

January - June 2024



**O<sup>the</sup>ddfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

**Cleveland and Durham Branch**



*Celebrating Friendship Month with our dear friends from  
Humber Wolds District.*



*Summer Barbeque at Hart Village Hall - Saturday 1 June*

## Dear Readers

Welcome to our half-yearly edition of Out and About

As we prepare ourselves to say goodbye to yet another year and look ahead to welcoming the New Year it is perhaps time to reflect how fortunate we are to have the 'Friendship of Oddfellows' to provide us with a solid link to each other. We all know life is not one continuous social event, especially, wintry days and nights making us more conscious of in some cases an inability to attend events (indoors or outdoors). Hopefully, this edition of past and forthcoming events will remind us of times enjoyed and even more to look forward to. We must always remember Oddfellows always have room for another friend, or two or three! It remains for me to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



**Margaret Wells**

I would like to wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024. Also we value any contributions received for entry into the newsletter which help make it the success it is.



**David Smith**

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. To find out more visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

## Food with Friends

### Marine Hotel

5 The Front, Seaton Carew,  
Hartlepool TS25 1BS

Meet at 12 noon

9 January

6 February

5 March

2 April

7 May

4 June



There is a carvery menu, an à la carte menu and a daily specials board. Members, friends and family are all welcome. Please contact Sue on 01429 268760 to book your attendance at the latest on the Sunday before the event.

## 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.

## Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please call:

### District Secretary Cleveland and Durham

David Smith

43 Landseer Drive  
Billingham  
Cleveland  
TS23 3GF



### Telephone:

01642 655685

### Email:

david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk

### Social Secretary District Chairman (Provincial Grand Master 2023)

Margaret Wells

Clover Cottage  
Palace Row  
Hart Village  
Hartlepool  
TS27 3AY



**Telephone:** 01429 599323

### Luncheon Club Organisers

**Cleveland:** Sue Davies

**Telephone:** 01429 268760

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# Regular Event

## New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall

🕒 12.30pm    💷 £3



Come and join the fun with a little effort and no skill required, but guaranteed to brighten your day. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.

Every Thursday



## 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)**

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

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# January 2024

MON  
08

## Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling



10.30am



Approx.  
£6.80 for  
two games



Join us for a morning of fun at Hollywood Bowl. Lunch afterwards at the Talpore for those that wish. Hollywood Bowl, Teesside Park, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 7BU. For further information or if attending, contact Eileen on 01429 292764.

MON  
08

## Branch Meeting at Hart Village Hall



11am



Free



The Committee of Management meetings are held at 11am. Followed by the Good Intent Branch meeting at 1pm to discuss social events. This is followed by the District Business Meeting at 1.30pm. All members are invited to attend. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323 or David on 01642 655685.

MON  
15

## Coach Outing to The Mill Outlet and Garden Centre, Batley Mills Retail Outlet



9.30am



Members £15, Guests £20



A visit to UK's biggest retail mill with four huge floors of fashion, furniture, homewares, gifts and four restaurants. Pick-up points: Historic Quay at 9.30am. Blackford Nurseries and the Swan Hotel Billingham. Time for a day out with retail therapy. No need to encourage any of our members for this event. As this promises to be very popular, so book early.

The Mill Outlet and Garden Centre, 418 Bradford Road, Batley WF17 5LZ. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.





# Burns Night Supper and Dance

**Thursday 25 January,  
6.30pm**

Come and join us for Burns Night. Cost to include traditional Scottish supper and toast to address the haggis. Dancing to a live Ceilidh Band. Dress: Black tie, lounge suit optional. This has sold out very quickly in the past. Tickets available.

**Cost: Members £16  
Guests £19**

*West Hartlepool Rugby  
Football Club  
Catcote Road  
Hartlepool  
TS25 4HA*

**Call Margaret for more  
information on  
01429 599323**



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# February

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# March



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## THURS 29 Bingo Afternoon at Hart Village Hall

 12.30pm  £3



Eyes down for a full house. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.

## MON 11 Annual General Meeting

 2pm  Free



Annual General Meeting. All members are invited to attend to hear a review of 2023 business and to accept the Financial Statements. After completion of business, the Branch Officers for 2025 will be installed followed by a buffet tea. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.

