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Ormskirk and Southport District
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Ormskirk Town Centre



Southport
National Firework Competition



Isle of Man

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|  Music |  Art/Crafts |  Online |  Dining Out |
|  Walks |  Games |  Day Trip |  Meetings |
|  Social |  Talks |  Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea |  Quiz |



*Christmas at Tatton Park -
Friday 6 December 2024*

Welcome to the October 2024 to April 2025 events diary and newsletter

It's been a difficult few months for our District, with the shocking and tragic events happening in Southport; and with the sudden passing of one of our main drivers for Don Fraser, Mark Opie. The importance of friendship and care is really highlighted in these times. Remember there is always someone here to talk to if you need it.

We've got lots of lovely events planned for the next few months. Please book early and make a note of any deposits needed and deadlines.

We accept cheques made payable to The Oddfellows, or the correct amount of cash in a named envelope with event details written on the front. You can pay in person at any of our events, or send cheques to my address on this page. Please do not postdate cheques unless agreed beforehand.

Judith

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Ormskirk and Southport:

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For information on the Isle
of Mona please contact
Bonita Hesketh.

The District Office (Bonita
Hesketh) will be closed for annual
leave on the following dates:

7th – 14th December 2024

19th December – 2nd Jan 2025

12th – 24th February 2025

In an emergency, please use the
national Oddfellows numbers.

Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

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

Southport Coffee Morning

*New venue from November



New venue: Come and join us for our regular informal coffee morning. The chance to meet new friends. Please use the back door off Anchor Street. From November we will meet at The Office Bar and Restaurant, 36 Anchor Street, Southport PR9 OUT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279. **Please note change in January dates.**

BIJOU

2 October 2024
Bijou Cinema,
8 Post Office Ave,
Southport
PR9 0US

THE OFFICE

6 November 2024
4 December 2024
8 January 2025
5 February 2025
5 March 2025
2 April 2025



Southport Coffee Afternoon (First Thursday of the month)



New venue - Meet at The Duke's Folly Hotel where we can enjoy a tea or coffee or a drink from the well stocked bar. All are welcome to join us for a catch up and the chance to find out about upcoming events and activities. Ideal to bring friends or family along for the first time to find out more about us. The Duke's Folly Hotel, 11 Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

3 October 2024 6 February 2025
7 November 2024 6 March 2025
5 December 2024 3 April 2025



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

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We promise a warm welcome.

Formby Coffee Club

(Second Tuesday of the month)



Join us for our regular Formby coffee morning at the Toby Carvery. All welcome. The Bay Horse, Toby Carvery, 13 Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

8 October 2024 11 February 2025
12 November 2024 11 March 2025
10 December 2024 8 April 2025
14 January 2025

Ormskirk Coffee and Chat



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

9 October 2024 12 March 2025
15 January 2025 9 April 2025
12 February 2025

Please note January date

Telephone befrienders

After we asked if any of you would like to be telephone befrienders in the last diary, we had a few members come forward. Our volunteer telephone befrienders are Pat Livingston; John Roberts and Julie Rudge. If you can't get out as much as you'd like or are feeling like you'd like to have a regular chat with someone please give Judith a call on 01704 545279 and she will arrange for someone to call you on a regular basis.



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

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

October 2024

(Previously published October events, so may be full)

