

October 2025 – March 2026



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## Halifax Branch



Haworth, West Yorkshire



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Coffee Morning  
/Afternoon Tea



History



*Christmas Meal at Long Can Hall  
Thursday 18 December 2025*

## Welcome to the latest edition of the Halifax District Branch Events Diary.

We hope you are keeping well. A varied programme of events has been organised for you all and we want to see as many of you as possible having fun and socialising at them. Our Social Organiser, Katie, regular members and I would love to see as many of you as possible so please do come along, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

We are here to support and help you when needed and all you need to do is ask. We are pleased to introduce Dawn Terblanche our new Welfare Visitor who joined the Branch on 1st September 2025. Our District officials, such as Branch Secretary and Welfare Visitor are happy to talk to members by phone and can also send letters, emails and text messages.

## Contact Details

**For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary**

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They try to reach out to you and want you to feel comfortable in communicating so let us know how you would prefer for us to get in touch and we will do what is best for you.

You will find details about Care and Welfare Support on page 21, please feel free to contact Dawn, Debra or the Care Department if you need any support.

Oddfellows provide national online events for our members every week, which all members are welcome to attend regardless of location. Enjoy, make new friends and experience the friendly welcome of an Oddfellows get together in the comfort of your own home. They are accessible to all with an internet connection so if you are struggling to get out or fancy a change, why not try one? If you need more details, please contact the Branch.

All members are welcome to get involved in activities, events and in running the Branch. You will be most welcome and appreciated.

Please see page 22 for further details and speak with Debra if you would like more information or to get involved.

Your wellbeing is especially important to us. We try to put nice walks on through the summer and indoor exercises through the winter. We usually run classes to help with your strength, balance, fitness and wellbeing. We like to provide activities that you will enjoy so please let us know whether you would like to see any activities or events offered.

We are working hard to stay connected with you and make sure that there is plenty of interesting activities for you to do, make you feel welcome and offer support when needed and we truly hope you get lots out of being an Oddfellow.

**Unless otherwise stated, any refreshments purchased whilst out on visits are at menu prices and if no price is stated for an activity then it's free. Transport may be available for visits, please enquire.**

Unless otherwise stated event, bookings and queries are through Katie on Telephone/Text: **07854281191** or email: **[katie.caufield@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:katie.caufield@oddfellows.co.uk)**

You can also get in touch with Katie should you wish to pay by bank transfer for social events.

## **A bit about us...**

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit Friendly Society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as supporting our members through a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for our members. For more information visit **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

# Regular Events

## Pilates



11am



Members £2  
Guests £3



**Fortnightly Thursdays**



Pilates classes at Oddies Hall. For those who have not tried it before, Pilates trains the whole body as an integrated whole, focusing on core, lower body and upper body strength as well as flexibility, balance and posture. Pilates is one of the best ways for all ages to get fit and can be done standing or seated and at the individuals own level of intensity. You are never too old to begin your Pilates practice. If you are active, you are ready to start. If you have any pre-existing conditions or have not been active for a while, consult with your doctor before beginning any new exercise.

Please book prior to first attending. We can enjoy a tea, coffee and a chat afterwards. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Please contact Katie before first attending on 07854 281191.

**2025**

**9 and 23 October  
6 and 20 November  
4 December**

**2026**

**15 and 29 January  
12 and 26 February  
12 and 26 March**

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**

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# October 2025

THURS  
02

## Dean Clough Gallery and Lucy's Little Bakehouse

🕒 11am

£ As per  
menu



Let's take a look around the art gallery and shop inside Dean Clough, before heading for a coffee and treat at the cake shop next door. A lovely gem right on our doorstep! Transport may be available, please enquire. Lucy's Little Bakehouse, Bowling Mill Courtyard 3, Dean Clough, Halifax HX3 5AX. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON  
06

## Tea at The Wyke Lion

🕒 6.30pm

£ As per  
menu



Join us for tea at the Wyke Lion, sure to be delicious after looking at their menu! Two courses for £22.95, so why not treat yourself to a starter or pudding too. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 29 September 2025. Wyke Lion, Whitehall Road, Wyke, Bradford BD12 8LL. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON  
13

## Branch Meeting

🕒 1pm

£ Free



This meeting is specifically looking at investments and to see what is happening at the moment in the District. All members welcome and encouraged to attend. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Debra on 07572 986452.