# March

SAT  
16

## The Greatest Star Barbara Streisand Tribute at Billingham Forum Theatre



7.30pm



£26



Featuring Kearra Bethany, as seen on ITV's Starstruck. You will be singing along, tapping along and even laughing along to the storyline and celebrating songs such as 'As if we never said goodbye', 'Don't rain on my parade' and 'Memory'. Seats only held until Wednesday 31 January, so early booking is essential. Billingham Forum Theatre, Queensway, Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees TS23 2LJ. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.



# April

SAT  
13

## When were you born Quiz at Hart Village Hall



6.30pm



£6



You are invited to come along to tax your memory of events of your birth for example 30s up to 2000+.

Promises to be a fun event. Pie and peas refreshment. Vegetarian option. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.



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# May

## MON 13 Branch Meeting at Hart Village Hall

⌚ 11am

£ Free



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## MON 20 Coach Trip - Wensleydale Creamery Experience

⌚ 9.30am



£ Members £21, Guests £24

Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, The Wensleydale Creamery, home of the famous crumbly Yorkshire Wensleydale Cheese and Visitor Centre. Pick-up points: Historic Quay at 9.30am. Blackfords Nursery and Swan Hotel Billingham. Wensleydale Creamery, Gayle Lane, Hawes, Wensleydale, North Yorkshire DL8 3RN. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.



# June

## SAT 01 Summer Barbeque at Hart Village Hall

⌚ 6.30pm



£ Members £12, Guests £15

Come along for our Summer barbeque at West Hartlepool



Rugby Football Club. Bring your own drinks. Everyone welcome. Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. Contact Margaret on 01429 599323.

## MON 03 Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling

⌚ 10.30am

£ Approx. £6.80 for two games



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## Date for your diary

**Ladies Day on Thursday 8 August**  
Tickets and details to follow.



# Coach Tour

**Sunday 21 July to  
Thursday 25 July**

4 Nights at the Oxford Belfry Hotel.

Includes journey to Highclere Castle familiar from the Downton Abbey TV series.

Take the opportunity to visit the town of Windsor and Windsor Castle. Visit Oxford with its honey-coloured colleges arrayed in splendour by the river.

*Coach Tour to discover  
the charming Cambridge  
and Windsor*

**Cost: 5 days, 4 nights for £399  
Single Room Supplement £120**

**Call Margaret for more  
information on  
01429 599323**



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# New Members

Since last edition

**WELCOME!**

Tony Hickman	Ann Dixon
Evelyn Hickman	Jean Rayment
Mary Hatfield	Brenda Bland
Olivia Hilton	Vince Thornton
Peter Hilton	Sheila Irvin
Joan Howie	Ann Stead
Louise Craggs	

# Members Remembered

Since last edition

Arthur Cockburn  
Pauline Higgins  
Roy Bowman  
Barbara Hewetson  
Thomas Armstrong  
Leslie Blades  
Sarah Parkes  
Vivien Smith



## Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for  
all to enjoy.

Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://oddfellows.co.uk/events) and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

## Charitable Donations



*Presentation to Alice House Hospice.*



*Presentation to Children's Foundation Trust at Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary.*





*Presentation to Sunderland Eye Infirmary.*



*Santa Run Charity Event Alice House Hospice - Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows support the annual event, the Hubbard family, the Neary family and Margaret Wells.*



# Past Events

## New Age Kurling - Thursday 27 July

Visit from Stephen Reid, Yorkshire Group President, who came to show us his new chain of office at our New Age Kurling Event.



## Visit to Batley Mills Retail Outlet - Monday 21 August

Members and friends boarded the coach to visit an old industrial mill which has been converted into three floors of retail goods, everything from pots/pans to wedding outfits. Coffee shops on each level plus ground floor which is licensed for alcohol (not that we needed an excuse for refreshment following a whole day shopping).

## Friendship Month Jades Concert and Barbecue - Saturday 2 September

A welcome back to the Jades lady singers who entertained us with songs we all knew and we joined in the singing. The barbecue provided by Robinsons of Wingate was excellent as usual and a good time was had by all.





