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the **ODDfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Combermere Branch

Making friends across Manchester, Stockport, Glossop, Leigh and Bolton



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Welcome to our latest events diary which takes us through the Christmas period with a variety of events we hope you will enjoy.

What a fabulous Friendship month we had in September with six great events across our District with nearly 300 people attending them. Thank you to committee members, staff, volunteer hosts, family members and

members for all your help in making it such a great success with over 20 new members joining and we look forward to meeting you all again at the upcoming events. Thank you also to John and his team from Care and Welfare at Head Office for giving a great presentation to guests at Cloud 23 with other benefits your membership includes.

There is more information and photos in the centre pages.

In Friendship,
Sarah

Stay up to date with Branch news!

If you'd like to receive branch updates by email and don't already receive our weekly events mailer, please email me at charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk and I'll arrange for your email address to be added to our mailing list.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

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Regular Monthly Meeting Places

Bolton

Second Tuesday of the Month

Bolton Garden Centre, Wigan Road,
Bolton BL3 4RD at 11am

Glossop

First Tuesday of the month

Glossop Garden Centre, Off
Railway Street, Glossop SK13 7AG
at 11.30am

Leigh

Third Tuesday of the month

Cucina, 198 Chapel Street,
Leigh WN7 2DW at 11am

Manchester

Second Wednesday of the month

Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street,
Northern Quarter, Manchester
M4 1NA at 1pm

Meeting on the 2 December due
to the Christmas lunch at the
Townhouse on the 8 December.

Stockport

First Thursday of the month

Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club,
Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme
SK8 5AT at 7pm

Weekly Online Events

Chi Gung and Meditation



Every Monday

Join Graeme for Chi Gung and Meditation. Chi Gung is a set of standing exercises and gentle slow flowing movements that can help with muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cognitive function.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and finishes off with meditation. You will need a chair and space to stand and stretch and will also have time at the end to ask questions. It starts at 2pm but you will not be able to join after 2.05pm as the class will have started.



Zoom Meeting ID: 824 6194 4085.

Tai Chi with Graeme



Every Wednesday

Join Graeme for Tai Chi. Originally developed for self-defence, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, it promotes serenity through gentle flowing movements.

The class will last approximately 45 minutes, please wear comfortable clothes.



Please note the new meeting ID and passcode. Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0330 1327
Password: 331259.

For further details for any of these events call 07873 581975.

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**



*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.

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Please remember that where an event has price per menu, that it is the member's responsibility to check prices and dietary requirements with the venue before booking on the event.

Event Bookings and Payments

We understand that circumstances can change, but if you find that you are unable to attend an event you have booked, please contact the booking line to let us know. This helps us support our venues and organisers, who put considerable time and effort into making these events enjoyable for everyone.

Please book by the advertised deadline wherever possible. While we will always do our best to accommodate late bookings, places cannot be guaranteed after the closing date.

For events requiring a deposit or ticket purchase, payment must be made at the time of booking to secure your place. Refunds will only be given if the event is cancelled or, in other circumstances, if we are able to refill the place.

Payment can be made by:

Bank Transfer - Please let the Secretary know which event(s) you are paying for. For bank details, contact Charlotte on 07597 371391 or email charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk.

SumUp - Available at events through Social Organisers or remotely via a payment link from the Secretary.

Cheque - Please make payable to Combermere District Lodge and give to a Social Organiser or send directly to Charlotte Ryalls.

Thank you for your support and understanding, which helps us continue to provide a varied and enjoyable programme of events for all members.

