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# *out* & *about*

## **Combermere Branch**

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



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## *Combermere District Chairperson's Celebration Lunch – Saturday 28 March*

## **Hello and Welcome to our latest Out and About Diary and hope you will enjoy some of the many events we have planned!**

Last year we held some great events across our large District and you can see more in News and Views in the

middle pages. There is a new venue for the Glossop Social with details on page 3. We have added a new Zoom event on the first Tuesday of the month and we have our Hatting Event on Tuesday 17 February and Chairperson's Celebration Lunch Saturday 28 March so lots to look forward to.

**In Friendship,  
Sarah**

## **Hello!**

This is my last time writing a piece as the Secretary of the Combermere Branch, I'm sad to be stepping down from a role that I have held with the Branch for five years. As with any role there has been ups and downs, the ups are knowing you have helped someone join our amazing Society, giving them a new lease of life and friendships, to losing those members through illness, that you have got to know over the years.

I'm planning to stay an active member with the Branch and remain part of the Committee of Management. Which I guess leads me nicely on to my next piece, our Committee of Management (CoM) plays an important role within the Branch,

as they have the opportunity to say how the Branch is run. As a volunteer member of the CoM you do not need to understand everything at once, we are here to help and guide you on your CoM journey. I know some people will be asking 'how much time do I have to commit?' the answer is simple... there are four CoM meetings per year, lasting about two hours (or less). If you are interested in observing one of our CoM meetings to see what discussions taking place, please get in touch and it will be arranged.

This is not goodbye, this is until I see you again!

**Many thanks  
Pam**

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Ray Howard - Leigh and Bolton

## Regular Monthly Meeting Places

### Bolton

#### First Monday of the month

Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ at 11am

Please note the Bolton Social is Monday 13 April as Monday 6 is a bank holiday.

### 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

### Stockport

#### First Thursday of the month

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

Please note due to the 1 January being a Bank Holiday the social will be held on the 8 January.

# 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 Sarah on 07873 581975.

# Monthly Online Events

## Fun and Games



7pm



Free



Online



**First Tuesday**

Come and join Charles from Combermere Oddfellows on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm for a variety of online games, quizzes, and talks etc. Email Sarah at [sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:sarah.north@oddfellows.co.uk).



**3 February - Valentine Quiz** - Zoom Meeting ID: 882 7679 8352, Passcode: 927308.

**3 March - Irish Theme Games and Quiz Night** - Zoom Meeting ID: 889 1055 1823, Passcode: 1438.

**7 April - Sing Along** - Zoom Meeting ID: 875 6522 0924, Passcode: 151662.

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

## Booking on Events

**Please remember the importance of the booking deadline date for events, as we cannot guarantee a place on an event once the book by date has past, although we will always do our best to accommodate where possible.**

When bookings are made for events that require a deposit or a purchase of ticket(s), payment must be made at time of booking to secure your place. Refunds will only be made where the event is cancelled, no refunds will be given in any other circumstance, unless the place can be refilled by another member. There are various ways to make payment (with a bank transfer or SumUp (debit/

credit card) being the preferred method), which are as follows:

**Bank transfer** – Please ensure that you advise the secretary by email/text/phone of the event(s) you are making payment for. For bank details please contact your secretary Pam on 07966 934747 or email [pamela.casey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:pamela.casey@oddfellows.co.uk)

**SumUp** – Available at events (Social Organisers) or over the phone via a payment link from the Secretary.

**Cheque** – Please make payable to ‘Combermere District Lodge’ and pass to a Social Organiser at any event or send direct to the Secretary.