THURS  
16

## Smart Darts

🕒 11am

£ £4



Darts, but not as you know it! A supercharged darts board with revolutionary technology, automatically detecting where your darts have landed and displaying results on a scoreboard. Let us see how good our aim is and who will come out on the top of the leaderboard!

Maximum 10 places so book early to avoid missing out. Price may vary depending on numbers.

Book by Thursday 2 October 2025. Electric Bowl, 70 Commercial Street, Halifax HX1 2JE. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# October

MON  
20

## Lawless Ladies - Female Criminals of the last 1,000 years



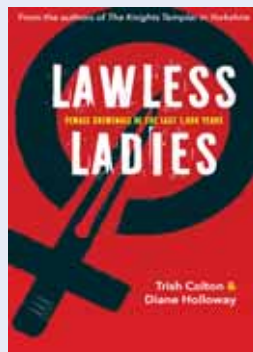
7.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £4.50



For more than a millennium, women have been committing murder, theft, forgery, scams and rebellion. There have been rampaging female gangs, as well as women being found guilty of piracy, highway robbery, witchcraft and religious crimes. This talk is based on a book written by one of our members and her sister. It will be available for sale at 20% discount on RRP after the talk, should you wish to find out more! The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



# November

MON  
10

## Quoits



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Always a firm favourite to have a good laugh! Join us for an evening of Quoits and see which team is the most competitive. Surely this time round some of us may have improved our aim! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS  
13

## Rex Cinema



10.15am



£5



Join us to watch a film at the lovely local Rex Cinema in Elland. The film shown will be announced the week before but it is sure to be a great one! Refreshments are available at the interval. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 6 November 2025. Rex Cinema Elland, Coronation St, Elland HX5 0DF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Find us at  OddfellowsUK



# November

## MON 17 A Talk from Tom Palmer

 7.30pm  Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50 

Local, published author Tom Palmer will visit us to talk about how he became a writer. He will share how he gets his inspirations for writing new books and how he carries out his research. Sure to be a fascinating evening. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## MON 24 Charity Race Night

 7.30pm  Members £4.50  
Guests £5.50 



A fun race night for charity with friends – pick your horse, place your bet and they're off! This night is for charity, the money we make will go to the Chairman's chosen charity for their year of office; this year it is Alzheimer's Society (Halifax). Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## THURS 27 A Trip to Haworth

 11am  As per menu 

Haworth is a beautiful place and will hopefully be decorated ready for the festive season to make it a little more magical. We can visit the quirky shops and get fish and chips for lunch, or maybe something from one of the delicious bakeries. Haworth is a steep hill so may not be suitable for some with mobility difficulties. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 13 November 2025. Haworth Car Park, North Street, Haworth BD22 8DG. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# December

## MON 01 Mince Pie Taste Test

 7.30pm  Members £3  
Guests £4 

Let's kick off December in the best way, with mince pies! A range of mince pies will be taste tested and we will vote for the best one, so that we can decide which is best to buy, ready to leave out for Santa! Feel free to bring your home baked mince pies to add to the testing. Tea and coffee will be provided. Book by Monday 24 November 2025. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# December

SUN  
07

## Christmas Party!



2pm



Members £7  
Guests £8



Come and celebrate the festive season at our annual Christmas get together. Let's share delicious food and good company with a buffet, games and a quiz. Let's get the party season started! Note the earlier booking date than usual, this is due to using outside catering – we need bookings by that date please and payment upon booking along with any dietary requirements. Book by Monday 3 November 2025. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

MON  
15

## Committee of Management and Branch Meeting



1pm



Free



This is the last meeting in 2025 and is to pass that the secretary can close the Year End Accounts ready for audit and any other business. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Debra on 07572 986452.

