

October 2025 - March 2026



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## **South East Lancashire District**



*View from Holcombe Hill, Bury, Lancashire*



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*Radcliffe Male Voice Choir – Friday 30 January 2026*

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

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place – by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

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

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# Oddfellows: A Friendly Society with Social Activities and More

**Oddfellows is a vibrant community offering a wide range of social activities and benefits. Whether you're looking for fun, learning, or making new friends, there's always something happening!**

## Bury

There's something for everyone in Bury - whether you love games, social outings, day trips or simply enjoying a good chat! A variety of meet ups weekly and monthly, we offer a variety of events to suit all interests

## Blackburn

In Blackburn, we meet monthly for a light lunch, followed by: Visits from guest speakers and charities, sharing interesting insights. Fun social games such as beetle drive, bingo and quizzes. An opportunity to learn and make new connections while having fun. Our focus is on meeting for a catch-up, building friendships, and creating a welcoming community for all.

## Wigan

Wigan members enjoy regular monthly meet-ups, which include: A relaxed catch-up over coffee and biscuits, followed by a light lunch and, of course, cake (always cake!) Monthly dining outings where we explore new places to eat around the area. Occasional walks and day trips - we regularly use public transport to discover new locations and enjoy time out together. It's a fantastic way to enjoy good food, great company, and the chance to explore nearby places.

## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

We believe in the power of teamwork, and that's why we rely on volunteers to help run and support our events. Our volunteers are fully supported by the team, and we're always looking for people who would like to get involved. Whether you can help occasionally or support regularly, your involvement makes a difference!

## Possible Venue Change

**As we are in the process of selling the Oddfellows Building at Manchester Road, events that are scheduled to be held here may be held at an alternative venue – should they be affected. All members will be informed of any changes. Please note that we are still operating our events from here until further notice. Many thanks for your understanding.**

# Weekly Events

## Craft & Coffee Morning, Bury

Every  
Monday



A two hour session where we have a chat over tea or coffee and cakes whilst painting or crafting. There will be various resources provided, but you can bring your own projects if you wish, for example; knitting, crochet, sewing, model making, artwork, sketch book, etc. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

## Coffee Morning Meet Up, Bury

Every Wednesday



Members meet at this popular local café weekly on Wednesdays at 11am each week to enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Why not come along and join us, everyone is given a warm welcome. Coffee Creations, Millgate Shopping Centre, 2 Union Arcade, Bury BL9 0QF. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## Thursday Friends, Bury

Every  
Thursday



The Thursday Friends meet every Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm. Bring some lunch and enjoy a bite to eat together whilst chatting and laughing with each other and then finish the afternoon with a few games of dominoes. The first meeting is free and costs is £1 per week with an optional £2 extra on the day. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## Friday Social Afternoon

Every  
Friday



A weekly social group meet up for friendly chat and banter with some social games of cards and dominoes. Refreshments included. Walshaw Sports Club, Sycamore Road, Tottington, BL8 3EG, except Friday 17 October, where we will be meeting at the Owd Betts, Edenfield Road, Rochdale, OL12 7TY. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

# Weekly Events

## Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn



11.15am



Approximately £8.50  
for two games.



**Tuesdays**

We bowl during the months of October to March where you can join us for a bit of fun, it doesn't matter if you have never bowled before. Pre booking is essential for this event (1 week before event). Why not join us for lunch at a local venue afterwards. Tenpin Blackburn, Peel Leisure & Retail Park, Mayson Street, Blackburn BB1 1DG. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan Watkinson, on 07414 816521.

**7 October 2025**  
**4 November 2025**

**2 December 2025**  
**6 January 2026**

**3 February 2026**  
**3 March 2026**

# Monthly Events

## First Tuesday Games Night, Bury



7.30pm



First Tuesday of the month



**First Tuesday  
of the Month**

Join us for this fun and friendly social with a hot supper and a games night. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

**7 October 2025**  
**4 November 2025**

**2 December 2025**  
**6 January 2026**

**3 February 2026**  
**3 March 2026**

## Dine Around, Wigan



12 noon



As per menu



**Third Thursday  
of the month**

A chance to catch up with old friends and new at a local restaurant close to Wigan Town Centre. All venues have been tried and tested by our members, so you can be sure of good food, enjoyed in good company. Various restaurants, see main diary for details. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909. Book five days in advance.