# February 2026

## MON 02 Social Morning - Bolton



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over a tea or coffee with the first one being complimentary and have lunch later if you wish. At the regular socials we discuss what events are being held across our District, booking on them and ideas to go in future diaries etc. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

## TUES 03 Social Morning - Glossop



Join us at our monthly social morning in the heart of Glossop at Glossop Garden Centre. The first tea or coffee is complementary and you are welcome to bring along friends to find out more about what we do at Oddfellows. Glossop Garden Centre, Town Centre, Off Railway Street, Glossop SK13 7AG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## WED 04 Dine Around - Malmaison Deansgate



Malmaison Bar and Grill is stylish fusion restaurant, offering a contemporary dining experience with classic and seasonal dishes which can be enjoyed by members. Book by Wednesday 14 January. Malmaison Deansgate, 23 Princess Street, Manchester M2 4EB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## THURS 05 Social Evening - Stockport



Join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi retired and retired people whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee and cake or even a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# February 2026

SAT  
07

## Saturday Special - FunnyBoyz Benidorm Bingo



6pm



£16.75



FunnyBoyz  
Manchester  
presents  
Benidorm  
Bingo at New  
York New York.



This is a venue with a 30 year history in the heart of Manchester. This unique concept in Drag Cabaret brings you the most hilarious drag show, comedy, bingo and cheesy tunes. Join us for an fun night of bingo. The ticket price includes a glass of fizz, unlimited popcorn and bingo ticket. We can decide if we want a bite to eat before the show, which starts at 6pm finishes at 9pm. New York New York, 94-98 Bloom Street, Manchester M1 3LY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SUN  
08

## Sunday Special - Sarah's Kitchen



1pm



As per  
menu



Housed in the Commercial Inn, Sarah's Kitchen serves great food at reasonable prices in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Afterwards, we can take a walk in the nearby Manor Park, weather permitting, if you wish. Book by Monday 19 January. The Commercial Inn, 137 Manor Park Road, Glossop SK13 7SH. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES  
10

## Let's Lunch - The Fletchers Arms



12.30pm



As per  
menu



One of the Almond Family pubs, we are always guaranteed good food and service here. Book by Monday 2 February. The Fletchers Arms, 445 Stockport Road, Denton M34 6EG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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 Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
12

## Dine Around - Meze



6pm



As per  
menu



In the heart of Handforth this Greek restaurant has great reviews for its fair prices, for the quality of food and the warm inviting atmosphere, with tasteful decor. Book by Thursday 5 February. Meze Greek Restaurant, 116 Wilmslow Road, Handforth SK9 3ES. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# February 2026

FRI  
13

## Let's Lunch - Summat to Ate



12.30pm



Meal and  
Drink £14.95



The speciality here is the hot rock experience, where you are the chef, which enables you to cook the perfect steak just the way you want. If steak is not for you, there are plenty of other choices that the chef will prepare for you. Book by Monday 2 February. Summat to Ate, 48-50 Market Street, Hindley WN2 3AN. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

SUN  
15

## Sunday Special - The Station House



1pm



As per  
menu



Having been recently refurbished this warm and welcoming traditional type pub is the perfect place to join others for a wonderful Sunday lunch. Situated next to Cheadle Hulme train station with ample parking. Book by Thursday 5 February. The Station House, 47 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 7AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

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 Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES  
17

## Hatting Event - Browns



7pm



Two courses  
£24.95



In homage to the Hatting Industry across our District, this annual event which we have held



for over 50 years will be held at Browns Restaurant in Manchester. Our District Chairperson Anne Slater will present the Chairman of the Oddfellows John Mann with a hat of his choice which at the beginning of this traditional event was a Bowler Hat made specially from a hat manufacturers in Stockport. Browns is housed in an awe-inspiring Edwardian baroque building and former banking hall and we are assured a warm welcome and good food. Browns, 1 York Street, Manchester M2 2AW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# February 2026

THURS  
19

## Coffee Morning - Buxton Road Café



11am



As per menu



This friendly neighbourhood café serves great coffee, cakes and refreshments. Catch up with friends and maybe take a stroll afterwards around the nearby Torkington Park, weather permitting. Book by Thursday 5 February. Buxton Road Café and Coffee Bar, 1 Buxton Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 6AD. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



WED  
18

## Out and About - Salford Museum



12 noon



Free



Meeting in the ground floor café which overlooks the beautiful Peel Park and the University of Salford's Peel Building, we can grab some refreshments before looking round this great museum. From experiencing Victorian Salford to the art gallery, there is so much more to see. Book by Wednesday 11 February. Salford Museum and Art Gallery, Peel Park, The Crescent, Salford M5 4WU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SUN  
22

