



out & about

South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire District



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Welcome to our Out and About Events Diary for July to December 2026.

Dear Members and Friends

We have listened to our members and added lots of new events, something for everyone. If there is something you would really like to do and it's not in our diary, please call or email us, as we are always wanting new suggestions from our lovely members.

Just a reminder to book as far in advance as possible for events, especially for meals out, as many venues now require deposits and pre-orders for large groups. Also, due to roadworks on Corporation Street, the Rotherham pick-up point for our day trips will be outside the Bridge Inn pub on Greasborough Road.

Lastly, we always love to see our members and you are all more than welcome to pop in the office for a cuppa and a chat. However, at the moment, we have lots of renovation work being done in the office, so please give us a call before you pop in.

Please remember we are always here for you. If you need any advice, have a query or just fancy a good old chat, just pick up the phone and ring 01709 838673. We would love to hear from you.

With Love
Lesley and Julie

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Members may be asked to show their Membership cards at social functions.

How To Get Involved

If you, or someone you care about, would benefit from a friendly, supportive community, South Yorkshire Oddfellows would love to hear from you. Whether you start with a talk, lunch, or a gentle walk, you will be warmly welcomed. Bring a friend along - the more the merrier! Please contact Lesley or Julie on 01709 838673 or email lesley.walton@oddfellows.co.uk or julie.davis@oddfellows.co.uk



Regular Events

Hollywood Bowl



11am



Pay direct to
Hollywood Bowl



Various Days

Join us for a morning of fun and laughter. Who will get a strike and who will be our winner? Meet at 11am in the reception area of Hollywood Bowl. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Hollywood Bowl, Valley Centertainment, Sheffield Leisure Park, Broughton Lane, Sheffield S9 2EP. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Friday 17 July
Wednesday 19 August
Monday 21 September

Friday 23 October
Thursday 19 November
Monday 14 December

Oddfellows Open Day



11am



Free



Various Days

Have you picked one of our diaries up from your local doctors or dentists. Do you or your friends want to make new friends, join in our activities, have meals out, go for walks or day trips away? If so, please come along to one of our open mornings and bring your friends with you. As you know, there is a lot more to the Oddfellows and we would love to meet new people and extend our friendship family. Please spread the word, there is no need to book, just pop into the office for a cuppa and a slice of cake any time between 11am and 1pm. We would love to see you. Oddfellows House, 40 Westgate, Rotherham S60 1AS. Contact the office on 01709 838673.



Monday 6 July
Thursday 6 August
Wednesday 23 September

Tuesday 27 October
Monday 9 November
Monday 7 December

July 2026

WED 01 Sheffield Social Afternoon

L 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Joan Harthan joins us this afternoon to give her talk on 'How to understand your dreams', focusing on the basic rules of dream analysis and interpretation. Everyone welcome. Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.

TUES 07 Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion



L 12.30pm

£ Pay direct to Red Lion



Come for a spot of shopping in the town centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at the Wetherspoons Red Lion pub. Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Irish Bingo' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion, 37-38 Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



THURS 09 Oddie's Hikers at Meersbrook Park, Sheffield

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for a walk around this popular park. Meet in the car park at 11am.



The car park is on Brook Road S8 9FL. Alternative on-street parking is available on surrounding roads, such as Meersbrook Park Road. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Meersbrook Park, Brook Road, Sheffield S8 9FL. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 14 Sheffield Dine Around at Proove

L 12.30pm

£ Pay direct to Proove



Join us at this Neapolitan pizza restaurant, which serves award-winning authentic pizza and small plates. Their dough is made with only the best Italian 00-grade flour, slow-proved for 20 hours, hand-stretched, topped with the finest ingredients and cooked to perfection. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Proove, 16-17 Orchard Square, Sheffield S1 2FB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

July 2026

THURS
16

Bite to Eat at The Brentwood



1pm



Pay direct to
The Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at the Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
22

Brunch Bunch at The Minster View

New
Time



12 noon



Pay direct to The
Minster View



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at this popular local café. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Pre-orders are required and a menu will be sent out when you book. Please note that we will be seated upstairs, so this venue will not be suitable for members/guests with mobility issues. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Minster View, 45 Bridgegate, Rotherham S60 1GB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



FRI
24

Mansion House Visit - Doncaster



10.45am



Free



Join us for an informative tour of Doncaster's elegant Mansion House. A focus for civic pride, it has dominated the High Street for over 250 years.