**20 November 2025 15 January 2026 19 February 2026 19 March 2026**

# Monthly Events

## Social Club, Blackburn



12 noon



Members £4, Guests £5



Second  
Tuesday

Join us for a friendly afternoon with our speaker or games in good company. Buffet lunch and refreshments included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon til 2pm. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

11 November 2025

9 December 2025

13 January 2026

10 February 2026

## Dine Around, Blackburn



12 noon



As per menu



Fourth  
Tuesday

Why not join us for a trip out to a charming country pub? There are some delicious meal options and special offers. Various restaurants, see main diary for details. Book seven days in advance. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Linda on 01254 264391.

28 October 2025

25 November 2025

27 January 2026

24 February 2026

24 March 2026

## Scrabble Club, Bury



1pm



Members £2, Guests £3



First and Third  
Tuesday

Why not join us for this new group? We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month to play a game of Scrabble. Everyone welcome to join in, even if you have never played before! Your first visit is free. Refreshments included. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

7 October 2025

21 October 2025

4 November 2025

18 November 2025

2 December 2025

16 December 2025

6 January 2026

20 January 2026

3 February 2026

17 February 2026

3 March 2026

17 March 2026

# Monthly Events

## Dine Around, Bury



Various times



As per menu



**Second  
Tuesday**

A chance to catch up with old friends and new at local restaurants close to Bury Town Centre. All venues have been tried and tested by our members, so you can be sure of good food, enjoyed in good company. Various restaurants, see main diary for details. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909. Book five days in advance.

**14 October 2025  
11 November 2025**

**9 December 2025  
13 January 2026**

**10 February 2026  
10 March 2026**

## Third Tuesday Social, Bury



7.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £4.50



**Third Tuesday  
of the Month**

Come and join us for a social evening with a variety of differing events - speakers, demonstrations and friendly gatherings. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

**21 October 2025  
18 November 2025**

**20 January 2026  
17 February 2026**

**17 March 2026**

## Social & Coffee Morning, Wigan



10.30am



Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50



**First  
Thursday**

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our monthly social coffee morning. Held on the first Thursday of the month, friends come together for friendly chatter and laughs over a cuppa and a biscuit. Adjacent to bus station and close to railway station. Limited parking by permit. Easily accessible for all. Wigan Stars, Hallgate House, Frank Street, Wigan WN1 1HP. Contact Charles on 07710 183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

**2 October 2025  
6 November 2025**

**4 December 2025  
8 January 2026**

**5 February 2026  
5 March 2026**



# October 2025

TUES  
07

## Afternoon Tea Dance



1.30pm



£6.50



Why not join us at The Palace Ballroom for an afternoon of dancing and music. An inclusive session with solo dancers welcome. Really, what more could you ask for! Come and join the fun – everyone is welcome. Free tea or coffee. Book by Tuesday 30 September 2025. The Palace Ballroom, Hindley, 51a Market Street Wigan WN23AE. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

TUES  
07

## First Tuesday Games Night with Pie and Peas



7.30pm



£5



Join us for this fun and friendly social with a hot supper and a games night. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

FRI  
10

## Breast Cancer Awareness Afternoon with Refreshments



1pm



Free



Please come and join us for this fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer research. There will be light refreshments and a talk. Please support this worthy cause. Walshaw Sports Club, Sycamore Road, Tottington BL8 3EG. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

TUES  
14

## Dine Around at Falshaw's Farm, Bury



12 noon



As per menu



Come and join us at Falshaws Farm for a lovely friendly lunchtime get together. Choose something delicious from the lunchtime menu. Book by Tuesday 7 October 2025. Falshaw's Farm, Nabbs Farm, Rowlands Road, Bury, Lancashire BL9 5LJ. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.