## Sunday Special - Andy Powell's Big Band



2pm



£16.50



Join us for an afternoon of 'Swing' with Andy Powell as he returns to the Plaza with The New Lights 18 piece Big Band. Classics by artists such as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Matt Monroe, Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and many more performing hits such as: In the Mood, Fly Me to the Moon, Mack The Knife, Mr Bojangles and more. This is definitely an afternoon not to be missed, so please book early as tickets for Andy's shows sell out very quickly. Book by Thursday 5 February. The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1SP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# February 2026

FRI  
20

## Out and About - Bolton Museum



12 noon



Free



Meeting in the café area in the library building, we can have refreshments before we look round what the museum has to offer. With amazing history, art, culture, ranging from Egyptian mummies to local history and wildlife, Bolton's collection has something for everyone. Book by Monday 2 February. Bolton Museum, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton BL1 1SE. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



MON  
23

## Coffee Morning - Th3 Guys Bakers



11am



As per menu



With a great selection of breads, pastry, aperitivos and coffee drinks, Th3 Guys Bakers and Baristas can be a new favourite in Bolton. Book by Monday 2 February. Th3 Guys Bakers and Baristas, 92 Great Moor Street, Bolton BL3 6DS. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES  
24

## Coffee Morning - A'bout Thyme



11am



As per menu



Lets enjoy a catch up at this neighbourhood coffee lounge, serving the best tea or coffee in Glossop as it states in reviews. Book by Monday 16 February. A'bout Thyme, 55 High Street, Glossop SK13 8AZ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

WED  
25

## Let's Lunch - The Glass House



12 noon



As per  
menu



The Glass House specialist training restaurant at Worsley College at Worsley offers a fine dining experience within a contemporary and relaxed setting. It is run by dedicated professional cookery and hospitality students under the supervision of expert tutors who have worked in some of the best-known hotels and restaurants in the country. Book by Monday 2 February. The Glass House, 115 Walkden Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 7QE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# February 2026 March

## FRI 27 Foodie Friday - The Italian



This fabulous Italian has been a favourite with our members for a number of years due to its great food and friendly atmosphere. We have always traditionally gone mid week, so lets start the weekend with a lovely meal with friends in the heart of Glossop. Book by Tuesday 3 February. The Italian, 110-112 High Street West, Glossop SK13 8BB. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## March

## MON 02 Social Morning - Bolton



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over a tea or coffee with the first one being complementary and have lunch later if you wish. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about the Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

## TUES 03 Social Morning - Glossop



Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members to discuss events across the District, book on them and what we would like to see in the diary next time. If the golf club is not too busy with golfers, staying for lunch we maybe able to stay and have something to eat later. Meeting at Glossop Golf Club set amid the rolling hills of the Peak District, the tea or coffee is complimentary and is open to non-members to join us to find out more about Oddfellows. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## WED 04 Let's Lunch - Slattery



This third generation family run award winning 'Pâtissier and Chocolatier' was founded in 1967, located in Whitefield, it is housed in one of the areas historical buildings. The tram stop at Whitefield is a five minute walk away and there is a small car park at the venue. Book by Wednesday 11 February. Slatterys, 197 Bury New Road, Whitefield, Manchester M45 6GE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# March

## THURS 05 Social Evening - Taste the Difference

L 7pm

£ Free



Join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi-retired and retired people whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee or even a drink from the bar. Tonight we will be deciding if it's the brands or Lidl/ Aldi who win in the taste test. Can you taste the difference whilst we enjoy eating the products. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## SAT 07 Saturday Special - Partridge Lakes

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Meeting in the café with beautiful lakeside views, quality food and dog friendly, we can have refreshments before we look



round the 70 plus acres of beautiful countryside in Cheshire. Let the host know if you wish to just meet for a walk, weather permitting. Book by Monday 2 March. Partridge Lakes, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 4AQ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