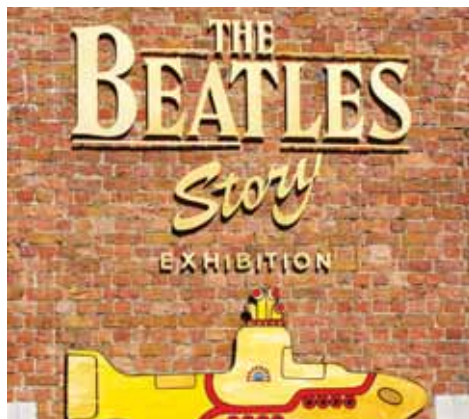
FRI 04 Lunch and Beatles Tour



10am



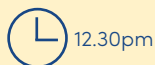
Members £32,
Guests £35



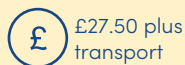
We will travel by coach via Ormskirk to Liverpool and be joined by presenter and producer at BBC Radio Merseyside and Blue Badge Guide, Paul Beesley. We will undertake a two hour Beatles Tour, which will take us into the suburbs of Liverpool to visit their homes, schools, colleges and places made famous by their songs, like Penny Lane and Strawberry Field. A lively, interesting and entertaining commentary combines with the music that is still as popular today as it ever was. We will combine this tour with carvery lunch in nearby Otterspool and include in the price.

Please state dietary requirements at time of booking. Cost to include two course lunch. Beatles Tour, Liverpool L1. Reserve list only at time of printing. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

SAT 05 LADGC (Lancashire Group Conference) Lunch



12.30pm



£27.50 plus
transport



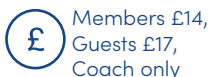
Details to follow.
Bury Masonic
Hall, 25 Parson's
Lane, Bury BL9
0LY. Please
contact Sheila
Martland to
pre-order your
lunch and for
any further
information on 07885 939897.



MON 14 Boundary Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mills



12.30am



Members £14,
Guests £17,
Coach only



Join us for a day of mooching and shopping at these two popular venues. Fashion; cosmetics; homewares; garden centre and eateries in both venues. Boundary Mill Stores, Vivary Way, Colne BB8 9NW. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



October 2024 November

SAT
26

Melodic Mingle and
Hotpot with Half
Yearly Meeting

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1pm

£

See below



Join us for this Saturday Afternoon of Oddfellowship. We will have a short business meeting, followed by a fun social afternoon including home-made hotpot lunch, apple pie and live music from Pete Rimmer and The Wand’rers. The bar will be open and we may even throw in a quiz if you’re feeling competitive!

Cost: £5 per ticket to cover food/entertainment. Please book for catering purposes and state any dietary requirements by Wednesday 9 October 2024. The Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



Further events
are being added, see:
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THURS
14

Lytham/Blackpool,
for ‘Showtown’
Museum and
Illuminations

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TBC

£

£29 members £32 guests
to include transport & entry to Museum





We will visit Lytham in time for lunch and a bit of shopping, then visit ‘Showtown’ Museum in Blackpool late afternoon, and then drive back at 5pm through the famous Illuminations (well it would seem rude not to if we’re already there!). Food not included.

Cost to include entry to museum, lunch, transport and tips. Please book early to avoid disappointment, by Thursday 31 October 2024. Showtown, Bank Hey Street, Blackpool FY1 4TQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

November

MON
18 **Social Afternoon**
with guest speaker

 1.30pm


 £3



Details of speaker to be confirmed but will be advertised in October and November. Please join us. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

TUES
26 **Christmas at**
Rivington Hall Barn

 TBC

 £48 inclusive of everything.
Members only in first instance.



Join us at one of our favourite venues for a fabulous afternoon. Please state your menu and dietary requirements at time of booking. Please book and pay £10 deposit to secure your place as soon as possible. Limited places. Final balance by Wednesday 13 November 2024. Various pick-up points/times. Rivington Hall Barn, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7SB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Christmas Menu

Cream of parsnip soup served with roll and butter



*Roast turkey with roast potatoes, mashed potato, carrots, brussels sprouts,
roast gravy, stuffing and chipolata sausage*

or

Braised beef with bourguignon sauce, mashed potato, carrots and brussels sprouts

All served with roast and creamed potatoes and a selection of vegetables

or

*Sweet potato and chestnut roast (v) with roast vegetable gravy, roast potatoes, carrots,
stuffing and brussels sprouts*



Christmas pudding with rum sauce

or

Winter pavlova with berry and port compote and whipped cream



Tea or coffee with warm mince pies

December

FRI
06

Christmas at Tatton Park



TBC



£30 or £38 with light lunch
Guests £33/£41



Experience the magic of Christmas at Tatton Park, a magical festive wonderland nestled in the heart of Cheshire. This year, immerse yourself in a festive experience like no other, where the historic mansion transforms into the well loved story of The Wizard of Oz, plus much more in the gardens, farm and stableyard throughout the Christmas season.