Image - Warofdreams - File:Doncaster Mansion House. CC BY-SA 3.0

The friends of Mansion House will give us a guided tour of the house and it's history and then afterwards, we can have coffee and cake in their café.

The tour commences at 11am, so please meet inside at 10.45am. Booking is essential before Friday 17 July to secure your place. Everyone welcome. Mansion House, 45 High Street, Doncaster DN1 1BN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES
28

Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Gallaghers



11am



Pay direct to
Gallaghers



Join us at Gallaghers for brunch. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Gallaghers Café, 8-10 The Arcade, Barnsley S70 2QN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

July 2026

THURS 30 **Barnsley Social Afternoon**



2pm



Members Free
Guests £3



Clare Morris-Shepherd from NatWest Bank talks to us, to give us a better understanding of fraud and scams. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.



August

TUES 11 **Brunch Bunch at Wonky Café**



12 noon



Pay direct to
Wonky Cafe



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at Wonky Café. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Wonky Café, 9-10 Old Town Hall, Rotherham S60 1QX. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



August

FRI 07 **Travels by Train to York**



TBC



TBC



Join us for a day out in York, the place many consider to be the jewel in Yorkshire's crown. Exact meeting times and stations to be confirmed depending on the train times.

Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Doncaster Train Station, Station Approach, Doncaster DN1 1PJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



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

THURS
13

Day Trip to Morecambe



9am



Members £20, Guests £25



Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside! Join us for a day out to Morecambe, with it's nostalgic seaside charm. Key highlights include the restored Art Deco Midland Hotel, the iconic Eric Morecambe statue and of course, the beautiful promenade. As it's the school holidays, we have a special offer for potential junior members. Join your grandchildren/nephew/nieces etc, who are under 16 years old for £10 and they can come along on the day trip free! They will also receive a goody bag full of treats for the journey.



Change of pick-up point in Rotherham: Due to long standing roadworks outside Mecca Bingo, the coach will now drop-off and pick-up outside The Bridge Inn, Rotherham. Pick-up points: 9am at The Bridge Inn, 227 Greasbrough Road, Rotherham S60 1RB. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. The Bridge Inn, 227 Greasbrough Road, Rotherham S60 1RB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

MON
17

Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist

New
Time



12 noon



Pay direct to
Barley Twist



A member recommendation and new for this diary. Join us for a delicious brunch at this popular pub/restaurant, where the menu is varied and the staff are very welcoming. Please note the new meeting time of 12noon. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Barley Twist, High Fisher Gate, Doncaster DN1 1QZ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES
25

Sheffield Dine Around at Miller and Carter



12.30pm



Pay direct to
Miller and
Carter



Renowned for their amazing steaks, Miller and Carter is the place to be! Their menu is very varied and they have lots of other options too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Miller & Carter, 51-55 Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 2LG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



August

FRI
28

Oddie's Hikers at Cusworth Park, Doncaster



11am



Free



The historic parkland surrounding Cusworth Hall is open to the public every day of the year. It's the perfect location for picnics and walks with the dog. Meet in the car park

at 11am. For information regarding public transport, please contact Julie, our Social Organiser, who will be happy to help you. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends.