## SUN 08 Sunday Special - Junkyard Crazy Golf

L 1pm

£ 9 holes £9.50



This indoor golf club offers fun and quirky crazy golf courses, as well as a bar with creative cocktails in a great atmosphere. The price is for a game of nine holes if you wish to take part. Refreshments and food are available at the venue. Book by Monday 16 February. Junkyard Golf, 2 First Street, Manchester M15 4RP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## TUES 10 Dine Around - Lucianos at the Millstone

L 6pm

£ As per menu



This popular Italian restaurant along with great food and warm welcoming atmosphere has a self-playing piano. Book by Monday 23 February. Lucianos at the Millstone, Bolton Road, Grimeford Village, Chorley PR6 9HJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

# March

## WED 11 Social Afternoon - Fish and Chips



1pm



£9



The monthly social in the heart of Manchester sees us having a good old British tradition fish and chips with a fun quiz. Tea or coffee will be complimentary as usual, but please let us know for catering purposes if you want the fish and chips which are £9 at the meeting in February. Terrace NQ, 43 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester M4 1NA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## THURS 12 Dine Around - Trunk Lounge Bramhall



6pm



As per menu



Located in the heart of Bramhall with some limited parking opposite and large car park five minutes walk away. Trunk Lounge brings a sunny Mediterranean vibe with its delicious tapas menu. Book by Monday 23 February. Trunk, 38-40 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 1AH. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## SAT 14 Saturday Special - Guide Bridge Theatre



2pm



£11



What I Did At School Today by John Mee and directed by John O'Brien. Lloyd George junior and infants school has not fared well in a recent inspection. The scheming head is only concerned with sucking up to anyone who will enhance his cv and all the female staff are too disgruntled or too naive to care. When along comes a handsome supply teacher and everyone falls over to win his attention. Shocked to find his long lost love from uni there what could possibly happen in the school staffroom other than meetings, marking and making coffee. Book by Monday 16 February. Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw M34 5HJ. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# March

## TUES 17 Social Morning - Leigh



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 and 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 Ray on 07938 016678.

## WED 18 Dine Around - El Gato Negro



This restaurant housed in a three storey converted townhouse has award winning tapas from chef Simon Shaw. Book by Monday 2 March. El Gato Negro, 52 King Street, Manchester M2 4LY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## THURS 19 Let's Lunch - Hare and Hounds



This pub has a menu of traditional British dishes and a warm and friendly vibe. Book by Tuesday 3 March. Hare and Hounds, Werneth Low Road, Hyde SK14 3AA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## FRI 20 Partington Theatre - Wind in the Willows



This delightful stage adaption combines all the joy and mystery of Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic with the lightness of touch and playful theatricality that award winning playwright Mike Kenny is known for. Members can arrange to meet earlier to have a bite to eat or just meet at the theatre. Book by Tuesday 3 March. Partington Theatre, Henry Street, Glossop SK13 8BW. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# March

## **SAT 21** Saturday Special - Chads Theatre

 2.30pm

 £13



The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter was first performed in 1960. Its mixture of Monty Python style absurd comedy and dark menace, which bewildered most audiences as a classic of post-war theatre and comes across today as brilliantly fresh and strange as ever. Set in a seaside boarding-house, whose landlady Meg pampers its sole lodger Stanley, when two strangers arrive throwing him a party even though its not his birthday. A fun loving girl, Lulu is also invited but the games being played are not just for laughs. Book by Thursday 5 March. Chads Theatre Company, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5AU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

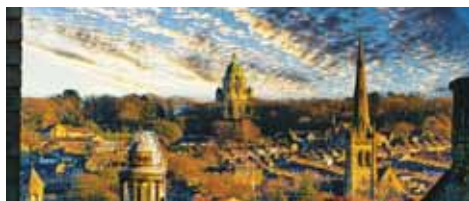
## **WED 25** Out and About - Lancaster

 11am

 Travel Costs



Meeting at Manchester Piccadilly station we can travel just over an hour north to the historic city of Lancaster. With its Maritime Museum, Castle on the hilltop, Prison, Williamson Park and much more, we can wander round this city with its famous seafaring past. Book by Wednesday 11 March. Piccadilly Station, Piccadilly Station Approach, Manchester M60 7RA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## **MON 23** Monday Music - The Bridgewater Hall