# October 2025

## **TUES** **14** **Blackburn Social -** **Guest Presentation -** **Banjos and Beyond**

 12 noon

 Members £5  
Guests £6



Join us and enjoy a social lunch alongside this fabulous presentation 'Banjos and Beyond' is a musical presentation full of familiar favourites you can sing along to. In addition, you will learn a little about the origin of each instrument and the history behind each of the songs. Additionally, we do a festive version which we usually start mid November, this includes some everyday songs and also some carols and festive tunes. Often asked for at Christmas parties, meetings etc. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

## **THURS** **16** **Dine Around at The** **Cherry Gardens, Wigan**

 12 noon

 As per menu



Come and dine with us at The Cherry Gardens in Wigan. With an extensive and pleasant menu, there are plenty of choices for everyone! Come along and join us for a pleasant lunch with friends. Book by Thursday 9 October 2025. The Cherry Gardens, 263 Wigan Lane, Wigan WN1 2NT. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## **FRI** **17** **Friday Social Afternoon** **Owd Betts**

 1pm

 As per menu



A weekly social group meet up for friendly chat and banter. This week we will be dining at Owd Betts Pub at Ashworth. Owd Betts, Edenfield Road, Rochdale OL12 7TY. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

## **WED** **22** **Visit to Bolton** **Museum**

 12.30pm

 Free



With visitor friendly events and exhibitions available all year round, enjoy the fascinating story of Bolton, its places and people, alongside displays of art, Egyptology, archaeology, botany and zoology. Free entry. Book by Wednesday 15 October 2025. Bolton Museum, Le Mans Crescent Bolton, Bolton BL1 1SE. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

# October 2025

## **TUES 28** Dine Around at Rose and Crown, Clitheroe



12 noon



As per  
menu



There is very good evidence that there has been a public house on the site of The Rose and Crown since Tudor times. The building as it stands today was built in 1836 and up until 1860 it played a prominent part in the life of the local people, even being used as the county court at one time. Traditional characteristics of the property still exist, including the old archway to the courtyard and public rooms retain original features like high ceilings and large windows looking out onto the street. Book by Tuesday 14 October 2025. The Rose & Crown Hotel, 21 Castle Street, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 2BT. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



## **WED 29** The Met Presents 'The Haunting of Blaine Manor'



8pm



From £18.95



With a nod to the classic black and white film classics of Metro Goldwyn Mayor, Joe O'Byrne's award winning production is a love letter to both the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Hammer Horror era. An eerie evening awaits you! Book by Wednesday 1 October 2025. The Met, Market St, Bury, BL9 0BW. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

## 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 and payments are non-refundable. We have the right to cancel any events.

# November

TUES  
04

## First Tuesday Games Night - Bonfire Night Special



7.30pm



£5



Join us for this fun and friendly social with games or quizzes. With bonfire night style food! Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

MON  
10

## A Trip to The Harris Museum, Preston



11.30am



Free



Explore ceramics, history, fashion, glass, art and even a 13,000-year-old elk. Come and join us at the newly refurbished Harris Museum, followed by lunch in the café. The Harris Market Square, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2PP. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

TUES  
11

## Dine Around at Cosalea, Walshaw



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for a journey to a local favourite, lots on the menu and great company. Book by Tuesday 4 November 2025. Cosalea, Ground Floor, Walshaw Unit 2, Bolholt Industrial Park, Walshaw Road, Bury BL8 1PY. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.