Cusworth Park, Cusworth Road, Doncaster DN5 7TU. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

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September

TUES
01

Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion



12.30pm



Pay direct to Red Lion



Come for a spot of shopping in the town centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old



and new at the Wetherspoons Red Lion pub. Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Killer Dominoes' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion, 37-38 Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED
02

Sheffield Social Afternoon



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £3



Sue Woodcock speaks to us today with her talk 'From Copper to Shepherd'. After an unusual childhood, Sue joined the police and served nearly 30 years in different roles. Upon retirement, she became a shepherd in the Yorkshire Dales. We are sure you will enjoy her story. Everyone welcome. Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.

September

FRI
04

Golf Fang, Sheffield



2.30pm



£12.50 in advance



Back by popular demand! Golf Fang, Sheffield, is not your average crazy golf course and they don't do things by half! With 18 holes of pure entertainment in an environment surrounded by bespoke art, there's something new to explore at every turn. With an amazing atmosphere, we are sure to have a fun afternoon. Please note: We need to pay in advance and the golf experience that we are doing is £12.50 per person, so we would appreciate payment at the time of booking. We will meet in the reception area at 2.15pm. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Golf Fang Sheffield, 100-106 John Street, Sheffield S2 4QU. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

MON
07

Afternoon Tea at Cavells



1.30pm



£10



As it's Friendship Month, we thought we would put something special on. We have organised an afternoon tea at one of our member favourites - Cavells and as we are such good customers, we have got a special price of £10 per person. Places are limited, so we are doing this event again the following week. A £5 deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Members take priority for these events, so if you do wish to bring along a guest, they will be put on a waiting list. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Cavells, 31 High Street, Sheffield S1 2GA. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

Circle
September for
new friendships



Who can you invite
along to join in the
friendship and fun?

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com

September

WED
09

Nottingham Princess River Cruise



L 9.45am

£ Members £45
Guests £50



A Friendship Month special day out! We are teaming up with Nottingham Trent Branch to go on a three-hour river cruise whilst enjoying a live commentary and meal. The cost of this trip, which includes the coach, will be £45 (member rate) and £50 (guest rate). This will be a very popular event, so we advise that you book as soon as possible to secure your place. A £10 deposit per person is required at the time of booking.

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FRI
11

Chippy Lunch at Plaice To Be

L 12.30pm

£ Pay direct to
Plaice To Be



Join us for lunch at The Plaice To Be, a member favourite. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Plaice To Be, 4 Bridgegate, Rotherham S60 1PQ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



MON
14

Afternoon Tea at Cavells

L 1.30pm

£ £10



As it's Friendship Month, we thought we would put something special on. We have organised an afternoon tea at one of our member favourites - Cavells and as we are such good customers, we have got a special price of £10 per person. Places are limited, so we are doing this event twice. A £5 deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Members take priority for these events, so if you do wish to bring along a guest, they will be put on a waiting list. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Cavells, 31 High Street, Sheffield S1 2GA. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

September

TUES
15

Brunch Bunch at Noshys



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at this popular local café. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Noshys, 8 Upper Millgate, Rotherham S60 1PF. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS
17

Oddie's Hikers at Elsecar Park and Heritage Centre



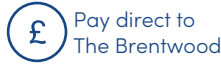
Join us for a walk around Elsecar Park. We will meet in the car park at Elsecar Heritage Centre at 11am and



from there, walk to the park, which is nearby and then afterwards return to the Heritage Centre for a look around and a bite to eat (the Heritage Centre is dog friendly). The postcode for Elsecar Heritage Centre is S74 8HJ and it will be the Forge Lane Car Park. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office and she will advise you. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome including our four-legged friends. Elsecar Heritage Centre, Forge Lane, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8HJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES
22

Bite to Eat at The Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at The Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS
24

Barnsley Social Afternoon



Peter Slater joins us this afternoon to talk to us about his career as a Radio Sports Reporter and his amusing experiences of being ignored by the sporting world's rich and famous! Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.



