24 October 2025. Nunroyd Park, Guiseley, Yeadon LS19 7TP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# December

## **MON** **01** **Film - Wicked (2024)**

 12 noon

 Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a festive lunch with a big screen showing of Wicked (two hours 40 minutes). The untold story of the witches of Oz, Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), whose skin is green and Glinda (Ariana Grande) who is blond and beautiful. They dislike each other at first but soon form an unlikely bond. Book by Friday 28 November 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# December

## **THURS** **04** **Christmas** **Song Quiz**

 7.30am

 Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for a festive Christmas song quiz. A fish pie supper with festive cakes will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 1 December 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## **FRI** **05** **Christmas Community** **Lunch - Dalesway** **Brewers Fayre**

 12 noon

 Free



Meet us for our final community lunch of the year. Early booking is essential. We will need to ask for a £5 deposit when booking this event. Book by Friday 3 October 2025. Dalesway (Brewers Fayre), 502 Bradford Road, Sandbeds, Keighley BD20 5NH. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# December

## MON 08 Festive Art and Craft

11am

Members £8  
Guests £10



Join us for some creative festive fun. A lunch will be served. Book by Monday 1 December 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 11 Festive Afternoon Special

12 noon

Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a fun filled festive afternoon. Stalls/tombola/ quizzes and ukulele band. A lunch will be served.



Book by Thursday 11 December 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

## THURS 18 Christmas Party with Johnny Dee

7.30pm

Members £10  
Guests £12



Join us for our Christmas party with entertainment from an old favourite Johnny Dee. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 15 December 2025. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



## FRI 19 Oddies Wanderers Walk and Cuppa and Chat at Bowling Park

11am

Free



Wrap up warm and join us for a walk around Bowling Park followed by a cuppa and chat at park café or Java Joe BD4 8RH. The walk will start from the park café at 11am. Book by Friday 28 November 2025. The Lodge, Bowling Park, West Bowling, Bradford BD4 7LT. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## WED 17 Special Christmas Lunch Club Dine with Friends

12 noon

Members £10, Guests £13



Join us for a home-made Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Booking, payment and meal choice must be made by Monday 1 December 2025. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# December

## MON 29 Oddies Wanderers - Twixmas Walk

L 11am

£ Free



After all your festive indulgence, join us for a twixmas walk to recover from the turkey and puddings. A nice stroll around Lister Park (longer and shorter routes available). If the café is open we can have a cuppa, if not we will pop to ACW to warm up and get food. Meet near large gates at the front of Cartwright Hall. Book by Friday 19 December 2025. Lister (Manningham) Park & Cartwright Hall, North Park Road, Bradford BD9 4NS. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



## TUES 30 Zoom... Why do we make new years resolutions?

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Help Emma to discover all about new years resolutions. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

# January 2026

## FRI 02 Cuppa and Chat at Cake'ole, Bradford

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for our first cuppa and chat of 2026 at the Cake'ole on Centenary Square. Book by Friday 5 December 2025. Cake'ole Café, Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1HY. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



## MON 05 Film - A Complete Unknown

L 12 noon

£ Members £5  
Guests £7



Join us for a lite lunch and screening of the 2024 film 'A Complete Unknown' (two hours and 20 minutes). In the early 1960s, 19 year old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Starring Timothee Chalamet as Bob Dylan. Book by Friday 2 January 2026. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397.

# January 2026

WED  
07

## Pantomime - Snow White at The Alhambra



7.30pm



Members £28, Guests £30



Due to a steep rise in the cost of Friday night tickets we have booked to go to the panto on Wednesday night this year. Sorry for any disappointment this may have caused, but the majority of our members preferred to go for the cheaper option. This year we have Snow White, these shows are always amazing. We need to confirm seats in October, so please book early to avoid disappointment by Friday 26 September 2025. Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford BD7 1JA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



THURS  
08

## New Year Games Night



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



Happy New Year. We welcome our members back with a traditional start to the new year, a fun evening of 'Snowman Beetle'. A hearty stew supper will be served during the evening. Book by Monday 5 January 2026. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



THURS  
15

## Charity Auction with a Difference



7.30pm



Members £6  
Guests £8



Tonight is our annual charity auction, but we are going to try something different this year. As well as the usual auction items we are going to have a few 'blind bids', where you write your bid and put into a box. A pie and peas supper will be served during the evening. All proceeds will go to our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity to raise money for NEET. Book by Monday 12 January 2026. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.