THURS  
20

## Dine Around at Golden Days Garden Centre, Appley Bridge, Wigan



12 noon



As per menu



Join us for a lovely lunch with plenty of opportunity for a Christmas browse around this stunning garden centre. Book by Thursday 13 November 2025. Golden Days Garden Centre, 181 Back Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan WN6 8RS. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

# November

TUES  
25

## Dine Around at Café Retreat, Blackburn



12 noon



As per menu



Café Retreat is a lovely place to relax and unwind with friends. They use local produce to offer a varied menu at affordable prices, there really is something for everyone. Book by Tuesday 11 November 2025. East Lancashire Hospice, Park Lee Rd, Blackburn BB2 3NY. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



THURS  
27

## Lancashire Day with Supper and Entertainment



7pm



Members £6, Guests £7



On this day in 1295 the first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward I to attend what later became known as 'The Model Parliament'. The Lancashire Day Proclamation is read out by the town criers throughout the county on 27 November.



Join other Lancastrians in celebrating Lancashire Day with the toast unique to Lancashire: The King, Duke of Lancaster. Traditional hot pot supper with a selection of Lancashire treats included. Book by Thursday 20 November 2025. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

# November

FRI  
28

## A Visit to Preston Christmas Market



10.30am



Free



Preston is about to get a little more festive this year! For the first time, the city will host its very own Christmas market, bringing the magic of Christmas right to the heart of Preston. With twinkling lights, cosy stalls and a warm, festive atmosphere, the market promises to be a new favourite tradition for locals and visitors alike.

Get ready to sip on mulled wine, browse handmade gifts and enjoy the Christmas spirit like never before! Booking is essential and travel options will be confirmed nearer the time. Book by Friday 21 November 2025. Preston Christmas Markets, Preston City Centre, 81 Friargate, Preston PR1 2EN. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

SAT  
29

## Goody Little Two Shoes Pantomime at Wigan Little Theatre



1.30pm



TBC



An afternoon matinee performance of this traditional pantomime, with a heart warming rags to riches tale of an orphaned girl made good through hard work and courage. There's plenty of jeopardy along the way, so she needs a good audience to cheer her on to success. Book early to avoid disappointment by Friday 3 October 2025. Wigan Little Theatre, Wigan WN1 3SL. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

# December

TUES  
02

## First Tuesday Games Night with Fish and Chips



7.30pm



£5



Join us for this fun and friendly social with a hot supper and a games night. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.



# December

## **WED 03** Chethams Relaxed Lunchtime Concerts

**L** 1pm

**£** Free



Come and Join us at the renown Chethams School of Music to listen to one of their wonderful lunchtime concerts. Book early to avoid disappointment, limited tickets. Book by Wednesday 26 November 2025. Chethams and the Stoller Hall, Stoller Hall, Hunts Bank, Manchester M3 1DA. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

## **TUES 09** A Visit to Manchester Christmas Markets

**L** 12 noon

**£** Free



Come along and join us for a festive visit to these bustling and colourful annual Christmas markets. Booking is essential and travel options will be confirmed nearer the time. Book by Tuesday 2 December 2025. Manchester Christmas Markets, Albert Square, Manchester M2 5DB. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

## **TUES 09** Blackburn Social Club Special Guest the Ukulele Band

**L** 12 noon

**£** Members £4  
Guests £5



All welcome to celebrate at our Jacob's Christmas lunch in a friendly atmosphere. This will be followed by entertainment from the Ukulele Band from 1pm approximately. Buffet lunch and refreshments included in the cost. Meet from 12 noon till 2pm. Book by Tuesday 2 December 2025. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.

## **TUES 09** Dine Around at The Papermill, Bury

**L** 12 noon

**£** As per  
menu



Join us at The Papermill for this months Dine around, a fun lunch with friends. Book by Tuesday 4 December 2025. The Papermill, Little 66, Roach Bank Road, Unsworth BL9 8RN. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## **WED 10** Christmas Lunch Bury

**L** 12.30pm

**£** Members £8  
Guests £10



By popular demand, we will once again be celebrating the festive season with excellent food prepared and served by our own members. We will be dining on a three course lunch followed with traditional mince pies. Book early to secure your place as this is a very popular event! Book by Wednesday 3 December 2025. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