THURS  
11

## A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story



6.45pm



Members £10, Guests £11



Mark Gatiss' spine-tingling adaptation is faithful to the heart and spirit of Charles Dickens' much-loved festive ghost story. It's Christmas Eve. As the cold, bleak night draws in, the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge is confronted by the spirit of his former business partner, Jacob Marley. Bound in chains as punishment for a lifetime of greed, the unearthly figure explains it is not too late for Scrooge to change his miserly ways in order to escape the same fate. Please note the early booking date so that we can secure tickets. Book by Thursday 6 November 2025. Halifax Playhouse, King Cross Street, Halifax HX1 2SH. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



# December

THURS  
18

## Christmas Meal at Long Can Hall



4.30pm



As per  
menu



Come and enjoy a delicious Christmas meal at Long Can Hall, a great traditional pub. The menu and price will be confirmed nearer the time, but two or three courses will be available. Menu choices to be given upon booking once the menu is confirmed. Sure to be a wonderful celebration with friends. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Saturday 13 November 2025. Long Can Hall, Fountain Head Village, Ovenden Wood Road HX2 0TQ. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



# January 2026

THURS  
08

## Winter Crafts



11am



Members £4  
Guests £5



After the success of summer crafts, let's put our crafty skills to some winter themed items. A range of crafts will be supplied so come and join us getting arty whilst having a chat. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Thursday 18 December 2025. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON  
12

## Dominoes



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Always a popular event, let's get together and play our many versions of dominoes with friends. Try your hand at the regular game or stretch your brain with triominoes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



# January 2026

MON  
05

## New Year Natter



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



For the first event of the year we will have a lovely catch up with friends and find out what everybody has been busy doing over the festive season. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# January 2026

MON  
19

## Big Kids Party!

7.30pm

Members £4  
Guests £5



Party food and party games, let's have a night of fun! Bring out your inner child with



jelly, cake and balloons. Sure to be a night filled with laughter. Please let Katie know of any dietary requirements upon booking. Book by Monday 12 January 2026. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

THURS  
22

## National Coal Mining Museum

11am

Underground Tour  
£7.50, Heritage  
Tour free



Discover 180 years of mining history and find out about the people and communities at the heart of the industry.



Uncover how miners lived at work and play! We can choose to go on the heritage tour or the underground tour. Please advise your preference upon booking. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 8 January 2026. National Coal Mining Museum, Caphouse Colliery, New Road, Overton WF4 4RH. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

TUES  
27

## Julio's

6.30pm



Three courses £22, Two courses £18

Join us for an early bird special at the restaurant Julio's, a delicious local Italian. Please



note the change of day as they are closed on a Monday evening. Book by Monday 12 January 2026. Julio's, 2 Princess Street, Halifax HX1 1TS. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# February

MON  
16

## Fish and Chips at Oddy's

6.30pm

As per menu



Join us for a fish and chips supper at Oddy's. Have a light lunch because I am sure they will serve a good portion. Come and have a chat over tea with friends. Please order upon booking and Katie will collect on the evening. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Monday 9 February 2026. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# February

THURS  
05

## Shuffleboard



After a great time on our last visit we have had many requests to book this again. It is a fun game that can get quite competitive, with a maximum of 16 people that can attend, due to space at the tables. The tables cost £40 per hour so cost will be split between those who attend (last time we paid £4 each). After playing we can get food at the venue or head into Halifax to find a nice café. Book by Thursday 22 January 2026. Electric Bowl, 70 Commercial Street, Halifax HX1 2JE. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



MON

09

## Bingo!



Full House! Come and join us for a good old game of bingo! Good fun and all are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