# January 2026

THURS  
22

## Burns Night Celebration

7.30pm



Members £6, Guests £8



Join us for an early Burns Night celebration with haggis, mince and tatties. Book by Thursday 22 January 2026. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

TUES  
27

## Zoom... Famous Sons and Daughters of Bradford Talk

7.30pm

Free



We had to cancel this talk last year due to ill health. Join us tonight for a talk about some of Bradfords famous folk. Zoom Meeting ID: 331 202 1697. Please contact Emma on 07432 047213 or email [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) to confirm your attendance.

THURS  
29

## An Evening of Indoor Carpet Bowls

7.30pm

Members £6  
Guests £8



Join us for an evening of indoor bowls with a casserole supper. Book by Monday 26 January 2026. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

FRI  
30

## Oddies Wanderers - Walk Cliffe Castle

11am

Free



Wrap up warm for this short walk at Cliffe Castle. We will be going around the grounds and weather permitting, heading up through the woods (a steep path) back to the café. Cliffe Castle museum will be open for those who want to explore. Book by Friday 26 December 2025. Cliffe Castle Museum, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LJ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

## 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.

## 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  **OddfellowsBradford**

## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



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# At a glance

Second Tuesday Learning How to Make Short Films Course for Seniors 1pm

## July 2025

● <b>Thurs 17</b>	Meal at Aldo's Italian	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 21</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 24</b>	Bradford Heat of Inter-District Quiz	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 30</b>	Special Lunch Club at The Hitching Post, Idle	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 31</b>	Yorkshire Celebration	7.30pm

## August

● <b>Fri 1</b>	Dubrudden Café Baildon Community Cuppa, Chat and Cake	11am
● <b>Sat 2</b>	Inter-District Quiz Final	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 4</b>	Film – Vindication Swim (2024)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 7</b>	Afternoon Session – Dogs Trust Talk	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 14</b>	General Knowledge Quiz Night	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 18</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 21</b>	Table Top Games	7.30pm
● <b>Tues 26</b>	Zoom... Dogs Trust Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 27</b>	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 28</b>	Summer BBQ	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 29</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Airedale Sculpture Walk	11am

## September – Friendship Month

● <b>Mon 1</b>	Film – The Six Triple Eight (2024)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 4</b>	Friendship 'Getting to know us' indoor Picnic	12 noon
● <b>Fri 5</b>	Stroll Up to see the City of Bradford Sculptures at Penistone Hill Country Park	11am
● <b>Mon 8</b>	Friendship Cruise and Walk – Saltaire	11am
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	District Officer Evening of Entertainment with Mark Memphis	7.30pm
● <b>Mon 15</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Thurs 18</b>	Play Your Cards Right	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 19</b>	Friendship Walk with Halifax Oddfellows – Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve	11am

# At a glance

## September - Friendship Month

● Sun 21	Chairman's Charity Dance - Midland Hotel	2pm
● Wed 24	Friendship Month Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 25	Talk - Local Artist Samantha Roberts	7.30pm

## October

● Thurs 2	Afternoon Social Bingo	12 noon
● Mon 6	Film - Mrs Lowry and Son (2019)	12 noon
● Thurs 9	Members Evening	7.30pm
● Fri 10	Community Meal at Wibsey Ancient Foresters Pub	12 noon
● Thurs 16	Half Annual Summoned Meeting	7.30pm
● Mon 20	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● Thurs 23	Charity Race Night with Buffet Supper	7.30pm
● Fri 24	Oddies Wanderers - Northcliffe	11am
● Tues 28	Zoom... The life, death and afterlife of Edgar Allan Poe Talk	7.30pm
● Wed 29	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 30	Halloween Special	7.30pm