# December

**TUES**  
**16**

## The Wizard of Oz Pantomime at Heywood Sports Village



6pm



From £11.95



This year Heywood are putting on the spectacular 'The Wizard of Oz' pantomime for Christmas. Book early to avoid disappointment by Friday 31 October 2025. Heywood Sports Village, Sports Hall, West Starkey St Heywood OL10 4TW. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

# January 2026

**TUES**  
**13**

## Dine Around at Olives Kitchen at the Fusilier Museum



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Join us for a sumptuous lunch in this café situated in the Fusiliers Museum. Everyone welcome. Book by Tuesday 6 January 2026. The Fusilier Museum, Moss Street, Bury BL9 0DF. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

**THURS**  
**15**

## Dine Around at The Royal Oak at Westhoughton, Wigan



12 noon



Free



Time to relax with friends and enjoy the great welcome at the Royal Oak Carvery, Westhoughton. A go to carvery for locals, serving an incredible selection of succulent roasted meats, fresh vegetables and all the trimmings with delicious rich gravy. Come along and see for yourselves! Book by Thursday 8 January 2026. The Royal Oak, 480 Westhoughton Road, Bolton BL5 3ND. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.



# January 2026

**TUES**  
**06**

## First Tuesday Games Night



7.30pm



£1



Join us for this fun and friendly social with games and quizzes. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.



# January 2026

# February

## TUES 27 Dine Around at Scholars Restaurant, Blackburn

🕒 12 noon    💷 TBC



Join us for excellent food prepared and served by catering students in the college's professional standard licensed restaurant. Please book in advance. Meet at Blackburn College, Fielden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH. Book by Tuesday 13 January 2026. Blackburn College, Fielden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 Contact Valerie on 01254 698716.

## FRI 30 Radcliffe Male Voice Choir at St John with St Mark, Bury

🕒 7pm    💷 TBC



Radcliffe Male Voice Choir will be performing at St John with St Mark's Church, Bury followed by light refreshments. They will sing a programme of traditional male voice choir pieces mixed with a selection of popular choral favourites. All proceeds go to our chosen charity - Jigsaw Bury. Book by Friday 23 January 2026. St John and St Mark Church, Sunny Avenue, Bury BL9 6PF. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.



## TUES 03 First Tuesday Games Night

🕒 7.30pm    💷 £1 with an optional £2



Join us for this fun and friendly social and games night. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## TUES 10 Dine Around, Bury at Bradley Fold Garden Centre

🕒 12 noon    💷 As per menu



Join us at Bradley Fold Garden centre for lunch and a spot of retail therapy. Book by Tuesday 3 February 2026. Bradley Fold Garden Centre, Radcliffe Moor Road, Bradley Fold, Bolton BL2 6RE. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## WED 11 Ordsall Hall

🕒 12 noon    💷 £7



Ordsall hall is Salfords Grade I listed Tudor building, first recorded in 1177. Today it is an engaging museum and can boast several ghosts! We are to have a tour of this fascinating building followed by tea or coffee in the onsite café. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Ordsall Hall, 322 Ordsall Lane, Ordsall, Salford M5 3AN. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.



# February

## THURS 19 **Dine Around at The White Crow, Wigan**

🕒 12 noon    💷 As per menu    🍴🍷

A warm welcome awaits at The White Crow free house in Worthington, near to Wigan and Chorley. The pub offers a selection of fine ales and a varied menu. Book by Thursday 12 February 2026. The White Crow (Worthington), Chorley Road, Worthington, Wigan WN1 2XL. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## TUES 24 **Dine Around at Fernhurst, Blackburn**

🕒 12 noon    💷 As per menu    🍴🍷

Why not join us at the Fernhurst for lunch? The more the merrier. Boasting generous portions of tasty pub-grub, come along and join us for a tasty lunch amongst friends. Book by Tuesday 10 February 2026. The Fernhurst, 466 Bolton Road, Blackburn, Blackburn With Darwin BB2 4JP. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