## Friendship Day - Thursday 14 September

A bringing together afternoon to literally get together and enjoy each others company. A sumptuous afternoon tea (thank you to Phyl Hubbard who works tirelessly to provide her wonderful homemade cakes) and our gentlemen volunteer members without who we wouldn't have tables/chairs, etc. all in place. The raffle raised £175 which was donated to McMillan Nursing as September is the National Coffee Morning Appeal.



## Howard Cole Memory Lunch Humber Wolds - Monday 18 September

As many of us are aware, Humber Wolds Branch had a walk during Friendship Month and invited any other members who wished to join them. It was a great shock when we were sadly informed of Howard's death following one of his branch walks. Several members attended his funeral and assured his branch we would continue to support whatever was held in his memory. Hence the Friendship Luncheon attended by six of our members, meeting up with everyone was very emotional and as always the welcome and lunch was just as Howard would have organised it. Thanks to the wonderful organisation of his lovely wife Christine. Cleveland and Durham District Branch thank you for your friendship.

## New Age Kurling

This weekly event is without doubt the most popular exercise activity for our members, having been told no skill is required. I have witnessed extreme competitive action with everyone involved. Lots of laughter and noise ensures maximum enjoyment. A little break for coffee/tea/scones/cake builds up strength to start all over again. During one such event a representative from BBC Radio Tees paid us a visit to observe and interview members to include in the Radio broadcast during Friendship Month.





## York Christmas Markets coach outing to enjoy more early Christmas Shopping - Monday 20 November

A lovely cold day, only light rain for a change. The beautiful city of York needs no introduction, it is especially magical at Christmas time. The bustling markets awash with lots of gorgeous crafts and lots of people milling around adds to the joy of those who can enjoy being out and about.

## Pre-Christmas Reindeer Drive - Thursday 30 November

A different slant on your traditional beetle drive. Following a welcome drink of fizz and nibbles everyone settled down to pull their festive crackers containing hat, motto, etc. plus all the important parts of Rudolph. On the throw of a dice, the reindeer parts are assembled to result in the first person to shout reindeer wins a prize. Mince pies with fresh cream tea/coffee were served to everyone before departing home.



# Tatton Park Flower Show

Saturday 22 to Monday 24 July

Just when we thought we had left all the rain in Holland, once again it managed to pour down most of the day, but as always it didn't dampen Oddfellows Spirit and we all agreed "Nothing we can do about the weather!".

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## Murder at The Manor Evening (Halloween)

We all enjoyed a four course meal during which a drama group entertained everyone with a spooky Halloween Murder Mystery.







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## **Oddfellows Brass Charity Concert in aid of Children's Foundation**





## Ladies Day

**Members and friends enjoying a lovely sunny day at the Hardwick Manor to support Alice House Hospice. The day raised £1,580 which resulted in £2,000 following a private donation from a Lifetime Member.**









## Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. 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 teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender

### Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

**If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact David by phone on 01642 655685, email at [david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk)**

"Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

*Cynthia, volunteer*

## Embrace new experiences and perspectives

**The turn of the year is naturally a time when we look at our lives, reflect on the last 12 months, and consider any changes that may be needed for the next.**



Inevitably, our thoughts will turn to the support and encouragement we have received from those closest to us, but what about those friends we haven't yet met?

### Stay curious, keep learning

Staying open to meeting new people presents opportunities you might not have considered. They could open new doors and perspectives that might be uplifting and motivational, which can then be really beneficial to us.

It's one of the many things I really love about being part of our Society – having the chance to cross paths with so many interesting people, from all corners of the country, and indeed the world! It's invigorating and helps keep a spring in my step!



It is fantastic that we have welcomed so many new members to our Society in 2023. If you are one of the new members, welcome, and I hope that you are enjoying getting to know other members at your Branch.

If you're a seasoned Oddfellow, and you see a new face at one of your Branch's social events, please make sure you say hello and pull out the chair next to you. Yes, it's about extending our trademark warm welcome, but it's also about what it can do for you. They just might introduce you to your new favourite thing.