Various pick-up times. Cost to include entry to house, gardens, transport and tips. Lunch of seasonal soup, crusty bread, tea/coffee and mince pie extra. Please order at time of booking. Book by Friday 11 October 2024. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



THURS
12

Day Trip - Chester and Chester Cathedral



TBC



Members £20, Guests £23
to include transport, tips and entry to Christmas Tree Festival



Join us on a last minute Christmas shopping trip to the lovely city of Chester. We will be able to visit the Christmas Tree Festival inside the famous cathedral - sure to get you in the festive mood and lift the spirits. Donations to the cathedral are welcome. Suggested £xx. Travel by coach. Book by Wednesday 11 December 2024. Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh Street Chester CH1 2DY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



December

MON
16

Christmas Lunch Cabaret at Briars Hall



12 noon



See below



Join us for a celebratory Christmas three course lunch with bingo, Fast Eddy the entertainer and dancing. The menu for the event is as follows: Starter: Vegetable Soup or Orange Juice. Main: Roast Turkey or Nut Roast. Dessert: Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce or Ice Cream.



Please book and pay by Saturday 30 November 2024 **and state your food choices and any dietary requirements**. Also, please let us know if you do not require transport. Cost: Members: £44 including coach transport. £32 without coach. Guests: £47 including coach. £35 without coach. Briars Hall Hotel, 156 Briars Lane, Lathom L40 5TH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile



To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk**

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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January 2025

SUN

05

Pantomime 'Snow White' at Southport Little Theatre



2.30pm



£15



We have a limited number of tickets on a first come, first served basis. Pantomime performed by SDC. Directed by John Coates Southport Little Theatre's ever-popular family pantomime returns with an adaptation of the popular children's story. Come along and join us for fun, laughter and great entertainment for all ages.



Book and pay by Saturday 30 November 2024. Southport Little Theatre, Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

WED

22

Lunch and Film 'Top Hat' at Southport Bijou Cinema



12.30pm



£15



Top Hat is a 1935 American musical screwball comedy film in which Fred Astaire plays an American tap dancer named Jerry Travers, who comes to London to star in a show produced by Horace Hardwick (Edward Everett Horton). He meets and attempts to impress Dale Tremont (Ginger Rogers)

to win her affection. This movie sets your feet tapping away. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make a fabulous team together and their dancing is superb. We will meet upstairs in Bijou at 12.30pm and have a light lunch of soup (tomato or chicken - please state) and sandwiches before enjoying this film together on the big screen at 1.30pm. Film is 104 minutes long.



Please let us know any dietary requirements at time of booking by Wednesday 15 January 2025. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

January 2025

FRI
31

Dine Around at Eureka Greek Restaurant



12.30pm



Price and menu to be
confirmed early January 2025



Eureka! Greek Restaurant was first opened in a small shop on Myrtle Parade in the early 1980s, George Iakovakis a successful Greek Chef from Trikala, Thessaly took over Eureka! in the 90s and it became a very popular destination for foodies and people in general who wanted a taste of genuine Greek food using nothing but the freshest and best ingredients. Please pre-order from the menu available early January. Spaces are limited so book early. We will travel by coach. Bring your own wine/alcohol - £3 per person. Book by Wednesday 15 January 2025. Eureka, 7-9 High Street, Liverpool L15 8HE. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

February

THURS
13

'Chicago' at Liverpool Empire



2.30pm



£36.50



Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, Chicago is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today's tabloids. Created by the musical theatre talents of John Kander, Fred Ebb and legendary choreographer Bob Fosse, Chicago's sexy, sassy score with one show-stopping song after another includes: Razzle Dazzle, Cell Block Tango and All That Jazz. With six Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy and thousands of standing ovations, Chicago 'remains a phenomenon' (Sunday Express). Don't miss out, book now! It would be criminal to miss it... we have a limited group of tickets, all in the stalls with some aisle seats and great views of the stage.