November 2026

MON 02 Live Music - Hesketh



1pm



As per menu



Enjoy a bite to eat whilst listening to live music. Pick from the light lunch at £8.70 or two meals for £20 in this fabulous neighbourhood pub and restaurant. Book by Monday 26 October 2026. The Hesketh, 63 Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 6JZ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

TUES 03 Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Free



Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members over a complimentary tea or coffee whilst discussing events and ideas for future ones. Glossop Garden Centre, Town Centre, Off Railway Street, Glossop SK13 7AG. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

WED 04 Let's Lunch - Manahatta



12.30pm



As per menu



Let's lunch at Manahatta in the heart of Manchester with their globally - inspired menu with lunchtime specials. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. Manahatta, 188-192 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3ND. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



THURS 05 Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



Free



Join us for our monthly social to meet like-minded people and as bonfire night, we can have sparklers and a themed quiz enjoyed with treacle toffee and parkin. And all with complimentary tea, coffee or you can purchase a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

November 2026

FRI

06

BJs Bingo - Leigh



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for bingo in the heart of Leigh with food and refreshments at the venue we are guaranteed a fun afternoon. Even if you do not fancy a game, you will enjoy good company with fellow Oddfellows. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. BJs Bingo, Ellesmere Street, Leigh WN 7 4LQ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



SUN

08

Sunday Lunch - Sarah's Kitchen



1pm



As per menu



Sarah's Kitchen housed at the Commercial Inn, Glossop is always very popular with our members across our District, due to its excellent food and fabulous service. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. The Commercial Inn, 137 Manor Park Road, Glossop SK13 7SH. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



SAT

07

The Good Clothes Show - Manchester



11.30am



£15



Join us for the largest UK exhibition of independent brands, artisans, vintage, pre-loved retailers and ethical startups. Head to the Style Stop for style demonstrations, pro tips and tricks.

Workshops master key, sewing skills with expert advice and the creative cupboard, helps you level up your style game with upcycling. Lots to do and see with catwalk shows and talks on the main stage and much more. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill Street, Petersfield, Manchester M2 3GX. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



November 2026

TUES 10 Social Morning - Bolton



11am



Free



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over tea or coffee with the first one being complementary and have lunch later if you wish. Members and non-members are most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Bolton Garden Centre, Wigan Road, Bolton BL3 4RD. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



WED 11 Social Afternoon - Manchester



1pm



Free



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter in Manchester. Catch up with old friends and make new friends over complimentary tea, coffee and cake. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

THURS 12 Let's Lunch - Worsley Old Hall



12.30pm



As per menu



This 17th-century country house pub with wood-panelled rooms and eclectic always comes highly recommended. As it is very popular with our members early booking is advised. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. Worsley Old Hall, Worsley Park, Worsley M28 2QT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

FRI 13 Foodie Friday - La Dolce Vita



7pm



As per menu



La Dolce Vita first opened in 1986 and is situated on the main road through Marple opposite the cinema. They have recently undergone a complete refurbishment, extending the bar and dining areas to a modern and luxurious standard. With a great menu including vegetarian and vegan options. Book by Tuesday 3 November 2026. La Dolce Vita, 27 Stockport Road, Marple SK6 6BD. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



November 2026

SUN
15

Sunday Special - Cat Café Manchester



1pm



As per menu



This unique experience is really worth a visit as the mission is to make animals assisted therapy accessible on the high street. The aim is to support communities by offering inclusive, calm and relaxing spaces in what can be a busy, crowded and over stimulating world. The purpose of Cat Café is to help people feel better by creating the best environment for cats and humans



to relax and spend time together, backed by outstanding animal welfare policies. Costs start at £10 to visit with unlimited drinks. Afternoon tea £12.95. Book by Monday 9 November 2026. Cat Café Manchester, Barton Arcade Manchester M3 2BH. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

TUES
17

Social Morning - Leigh



11am



Free



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people over a tea or coffee with the first one complimentary. We can discuss events in the diary, book on them and share ideas for future events. Non members most welcome to come along and find out more about Oddfellows. Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



November 2026

WED
18

Out and About - Elizabeth Gaskell House



12 noon



Entry £9



Step into a magical Victorian Christmas experience at Elizabeth Gaskell's House. It will be decked out in Christmas splendour with each of the atmospheric restored rooms, telling stories of Christmas past.

With festive entertainment and drop in Christmas crafts, all included in the admission cost of £9. The famous tea rooms will have a delicious range of festive snacks and treats. Book by Monday 2 November 2026. Elizabeth Gaskell House, 84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester M13 9LW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



THURS
19

Out and About - Air Raid Tunnels



12 noon



Entry £6



Meeting in Loft Social at 12 noon, where you can have refreshments or at the Stockport Air Raid Shelters at 2pm (65 Chestergate, Stockport SK1 1NP).