## THURS 26 **Omniplex Cinema Trip - Silver Screen**

🕒 11.30am    💷 £3.95 if booked online    🎬



**Senior Screen Wednesdays!**  
Why not join us to watch a new release at this special screening with complimentary tea or coffee. Film starts at 12 noon. Book by Thursday 19 February 2026. Omniplex Wigan, Unit 2, Robin Leisure Park, Wigan WN5 0UJ. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

# March

## TUES 03 **First Tuesday Games Night with Pie and Peas**

🕒 7.30pm    💷 £5    🎲

Join us for this fun and friendly social with a hot supper and a games night. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

# March

## TUES 10 Dine Around at The Lock Keeper, Bury

🕒 12 noon    💷 As per menu    🍴🍽️

Come and join us for a meal at The Lock Keeper pub in Radcliffe for a great meal from the extensive menu. Book by Tuesday 3 March 2026. The Lock Keeper, 4 Mill Bank, Pilkington, Radcliffe M26 1AJ. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

## TUES 10 Blackburn Social, Guest Speaker - Jennie Cook on 'Mrs Lewis - the Drunkards Friend'

🕒 12 noon    💷 Members £5    🗣️🗣️  
Guests £6

Alongside our social lunch, today we welcome guest speaker Jennie Cook to share her presentation 'Mrs Lewis - the Drunkards Friend'. Come along and join us to hear this interesting subject matter. Salvation Army, Vicar Street, Blackburn BB1 5BE. Contact Joan on 07414 816521 or Valerie on 01254 698716.



Elizabeth Lewis (Blackburn Library Temperance Collection)

## WED 18 George Martlew Dominoes Tournament

🕒 7.30pm    💷 £4    🎲

A friendly tournament with a trophy for the winner and a cash prize based on the number of entrants. You don't need to be an expert, just have fun. Light refreshments will be provided. Book by Wednesday 11 March 2026. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Vera on 07887 617742 or Natalie on 07564 641909.



## THURS 19 Dine Around at The Wheel, Wigan

🕒 12.30pm    💷 12.95 for three courses    🍴🍽️

Dining on campus is an enjoyable experience at the award-winning Wheel Restaurant, based at Parsons Walk Campus. Prepared and served by the colleges catering and hospitality students, there is a variety of delicious, nutritious meals, suited for everyone. Lunch: Three courses for £12.95. Book by Thursday 12 February 2026. The Wheel, Parsons Walk Campus, New Market St, Wigan WN1 1SE. Contact Charles on 07710183972 or Natalie on 07564 641909.

# March

SAT  
21

## Group Walk and Visit to the Towler Inn



11.30am



As per  
menu



Join us for a gentle walk and a lunch at the Towler Inn. Book by Saturday 14 March 2026. Walshaw Sports Club, Sycamore Road, Tottington BL8 3EG. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

SAT  
28

## Oddfellows Brass Band



7pm



TBC



Brass band. Book by Saturday 21 March 2026. Oddfellows House, 94 Manchester Road, Bury BL9 0TH. Contact Natalie on 07564 641909.

TUES  
24

## Dine Around at The Foundry Tap and Kitchen, Blackburn



12 noon



As per menu



Blackburn gastro pub The Foundry serves freshly cooked and locally sourced pub fare, alongside a quality drinks selection and a warm atmosphere. Often bustling inside, it's a great, cosy spot for a relaxed meal or drink. Book by Tuesday 10 March 2026. The Foundry Tap & Kitchen, 631 Livesey Branch Road, Blackburn BB2 5DQ. Contact Chris on 07711 376280 or Joan on 07414 816521.



# A Message from the Provincial Grand Master

## My First Half Year as Prov GM

**By the time you are reading this I will be well into my year as Prov GM of South East Lancs District. About the time I began, we also appointed a new Prov CS too; Karen White and not long after that, Natalie Kearns as our new Social Organiser.**

So all of us are learning together, which is tremendous fun and often very exciting. It is my intention to visit the various Branches which make up our wide and diverse District. If I've not been to you yet there's still plenty of time and I will get there, I assure you.