September

FRI 25 Lunch at Neelagiree Restaurant New

🕒 12.30pm 💷 Pay direct to Neelagiree 🍴🍽️🍴

Join us for lunch at this well established and popular restaurant, which serves South Indian cuisine. Choose from the main menu or try a Thali, which is an Indian-style meal made up of various dishes which are served on a platter. A great option if you would like to try a variety of food. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Neelagiree, 4 Westgate, Rotherham S60 1AN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 29 Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café

🕒 12.30pm 💷 Pay direct to Cooper Gallery Cafe 🍴🍽️🍴

One of our member's favourite cafés, which serve a delicious range of food and drinks. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. **Please note:** This is a cash only venue. Cooper Gallery Café, Church Street, Barnsley S70 2AH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



October

TUES 06 Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion New Venue

🕒 12.30pm 💷 Pay direct to Red Lion 🍴🍽️🍴

Come for a spot of shopping in the town centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at the Wetherspoons Red Lion pub. Afterwards, stay for a game of '5 Second Rule, Spintensity' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion, 37-38 Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 07 Sheffield Social Afternoon

🕒 1.30pm 💷 Members Free Guests £3 🗣️🗣️

David Templeman joins us for his fascinating talk about 'Hauntings and Highwaymen'. This is one of a series of talks he does on his Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield Series, featuring Beauchief, Malin Bridge, Tinsley, Carbook and Norton. Everyone welcome. Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.



October

MON 12 **Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist** New Time

 12 noon  Pay direct to Barley Twist 

A member recommendation and new for this diary. Join us for a delicious brunch at this popular pub/restaurant, where the menu is varied and the staff are very welcoming. Please note the new meeting time of 12 noon. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Barley Twist, High Fisher Gate, Doncaster DN1 1QZ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS 15 **Brunch Bunch at Grimm and Co** New Time

 12 noon  Pay direct to Grimm and Co 

Not only does this café have a lovely enchanting theme, it's beautiful inside too. The food is also delicious and afterwards, there is a gift shop that you can have a meander around. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Grimm & Co, Ship Hill, Rotherham S60 2HG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



TUES 20 **Sheffield Dine Around at Café Piazza**

 12.30pm  Pay direct to Cafe Piazza 

Join us for lunch at this popular family-run Italian café. Enjoy home-made Italian food in a warm, relaxed atmosphere. As we are a large group, the café will require pre-orders and a £10 deposit per person, which needs to be paid at the time of booking. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Café Piazza, 18 Church Street, Sheffield S1 2GN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 21 **Oddie's Hikers at Wickersley Woods and Winthrop Gardens**

 11am  Free 

Join us for a member favourite walk around Wickersley Woods and then down to Winthrop Gardens for a refreshing drink and a slice of cake. Meet at the first entrance to the woods on Wood Lane in Wickersley (from Morthen Road, go on to Wood Lane, halfway down, the entrance is on the right, opposite the two cottages). If you need public transport information, please contact Julie in the office and she will find out for you. For your sat navs, use postcode: S66 1JX. There is plenty of street parking on Wood Lane. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Wickersley Woods, Wood Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 1JT. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

October

WED
28

Travels by Train to Stockport



Join us for a trip to the wonderful historical market town of Stockport. There is lots to see and do. Apart from the usual town centre shops, a few places of interest are the Robinsons Brewery, where there is a museum and if you are lucky, you may see the Shire horses which are often on site. Another place of interest is Staircase House. A medieval townhouse, which is now a museum, it has excellent reviews and the audio guide is highly recommended.