## November

● Mon 3	Film - The Windermere Children (2020)	12 noon
● Tues 4	Short Films Festival with Bradford Oddfellows Documentary and Oldiewood Short Films	1pm
● Thurs 6	Napoleons Casino	7pm
● Fri 7	Community Meal at Cleckheaton	12.30pm
● Thurs 13	Afternoon Session with Guessing Game	12 noon
● Mon 17	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● Thurs 20	Silent Disco and Quiz Night	7.30pm

### Say *yes* to friendship in September

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# At a glance

## November

● <b>Tues 25</b>	Zoom... Wildlife on the Western Front Talk	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 26</b>	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 27</b>	Home-made Fish and Chips and St Andrew's Quiz	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 28</b>	Oddies Wanderers - Nunroyd Park Guiseley	11am

## December

● <b>Mon 1</b>	Film - Wicked (2024)	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 4</b>	Christmas Song Quiz	7.30am
● <b>Fri 5</b>	Christmas Community Lunch - Dalesway Brewers Fayre	12 noon
● <b>Mon 8</b>	Festive Art and Craft	11am
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	Festive Afternoon Special	12 noon
● <b>Mon 15</b>	Oddies Scribblers	10am
● <b>Wed 17</b>	Special Christmas Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● <b>Thurs 18</b>	Christmas Party with Johnny Dee	7.30pm
● <b>Fri 19</b>	Oddies Wanderers Walk and Cuppa and Chat at Bowling Park	11am
● <b>Mon 29</b>	Oddies Wanderers - Twixmas Walk	11am
● <b>Tues 30</b>	Zoom... Why do we make new years resolutions?	7.30pm

## January 2026

● <b>Fri 2</b>	Cuppa and Chat at Cake'ole, Bradford	11am
● <b>Mon 5</b>	Film - A Complete Unknown	12 noon
● <b>Wed 7</b>	Pantomime - Snow White at The Alhambra	7.30pm
● <b>Thurs 8</b>	New Year Games Night	7.30pm
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# Bradford News and Views

News and views from Bradford Branch Oddfellows

## Provincial Grand Master

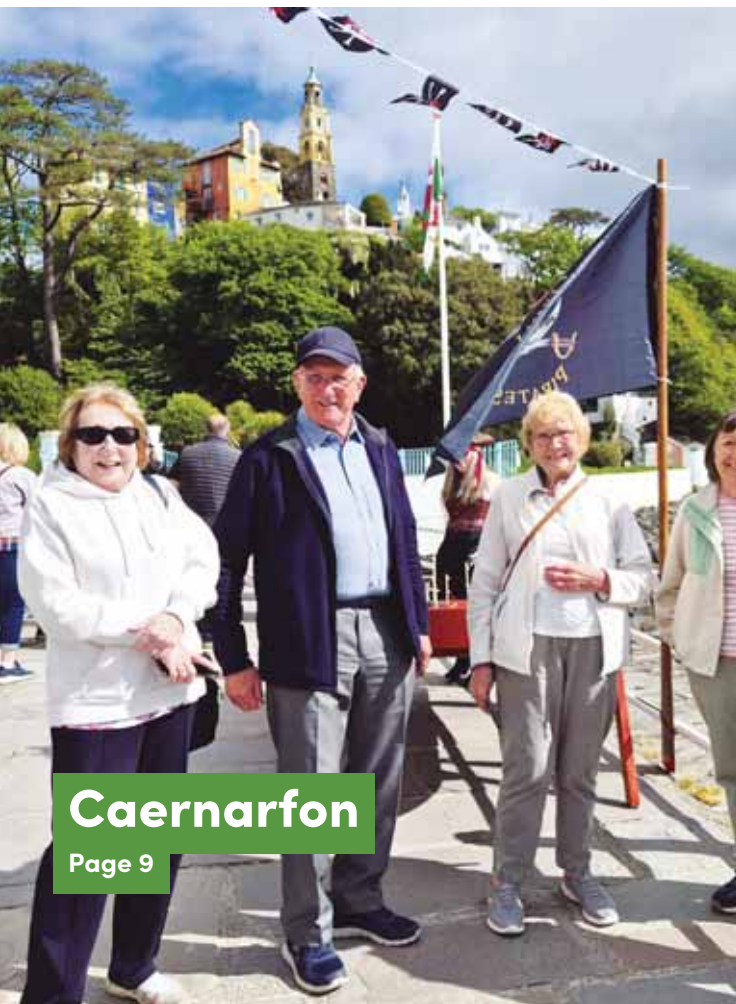
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## Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bradford District News and Reviews.

