

July - December 2026



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Handforth and Altrincham



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Monthly Zoom Coffee Mornings

Join us every first Thursday of the month for friendly chat with our online friends.

Ask Sharon for the Zoom link.

Join our special Zoom with Roger on Thursday 3 September for Friendship Month.

Welcome to the new edition of your Out and About for the Handforth and Altrincham Branch of The Oddfellows.

As your local branch of the national membership organisation, The Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends, enjoy time together at our fabulous local events and we provide a range of care, advice and support services when you need them..

We'd just like to remind everyone:

- Please book in for events, it's really important so we can

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book with the venues and if we need to get in touch with you beforehand if there are any changes to the event.

- Please do not arrive any more than 15 minutes early for events. We do not have access to venues any earlier and we often need to set up to be able to welcome you.
- Where possible, please tender the correct money for events, and be sensitive to the fact that we don't have a float for change.

Thanks – we hope you enjoy the new July to December Events Diary and we look forward to seeing you.

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 or call **0800 028 1810**.

July 2026

MON 06 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 3 July. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 09 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



Join our friend Stephanie and all your online friends for our monthly catch up and gardening chat on Zoom - sharing advice, successes and jobs for this summer month. Please ask Sharon for the Zoom link to join in at sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.

MON 13 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



A new venue for our monthly Macclesfield coffee morning. Join us at this historic iron and glass-fronted building, home for over 170 years to a luxury furniture store. The store was established in 1854 by Antonio Arighi and Antonio Bianchi, who fled their Lake Como home and settled in Macclesfield – then a thriving silk town.

We'd like to invite our Macclesfield members and anyone thinking of joining us, to come along to our 'Welcome' event today. You'll receive a very warm welcome, a goody bag and more information on Macclesfield and local events for the rest of the year. Book by Friday 10 July. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 13 Visit to Safety Central in Lymm



Join us for a fascinating visit to the award-winning Safety Central, where Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service will guide us through their £4.5m indoor village, with realistic sets and special effects simulating a range of risks and hazards you'll find in the home, online, out and about, helping to keep us informed and safe. The visit will be approximately 2.5 hours, including videos to watch. Refreshments and a safety pack to take home. Book by Monday 6 July. Safety Central, Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service, Cliff Lane, Lymm WA13 0TE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



July 2026

WED 15 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 14 July. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 21 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 20 July. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 27 Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



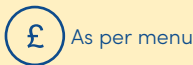
Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 24 July. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 29 Committee of Management Meeting



Come along and find out all about the workings of our Branch. Book by Tuesday 28 July. St Cross Church, Mobberley Road, Knutsford, Macclesfield WA16 8EL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

SUN 26 Sunday Lunch at The Crown in Goostrey



Join friends for a delicious Sunday lunch of slow-roasted meats and seasonal vegetable at this traditional 18th century pub in Goostrey. Book in as soon as possible to secure your place. Book by Wednesday 1 July. The Crown, 111 Main Road, Goostrey, Altrincham CW4 8PE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



August

MON 03 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Saturday 1 August. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 06 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



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MON 10 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 7 August. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED 12 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 11 August. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES 18 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 17 August. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

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.

August

WED
19

Visit to Saica Paper Mill in Partington



10am



Free



Opened in 2012, come and explore this state of the art paper plant. The Saica Group offers sustainable paper solutions for the manufacturing of corrugated cardboard and packaging, as well as promoting waste management. On arrival, we'll be shown a video about the paper making process, followed by a tour including seeing the main control room and then the paper machine itself in action. Book by Wednesday 12 August. Saica Paper Mill, 144 Manchester Road, Carrington, Partington, Manchester M31 4QN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED
26

Talk by the Cheshire East Recycling Team



2pm



Free



Teaching us about more efficient recycling, what can and can't go into your recycling bin, what happens to your waste once it gets collected in Cheshire East and to tell us about the new waste collections that are coming this autumn. Some advice on reducing single-use plastic and some fun tips on reducing food waste. There will be some useful giveaways along with tea or coffee, strawberries and cake beforehand. Book by Monday 24 August. High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 6LR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



FRI
28

Lunch at The Barn Owl in Lymm



1pm



As per menu



Join friends at this delightful venue on the banks of the Bridgewater Canal for a delicious home-made and freshly prepared lunch. You can choose off the senior menu for a slightly smaller portion (two courses for £15.95 or three courses for £18.95). Book by Saturday 1 August. The Barn Owl, Agden Wharf, Warrington Lane, Lymm WA13 0SW. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
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Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 21 August. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES 01 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Happy Friendship Month. Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 31 August.



Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 07 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 4 September. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 09 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 8 September. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 03 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning featuring a special Talk by Roger



As a special treat, for this month's green fingers Zoom coffee morning, we will be joined by our friend Roger who will give us an illustrated talk on his dad's fascinating story 'A life in gardening' from royal residence Sandringham

in Norfolk to Cholmondeley Castle and Mere Old Hall in Cheshire. We'll reconvene at 11.45am for our monthly catch up and chat. Please ask Sharon for the Zoom link to join in at sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.



September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS 10 Theatre Trip to see 'Come From Away'



This smash hit show shares the incredible true story of the 7,000 air passengers from all over the world who were grounded in Canada during the wake of 9/11 and the small Newfoundland community that invited these passengers, come from aways into their lives with open hearts. Experience this remarkable real-life story and soaring music as spirited locals and global passengers come together to forge friendships that will stay with them forever. Cost: £23 per person - payment due six weeks beforehand. Book by Thursday 30 July. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

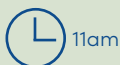
SUN 20 Sunday Lunch at The Three Greyhounds in Allstock



Join friends for a freshly cooked and locally sourced delicious Sunday lunch. Book in quickly to secure your place by Tuesday 1 September. The Three Greyhounds Inn, Holmes Chapel Road, Allstock, Knutsford Cheshire WA16 9JY. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES 15 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea and a Roses Talk



Join us for a morning of roses and a celebratory afternoon tea. Enjoy expert advice and rose inspiration with Fryers Rose Manager, Kate.



We'll hear all about the Blue Diamond special, British-grown Diddly Squat Farm Ros Rose. This special sun-kissed apricot floribunda rose has only launched this year, bred by Rosen Tantau and christened by Diddly Squat co-founder Lisa Hogan. Afterwards, we'll have a delicious home-made afternoon tea together. Cost: Coffee and cake - payable on the day, afternoon tea is £19.95 per person. Book by Monday 7 September. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI
25

Chinese Lunch at The Choy Hing Village in Grappenhall



12 noon



£15.90



Join us for lunch at one of our favourite restaurants in celebration of their mid-autumn festival, one of the most important traditional holidays in the Chinese zodiac year, spending time with family and friends. Also known as Mooncake Festival and we'll have a mooncake for you to take home. Cost: Lunch menu is £15.90 per person. Book by Monday 21 September. Choy Hing Village, 97 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2NS. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
28

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 25 September. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
28

Theatre Trip to see 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen



7.30pm



£15



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playhouse

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife. Experience Jane Austen's classic tale of hate to love, revitalised in this production full of laughter, colour and life. Austen's most iconic love story is brought dazzlingly to life in this delightful stage adaptation by Andrew Davies, author of the iconic 1995 BBC TV adaptation. Cost: Approximately £15 per person (payment six weeks in advance). Book by Monday 17 August. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED
30

Committee of Management Meeting followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Come along and find out all about the workings of our Branch, followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning at 1pm. Please join us and bring any cakes and spare plants you have, to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. Our friends Karen and Andrea have very kindly been knitting fun little apple toppers for chocolates which will also be on sale. Book by Monday 28 September. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



October

MON
05

Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 2 October. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
12

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 9 October. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS
08

Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



Catch up with your online friends for this month's green fingers chat, it's the month for collecting seeds and swapping them with your friends. Please ask Sharon for the Zoom link to join in at sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.