Last, but not least, why not pop into the Stockport Plaza for a bite to eat in their wonderful café. The building is a 1930s Art Deco design and the furniture inside relates to that era. The staff in the café dress in traditional white aprons and you will really feel like you have gone back in time. Hope you will join us, for what promises to be a great day out. Exact meeting times and stations to be confirmed depending on the train times. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Sheffield Train Station, Sheaf Street, Sheffield S1 2BP. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS
29

Barnsley Social Afternoon



Ann Featherstone will entertain us with some ghostly tales. A collection of ghost



stories, poems and legends. A spooky collection of shivers for Halloween! Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

November

TUES
03

Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion



Come for a spot of shopping in the town centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at the Wetherspoons Red Lion pub. Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Stand Up Bingo' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion, 37-38 Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

November

WED 04 Sheffield Social Afternoon

🕒 1.30pm 💷 Members Free
Guests £3 🗨️

Clare Morris-Shepherd from NatWest Bank talks to us to give us a better understanding of fraud and scams.



Everyone welcome. Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.

FRI 06 Lunch at Neelagiree Restaurant

🕒 12.30pm 💷 Pay direct to Neelagiree 🍴

Join us for lunch at this well established and popular restaurant, which serves South Indian cuisine. Choose from the main menu or try a Thali, which is an Indian-style meal made up of various dishes which are served on a platter. A great option if you would like to try a variety of food. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Neelagiree, 4 Westgate, Rotherham S60 1AN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



THURS 12 Brunch Bunch at Ow Do Café

🕒 12 noon 💷 Pay direct to Ow Do Cafe 🍴

New Time

Back by popular demand is this popular local café, which is a short walk just over the bridge, behind the bus station. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Ow Do Café, Unit 3, RWS House, 105 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1BL. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



TUES 17 Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Old George Coffee House

🕒 11am 💷 Pay direct to Old George Coffee House 🍴

A new one for our Barnsley Brunch Bunch! A popular café, with a varied menu and a relaxed ambience. Come along and check it



out! Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Old George Coffee House, 14 Market Hill, Barnsley S70 2QE. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

November

TUES
24

Sheffield Dine Around at The Museum



12.30pm



Pay direct to
The Museum



Join us for some proper pub grub at one of our member's favourite pubs, As we are a large party, pre-orders are required and we will send you out a menu at the time of booking. Places are limited at this venue, so book as early as possible to secure your place. Everyone welcome. The Museum, 25 Orchard Square, Sheffield S1 2GX. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



THURS
26

Barnsley Social Afternoon



2pm



Members Free
Guests £3



Alan Hancock joins us this month for the second part of his 'Jack the Ripper' talk. Part two tells us about the actual identity of Jack the Ripper. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

FRI
27

Bite to Eat at The Brentwood



1pm



Pay direct to
The Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at The Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

MON
30

Oddie's Hikers at Thrybergh Country Park



11am



Free



Join us for a walk around this popular country park. After we have worked up an appetite after our walk, we can have a bite to eat in their homely café. Meet at the front of the café at 11am. The postcode is S65 4NU and there is ample parking on site. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Victorian Tea Rooms, 12 The Arcade, Barnsley S70 2QN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



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December

TUES
01

Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion



12.30pm

£ Pay direct to Red Lion



Come for a spot of shopping in the town centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at the Wetherspoons Red Lion pub. Afterwards, stay for a 'Christmas Quiz' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion, 37-38 Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
02

Sheffield Social Afternoon

1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Mark Dawson joins us to engage us in a saucy tale! The story of 'Henderson's Relish', from it's humble beginning in a Victorian grocer's shop to international renown. Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.



FRI
04

Christmas Shopping at Boundary Mills and Chippy Lunch at Whitbys

11am

£ Free



Back by popular demand! Join us for a spot of Christmas shopping and then afterwards for lunch at Whitby's Fish and Chips.