### Strength in numbers

Bringing people together who care about the welfare of others is the bedrock of the Oddfellows. And, as a mutual organisation, it's one of our strengths. We know that by working as a supportive collective, we can achieve so much more than we could alone.

So make sure you add 'stay open to new friendships' to your list of resolutions for 2024. It really is a wonderful way to stay curious about life and remain open to all its joyful possibilities.

On behalf of the Society, my fellow Directors, all the staff at Unity Office and my family, I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2024.

Yours always in friendship,

**Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows**



# Time to plan your next getaway?

Oddfellows Travel has announced its holidays for 2024, and there are six cracking trips on offer.

## Something for everyone

We want to make sure that you travel in confidence and in great company, that's why all our Oddfellows Travel group holidays are hosted by an Oddfellows member and we only use experienced partners we trust.

### Eastbourne, Brighton and Hastings

Join us as we head to the south coast with Alfa Travel.

#### 10-14 April 2024 (4 nights)

Staying at the Queens Hotel, Eastbourne. £295 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin room. £355 per person for sole use of a Cosy Double room. Half board. Includes coach pick up and drop off from certain locations, or a self-arrival option.\*



### Maritime Cities and the Baltics Cruise

Come sail with us as we explore maritime cities and cultural delights of the Baltics.

#### 27 June-11 July 2024 (14 nights)

From £1,949 per person. Full board. Departing from Dover on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

### Oddfellows Summer Holiday to Warwickshire

Come and holiday among friends and relax in this rural retreat.

#### 1-5 July 2024 (4 nights)

Warner Hotels, Studley Castle in Warwickshire. Half board from £376 per person, based on 2 people sharing a double or twin room.\*





## Discovering Normandy and the Channel Islands Cruise

Make the most of your Bank Holiday weekend and sail with us on this cruise to the Isles of Scilly, the Channel Isles and Normandy, France.

### 23-28 August 2024 (5 nights)

From £799 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

## Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour

Join us on this HF Holidays active getaway to the Yorkshire Dales.

### 11-14 October 2024 (3 nights)

Newfield Hall, near Malham. Full board. £454 for a Classic single room. £454 per person, based on 2 people sharing a Classic twin or double room.\*



## Mystery Cruise

Sail on this exciting mystery cruise with us and enjoy the thrill of destinations unknown.

### 12-23 November 2024 (11 nights)

From £1,209 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton, arriving back in Portsmouth on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

**For full details, including how to book, go to**  
**[www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)**

\*Oddfellows Travel holidays are arranged through third party providers, please reference their terms and conditions before booking. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)



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# The 'Generous Generation'



**Unity Mutual is the Oddfellows' financial services brand. Earlier this year, it undertook a piece of research which involved customers who are over 50 – and the findings were nothing short of eye-opening.**

Unity Mutual has since dubbed this demographic the 'Generous Generation', after discovering that 30 per cent spend between £50 and £100 per month to help their adult children out. Others within this age group spend even more, with some giving up retirement plans to help their offspring, both financially and with childcare.

## Rewarding generosity

To shine a light on such generosity, Unity Mutual launched the 'Generous Generation Awards', with £500 among the prizes.

Julie Oakley, nominated by daughter, Sam, was the deserving winner. She's raised tens-of-thousands-of-pounds for charity via The Project Dragonfly CIC, supporting kids and young adults with mental health challenges.



*Julie Oakley and her daughter, Sam.*

## More on Unity Mutual

You can read Julie's story and find out what she thought of her big win by heading to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/awards](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/awards)

As part of the 'Generous Generation' campaign, Unity Mutual is helping the over 50s to live up to its kind-hearted moniker. It's Over 50s Life Insurance\* allows anyone between the ages of 50 and 80 to leave a fixed lump sum to their loved ones – learn more at [www.unitymutual.co.uk/over50s](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/over50s)

*\*Terms and conditions apply.*

# Eagle-Eye Quiz

Why not have a go at winning £25 in Marks & Spencer vouchers\* in our Eagle-Eye Quiz? All you need to do is find the answers to our 10 questions below, which can be found throughout this newsletter. So get reading and spotting!