WED
14

Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 13 October. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

October

TUES
20

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 19 October. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
21

Celebrate with Sharon - 20 years at the Oddfellows



Come and celebrate 20 years at the Oddfellows with Sharon. We have arranged for our friend and local crafter, Alison Rose to lead us on a craft workshop to make a little felt cheery robin redbreast, with lots of laughs together, seasonal refreshments and a raffle for a special hamper. It would be lovely to see you there. Book by Monday 19 October. Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage, Cheshire CW4 8EQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
26

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 23 October. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



FRI
30

Lunch at The Green Dragon in Lymm



Join friends for a delicious lunch of freshly cooked food from across the Mediterranean. You can choose from a special dine out menu of two courses for £18.95 or three courses for £23.95. Book by Thursday 1 October. The Green Dragon, 2 Mill Lane, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9SB. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

November

MON 02 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. We'll be joined by Jayne from the British Legion to chat to us about this year's Poppy Appeal. Book by Monday 2 November. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 05 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



Remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot. We see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot. Catch up with your online friends for this month's green fingers chat on Bonfire Night today. It's the month for feeding birds and making little habitats for our hedgehogs and insects in our garden over the winter. Please ask Sharon for the Zoom link to join in at sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.



MON 09 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 6 November. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED 11 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Following the 11am remembrance silence today - we are catching up with our Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 10 November. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



November

MON 16 Theatre Trip to see 'Blackadder'

7.30pm

£ £15



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garrick
playhouse

Join us for a fantastic stage adaptation based on the original BBC television series. One of TV's most enduringly popular comedies, Blackadder follows the hilarious adventures of the cynical Captain Edmund Blackadder, in his forlorn quest to survive the madness and buffoonery of all who surround him. The play weaves together moments of uproarious comedy and poignant reflection, exploring the absurdity of war and the indomitable human spirit that persists even in the face of adversity. Cost: Tickets approximately £15 per person (payment is six weeks in advance). Book by Monday 5 October. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 17 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning

11am

£ Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 16 November. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 23 Committee of Management Meeting

11am

£ Free



Come along and find out all about the workings of our Branch. Book by Friday 20 November. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



Learn, have fun,
and stay in touch
from home

We've online events
for all to enjoy.
Give one a try.

To see what's coming up visit
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

November

WED
25

Talk by Local Historian Jenny Collis on The Knutsford Prison



2pm



£5



Back by popular demand, come and hear from local historian Jenny Collis, author of 'Knutsford, Our Streets Through Time' tell us all about the correction house as it was officially known in Knutsford. Come and learn about the people who were detained in Knutsford Prison and some of the punishments meted out to them. Find out about the escapees and the eight men who were hanged there. Learn how the prison was re-purposed during World War I and when it finally closed and was demolished. Mince pies and tea or coffee beforehand.

At approximately 3pm, the Reverend Paul Deakin, Vicar of St Cross Church has very kindly offered us a tour of the grade II listed church. The present church was built between 1880 and 1881, with the tower finished in 1887 and completed in 1889. Two of its stained glass windows were designed by Sir Edward Burne Jones, who worked with as a founding partner with William Morris.

Cost: £5 per person (for the talk and refreshments). Book by Monday 23 November. St Cross Church, Mobberley Road, Knutsford, Macclesfield WA16 8EL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

SUN
29

Sunday Lunch at The Blacksmiths Arms in Henbury



1pm



As per
menu



Join friends for a delicious Sunday lunch using seasonal local produce, served with Yorkshire pudding and endless gravy or choose from their pub food classic menu. Book in quickly to secure your place by Sunday 1 November. The Blacksmiths Arms, Chelford Road, Henbury, Macclesfield SK11 9PG. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
30

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 27 November. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



December

TUES 01 A Festive Altrincham Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our festive coffee morning this month. Book by Monday 30 November. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 02 Handforth and Altrincham Christmas Lunch at The Slow & Easy in Lostock Gralam



Guaranteed delicious Christmas meal, great value, fabulous friendly customer



service and a chance to spend festive time with your Oddfellows friends, hosted by the Handforth and Altrincham committee. Put on your Christmas jumper and join us to kick off your festive season. Menu will be available in November and pre order and payment will also be required then. Book by Sunday 1 November. The Slow & Easy, Manchester Road, Northwich, Macclesfield CW9 7PJ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 03 Green Fingers Festive Online Coffee Morning



A very festive catch up with your online friends for this month's green fingers. Is anyone making any festive decorations this year? Let's share festive preparations. Please ask Sharon for the Zoom link to join in at sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.