SAT  
14

## Share the Love



Let us join together for a Valentine's Day treat. Afternoon tea to share with friends. We will have a raffle and maybe a game or two to raise some funds for this year's chosen charity, Alzheimer's Society (Halifax). Book by Thursday 5 February 2026. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



THURS  
19

## Lightcliffe Tea Rooms and Walk



It is time for a lovely lunch at the tea rooms where there is a variety to choose from. We can then work off the cake with a little walk around the park next door! Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 12 February 2026. Lightcliffe Tea Rooms, 101 Wakefield Road, Hipperholme, Halifax HX3 8SH. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



# February

## MON 23 Committee of Management Meeting



1pm



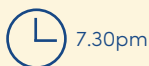
Free



This meeting is open to the Committee of Management only. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Debra on 07572 986452.

# March

## MON 02 David Glover - Horrible Halifax Part 1



7.30pm



Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50



Historical Scandal and Humour from Halifax and Calderdale Records. Which



Vicar of Halifax assaulted his own constable? Who threw hats in the font? Who illegally left dung outside their door? Who sold his wife at Halifax Cross? Which youth was trafficked into white slavery? Where did the drunken grave digger sleep? What was the tatch-beggar; and when were pigs kept in the Piece Hall? It's sure to be another great talk from David, with lots of humour guaranteed! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## THURS 05 Elland Canal Walk



11am



As per menu



We will meet on Elland Bridge and head for a walk along the canal and



back. We can then find a café for a coffee or some lunch whilst having a chat. Parking is available at the car parks and on streets around Elland. Transport may be available, please enquire. Book by Thursday 26 February 2026. Elland Bridge, Elland HX5 9HP. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## MON 09 Supper Club



6.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Come and enjoy a lovely evening together. Everybody brings an item to share, to



create a delicious buffet that we can all enjoy. Please let Katie know what you can contribute upon booking, to avoid all bringing the same things. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Book by Monday 2 March 2026. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# March

## MON 16 Beetle Drive



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



This was very popular last time so come along if you missed out! A fun game of the classic beetle drive, where you could maybe win a chocolate prize! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

## THURS 19 Mixenden Wild Walk and A Ploughman's Lunch



11am



As per menu



After the success of the Mixenden History Hike, we will give the nature trail a go too! The trail

is 1km and will follow 12 wooden posts around a circular route through the woodlands. Each post has a QR code which we can scan and listen to voices to bring wildlife to life. We will then head to The Springhead Pub to enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch (other items are available on the menu!). Book by Thursday 12 March 2026. Mixenden Wild Walk, 16 Mill Lane, Mixenden HX2 8SE. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.



## MON 23 Annual Summoned Meeting



1pm

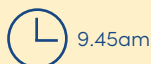


Free



This meeting is specifically to pass the audit report and install the new Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman). We will also look at the plan for the rest of the year. Members only meeting. The Oddfellows, Unity House, 3 Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF. Contact Debra on 07572 986452.

## TUES 31 Halifax Heritage Bus Tour



9.45am



Members £10  
Guests £11



Due to complications last time, this trip had to be cancelled, so fingers crossed this time around!



This tour will take us around places you might not know much about. Places with a wealth of history, many with listed building status. Let our guides tell you about some of the fascinating buildings and areas, how they fit into the rich heritage of Halifax and how the past has shaped the town of today. All just a short distance from the town centre. A maximum of 18 places available, payment required upon booking. Book by Monday 16 March 2026. Bus Layby Outside Woolshop's Car Park, Charles Street, Halifax HX1 1QW. Contact Katie on 07854 281191.

# Give someone a great start in life **for only £10!**



**It's never too early to start  
making friends for life.**

**We laugh as we learn together and give each other a helping hand through the ups and downs of growing up. That's what being a Young Oddfellow is all about.**

If you have a family member aged 17 or under, and would like them to experience the friendship and support of the Oddfellows, we'd love to welcome them.