 1pm

 £12



Live at the Bridgewater Hall sees the Ventis Vocal Ensemble with Eve Codman soprano, Niamh O'Connor soprano, Eibhlin Eddy mezzo, Nia Edwards mezzo and Midia Kalou mezzo. The programme includes traditional folk songs and arrangements of the world, hailing from the regions of Ireland, Bulgaria, Greece, China, Africa and more. Meeting in the foyer at 12.45pm. Book by Wednesday 4 March. The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosely Street, Manchester M2 3WS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# March

## **FRI** **27** **Foodie Friday -** **La Corrente**



This Italian restaurant located in the heart of Glossop in the Howard Town Mill Retail Park is always popular with members. Book by Tuesday 3 March. La Corrente, Howard Town Shopping Centre, Unit 6, Glossop SK13 8HS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

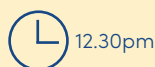
## **MON** **30** **Let's Lunch -** **Blundell Arms**



The charming Blundell Arms is a comforting country pub part of the Chef and Brewer chain in Horwich. It serves great food and chefs seasonal specials in a warm and inviting setting. Book by Monday 2 March. Blundell Arms, Chorley Old Road, Horwich, Bolton BL6 6PY. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



## **SAT** **28** **Combermere District** **Chairperson's** **Celebration Lunch**



To celebrate our District Chairperson Ann Slaters past year in office we will be having a three course lunch at the Regents Park No 19 Clubhouse, overlooking their beautiful golf course. Meeting at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm, please join us for what will be a lovely afternoon with members in an idyllic setting with good food and service. Book by Monday 9 February. Regent Park Golf Club, Links Road, Lostock, Bolton BL6 4AF. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# April

## **WED** **01** **Let's Lunch -** **The Boathouse**



With panoramic views across Sale Water Park, The Boathouse has the most unique restaurant location in Sale and one of the most picturesque in Manchester. The friendly staff are on hand to serve you quality, freshly prepared food in a relaxed atmosphere. Book by Wednesday 11 March. The Boathouse Restaurant, Cow Lane off Rifle Road, Sale, M33 2LX. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

# April

THURS  
02

## Social Evening - Stockport



7pm



Free



Join us for our monthly social and meet like minded semi retired and retired people whilst enjoying complimentary tea, coffee and cake or even a drink from the bar. Cheadle Hulme Conservative Club, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AT. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



SUN  
05

## Sunday Special - Pinetree Farm Restaurant



1pm



As per menu



It's Easter Sunday and if no plans why not join us with family and friends for a lovely lunch at Pinetree Farm restaurant, a

favourite with members. Children will be treated to an Easter egg love from Oddfellows. Book by Monday 23 March. Pinetree Farm, Cutacre Lane, Bolton BL5 1FN. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



FRI  
03

## Good Friday Special - The Quays Duck Race



12.30pm



As per menu



MedEquip4Kids will be holding the 11th annual duck race at Salford Watersports Centre at Salford Quays. Come and join the fun by sponsoring a duck for £2.50 and be in with a chance of winning great prizes. Races start at 3pm with duckling sales closing at 2.30pm. Meeting in the Harvester at the Lowry Outlet for something to eat at 12 noon. You may just wish to meet at 2pm to make our way over to the Watersports Centre. Lots to see and do at the Quays and should be a great day for young and old alike. Book by Monday 23 March.

Harvester Quayside, Lowry Outlet Mall, Salford M50 3AG. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# April

## **TUES** **07** **Social Morning -** **Glossop**



11.30am



Free



Join us for our monthly social morning where we can catch up with other members to discuss events across the District, book on them and what we would like to see in the diary next time. If the golf club is not too busy with golfers, staying for lunch we maybe able to stay and have something to eat later. Meeting at Glossop Golf Club set amid the rolling hills of the Peak District, the tea or coffee is complimentary and is open to non-members to join us to find out more about Oddfellows. Glossop Golf Club, Sheffield Road, Derbyshire SK13 7PU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## **WED** **08** **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 Sarah on 07873 581975.