FRI 04 Visit to St Mary's Community Christmas Tree Festival in Lymm



Our Oddfellows Christmas tree will be on display at the Lymm Christmas Tree Festival.



Join us to walk around the indoor trees, enjoy some delicious festive treats and listen to local school bands who will be performing throughout Friday. The festival is on all weekend if you are unable to join us today. Book by Tuesday 1 December. St Mary's Church, 46 Rectory Lane, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0AL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

December

MON 07 A Festive Macclesfield Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends. We have also booked us in to enjoy a festive lunch at Arighi Bianchi today, Christmas menus will be available from November. Book by Tuesday 1 December. Arighi Bianchi Café Bar, The Silk Road, Macclesfield SK10 1LH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 09 A Festive Northwich Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our festive coffee morning this month. Book by Tuesday 8 December. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES 15 A Festive Knutsford Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our festive coffee morning this month. Book by Monday 14 December. Fryers Garden Centre - The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



MON 21 A Festive Wilmslow Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our festive coffee morning this month. Book by Friday 18 December. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, Altrincham SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

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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:

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Photos from recent social events

Altrincham Coffee Morning



Chinese lunch at The Choy Hing in Grappenhall.



Macclesfield coffee morning.

Wilmslow Coffee Morning





Talk by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare team.

Visit to the Primrose Festival at E Smith & Sons in Lymm



The Reluctant Shepherdess Talk



Knutsford Coffee Morning



Northwich Coffee Morning



Winner of the chocolate prize.



Refresh Knutsford.



Knutsford Workhouse Talk.



Lunch in Northwich.



Northwich NEW coffee morning started in January.



Friday lunch.

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 **Sharon** on **01925 758117** or email sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk.

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions.

Support with fundraising and donations

Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

£10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa.

HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

**Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.

At a glance

July 2026

Mon 6	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 9	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	9am
Mon 13	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 13	Visit to Safety Central in Lymm	3pm
Wed 15	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 21	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Sun 26	Sunday Lunch at The Crown in Goostrey	1pm
Mon 27	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 29	Committee of Management Meeting	1pm

August

Mon 3	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 6	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 10	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 12	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 18	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 19	Visit to Saica Paper Mill in Partington	10am
Mon 24	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 26	Talk by the Cheshire East Recycling Team	2pm
Fri 28	Lunch at The Barn Owl in Lymm	1pm

September - Friendship Month

Tues 1	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 3	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning featuring a special Talk by Roger	11am
Mon 7	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 9	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 10	Theatre Trip to see 'Come From Away'	8pm
Tues 15	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea and a Roses Talk	11am
Sun 20	Sunday Lunch at The Three Greyhounds in Allostock	1pm
Fri 25	Chinese Lunch at The Choy Hing Village in Grappenhall	12 noon
Mon 28	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 28	Theatre Trip to see 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen	7.30pm
Wed 30	Committee of Management Meeting followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning	11am

At a glance

October

Mon 5	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 8	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 12	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 14	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 20	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 21	Celebrate with Sharon - 20 years at the Oddfellows	1pm
Mon 26	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 30	Lunch at The Green Dragon in Lymm	1pm

November

Mon 2	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 5	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 9	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 11	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 16	Theatre Trip to see 'Blackadder'	7.30pm
Tues 17	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 23	Committee of Management Meeting	11am
Wed 25	Talk by Local Historian Jenny Collis on The Knutsford Prison	2pm
Sun 29	Sunday Lunch at The Blacksmiths Arms in Henbury	1pm
Mon 30	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am

December

Tues 1	A Festive Altrincham Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 2	Handforth and Altrincham Christmas Lunch at The Slow & Easy in Lostock Gralam	12 noon
Thurs 3	Green Fingers Festive Online Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 4	Visit to St Mary's Community Christmas Tree Festival in Lymm	1pm
Mon 7	A Festive Macclesfield Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 9	A Festive Northwich Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 15	A Festive Knutsford Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 21	A Festive Wilmslow Coffee Morning	11am