I attended the Scarborough AMC earlier this year as your Prov GM which gave me opportunities to meet old and new friends in Oddfellowship.



The charity I'm supporting this year is 'Jigsaw'; a local charity in Bury which helps young vulnerable people to enjoy sports and enhance their lives in general. Already, funds have been raised by you at events; for which, I would like to offer my thanks.

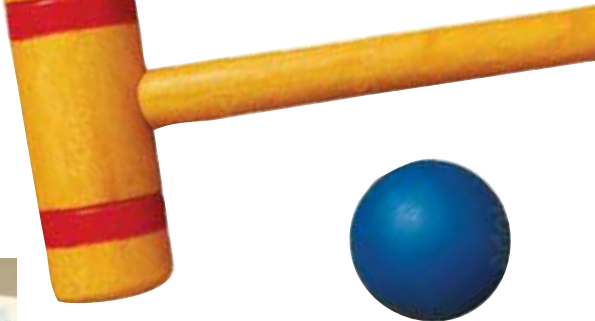


There are more to come: just two are a concert by Radcliffe Male Voice Choir at St John's with St Mark's church, Walmersley in January next year and in March, at the same venue, Oddfellows Brass will entertain. Look out for details of these concerts and other events, for they are guaranteed to be brilliant. All this is to help my charity and, of course, for us to thoroughly enjoy ourselves at the same time. In friendship,

**Robert Peters**  
**Prov GM**



# A Visit to Bury Croquet Club



**We had 12 members turn up keen and ready at Bury Croquet Club, based in Whitehead Park, Bury, to learn the skills of croquet and take part in some informal games of the sport.**

The evening was lots of fun, with some good croquet tactics being demonstrated by the group, whilst being patiently coached by the croquet club members. The club was established in 1988 and has over 80 members-players travel all over the country to take part in competitions and tournaments. The game was great fun and quick to learn, if not hard to master. The evening was a great success and the group thoroughly enjoyed it.





## Llandudno Day Trip

**Friends old and new from the Oddfellows South East Lancashire group had a day trip to Llandudno to explore the charm of the seaside town.**

They had a stroll along the Victorian promenade, made their way via the cable car up the Great Orme, taking in the sweeping views of the coastline and the Irish Sea. Fish and chips by the seaside is a must and the group enjoyed a nice sunny day. A lovely fun day out enjoyed by everyone who went.



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## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



## Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

### Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

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

Achieving Together

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



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

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

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

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



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

# Incredible total raised for good causes



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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

# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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## Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Karen on **07403 834284** or email **karen.white@oddfellows.co.uk**

## Oddfellows 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.

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## Care and Welfare Helpline

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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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

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# Meetings

## **Ceremonial Meetings (King William the Fourth Lodge)**

The Oddfellows have a long and rich history stretching back more than 200 years and in line with other guild and fraternal organisations of a similar age, we have certain traditions, ceremonies, titles and regalia that have been used over the years. In the modern Oddfellows there is no need for any member to take part in any of the Ceremonial side of the Society but it does give a fascinating insight into the history of the Oddfellows and Guilds in general.

Our King William the Fourth Lodge is our living embodiment; keeping the history and traditions alive. It is where new members can be formally welcomed to the Oddfellows (if they wish) and people wishing to stand for an officers position in the society can complete their Oddfellows education, in the form of what we call Oddfellows Degrees.

Our regalia is used, as are traditional terms and room layouts. Why not come along and find out more about what Oddfellowship is about, and for members, it is the opportunity to practice and to keep up to date on the running of a traditional and ceremonial meeting.

These meetings are for members only (although members of any Oddfellows Branch are welcome to join us).

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 1pm.

