

September 2025 - February 2026



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*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## Cumbria



Friendship



Art/Crafts



Walks



Dining Out



Holidays



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



*Hancock Museum - Thursday 9 October 2025, we hope you can join us!*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Cumbria District Branch Events Diary. Members of the District have organised a varied programme of events for you all.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area.

Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

**Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy - all**

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Dates are sometimes subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.

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

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810**.

# Regular Events

## Wigton Coffee Morning



**Second and Fourth Monday of the month**

Meet from 11am at Market Hall Café. Join us for a chat over a hot drink and a slice of cake! Market Hall Café, Church Street CA7 9AA. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



**8 September**  
**22 September**  
**13 October**  
**27 October**

**10 November**  
**24 November**  
**8 December**  
**5 January 2026**

**19 January**  
**2 February**  
**16 February**

## Monday Walking Group



**First and Third Monday of the month**  
**(only in September, will resume in March 2026)**

The first and third Monday of the month, we will meet in various places to have a walk and a chat. With all walks being considered ‘miles without stiles’, they are very accessible. The pace is conversational of course, with the distance no more than an hours walking. We tend to visit a café at the end too. We get to see lots of the area on these days and they feel more like little half day trips, than anything too strenuous! Various locations to be confirmed. With colder months coming in, we only holding two walks in September and another walk in October. We will resume the walking group in March 2026. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



**1 September**

**15 September**

# Regular Events

## Penrith Coffee Morning



First and Third  
Tuesday of the month

Meeting at Salvation Army Church Hall, we join them at their coffee club from 11am. Lots of us stay on to do a bit of gardening in our community garden plot, as well as taking full advantage of the lunch club. With two courses of home cooked food for only £5, its always a hit with our members. Salvation Army Church, 1 Hunter Lane, Penrith CA11 7UY. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



2 September  
16 September  
7 October  
21 October

4 November  
18 November  
2 December  
16 December

6 January 2026  
20 January  
3 February  
17 February

## Kendal Meet Up



First and Third  
Tuesday of the month

We are lucky enough to have started a group down the south of the District, where new members meet. The first Tuesday of the month in Kendal is a coffee morning at Carus Green Golf Club LA9 6EB from 11am. With the third Tuesday of the month, the date of the monthly lunch, venue which varies and will be discussed at the coffee morning. Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6EB. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



2 September  
16 September  
7 October  
21 October

4 November  
18 November  
2 December  
6 January 2026

20 January  
3 February  
17 February

# Regular Events

## Carlisle Coffee Morning



11am



Free



**Second and Fourth  
Tuesday of the month**

For years now, members of Oddfellows have met at Cornerstones Café, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. It is an incredibly welcoming community café that caters for large groups. With coffee as little as 50p a cup, it is the ideal spot to catch up!

Cornerstones Café, 62-66 Denton Street, Carlisle CA2 5EH. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



**9 September  
23 September  
14 October  
28 October**

**11 November  
25 November  
9 December  
13 January 2026**

**27 January  
10 February  
24 February**

## Arts and Crafts



11am



£2.50



**Every Wednesday except  
the third Wednesday of  
the month**

Held every Wednesday except the third Wednesday, also held only in 2025 – there will be none in 2026. We meet at Belah Community Centre for a fun morning of arts and crafts. A year long program see us making all the seasonal crafts. Using many different techniques, we learn as we go and have fun doing it! Everyone can be creative, so if you think you're not 'arty' enough, don't let that stop you. From painting to clay pots, felting and decoupage, there really is something for everyone. Cost: £2.50 to cover hall hire and a hot drink per member plus any additional materials costs. Belah Community Centre, Briar Bank, St Ann's Hill, Carlisle CA3 9SR. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.





# Regular Events

## Branch Evening Meet



7.30pm



Free



First Thursday of the month

The first Thursday of the month, Cumbria Oddfellows meet at Cumwhinton Hall for an evening social. With lots of different speakers, games nights and suppers. We also use this evening to go over any big events coming up and to generally get to hear about any events nationwide or more locally. Refreshments are available each week. Cumwhinton Village Community Hall, Cumwhinton, Cumbria CA4 8EJ. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



**4 September**  
**2 October**

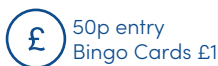
**6 November**  
**4 December**

**8 January 2026**  
**5 February**

## Bingo!



7pm



50p entry  
Bingo Cards £1



Last Thursday of the month

The last Thursday of the month, we join in at Cumwhinton Village Hall, in their monthly bingo! With prizes to be won and laughs to be had, it is a great little night out. So bring your dabber and meet us there from 7pm. Cumwhinton Village Community Hall, Cumwhinton, Cumbria CA4 8EJ. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