The shelters are carved into the natural sandstone cliffs with the intriguing network of underground tunnels, offering you an unparalleled insight into life in wartime Britain in the 1940s. Nearly a mile long they accommodated as many as 6,500 people during the second world war. Book by Thursday 5 November 2026. Loft Social, Castle Yard, Stockport SK1 1UD. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



November 2026

FRI **20** **Let's Brunch -** **Manchester Road Café**



Let's have brunch at this popular café, whether it's a full English, beans on toast or anything else on their extensive



menu, there is something for everyone. Book by Monday 9 November 2026. Manchester Road Café, 416 Manchester Road, Leigh WN7 2NP. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

SUN **22** **Sunday Lunch - The** **Fire Station Social** **Cucina**



Only on Sunday does this fabulous new restaurant, part of the Cheshire Pub Company portfolio in the heart of Alderley Edge serve its roasts from half brick chicken, roast beef and porchetta with a range of interesting sides. The nearby Edge is ideal to walk some calories off. Afterwards, with incredible views across Cheshire to the City of Manchester. Book by Thursday 5 November 2026. The Fire Station Social Cucina, 75 London Road, Alderley Edge SK7 7DY. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

TUES **24** **Dine Around - The** **Harvester Atherleigh**



Let's dine around with fellow members in the Harvester restaurant, which serves good food at reasonable costs from an extensive menu. Book by Tuesday 17 November 2026. Harvester Atherleigh, Parsonage Way, Leigh WN7 5SJ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

WED **25** **Out and About -** **Christmas Markets,** **Chester**



Meeting at Piccadilly Station, members can join from Stockport and other stations or in Chester. The market is located in Town Hall Square outside the town hall and near Chester Cathedral. With over 80 traders in traditional wooden chalets, there is also plenty of food and drink stalls with a great atmosphere centered around a large Christmas tree with festive lighting and live music. Book by Wednesday 11 November 2026. Piccadilly Station, Boad Street Manchester M60 7RT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

November 2026

THURS
26

Games Afternoon - Hazel Grove



1pm



£12.50



Hosted by members John and Chris, the games afternoon was a huge success this time last year and we are doing it all again for a 2026 winner. Whether you are good at snooker, pool, darts or table tennis, it does not matter as partners will be picked for some of the games. You do not even have to take part, just come and watch and have some fun. Refreshments available to purchase from the bar. Book by Thursday 5 November 2026. Hazel Grove Snooker Club, 2 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5EN. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

SAT
28

Saturday Special - Hardwick Hall



12 noon



Entry £23, National Trust Members Free



This Elizabethan masterpiece one of the finest in the country is set in the most beautiful countryside. Hardwick Hall is the legacy of a woman who had the vision, wealth and the sheer audacity to commission a house that still takes people's breath away. Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury fondly known as Bess of Hardwick (1527- 1608). The golden stonework and sparkling expanse of glass



By Tony Hisgett from Birmingham, UK - Hardwick Hall 3Uploaded by tm, CC BY 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=27213330>

looks down on the ruins of the first attempt and is full of the delights from Elizabethan embroidery to forties furnishings. We can arrange car share from the Tennis Courts in Glossop or just meet at the hall. Book by Tuesday 3 November 2026. Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea, Chesterfield S44 5QJ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

November 2026 December

MON 30 Coffee Morning - Earthlings



11.30am



As per menu



Let's catch up at this neighbourhood organic health food café and juice bar in the heart of Bromley Cross village. Book by Monday 16 November 2026. Earthlings, 221 Darwen Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9BS. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



TUES 01 Christmas Lunch - Crown & Conspirator



2pm



Three-courses
£26.95



Having had such a great day last year with 60 members enjoying a great Christmas lunch, live music and some dancing, let's do it all again at the Crown & Conspirator in Bramhall. The train station is a five-minute walk away, bus stop outside and two large car parks are minutes away. Book early, as it was filled up very quickly last year. Book by Thursday 5 November 2026. Crown & Conspirator, 26 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall Stockport SK7 1AF. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