**Contact: Karen White for further details on ceremonial meetings.**

**Telephone: 07403 834284**

**Email: [karen.white@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:karen.white@oddfellows.co.uk)**

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## October 2025

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Afternoon Tea Dance	1.30pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	First Tuesday Games Night with Pie and Peas	7.30pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Breast Cancer Awareness Afternoon with Refreshments	1pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Dine Around at Falshaw's Farm, Bury	12 noon
<b>Tues 14</b>	Blackburn Social - Guest Presentation - Banjos and Beyond	12 noon
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Dine Around at The Cherry Gardens, Wigan	12 noon
<b>Fri 17</b>	Friday Social Afternoon - Owd Betts	1pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Third Tuesday Social - Bury	7.30pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Visit to Bolton Museum	12.30pm
<b>Tues 28</b>	Dine Around at Rose and Crown, Clitheroe	12 noon
<b>Wed 29</b>	The Met Presents 'The Haunting of Blaine Manor'	8pm

## November

<b>Tues 4</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 4</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	First Tuesday Games Night - Bonfire Night Special	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Mon 10</b>	A Trip to The Harris Museum, Preston	11.30am
<b>Tues 11</b>	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon



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## November

<b>Tues 11</b>	Dine Around at Cosalea, Walshaw	12.30pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Third Tuesday Social - Bury	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Dine Around at Golden Days Garden Centre, Appley Bridge, Wigan	12 noon
<b>Tues 25</b>	Dine Around at Café Retreat, Blackburn	12 noon
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Lancashire Day with Supper and Entertainment	7pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	A Visit to Preston Christmas Market	10.30am
<b>Sat 29</b>	Goody Little Two Shoes Pantomime at Wigan Little Theatre	1.30pm

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 2</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 2</b>	First Tuesday Games Night with Fish and Chips	7.30pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Chetams Relaxed Lunchtime Concerts	1pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Tues 9</b>	A Visit to Manchester Christmas Markets	12 noon
<b>Tues 9</b>	Blackburn Social Club - Special Guest the Ukulele Band	12 noon
<b>Tues 9</b>	Dine Around at The Papermill, Bury	12 noon
<b>Wed 10</b>	Christmas Lunch Bury	12.30pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	The Wizard of Oz Pantomime at Heywood Sports Village	6pm

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## January 2026

<b>Tues 6</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 6</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	First Tuesday Games Night	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Tues 13</b>	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
<b>Tues 13</b>	Dine Around at Olives Kitchen at the Fusilier Museum	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Dine Around at The Royal Oak at Westhoughton, Wigan	12 noon
<b>Tues 20</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Third Tuesday Social - Bury	7.30pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Dine Around at Scholars Restaurant, Blackburn	12 noon
<b>Fri 30</b>	Radcliffe Male Voice Choir at St John with St Mark, Bury	7pm

## February

<b>Tues 3</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 3</b>	First Tuesday Games Night	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Blackburn Social Club	12 noon
<b>Tues 10</b>	Dine Around at Bradley Fold Garden Centre, Bury	12 noon
<b>Wed 11</b>	Ordsall Hall	12 noon
<b>Tues 17</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Third Tuesday Social - Bury	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Dine Around at The White Crow, Wigan	12 noon
<b>Tues 24</b>	Dine Around at Fernhurst, Blackburn	12 noon

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## February

<b>Thurs 26</b>	Omniplex Cinema Trip - Silver Screen	11.30am
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## March

<b>Tues 3</b>	Ten Pin Bowling, Blackburn	11.15am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 3</b>	First Tuesday Games Night with Pie and Peas	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Social and Coffee Morning with Lunch - Wigan	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Dine Around at The Lock Keeper, Bury	12 noon
<b>Tues 10</b>	Blackburn Social, Guest Speaker - Jennie Cook on 'Mrs Lewis - the Drunkards Friend'	12 noon
<b>Tues 17</b>	Scrabble Club, Bury	1pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Third Tuesday Social - Bury	7.30pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	George Martlew Dominoes Tournament	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Dine Around at The Wheel, Wigan	12.30pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Group Walk and Visit to the Towler Inn	11.30am
<b>Tues 24</b>	Dine Around at The Foundry Tap and Kitchen, Blackburn	12 noon
<b>Sat 28</b>	Oddfellows Brass Band	7pm

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