It has been wonderful to see the changes in the city centre brought about by the Bradford 2025 City of Culture. The public transport issues of last year seem to be resolved. We have had a spell of glorious weather and it has been lovely to see more people at our events now the days are getting longer.

## New Social WhatsApp

We are thinking of setting up an events WhatsApp to share information about changes to events etc. We would be interested to know if you think this would be a good idea. We already have one for our Oddies Wanderers that works well so thought it might be worth giving it a try. Let us know what your thoughts are.

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# Provincial Grand Master (Chairman)

**Our new Provincial Grand Master is Brother Steve Warrillow. Steve was signed in at the annual summoned meeting on 24 April 2025. Steve is a trustee and member of the Committee of Management at Bradford Oddfellows. He has been warden at Denso Marston Nature reserve for over 30 years, he is a keen birder, trainee bird ringer and naturalist. Steve has done many talks for Bradford Oddfellows and runs our Oddies Scribblers creative writing group and is quiz master for the Inter District Quiz. He hosts an Oddies Wanderers walk at Denso every year. He is partner to our social coordinator Emma.**



## Provincial Grand Master's Charity 2025 to 2026

Our Provincial Grand Master has chosen Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET) as his charity this year. NEET is a social enterprise and registered charity established in 2006. It is based at Northcliffe Nurseries in Shipley, West Yorkshire. The nurseries were originally established in 1992



on a previously neglected allotment site in Northcliffe Park. The nurseries were founded and built by people with learning disabilities. NEET has social aims and a not-for-profit ethos.

Income is used to enable people with learning disabilities to live an inclusive and fulfilling quality of life. NEET facilitate practical learning opportunities in a real working environment. They are dedicated to providing a supportive framework in which everyone can work to the best of their abilities. NEET grows and sells plants to the general public all year round.

## Provincial Grand Master's Charity Tea Dance

Following the success of last year's Charity tea dance we are returning to the wonderful French ballroom at the Midland



Hotel for this year's Provincial Grand Master charity dance. It is booked for Sunday 21 September 2025. Arriving at 2pm, a light afternoon tea will be served at 2.30pm followed by entertainment from the Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective. There will be a raffle and scratch cards to raise money for the charity NEET. Cost will be £18.50 members and £20 non-members. Get that date in your diary and dig out your dancing shoes (It's all for a good cause).

# Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master's (Immediate Past Chairman) Charity Presentation and Merit Awards

**Our Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past Chairman), Emma Marshall, was delighted to present cheques to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The Guide Dogs and new Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) merit awards to some of our members.**

In April Emma presented David from Yorkshire Air Ambulance with a cheque for £2,090 (this was in addition to the £900 that has already gone directly to the YAA and £49.50 from collection boxes) so a total of £3039.50 was raised over the year.

In May she presented a further cheque for £1,000 to our local Guide Dog group. As her final act as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) she presented small

trophy's to Jane Holdsworth, Jane Cockitt, Erin Dark and Colin Jarvis who raised over £1,640 of her charity money when they did the Pen-y-ghent challenge. A merit certificate was also presented to Liz Madden for her amazing charitable works.