Please reserve your ticket with a £10 deposit. Full payment due by Tuesday 31 December 2024. We will travel by public transport and either meet on the train or outside the front of the venue. Liverpool Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool L1 1JE. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

February

WED
19

Cheshire Police Museum and Warrington Market



TBC



Members £14,
Guests £17



The Museum of Policing in Cheshire is a museum that focuses on law enforcement and its history in the county of Cheshire. It is based in Warrington Police Station. The exhibits include uniforms from history and a Doctor Who police box.

Warrington's multi-award winning market is home to more than 50 fantastic independent traders, selling a wide range of fresh food, gifts, goods and services. The purpose built, state-of-the-art facility features a combination of traditional features and contemporary charm, with the two-storey building bordered by Bridge Street on one side and the new Time Square public space on the other. Selling everything from meat, fish, cheese, pies, fruit, vegetable, cakes and sweets, to jewellery, fabric, handbags, clothes, makeup, perfume, curtains, clothing alterations, comics, musical instruments, fairtrade products, key cutting and shoes repairs, plus the 'Cookhouse at Warrington' which is home to 11 worldwide food outlets and two independent bars. Book by Friday 31 January 2025. Cheshire Police Museum, County Police Office, Warrington Police Station, 101 Arpley Street, Warrington WA1 1LQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

March

SAT
08

District Dinner at Southport Masonic Hall



1pm



Members £33,
Guests £35



Join us as we celebrate our Chairman's year in office at the lovely Southport Masonic Hall. We will have a three course meal with coffee, plus raffle to raise money for our Chairman's chosen charity. Plus entertainment and dancing till 5pm. Donations for the raffle gratefully accepted. Dress code: Semi-formal. Please pre-order from the menu available in the New Year. Book by Friday 14 February 2025. The Masonic Hall, Duke Street, Southport PR8 1LS. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

March

FRI
14

World Museum Inside and Out Tour



11am



TBC



To be confirmed. Join us on an exclusive tour around Liverpool's famous World Museum. We will get to explore places you can't usually see. We are waiting confirmation for this event, but please sign up if you are interested. We will travel by public transport. World Museum is a large museum in Liverpool, England which has extensive collections covering archaeology, ethnology and the natural and physical sciences.

Special attractions include the Natural History Centre and a planetarium. Book by Wednesday 12 February 2025. The World Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

MON
24

Odds on Tour in Grantham/Lincolnshire



TBC



See below



Monday 24 March 2025 to Thursday 27 March 2025 inclusive. Join us on our fun annual mini-break. This year we will be staying in Grantham at the fully accessible Best Western Barn Hotel and Spa. We have a number of single, twin and double rooms, with step in showers. We hope to visit Lincoln Cathedral and Burghley House, although all excursions are subject to change (there will be no refund of excursions if you decide not to join us on the day as we will pay upfront). Price includes accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis, all excursion entry fees and transport from pick-up and drop-off points at the beginning and end of the holiday, plus tips. Please secure your place with a £30 non-refundable deposit stating any special requirements at time of reservation.

Full payment will be required one month before departure (instalment payments available). Cost: £325 per person based on sharing twin/double room. £399 per person single room. Limited spaces, so please book early and pay deposit to avoid disappointment by Friday 21 February 2025. Best Western Barn Hotel and Spa, Toll Bar Road, Marston, Grantham NG32 2HT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

April

MON
14

Lunch at Gibbon Bridge



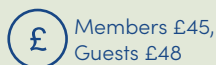
£44 for 2 courses and transport
£48 3 courses.