We're meeting in the foyer of Boundary Mills at 11am. If you would just like to come for fish and chips, we're meeting at Whitbys at 1pm. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Boundary Mills, Catcliffe, Rotherham S60 5BD. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

MON
07

Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist



12 noon

£ Pay direct to Barley Twist



A member recommendation and new for this diary. Join us for a delicious brunch at this popular pub/restaurant, where the menu is varied and the staff are very welcoming. Please note the new meeting time of 12 noon. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Barley Twist, High Fisher Gate, Doncaster DN1 1QZ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

December

TUES
08

Sheffield Dine Around at Chinese Kitchen



Just around the corner from the Crucible Theatre is the Chinese Kitchen. Recommended by one of our members, you can get a set menu of a soup, a starter, main and side for under £15! What a bargain! Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Chinese Kitchen, 43 George Street, Sheffield S1 2PF. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



THURS
10

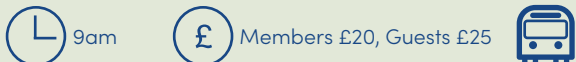
Christmas Lunch at the Crowne Plaza



There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to have a Christmas lunch! Join us for a three-course Christmas lunch at the Crowne Plaza, where we will have our own private dining room downstairs. The cost is £29 per person, please pay in advance. Monies need to be in for Sunday 1 November. Booking is essential, so book early to secure your place. Meet in the Crowne Plaza reception area at 12 noon. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm. Everyone welcome. Crowne Plaza, Victoria Station Road, Sheffield S4 7YE. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
09

Oddfellows Winter Outing to Harrogate and Harrogate Christmas Market



Join us for a lovely day out in Harrogate. It's a lovely little town and there is lots to see and do and the Christmas Market will give the town a festive atmosphere. Change of pick-up point in Rotherham: Due to long standing roadworks outside Mecca Bingo, the coach will now drop-off and pick-up outside The Bridge Inn, Rotherham. Pick-up points: 9am at The Bridge Inn, 227 Greasbrough Road, Rotherham S60 1RB. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. The Bridge Inn, 227 Greasbrough Road, Rotherham S60 1RB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



December

TUES 15 Travels by Train to Nottingham



Join us for a day out in Nottingham. There is lots to see and do and the Christmas Market will be on, so we



can treat ourselves to a mulled wine! Exact meeting times and stations to be confirmed depending on the train times. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Sheffield Train Station, Sheaf Street, Sheffield S1 2BP. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS 17 Brunch Bunch at Heavenly Desserts



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at Heavenly Desserts. The menu is varied and it's not just sweet treats. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Heavenly Desserts, Unit 5, Forge Island, Rotherham S60 1QJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



MON 21 The Adventures of Peter Pan Pantomime at Rotherham Civic Theatre



We are very excited to announce that we are off to the panto again this year! "Oh no we're not..." "Oh yes, we are!" We have secured a date close to Christmas to get us in the Christmas spirit! Tickets are £25 each. This will be a very popular event, so please book as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday 31 July and payment is required at the time of booking as we have to pay the theatre. We will meet in the foyer of Rotherham Civic Theatre at 2pm. The panto begins at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome. Rotherham Civic Theatre, Catherine Street, Rotherham S65 1EB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.





Soap Quiz (Answers on page 28)

1. What river can be seen in the opening credits of Eastenders?
2. Which British medical drama first aired in 1986?
3. In Holby City, what is the senior nurse Charlie's surname?
4. In which city is Coronation St currently filmed?
5. Who is the longest serving main character in Eastenders?
6. Rosie Marcel played which character in Holby City?
7. Which house number do the Bailey family live at in Coronation St?
8. Ramsay St is the fictional location of which Australian soap opera?
9. Since it first aired, Hollyoaks has been broadcast on which British TV Channel?
10. How many times was Eastenders character Pat Butcher married?



Film Anagrams (Answers on page 28)

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| 1. In Attic
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| 2. Chopys
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| 3. Not Pug
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| 4. Wheel Loan
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| 5. Wheat Odor Fizz
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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.