Send your answers, along with the name, address and contact number to [david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk) by **Wednesday 31 January**.

You can also enter by post: David Smith, 43 Landseer Drive, Billingham TS23 3GF. The competition is open to Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows members only. Good Luck!

## Questions

1. Which famous cheese is mentioned?
2. Which hospital did we support who are researching macular degeneration in the aged?
3. Where is the Children's Foundation Trust based?
4. How much did we donate to Alice House Hospice?
5. Which Royal Residence are we visiting in July?
6. Where are we going for retail therapy in January?
7. Which Broadway Star is celebrated by a tribute singer in March?
8. Which city did we visit in November?
9. When is the Annual General Meeting to be held next year?
10. Who did we receive to interview us at the New Age Kurling in Friendship Month?

### \*Competition Terms and Conditions

- Entry to the competition is automatic on submission of the required information. We will not share your details with any other party. Only one entry per person. No cash alternative is available. The competition is managed and fulfilled by Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows Branch (the Promoter), 43 Landseer Drive, Billingham TS23 3GF.
- The competition will close on Wednesday 31 January at 23.59 hours. The draw will take place shortly afterwards.
- The winner will be notified by email or phone within four weeks of the close of the competition. The Promoter, on receipt of a stamp addressed envelope, will provide details of the winning entry.
- The promoter has the right to publicly disclose the name of the winner. The decision of the Promoter on any matter relating to these rules shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

# Meet your Cleveland and Durham

## Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you  
Care, Advice and Support



**We would like to introduce you to our friendly Welfare Visitor team who are here to help you.**



Margaret Wells



David Smith

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings and would like a visit for a cup of tea and a chat?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone?

Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

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

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

To arrange for a Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring David Smith on **01642 655685** or Margaret Wells on **01429 599323**.



# National Oddfellows Helplines

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

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line\***



**Call 0800 0149 821**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



**Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm**

**Email: [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)**

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

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



## **Care and Welfare Helpline\***

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

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

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

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

**[www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/)**

# Branch Meetings

The Committee of Management Meetings are held at 11am followed by the Good Intent Social Branch at 1pm to discuss social events. This is followed by the District Business Meeting at 1.30pm. All members are invited to Social Branch and Business Meetings.

## Monday 8 January

Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart, Hartlepool TS27 3AW

## Monday 11 March - Annual General Meeting, 2pm

Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart, Hartlepool TS27 3AW

## Monday 13 May

Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart, Hartlepool TS27 3AW

## Join the conversation @ OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.



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OddfellowsUK

## Do you have a story or great photograph to share?

Please send us your news stories! Or perhaps a picture with a caption! Email, post, hand in, or telephone. We'd love to hear anything heart-warming, humorous, or simply very interesting!

# At a glance

## January 2024

<b>Mon 8</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Mon 8</b>	Branch Meeting at Hart Village Hall	11am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 11</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Coach Outing to The Mill Outlet and Garden Centre, Batley Mills Retail Outlet	9.30am
<b>Thurs 18</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Burns Night Supper and Dance	6.30pm

## February

<b>Thurs 1</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Tues 6</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 8</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 22</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Bingo Afternoon at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm

## March

<b>Mon 4</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Tues 5</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 7</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Annual General Meeting	2pm
<b>Thurs 14</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Sat 16</b>	The Greatest Star Barbara Streisand Tribute at Billingham Forum Theatre	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm

# At a glance

## April

<b>Tues 2</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 4</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Sat 13</b>	When were you born Quiz at Hart Village Hall	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm

## May

<b>Thurs 2</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 9</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Branch Meeting at Hart Village Hall	11am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Coach Trip - Wensleydale Creamery Experience	9.30am
<b>Thurs 23</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm

## June

<b>Sat 1</b>	Summer Barbeque at Hart Village Hall	6.30pm
<b>Mon 3</b>	Hollywood Bowl Ten Pin Bowling	10.30am
<b>Tues 4</b>	Food with Friends at the Marine Hotel	12 noon
<b>Thurs 6</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 27</b>	New Age Indoor Kurling at Hart Village Hall	12.30pm