# Branch News

## Social Organisers ask for your help and understanding

**We plan our events and food six months in advance so cannot always guarantee that things will happen as laid out in the event diary. We may have to change venues or change food on offer or even cancel events. We try to stick to what has been planned as much as we can but it is not always possible.**

We also cannot always take card payments (the card reader is not always available and occasionally will not work). So please try to always bring some cash just in case. We are being asked to try and be more sustainable

so are attempting not to over cater (not always easy when people book on and do not turn up). Could we ask that people do not take seconds until we have ensured everybody has had their food. Any leftovers will be boxed up and a charge of £1 will be made for each box. Members will no longer be allowed to bring their own boxes to fill.

We would appreciate your understanding regarding things not always going to plan, it is as frustrating for us as it is for you. Please remember we both only work part time and we are trying our best. In friendship Sam and Emma.

## Run by members for members

**The principle underpinning Oddfellows is that it is run by members for members. We do have some paid workers but input and involvement from members is really important. To keep the branch going and to keep ideas fresh we need your help. So how can you get involved?**

- Help out at events, clearing up/ helping run bar/ helping run events etc.
- Help with planning of event diary. We are happy to arrange an informal coffee morning for people to come along and share ideas or just email or write to us.
- Join the committee of management. You can arrange to come along and observe if you would like to get an idea of how it works.
- Submit articles for the newsletter – we are always keen to include member's stories and views.

## Preserving Our History

We have such a wonderful history of Oddfellows in Bradford District going back over 200 years. As part of Bradford 2025 , City of Culture , we have started to bring together



a historical archive. We have put a display cabinet in the bar at Carlton House and will be changing the display over the year to give members a chance to see some of the wonderful things we have stored. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) or telephone 07432 047213.

## Making a Difference Awards

Every event, every fundraiser and every brew made is powered by our wonderful network of fantastic members, and they mean the world to us. There are some who go far beyond the call of duty and we feel it's important they're recognised. Our national Making a Difference Awards are designed to celebrate and say thank you to these extraordinary people. Please help us to nominate some of our wonderful local members who go above and beyond and make a difference at our branch. The categories are:

1. Achieving together award (For teams of two/couple only)
2. Enriching lives socially award (for individuals only)
3. Giving something back award (for individuals only)
4. Working in the spirit of mutuality award (for individuals only)
5. Giving a helping hand award (for individuals only)



Make your nominations to [lisa.waugh@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:lisa.waugh@oddfellows.co.uk) or post to the address shown at front of newsletter. Give the nominee's full name, the category and the reason you are nominating them. Give as much information as possible to support your nominate

# Members News

**What to expect as a Telephone Befriender or Welfare Officer.**

## June Mitchell



June has been a volunteer telephone befriender for many years. Her role is to call members who may be feeling a bit isolated or are recovering from illness etc. She is the friendly voice at the end of the phone. She has undertaken training provided by the Care and Welfare team at Unity Office and she can choose how much time she gives.

June says, “I like to talk with members and hope that by talking to them they feel valued and know we genuinely care for them. To be honest I haven’t rung up much lately, but I have been talking to members at events asking how they are if I haven’t seen them for a while”.

## Emma Marshall



As part of her paid work social coordinator Emma Marshall offers welfare support to members. She has undertaken training and has been DBS checked. Welfare officers offer a mixture of telephone advice and support and face to face visits where required. This can be as simple as a call to check a member is ok and to see if any support is required, sending flowers/cards when required, or more complex like hospital or home visits and offering help applying for convalescence etc and signposting to care and welfare where additional support is needed.

Is this something you could help with? We are very keen to recruit more telephone befrienders and welfare officers because we have a lot of members who are needing support. Full training is provided and a lot of support is available. To find out more contact [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) or call 07432 047213.