There are lots of great reasons\* to join Young Oddfellows – to find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows)

**As a parent, grandparent or guardian, you can join them online or ask your Branch Secretary for an application form.**



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



**A wonderful fun and laughter filled evening was enjoyed by members and their guests on Friday 2 May 2025, they enjoyed a three course dinner followed by entertainment by the one and only, Elvis! (AKA Darren Lee). With games and a raffle raising £465 for Alzheimer's Society (Halifax), our Chairman's chosen charity.**

***Below right - Katie our Social Organiser and Elvis posing for the camera!***



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

## **Branch Meetings, Events and Meetups**

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members and regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, and in time to join the Committee of Management.



We try and hold group events and meetups that members will enjoy, an afternoon tea might be your thing or a race night and can raise money for our chosen charity but there's lots of different types of events to choose from. You might want to try something new, let us know and we will try to include it in a future events diary. Why not get involved – come along and join in, you will probably enjoy it! If you'd like to join us or know more, please contact Debra on 07572 986452 for more information.

# Make the most of your membership



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



## Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

### Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

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

Achieving Together

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



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

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

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

### Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

### Giving a Helping Hand

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



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



# Incredible total raised for good causes



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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a proud part of the Oddfellows

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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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





# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

**None of us know what is around the corner...**

## Local Care and Welfare Support

For local help or support and for information about Branch benefits and benevolence, contact Dawn on **07548 855261** or email:  
**dawn.terblanche@oddfellows.co.uk**

## Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821\*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)  
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm  
**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)



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

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

## Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)  
Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm  
**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

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

**Visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

# Online events you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home...

**Talks, coffee mornings, exercise classes,  
quizzes, fun & games and much more**

**Visit [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://oddfellows.co.uk/events)**

Need help to attend an  
online event?

Just give your local Social  
Organiser or Branch  
Secretary a call or email  
[events@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:events@oddfellows.co.uk)

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## 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 telephone befriender.



To find out more, contact Debra on **07572 986452**  
[debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:debra.haley@oddfellows.co.uk)

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# At a glance

## October 2025

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Dean Clough Gallery and Lucy's Little Bakehouse	11am
<b>Mon 6</b>	Tea at The Wyke Lion	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Branch Meeting	1pm
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Smart Darts	11am
<b>Mon 20</b>	Lawless Ladies - Female Criminals of the last 1,000 years	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Pilates	11am

## November

<b>Thurs 6</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Mon 10</b>	Quoits	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Rex Cinema	10.15am
<b>Mon 17</b>	A Talk from Tom Palmer	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Mon 24</b>	Charity Race Night	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 27</b>	A Trip to Haworth	11am

## December

<b>Mon 1</b>	Mince Pie Taste Test	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Sun 7</b>	Christmas Party!	2pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story	6.45pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Committee of Management and Branch Meeting	1pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Christmas Meal at Long Can Hall	4.30pm

## January 2026

<b>Mon 5</b>	New Year Natter	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Winter Crafts	11am
<b>Mon 12</b>	Dominoes	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Pilates	11am

# At a glance (Continued)

## January 2026

<b>Mon 19</b>	Big Kids Party!	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 22</b>	National Coal Mining Museum	11am
<b>Tues 27</b>	Julio's	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Pilates	11am

## February

<b>Thurs 5</b>	Shuffleboard	11am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Bingo!	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Sat 14</b>	Share the Love	3pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Fish and Chips at Oddy's	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Lightcliffe Tea Rooms and Walk	11.30am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Committee of Management Meeting	1pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Pilates	11am

## March

<b>Mon 2</b>	David Glover - Horrible Halifax Part 1	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Elland Canal Walk	11am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Supper Club	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Mon 16</b>	Beetle Drive	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Mixeded Wild Walk and A Ploughman's Lunch	11am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Annual Summoned Meeting	1pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Pilates	11am
<b>Tues 31</b>	Halifax Heritage Bus Tour	9.45am

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members and regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, and in time to join the Committee of Management.

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