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 Lesley on **01709 838673** or email lesley.walton@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**

At a glance

July 2026

Wed 1	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Mon 6	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Tues 7	New Venue - Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion	12.30pm
Thurs 9	Oddie's Hikers at Meersbrook Park, Sheffield	11am
Tues 14	Sheffield Dine Around at Proove	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Bite to Eat at The Brentwood	1pm
Fri 17	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Wed 22	New Time - Brunch Bunch at The Minster View	12 noon
Fri 24	Mansion House Visit - Doncaster	10.45am
Tues 28	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Gallaghers	11am
Thurs 30	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm

August

Thurs 6	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Fri 7	Travels by Train to York	TBC
Tues 11	New Time - Brunch Bunch at Wonky Café	12 noon
Thurs 13	Day Trip to Morecambe	9am
Mon 17	New Time - Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist	12 noon
Wed 19	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 25	Sheffield Dine Around at Miller and Carter	12.30pm
Fri 28	Oddie's Hikers at Cusworth Park, Doncaster	11am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 1	New Venue - Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion	12.30pm
Wed 2	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 4	Golf Fang, Sheffield	2.30pm
Mon 7	Afternoon Tea at Cavells	1.30pm
Wed 9	Nottingham Princess River Cruise	9.45am
Fri 11	Chippy Lunch at Plaice To Be	12.30pm
Mon 14	Afternoon Tea at Cavells	1.30pm
Tues 15	New Time - Brunch Bunch at Noshys	12 noon
Thurs 17	Oddie's Hikers at Elsecar Park and Heritage Centre	11am

At a glance

September - Friendship Month

Mon 21	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 22	Bite to Eat at The Brentwood	1pm
Wed 23	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Thurs 24	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm
Fri 25	New - Lunch at Neelagiree Restaurant	12.30pm
Tues 29	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café	12.30pm

October

Tues 6	New Venue - Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion	12.30pm
Wed 7	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Mon 12	New Time - Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist	12 noon
Thurs 15	New Time - Brunch Bunch at Grimm and Co	12 noon
Tues 20	Sheffield Dine Around at Café Piazza	12.30pm
Wed 21	Oddie's Hikers at Wickersley Woods and Winthrop Gardens	11am
Fri 23	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 27	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Wed 28	Travels by Train to Stockport	TBC
Thurs 29	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm

November

Tues 3	New Venue - Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion	12.30pm
Wed 4	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 6	New - Lunch at Neelagiree Restaurant	12.30pm
Mon 9	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Thurs 12	New Time - Brunch Bunch at Ow Do Café	12 noon
Tues 17	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Old George Coffee House	11am
Thurs 19	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 24	Sheffield Dine Around at The Museum	12.30pm
Thurs 26	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm
Fri 27	Bite to Eat at The Brentwood	1pm
Mon 30	Oddie's Hikers at Thrybergh Country Park	11am

At a glance

December

Tues 1	New Venue - Doncaster Social Afternoon at The Red Lion	12.30pm
Wed 2	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 4	Christmas Shopping at Boundary Mills and Chippy Lunch at Whitbys	11am
Mon 7	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Mon 7	New Time - Doncaster Brunch Bunch at Barley Twist	12 noon
Tues 8	Sheffield Dine Around at Chinese Kitchen	12.30pm
Wed 9	Oddfellows Winter Outing to Harrogate and Harrogate Christmas Market	9am
Thurs 10	Christmas Lunch at the Crowne Plaza	12 noon
Mon 14	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 15	Travels by Train to Nottingham	TBC
Thurs 17	New Time - Brunch Bunch at Heavenly Desserts	12 noon
Mon 21	The Adventures of Peter Pan Pantomime at Rotherham Civic Theatre	2.30pm

Soap Quiz on page 20

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| 1. River Thames | 5. Ian Beale | 9. Channel 4 |
| 2. Casualty | 6. Jac Naylor | 10. 4 |
| 3. Fairhead | 7. 3 | |
| 4. Salford | 8. Neighbours | |

Film Anagrams on page 20

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| 1. Titanic | 5. The Wizard of Oz | 9. Harry Potter |
| 2. Psycho | 6. The Godfather | 10. Forrest Gump |
| 3. Top Gun | 7. Rocky | |
| 4. Halloween | 8. Batman | |