**25 September**  
**30 October**

**27 November**  
**29 January 2026**

**26 February**

Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

# September 2025

## TUES 02 Penrith Friendship Coffee Morning



Meeting at Salvation Army Church Hall, we join them at their coffee club from 11am. Lots of us stay on to do a bit of gardening in our community garden plot, as well as taking full advantage of the lunch club. With two courses of home cooked food for only £5, its always a hit with our members. Salvation Army Church, 1 Hunter Lane, Penrith CA11 7UY. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

## TUES 09 Carlisle Friendship Coffee Morning



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## THURS 04 Friendship Month Social



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# September 2025

THURS  
11

## Rheged Visit

🕒 11am

£ As per menu and ticket pricing on the day



Meet us at Rheged to explore the gallery, grab a bite to eat in the café and even watch a show in the cinema. Rheged, Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DQ. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

TUES  
16

## Kendal Friendship Meet Up

🕒 11am

£ Free



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TUES  
16

## Penrith Friendship Coffee Morning

🕒 11am

£ £5



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WED  
17

## Friendship Lunch at The Red Dial

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



It's Friendship Month, so we are going to an old favourite in Wigton - The Red Dial. Members



are encouraged to bring a friend and if you haven't tried an Oddfellows event before, this is the perfect opportunity to join us in a friendly atmosphere, with good food and great people! Book by Wednesday 10 September 2025. The Red Dial, Wigton Westward CA7 8LP. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

*Invite a friend*



# September 2025

**TUES  
23** Carlisle Friendship  
Coffee Morning



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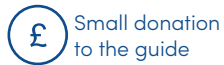
# October

**SAT  
04** LADGC Luncheon



Everyone is welcome to join us at Belah Community Centre, as we host the LADGC meet. We will welcome the new Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) - a familiar face, as she is our ex-Branch Secretary! Learn all about the society and see its formal traditions. Lunch will be provided. Book by Monday 30 September 2025. Belah Community Centre, Briar Bank, St Ann's Hill, Carlisle CA3 9SR. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

**MON  
06** Walk with Cumbria and  
The Borders History



Join us as we take one of our last walks of the year with Jonathan from Cumbria and Borders History. Meeting at Fantails car park for 10.30am, as we explore Wetheral. Learning all about its history, St Constantine's monastic cells, Anglo Saxons and the Priory Gatehouse. There is the option to visit the lovely Posting Pot for refreshments afterwards too. Wetheral, Carlisle CA4 8EW. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



# October

THURS  
09

## Hancock Museum



10am



Museum Admission Free,  
Café as per menu



Leaving Carlisle at 10am, we will drive over to Newcastle and visit the Hancock Museum.



The Hancock Museum is a compact yet richly varied venue offering natural history, archaeology, ancient civilisations and more under one Victorian roof. There is also a café available on sites to get refreshments before heading home. Book by Monday 30 September 2025. Hancock Museum, Barras Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 4PT. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

WED  
15

## Monthly Lunch at The Near Boot



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us this month as we try out a 'new to us' restaurant. We have heard great things, so look forward to trying out a new venue at The Near Boot. Book by Wednesday 8 October 2025. The Near Boot, Whiteclose Gate, Carlisle CA3 0JA. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

# November

FRI  
14

## Maryport Maritime Museum



10am



Admission £3



Maryport's new Maritime Museum is being housed in the beautifully restored grade 2 listed Christ church (built 1872), a striking harbourside landmark celebrated in works by L/S Lowry and Sheila Fell, once endowed with a clock by Titanic founder Thomas Ismay.

It promises immersive storytelling and interactive exhibits showcasing Maryport's deep maritime heritage, from its shipbuilding and fishing industries to local ties to the White Star Line and the Titanic. Book by Friday 31 October 2025. Maryport Maritime Museum, King Street, Maryport CA15 6AT. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

Photo by Alexander P Kapp

# November

WED  
19

## Monthly Lunch at Lakeland Gate



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Join us at The Lakeland Gate this month, as we chat over good value food for this month's monthly lunch. Book by Wednesday 12 November 2025. Lakeland Gate Brewers Fayre, Walk Mill, Warwick Road, Carlisle CA1 2WF. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

# December

WED  
03

## Christmas Panto



7.30pm



Panto Ticket  
£10



Join us as we begin the festivities and watch the must see Christmas panto. Meeting next door at The West Walls Brewery, we will have a little bite to eat and festive drink, before commencing on to the performance! Book by Friday 3 October 2025. The Green Room Theatre, West Walls Theatre, Carlisle CA3 8UB. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

TUES  
16

## Kendal Christmas Lunch



7pm



Free



Join us as we celebrate Christmas together over a festive two course lunch and music from DJ Craig! TBC, Burneside Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6EB. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

WED  
17

## Christmas Lunch at The White Heather



12.30pm



As per  
menu



A very special lunch at our usual spot. Where we exchange our Secret Santa gifts, hand out cards and eat far too much good food! Book by Wednesday 3 December 2025. The White Heather Hotel, Kirkbride Airfield, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 5HW. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



# January 2026

# February

## **WED 21** Monthly Lunch at Hayton Farm Shop



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us as we head back to a firm favourite, for our monthly lunch. Hayton Farm Shop, Gelt House Farm, Hayton, Brampton CA8 9JD. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



## Join the conversation

Find us at:

f Cumbria Oddfellows

## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support.