December

TUES 01 Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



Free



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WED 02 Social Afternoon Christmas Fun - Manchester



1pm



Free



Please join us for our monthly social in the heart of the Northern Quarter in Manchester. Catch up with old friends and make new friends whilst celebrating Christmas with members bringing food and our gift jars. All to be discussed at the Social in November. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

December

THURS
03

Social Evening Gift Wrapping Demonstration Stockport

7pm

£ Free



Join us for our monthly social to meet like-minded people and as the run up to Christmas, there will be a gift wrapping demonstration. So if you have a special present that you want gift wrapped, please bring along and all with complimentary tea, coffee, stollen and mince pies or you can purchase a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



MON
07

Coffee Morning - Bents Garden Centre

11.30am

£ Free



Lets enjoy a coffee with fellow members or just stroll around and enjoy the wonderful Christmas surroundings of Bents Garden Centre, who put on a great display over the Christmas period. Meeting in the café area. Book by Tuesday 1 December 2026. Bents Garden Centre, Warrington Road, Leigh End Glazebury WA3 5NT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



SAT
05

Saturday Special - Cinderella

7.30pm

£ £15



Join Cinderella and her ugly sister for a traditional pantomime with a fresh modern twist. Packed with all the panto traditions you know and love. Cinderella is a feel good festive treat with something for everyone. Will Cinderella make it to the ball, will true love win the day. There's only one way to find out, so come and join us. Book by Tuesday 3 November 2026. Partington Theatre, Henry Street, Glossop SK13 8BW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



December

TUES
08

Social Morning - Bolton



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over tea or coffee with the first one being complementary and have lunch later if you wish. Members and non-members are most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Bolton Garden Centre, Wigan Road, Bolton BL3 4RD. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

WED
09

Christmas Lunch - The Townhouse Hotel



Having been so well looked after last Christmas, we are returning again to this lovely hotel on Portland Street in Manchester. The three-course lunch comes with a glass of Prosecco on arrival and we can be guaranteed an enjoyable afternoon. You may even wish to visit the Christmas markets afterwards to carry on the festive spirit with a Glühwein or two. Book by Monday 23 November 2026. Townhouse Hotel, 101 Portland Street, Manchester M1 6DF. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



THURS
10

Coffee Morning - Funky Monkey

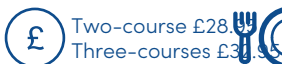


Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas period and join us for a well deserved drink from the great selection they have in this family run independent café. Book by Monday 7 December 2026. Funky Monkey, 175-177 Bramhall Lane South, Davenport, Stockport SK2 6JA. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



FRI
11

Christmas Dine Around The Joshua Bradley



With all the character of a great pub, The Joshua Bradley has been created within a beautiful restored mansion house in the most captivating of settings. Whether we eat in the spectacular Orangery or cosy snug, you are assured great food and service in a homely and inviting setting. Book by Monday 23 November 2026. The Joshua Bradley, Stockport Road, Hyde SK13 5EZ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

December

MON
14

Christmas Lunch - Bolton Garden Centre



12.30pm



As per
menu



Join us for Christmas lunch with fellow members in our regular social meeting venue to enjoy the Christmas period together with great food and company. Book by Tuesday 10 November 2026. Bolton Garden Centre, Wigan Road, Bolton BL3 4RD. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



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TUES
15

Social Morning - Leigh



11am



Free



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THURS
17

Let's Lunch - The Royal Oak Inn



12.30pm



As per
menu



This stone built pub built in 1818 at the foot of the snake pass is food led with English and Thai menus, with its separate restaurant it was reopened in 2026. Book by Tuesday 1 December 2026. The Royal Oak Inn, 275 Sheffield Road, Glossop SK13 BQY. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



December

SUN
20

Sunday Special - Donkey Day at Gorton Monastery



12.30pm



Free



Come and join this fabulous community event, with The Christmas Story and Donkey Day for a celebration for all the family. Enjoy the festive fun, refreshments, music and activities. Wear your favourite Christmas jumper or outfit, sing carols and meet real donkeys.