## Old Member Barbara's Memories

**Our article about lifelong members in our last newsletter prompted member Barbara Wilkinson to get in touch to share her memories of growing up an Oddfellow. Margaret and both her sisters were signed up as Oddfellows at birth. Her father Reggie Peel was very involved with the Oddfellows and he was Grand Master during the early 1960s.**

Most of his spare time was taken up with Oddfellows business and Oddfellows was a big part of her life growing up. Her mum was very involved too and used to sing at the Oddfellows. Margaret can remember her dad taking her to the Oddfellows in Shipley (Tree of Life) on

a Saturday afternoon. She was too young to go in pubs so the Oddfellows was somewhere to go and she felt very grown up. Sometimes her friend joined her and they did jigsaws and dominoes etc. whilst her dad was busy in the lodge. Reggie signed up Barbara's husband and later her children to the Oddfellows.

When she got married in 1966 the Tree of Life did her wedding reception and she went off on honeymoon to Blackpool knowing she was missing a grand night. Barbara remains an Oddfellows member and is hoping to get more involved socially after a period of bereavement and ill health. Thanks for sharing your memories Barbara.

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## New Members First Impressions

**We were looking to join other people to extend our friendship group and enjoy new experiences. Margaret Price, another member, who we knew told us about the fun she has with the Oddfellows and recommended the group to us. So far we have enjoyed an outing round Undercliffe cemetery very interesting; coffee meet ups and Denso Nature Reserve. Also a coach trip to St Aiden's RSPB Centre. Also meals out and fab evenings racing pigs and indoor bowling. Margaret said we can use her name. We look forward to our next adventure and would strongly recommend this**



**group as everyone we have met has made us so welcome.  
Ann and Steve Miles-Turner**

# Caernarfon Weekend May 2025

**Twenty members enjoyed our weekend away to Caernarfon in May, it was perfect in every way. The hotel was beautiful, close to all local amenities. The weather was glorious and our trips out all had added bonuses. Fourteen of us went to Port Merion on the Saturday and encountered a steam punk festival so we were entertained by fantastically dressed steam punks, racing tea pots, cannons and bands.**

On the Sunday we had a drive up around Snowdonia, with spectacular views of the mountains. We stopped for a break

at Betws-y-coed and were treated to miniature trains, a tractor rally and motorbike gathering (all very exciting). Then we headed over the Menai Bridge to Anglesey and the wonderful seaside town of Beaumaris with its lovely castle, amazing beaches and craft fairs. The holiday was concluded with a hilarious evening with singer/comedian Chris Jay, who had us in stitches. A lovely thing about this holiday was the fact that we had so many new people joining us for the first time and having a fabulous time. Good company and lots of happy memories made.



## Cuppas, Chats and Community Meals

We have been out and about across the District doing coffee mornings at Bingley, Wrose and Keighley and community meals at The Crown Great Horton; George and Dragon Apperley

Bridge; Wyke Lion pub and are going to Woodlands Hotel in July. We have also done a curry night at My Lahore and have an evening meal planned at Aldos at Greengates.



*George and Dragon.*



*My Lahore.*

### May 2026 Weekend Break Monterey Beach Hotel Lytham St Anne's

Arriving Friday 1 May for three nights dinner, bed and breakfast.

Pick up and drop off from Shipley or Bradford (or garage with prior agreement for those with mobility scooters).

Cost would be £350 per person with no Single Supplement, and all rooms do have walk in showers.

Portage is included, also tea and coffee upon arrival.

Three Course menu three choices per course, tea and coffee after dinner.

Entertainment is bingo each evening, and a quiz and cabaret depending upon the numbers staying in the hotel.

The only supplements requestable are for a standard sea view room which is an additional £75 per room, or for a large sea view room is £95 per room subject to availability.

The hotel does ground floor rooms (subject to availability), and there is a lift.