Join us for one of our favourite venues for a fine dining lunch experience. Places go quickly, so please book as soon as possible and fill out your menu available from February. Book by Wednesday 12 March 2025. Gibbon Bridge, Green Lane, Chipping, Preston PR3 2TQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

TUES
29

Carnforth Station/ Leighton Hall



Members £45,
Guests £48



We will travel to Leighton Hall, stopping for morning coffee at Carnforth Station. The award winning Heritage Centre is located within a working railway station, famously featured in the classic 1945 film 'Brief Encounter' directed by David Lean and starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. As you stand on Platform 1 with its vintage suitcases and railway posters, you can almost imagine the era when steam trains frequently passed through. We will then travel the short distance to Leighton Hall, which has been a much loved family home and the centre of an agricultural estate since mediaeval times.

Come and discover the history of the hall and how it has changed in appearance and size over almost 800 years. Enjoy the famous collection of Gillow furniture and objets d' art, the gardens and woodland walk. The family lives here all the year round and they look forward to sharing it with you. Book by Wednesday 9 April 2025. Leighton Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 9ST. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Isle of Mona – Events



Discover the Best of Isle of Man with Age Concern (Isle of Man) Join us at Age Concern (Isle of Man) as we extend a warm invitation to the Isle of Mona Social Branch to partake in our wide array of services and vibrant social gatherings.



Make new friends and engage in activities like Patchwork, Felting, Seasonal Craft sessions, and enlightening guest speaker events, lunch club Thursdays and seasonal film clubs.

For the latest events and activities, visit our website at www.ageconcern.im. For inquiries or assistance, feel free to contact us at 01624 631740 or email info@ageconcern.im, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 4pm. See across for upcoming events:

Upcoming Events:

Mah-Jong, 11am-12.30pm

Every Monday

the Ace Place, Ramsey

– all abilities welcome, cost: £2

Crochet & Natter, 2pm-4pm

Every Monday

the Ace Place, Ramsey

Gadget Clinic

Every Wednesday, 10am-4.15pm

iMuseum, Douglas

Need help with you laptop, iPad, or phone? Donations welcome

Every Thursday, 10am-12pm

iMuseum, Douglas

Every Thursday, 1.30pm-5pm

Barn, Port Erin

Every Thursday, 10am-3.30pm

at the Ace Place, Ramsey

AGE Concern

Interested in volunteering?

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

You can help us by:

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



To find out more, see contact details on page 2

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 **The Oddfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people
www.oddfellows.co.uk

For Dental and Optical Claims

If you are entitled to claim optical and dental benefits as part of your membership, please do not send in any receipts to Bonita without the correct claim form. If it is your first claim please phone Bonita for a form. If you have claimed previously your cheque will arrive attached to a form. Please keep this safe as it contains useful information that will speed up any subsequent claims. Claims cannot be processed without a form. Please also note that the date of treatment must fall under the following claim period.

Nominate a fellow member for the Society's Making a Difference Awards

Do you know a special member who has gone above and beyond to help others, raise money for good causes or run your Branch?

We're encouraging members to put these special people forward for national recognition! Speak to your Branch Secretary about how to nominate or find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference



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To All Residents of Southport and The Surrounding Area

Dear All,

We as a local Branch of The Oddfellows Society wish to express our most sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones in last Monday's horrific event. We hope all those injured make a healthy and speedy recovery.

To all those affected by what they witnessed we wish them well on the long road to recovery.

To the residents of both Hart Street and Sussex Road we express our sympathy and love, as they attempt to rebuild our community.

We would like to thank our Emergency Services for their dedication and skills.

It is at times like these that we trust in our neighbours, and derive hope from all those who have offered support, both practical and emotional, and who seek to bring us together, rather than divide.