Festive refreshments will be on sale all day in the Welcome Café and carol singing with the choir will begin at 1pm with the Christmas story led by Reverend Fay Barratt will start at 2pm.

Meeting in the café at 12.30pm, the event is free. Book by Monday 14 December 2026. Gorton Monastery, 89 Gorton Lane, Gorton, Manchester M12 5WF. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



TUES
22

Coffee Morning - A'bout Thyme



11am



As per menu



Whether you just want to avoid the crowds, pick up last minute gifts locally, or just take time out during the Christmas period. Great coffee awaits you in this lovely café in the middle of Glossop. Book by Monday 14 December 2026. A'bout Thyme, 55 High Street, Glossop SK13 8AZ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



December

SUN
27

Sunday Special - Goldilocks and the Three Bears



1pm



£8



Boltons magical Christmas pantomime is coming to town, where magic, mayhem, porridge and pantomime collide. Meet Betty Barnum, proud owner of Betty's Big Top Circus and her loveable wannabe magician son Silly Billy, whose tricks don't always go to plan. Their star performer Goldilocks keeps the crowd cheering with her golden voice, but trouble is brewing beneath the big top. Book by Monday 7 December 2026. Victoria Hall, 37 Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AS. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



MON
28

Enchanted Winter Walk Quarry Bank



5pm



£9.95



With festive lighting and illuminated walkways, wander through the Upper Garden on an Enchanted Winter Walk. Keep an eye out for Mrs Claus preparing the sleigh for Christmas Eve. Tickets include a hot drink. Book by Thursday 3 December 2026. Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Wilmslow SK9 4HP. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



WED
30

Jack and the Beanstalk The Plaza



2.30pm



£26.95



Fi-Fi-Fo-Fum!... Stockport's pantomime will delight audiences of all ages in this spectacular, magical production that will provide members with sensational memories that will last a lifetime... Oh yes, they will! Book by Thursday 3 December 2026. The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



January 2027

TUES
05

Social Morning - Glossop



11.30am



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WED
06

Let's Lunch - Motley



12.30pm



As per menu



This modern kitchen serves drinks, small plates and flatbreads in a stylish, colourful environment in the heart of Manchester. Book by Monday 21 December 2026. Motley, 2 John Dalton Street, Manchester M2 6JP. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



THURS
07

Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



Free



Join us for our monthly social to meet like-minded people whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee and cake or even a drink from the bar. Please note: The last two January socials have been cancelled due to bad weather and as it's an event we do not have to book. Please do not travel to the event if snow is heavy. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road Cheadle Hulme SK7 5AT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

SUN
10

Sunday Special - Vernon Park



1pm



Free



Meeting in the café area, we can walk round Stockport's oldest public park, opened in 1858, lying just east of the town centre. It's an exceptional Victorian/Edwardian asset to both the local community and the north west region. Vernon Park, Turncroft Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK1 4AR. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



January 2027

TUES
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WED
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1pm



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FRI
15

Foodie Friday - Pico Lounge



7pm



As per menu



Popular restaurant in the heart of Glossop with an extensive menu, good service and great atmosphere is the choice for January's Foodie Friday. Book by Monday 4 January 2027. Pico Lounge, Unit 3 & 4 Howard Town, Victoria Street, Glossop SK13 8HT. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.



TUES
19

Social Morning - Leigh



11am



Free



Join us at this family run coffee shop to meet like-minded semi-retired and retired people over a tea or coffee with the first one complimentary. We can discuss events in the diary, book on them and share ideas for future events. Non members most welcome to come along and find out more about Oddfellows. Cucina, 198 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

January 2027

WED
20

Dine Around - Gaucho

L 6pm

£ As per menu



This award-winning Argentine steak restaurant in the heart of Manchester offers much more to the menu. Book by Monday 4 January 2027. Gaucho, 2A St Mary's Street, Manchester M3 2LB. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

THURS
21

Let's Lunch - Romulus

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Our annual visit which we have been doing for many years, takes us to this family run Italian restaurant in the heart of Bramhall for nearly 30 years. Book by Thursday 7 January 2027. Romulus, 12a Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1JJ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

SUN
24

Sunday Lunch - Pinetrees

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Let's lunch at Pinetrees Farm and catch up with members, friends and family. Book by Tuesday 12 January 2027. Pinetree Farm, Cutacre Lane, Bolton BL5 1FN. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

TUES
26

Partington Theatre - Teechers 22

L 7.30pm

£ £6.50



It's the end of the school year in 2022 and Salty, Gail and Hobby are about to take to the stage for the first time, presenting the play they have created for their BTEC performance exam.