Booking can also be taken by email, see contact section at the front of the booklet.

## **WED 25** The Makings of a Murderer 2



7pm



From £30 depending on seat choice



Join us for a chilling night at the theatre as Colin, who was head of the Metropolitan Police murder squad tells us the stories of how he caught some of the UK's most evil murderers. Book by Tuesday 31 December 2025. Sands Centre, Carlisle, Cumbria CA1 1JQ. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.

## **WED 18** Monthly Lunch at The Auctioneer



12.30pm



As per menu



Meet us for a lovely catch up over a delicious meal! The Auctioneer, Rosehill Estate, Carlisle CA1 2RW. Contact Sam on 07473 071480.



# Bring friendship to your front room



There are many reasons that might prevent you from being able to attend some of our events in person. A clash in the diary might mean something else takes priority, you might not be able to spare the cost this time, or perhaps you just want to stay close to home that day.

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions. These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

## What's coming up online

We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

### **Tuesday 16 September, 7pm Alzheimer's and Brain Health**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)

Or use this link to register directly:

<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsBrainHealth>

### **Tuesday 28 October, 7pm 'Ghostly Tales to be Told' with Dr. Ann Featherstone**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)

Or use this link to register directly:

<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsGhostlyTales>

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on [events@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:events@oddfellows.co.uk), with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) or ask me to send you a list by email.

**Samantha Richardson**

**J**oyous

**A**pproachable

**N**aughty and Nice

**E**nergetic



**G**ardening – especially anything to eat

**A**dore our Cumbrian fells to walk

**L**aughter, so good for us all

**L**earning, every day is a school day

**A**daptable

**G**uide Dogs, work as a volunteer and puppy fosterer

**H**ome is where we all feel comfy

**E**xcitabile

**R**unning – Parkruns are the aim

**C**atering - have owned a business for many years,  
tablemanners-cumbria

**U**seful, enjoy being practical

**M**other of a Son and Daughter

**B**ike, great form of transport and exercise, love my wheels

**R**esilient

**I**nclusive

**A**ctive





## Interested in volunteering?

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

### You can help us by:

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

### Want to deliver a new activity?

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

**If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Jane by phone on 07859 950309, email at [jane.gallagher@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:jane.gallagher@oddfellows.co.uk)**

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

***Cynthia, volunteer***

# Make the most of your membership



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

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

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

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

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

For more information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits).

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

For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.

## 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 Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, whose 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.”



# 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 Samantha on **07473 071480** or email **samantha.richardson@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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## September 2025 – Friendship Month

<b>Mon 1</b>	Monday Walking Group	11am
<b>Tues 2</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 2</b>	Penrith Friendship Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Friendship Month Social	7.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Carlisle Friendship Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Rheged Visit	11am
<b>Mon 15</b>	Monday Walking Group	11am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Kendal Friendship Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Penrith Friendship Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Friendship Lunch at The Red Dial	12.30pm
<b>Mon 22</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 23</b>	Carlisle Friendship Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 24</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Bingo!	7pm

## October

<b>Wed 1</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Branch Evening Meet	7.30pm
<b>Sat 4</b>	LADGC Luncheon	12 noon
<b>Mon 6</b>	Walk with Cumbria and The Borders History	10.30am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Hancock Museum	10am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 15</b>	Monthly Lunch at The Near Boot	12.30pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 21</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am

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## October

<b>Wed 22</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Mon 27</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 28</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 29</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Bingo!	7pm

## November

<b>Tues 4</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 4</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 5</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Branch Evening Meet	7.30pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 11</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 12</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Fri 14</b>	Maryport Maritime Museum	10am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 19</b>	Monthly Lunch at Lakeland Gate	12.30pm
<b>Mon 24</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 25</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 26</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Bingo!	7pm

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 2</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Christmas Panto	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Branch Evening Meet	7.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Arts and Crafts	11am

# At a glance

## December

<b>Tues 16</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Kendal Christmas Lunch	7pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Christmas Lunch at The White Heather	12.30pm

## January 2026

<b>Mon 5</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 6</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 6</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Branch Evening Meet	7.30pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Mon 19</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 20</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 20</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Monthly Lunch at Hayton Farm Shop	12.30pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Bingo!	7pm

## February

<b>Mon 2</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Branch Evening Meet	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Mon 16</b>	Wigton Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Kendal Meet Up	11am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Penrith Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 18</b>	Monthly Lunch at The Auctioneer	12.30pm
<b>Tues 24</b>	Carlisle Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 25</b>	The Makings of a Murderer 2	7pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Bingo!	7pm