Yours most sincerely

Bonita Hesketh, Secretary

c.c. The Mayor

c.c. The Leader of Sefton Council

Phil Porter

c.c. Patrick Hurley M P



Important Please Read

Please endeavour to contact the right person for your query

Judith

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

Bonita

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

Past Events

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



Tour of the Athanaeum, Liverpool



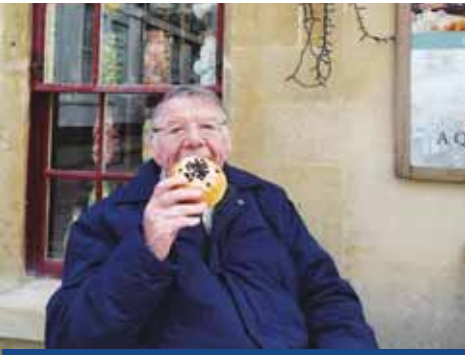
Tour of the Athanaeum, Liverpool



Bath Buns in Bath – Odds on Tour 2024



Bath Buns in Bath – Odds on Tour 2024



Bath Buns in Bath – Odds on Tour 2024



Bath Buns in Bath – Odds on Tour 2024



Odds on Tour



Lytham



'Young at Heart' Party Afternoon



'Young at Heart' Party Afternoon



Oddfellows Brass Concert



Oddfellows Brass Concert

Past Events

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



Rose of England Lodge lunch



Connie and Brian – Champion Crown Green Bowlers



Learning about the Society



Learning about the Society



Ness Gardens



Ness Gardens



Odds on Tour 2024



Odds on Tour



Odds on Tour 2024



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Odds on Tour 2024

Meet your Ormskirk and Southport District Care Team

The Oddfellows looking after you

Care, Advice and Support



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



Bonita Hesketh

01695 424149
07753 632433



Julie Rudge

07728 685811



**Isle of Man
Carole Murren**

01624 890010
or
07624 419570



Judith Catton

01704 545279



Pauline Fairclough

07787 121520

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

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

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

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

National Oddfellows Helplines



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

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



Business conducted, AMC Llandudno

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

Financial worries revealed



Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?

Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice to find out more.

Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-



century ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that.

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and District Chairman,



and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."

Claire Needham, Vale of York District

Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

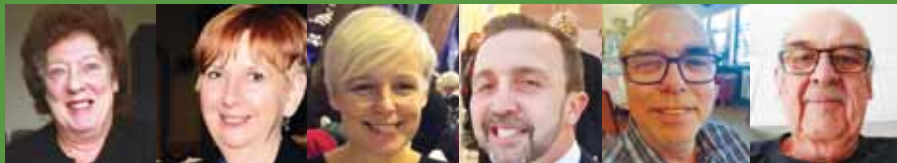
Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Your Committee of Management



Picture left to right: Bonita Hesketh, Sheila Martland, Judith Catton, Paul White, John Roberts and Tom Maddocks.

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

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

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

Ormskirk and Southport District

venue TBC early 2025

Summoned Meeting on **Thursday 10 April at 7.30pm** Venue TBC.

Secretary: Bonita Hesketh **Telephone:** 01695 424149

Mobile: 07753 632433 1 Royal Oak, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk L39 0EF

Fleetwood

Meets at Bijou Cinema, Southport and various social venues (please check before attending) on the second Monday of the month at 1pm (meet at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm)

Contact: David Ogden **Telephone:** 07754 057590:

2024

Monday 21 October

- Lunch at The Mallard, Ainsdale, formerly Champs (change of date because of District event).

Monday 11 November

Armistice themed refreshments

Monday 9 December - Christmas
Lunch at the Bold, Churchtown

2025

Monday 13 January

Monday 10 February

pub lunch, venue to be confirmed

Monday 10 March

Monday 14 April

pub lunch, venue to be confirmed

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Rose of England

Meets usually on last Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30am at the Hop Vine, Burscough.