What follows is a fast-paced, funny and sharply observed look at school life, as the students transform into a whole host of roles with unforgettable characters. It is packed with humour, energy and plenty of heart. Written by John Godber. Directed by Jayne Skudder.

Book by Tuesday 5 January 2027. Partington Theatre, Henry Street, Glossop SK13 8BW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

January 2027

WED
27

Let's Lunch - Lillians



12.30pm



As per
menu



Let's lunch at Lillians in the heart of Leigh for good food, great atmosphere with lovely members. Book by Monday 4 January 2027. Lillians, 190 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

THURS
28

Dine Around - Duttons



6pm



As per
menu



Lets meet up with fellow members in this family run restaurant and bar, which comes highly recommended for its great food and service. Book by Thursday 7 January 2027. Duttons, Ack Lane East, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2BY. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

SAT
30

Saturday Special - Rivington Gardens



1pm



Free



Meeting in the café, we can wrap up and blow the cobwebs away with a leisurely stroll round these lovely gardens and woods . Book by Tuesday 12 January 2027.



Rivington Gardens, Belmont Road, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7SJ. Contact the Booking Line on 07873 581975 or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



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

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Meet Grand Master Debbie Jex



For Debbie Jex, the Oddfellows has been part of her life for more than 50 years. Recently elected as Grand Master, she remains characteristically modest about the honour.

“I know it’s a huge honour and I am immensely proud,” she says. “But half the time I’m just the District Secretary at Reading Oddfellows until somebody reminds me I’m the Grand Master.”

Debbie first joined the Society as a child when her parents became members. However, it was in 1993, when she became Lodge Secretary, that her deeper involvement began.

“That’s when I got pulled in,” she jokes.

Over the years, the Society has provided much more than a role. It has become a source of friendship, connection and lasting memories.

“It’s not just a job now, it’s a way of life. It’s a huge part of my social life, a huge part of my friendship group.”

Looking back, Debbie believes the relationships she has built through the Oddfellows have enriched her life.

“I’ve attended some lovely events and made friends with lots of lovely people all over the country. So it’s definitely enriched my life.”

As Grand Master, Debbie sees her role as representing and championing members.

“I’m there to champion our members and make sure we’re doing the best we can for them.”

She is also excited about meeting members across the country and helping more people discover the support and friendship the Society offers.

“I’d like more members to know what a wonderful caring and benevolent Society this is.”

After decades of service, Debbie’s message remains simple:

“The Oddfellows is there for you if you need it.”

Read the full interview on the Oddfellows’ website at:
www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Friendship Month 2026: celebrating connection, community and companionship

Another Friendship Month has come to a close, with Oddfellows branches across the UK welcoming members, friends and guests to a wide range of free and low-cost taster events designed to bring people together and celebrate the value of friendship.

From coffee mornings and social lunches to walks, talks and special gatherings, September provided countless opportunities for people to reconnect with existing friends, make new connections and enjoy good company.

Keep friendships warm

This year's campaign focused on the importance of staying in touch as we move into the colder months, when opportunities to get together can sometimes reduce and feelings of isolation can become more common.

The campaign struck a chord with people across the country. Branches reported strong attendance at events and were especially pleased to welcome newcomers discovering the Oddfellows for the first time.

"A huge thank you"

Pam Casey, Secretary of the Order, said: "A huge thank you goes to every branch, volunteer, organiser, member and guest who helped make Friendship Month 2026 such a success.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Concord Oddfellows celebrated Friendship Month in style at their popular coffee morning in Aldershot.

"Your enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to others demonstrated the positive difference that friendship can make in our communities."