**To register your interest contact [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk)**

**This holiday is operated by JAK Travel Company Please understand their terms and conditions before booking at <https://www.jaktravel.co.uk>. The Oddfellows cannot be held responsible for any bookings made with JAK Travel Company.**



# Oddies Wanderers

We have had some lovely walks this year. Undercliffe Cemetery guided walk; our annual visit to Denso Marston Nature Reserve; Middleton Woods bluebell walk; Cottingley Fairy Walk and a mini bus trip out to St Aiden's Nature Reserve at Swillington. We are looking forward to taking a coach down to Yorkshire Sculpture Park in July. It has been nice to see so many new members joining us on the walks.



*Middleton Woods.*



*Denso Marston Nature Reserve.*



*St Aiden's Nature Reserve.*

# Oldiewood



Member Marie McCahery was successful in a bid to Bradford 2025 City of Culture to run a 'Learning how to make short films' course at Carlton House. The course is open to all and will be running every other Tuesday afternoon, on a drop in basis, until November. Called Oldiewood the course will culminate in a short films festival to be held at Pictureville in November. No experience is required and all are welcome. For more information contact [emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:emma.marshall@oddfellows.co.uk) or call 07432 047213.



## Creative Members Oddies Scribblers

Oddies scribblers meet monthly for a creative writing session. In April they hosted their first Zoom event where they shared some of their writings nationally. Member Eileen Armstong has given us this humorous piece to share

### Home Improvements

She says, "This needs doing".  
He says, "I'm going to do this, that and the other".

### Time Passes

She says, "I thought you were going to do this?"  
He says, "I need to do that first, then the other".

### Time Passes

She says, "Are you going to do that?"  
He says, "I can't do that. I haven't got one of those".

### Time Passes

He says, "I'm going to do that this week".  
She says, "Too late. I did it last week".

### A Thoughtful Pause

He says, "But we haven't got one of those".  
She says, "I improvised with a butter knife and half a brick".

# Special Events

We have had a few special events in last few months. We have been based at Carlton House for 50 years so had a special 50th Anniversary afternoon tea in February. A group of members went over to Leeds in March to see the play Hangmen, directed by member Spike Marshall. Then in May we were lucky enough to have a live performance of Beck ( a visual and musical celebration of the Bradford Beck).



*Hangmen Play.*



*50th Anniversary.*



*BECK performance.*



# Hummus Recipe from Sam



## Ingredients

- 1 can chickpeas drained
- 60ml/2fl oz oil (plus 30ml/1fl oz for a looser consistency)
- 1 small garlic clove peeled and crushed
- 1 lemon juiced then ½ zested
- 3 tbsp/45ml tahini (a sesame seed paste, or peanut butter as an alternate.)
- 1 tbsp olive oil to garnish (optional)
- Mixed crudités and toasted pitta bread, to serve (optional)

## Method

### Step 1

Thoroughly rinse the chickpeas in a colander under cold running water. Tip into the large bowl of a food processor along with 60ml of oil and blitz until almost smooth.

### Step 2

Add the garlic, lemon and tahini, and blitz again. If the consistency is too thick, gradually pour in up to 30ml more water. Blitz again for about five minutes, or until the hummus is smooth and silky.

### Step 3

Season with a good pinch of sea salt and transfer to a bowl. Swirl the top of the hummus with the back of a dessert spoon and drizzle over a little olive oil. Serve with crunchy crudités and toasted pitta bread, if you like.

## Friendship Month

September is Friendship Month when we celebrate Oddfellows and try to encourage new people to come along to events and find out all about us. This year we have a prize for any member

bringing along a new person to an event. We have indoor picnics, walks, talks, boat trips and a singer. Lots to choose from. Help us to spread the word.

# 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](http://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.**



**Young  
Oddfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

**\*Terms and conditions apply to membership and financial benefits.  
Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions)**

# 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 Lisa on **07983 496831** or email [lisa.waugh@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:lisa.waugh@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

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## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



**For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.**

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Hamer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, who's PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.**

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



# Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

## Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

## Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

*Working in the Spirit of Mutuality*

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

*Giving Something Back*

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

*Giving a Helping Hand*

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."



# Incredible total raised for good causes



*Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

**Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.**

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

**Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



**In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.**

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”