Tuesday 29 October, 10.30am

Hop Vine, meeting and lunch

Wednesday 27 November

Derby House and lunch. Change of day and date due to Christmas Trip to Rivington Barn being on the Tuesday.

Thursday 19 December, 10.30am

Hop Vine, meeting and Christmas lunch, change of date.

Tuesday 28 January 2025, 10.30am

Hop Vine

Tuesday 25 February, 10.30am

Hop Vine

March – to be confirmed

Tuesday 29 April, 10.30am

– Hop Vine

Contact: Sheila Martland

Telephone: 01704 892393

Calmont, Bleak Lane, Lathom,
Ormskirk L40 4BP



Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

Contact: Bonita Hesketh on
01695 424149

Lord Skelmersdale

Monday 7 October, 10am

Trinity Church Ritual White Degree,
10.30am tea & chat

Monday 4 November, 10am

Trinity Church, tea & chat/
Playing cards

Monday 6 January 2025, 10.30am

Trinity Church – tea & chat

Monday 3 March, 10.30am

Trinity Church – tea & chat

Earl of Sefton

Friday 1 November, 12 noon

– O'Brien's – lunch & chat

Friday 3 January 2025, 12 noon

O'Brien's – lunch & chat

Friday 7 March, 12 noon

O'Brien's – lunch & chat

Joint Lord Skelmersdale & Earl of Sefton

Friday 4 October, 12 noon

O'Brien's, lunch & chat

Friday 1 November, 12 noon

– O'Brien's, lunch & chat

Friday 6 December, 12 noon

O'Brien's – Christmas lunch

Friday 7 February, 12 noon

O'Brien's – lunch & chat

Friday 4 April, 12 noon

O'Brien's, lunch & chat

Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

October 2024

Wed 2	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 4	Lunch and Beatles Tour in Liverpool - Trip 2	10am
Sat 5	LADGC (Lancashire Group Conference) Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 8	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 9	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Mon 14	Boundary Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mills	12.30am
Sat 26	Melodic Mingle and Hotpot with Half Yearly Meeting	1pm

November

Wed 6	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 12	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Thurs 14	Showtown Museum and Illuminations	TBC
Mon 18	Talk - details to be confirmed	TBC
Tues 26	Christmas at Rivington Hall Barn	TBC

December

Wed 4	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 6	Christmas at Tatton Park	TBC
Tues 10	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Thurs 12	Day Trip - Chester and Chester Cathedral	TBC
Mon 16	Christmas Lunch Cabaret at Briars Hall	12 noon

January 2025

Sun 5	Snow White Pantomime at Southport Little Theatre	2.30pm
Wed 8	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 14	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 15	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Wed 22	Lunch and Film 'Top Hat' at Southport Bijou Cinema	12.30pm
Fri 31	Dine Around at Eureka Greek Restaurant	12.30pm

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February

Wed 5	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 11	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 12	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Thurs 13	Chicago at Liverpool Empire	2.30pm
Wed 19	Cheshire Police Museum and Warrington Market	TBC

March

Wed 5	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Sat 8	District Dinner at Southport Masonic Hall	12.30pm/1pm
Tues 11	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 12	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Fri 14	World Museum Inside and Out Tour	11am
Mon 24	Odds on Tour in Grantham/Lincolnshire	TBC

April

Wed 2	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 8	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 9	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Mon 14	Lunch at Gibbon Bridge	TBC
Tues 29	Carnforth Station/Leighton Hall	TBC

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

Name:

Telephone No:

Any special requirements:

Please note any deposits requested and deadlines

October 2024

☐ **Fri 4** Lunch and Beatles Tour

☐ **Sat 5** LADGC (Lancashire Group Conference) Lunch Book
Directly with Sheila Martland

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☐ **Sat 26** Melodic Mingle and Hotpot with Half Yearly Meeting

November

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March

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Odds on Tour in Grantham/Lincolnshire

April

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☐ **Tues 29** Carnforth Station/Leighton Hall

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