Steph Hopes, Branch Secretary for Concord Oddfellows, said: "We welcomed several people who had never attended an Oddfellows event before. By the end of the morning, everyone was chatting as though they'd known each other for years. It was a fantastic atmosphere."



Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows met up for a round of adventure golf.

Sharon Hulse-Cottle, Branch Secretary of Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows, said: “Our members did a brilliant job of helping newcomers feel at ease. By the end of the event, there was a real buzz in the air. It was lovely to see new faces becoming part of the group.”

Expert support

Friendship Month also helped raise awareness of the wider benefits of friendship. During the campaign, expert anthropologist Dr Anna Machin supported the initiative by sharing insights into the importance of maintaining meaningful relationships and making time for regular face-to-face contact.

While Friendship Month may be over, the opportunities certainly aren't. With a busy

programme of events planned throughout autumn, winter and beyond, there are still plenty of ways to meet new people, try something different and strengthen existing connections.

You can always find details of upcoming local and online events at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events



Birmingham Oddfellows shared positive messages of friendship at its events.

Important update to some membership benefits

As part of our regular review of the services and support we provide, three discretionary, non-contractual membership benefits were withdrawn on 16 September 2026.

The benefits affected are **Legal Aid Scheme, Accidental Death Benefit and Emergency Financial Aid.**

The change applies to new Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members joining from 16 September 2026, and to existing Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members when they renew their membership.

Existing members will continue to have access to these benefits until their renewal date.

Any claims, applications or cases already received and in progress will continue

to be considered and fulfilled in accordance with the relevant benefit terms and conditions.*

As with all member benefits, the Society regularly reviews its offering to ensure it remains relevant, appropriate and sustainable. While these three discretionary benefits have been withdrawn, no other membership benefits have been affected.

The Society remains committed to providing members with valuable support, friendship and opportunities to connect with others.

Members who have questions about how this change affects them or their membership can contact the Membership team on **0800 028 1810** for further information, or email **membership@oddfellows.co.uk**

Apprenticeship Educational Awards

If you're starting an apprenticeship, the Oddfellows' Apprenticeship Educational Awards could help with some of the costs along the way. Each year, up to three eligible members can apply to receive a non-repayable bursary of £250 per year for the duration of their apprenticeship.*

The award can be used towards expenses such as textbooks, equipment, rent, bills and other practical costs.

To apply, members must have at least five years of continuous Oddfellows membership (which can include Young Oddfellows membership) and be starting their first apprenticeship. This is a discretionary benefit and applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To find out more or request an application form, contact your Branch Secretary as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by 31 December each year.

*Terms and conditions apply to all Oddfellows benefits, which are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Financial benefits are awarded at the Society's discretion, not guaranteed, and claim applications may be declined. For full details, call 0800 028 1810 or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Charlotte on **07597 371391** or email **charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

At a glance

November 2026

Mon 2	Live Music	1pm
Tues 3	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 4	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 5	Social Evening	7pm
Fri 6	BJs Bingo - Leigh	12.30pm
Sat 7	The Good Clothes Show	11.30am
Sun 8	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Tues 10	Social Morning	11am
Wed 11	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 12	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 13	Foodie Friday	7pm
Sun 15	Sunday Special	1pm
Tues 17	Social Morning	11am
Wed 18	Out and About	12 noon
Thurs 19	Out and About	12 noon
Fri 20	Let's Brunch	11am
Sun 22	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Tues 24	Dine Around	6pm
Wed 25	Out and About	11am
Thurs 26	Games Afternoon	1pm
Sat 28	Saturday Special	12 noon
Mon 30	Coffee Morning	11.30am

December

Tues 1	Social Morning	11.30am
Tues 1	Christmas Lunch	2pm
Wed 2	Social Afternoon	1pm
Thurs 3	Social Evening	7pm
Sat 5	Saturday Special	7.30pm
Mon 7	Coffee Morning	11.30am

December

Tues 8	Social Morning	11am
Wed 9	Christmas Lunch	1pm
Thurs 10	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 11	Christmas Dine Around	7pm
Mon 14	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 15	Social Morning	11am
Thurs 17	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 20	Sunday Special	12.30pm
Tues 22	Coffee Morning	11am
Sun 27	Sunday Special	1pm
Mon 28	Enchanted Winter Walk	5pm
Wed 30	Jack and the Bean Stalk	2.30pm

January 2027

Tues 5	Social Morning	11.30am
Wed 6	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 7	Social Evening	7pm
Sun 10	Sunday Special	1pm
Tues 12	Social Morning	11am
Wed 13	Social Afternoon	1pm
Fri 15	Foodie Friday	7pm
Tues 19	Social Morning	11am
Wed 20	Dine Around	6pm
Thurs 21	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 24	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Tues 26	Teechers 22	7.30pm
Wed 27	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 28	Dine Around	6pm
Sat 30	Saturday Special	1pm

Gorton Monastery

How privileged we were to have Elaine Griffiths OBE the co-founder and Chief Executive of the Charitable Trust that has raised over £10 million to save and restore the fantastic building that is Gorton Monastery give a presentation and introduce their Choir. We were entertained with the fantastic singing whilst enjoying cake and refreshments and so lovely that several of them are Oddfellow members.



Stockport Guild Hall

What a great afternoon with over 80 members and a lovely cream tea to enjoy. Members had stalls with a range of products on sale and guests enjoyed the fashion show

with members taking to the stage and modelling. A raffle and tombola raised much needed funds for local charities. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and contributed prizes.

Other Events

The other events at Twentmans in Leigh, Cloud 23 in Manchester, Olympus in Bolton and Windy Harbour in Glossop were all enjoyed by members with a record number of eight new members made in Glossop. This all only happens with

the dedication of members who get involved and make new people welcome as can be seen in some of the quotes we have had from them. Another huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

Quotes

"Great to see monies being raised for local charities"

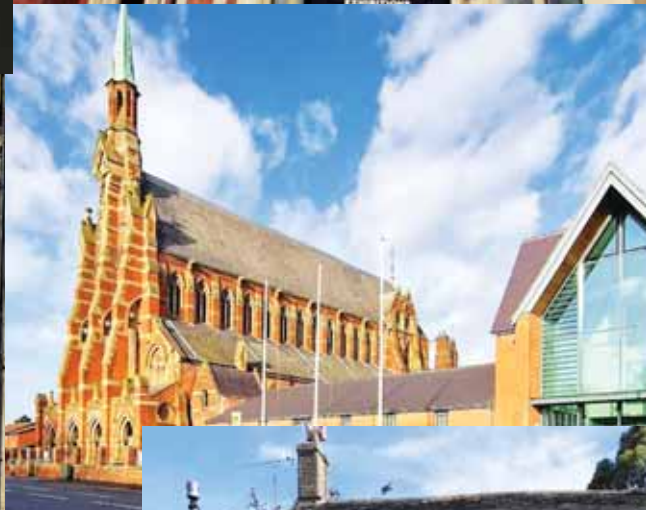
"Made to feel so welcome"

"Met some lovely people"

"Did not realise how much more there was to being a member"

"Fabulous range of events to go to"





Get the most out of your membership



As well as making friends and meeting new people, the Oddfellows offers a wide range of benefits to members.

From advice and financial aid through to travel opportunities, we provide a helping hand to make life a little easier. With your standard benefit membership, for £25 a year*, you have access to:

- Local social events
- Money saving partner offers
- Care and Welfare Helpline and local support
- Dedicated Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Convalescence and Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Benevolence Grants
- Member referral rewards scheme
- Access to group holidays and travel discounts
- Educational and Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

If you're an extra benefit member, your £35 a year membership* enables access to additional benefits of:

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

Find out more about the benefits and support available

You'll find more information about member benefits in your member handbook. You can also call Charlotte Ryalls on **07597 371391** or email charlotte.ryalls@oddfellows.co.uk or Sarah North on **07873 581975** or email sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk, or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits

To make sure you receive our monthly emails for updates on benefits and offers, just email us with your full name, postcode and membership number (if you know it): membership@oddfellows.co.uk

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