## **THURS** **09** **Let's Lunch -** **The Swan Inn**



1pm



As per menu



The Swan Inn at Kettleshulme comes highly recommended and has fantastic reviews. Indulge in the charm of a 15th-century Coaching Inn which has maintained its traditional charm and character. The menu is printed daily to take advantage of the ever changing availability of produce and specialises in fish and seafood, sourced from native water. Afterwards, we can take a walk in the nearby Macclesfield Forest. Book by Monday 16 February. The Swan Inn, Macclesfield Road, Kettleshulme, Cheshire SK23 7QU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## **FRI** **10** **Let's Lunch - Curley's** **Dining Rooms**



12.30pm



As per menu



Let's lunch at Curley's in a lovely setting with a great menu and always popular with members. Book by Monday 23 March. Curley's Dining Rooms, Wallsuches, Horwich BL6 6PP. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

# April

SUN  
12

## Sunday Special - Avro Heritage Museum



11am



Concession £7  
Children £5



Meeting in the reception area we can look round this fantastic museum. The Avro Heritage Museum preserves the legacy of Alliott Verdon - Roe and his company AV Roe and Co (Avro). Located on the former Woodford Aerodrome near Stockport in Cheshire, the site saw the production of famous aircraft including the Lancaster, Vulcan, Nimrod and BAe 146.

Its packed with fascinating exhibits and is home to the only example of an all-white Vulcan Bomber. Family including children and friends are most welcome to book on this event. We can, after our visit, have refreshments at the nearby Aviator pub, but please confirm on booking if you wish to do so. Book by Monday 23 March. Avro Heritage Museum, Chester Road, Woodford, Cheshire SK7 1QS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

MON  
13

## Social Morning - Bolton



11am



Free



Meeting for our monthly social, we can catch up over a tea or coffee with the first one being complimentary and have lunch later if you wish. At the regular socials we discuss what events are being held across our District, booking on them and ideas to go in future diaries etc. Non-members most welcome to come along and find out more about Oddfellows. Red Lion, 1-3 Salford Road, Over Hulton, Bolton BL5 1BJ. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.

TUES  
14

## Let's Lunch - Almanac



12.30pm



As per  
menu



This neighbourhood restaurant, wine and cocktail bar, celebrates the seasons and the food of our heritage. Book by Monday 30 March. Almanac, 54 High Street, Glossop SK13 8BH. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# April

WED  
15

## Out and About - Leeds

⌚ 11am

£ Travel Costs



Lets travel over the border into the county of Yorkshire and visit the great City of Leeds. With lots to see and do on the south bank of the River Aire. Royal Armouries house the national collection of arms and artillery, Kirkgate market features an array of stalls and with beautiful architecture, street art and hidden gems what a lovely day we can have here. Book by Wednesday 8 April. Piccadilly Station, Piccadilly Station Approach, Manchester M60 7RA. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
16

## Dine Around - Rainbow88

⌚ 6pm

£ As per menu



This long established Chinese restaurant serves Dim Sum, Cantonese and Thai cuisines. Book by Thursday 5 March. Rainbow88 , Cheadle Hulme Shopping Station Unit 2-3, Station Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5AF. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SAT  
18

## Saturday Special - Chads Theatre

⌚ 2.30pm

£ £13



Little Gem is about a year in the lives of three generations of Dublin women, exploring love, birth, death and salsa



classes through moving and often hilarious monologues. Amber fresh out of school, is high on life, Lorraine her mum is sent for therapy and Kay in her 60s struggles with her ailing husband and family responsibilities. As the year unfolds, they face challenges with humour, finding strength in one another. Book by Monday 23 March. Chads Theatre Company, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 5AU. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

TUES  
21

## 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 and 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 Ray on 07938 016678.

# April

WED  
22

## Out and About - Manchester Sightseeing Bus Tour

🕒 2pm

£ £12



Meeting at the Atlas Bar, you can come in early and have a bite to eat before the Sightseeing Bus



Tour. Do we really know what's on our doorstep, so let's found out more about our fantastic city as we explore the center and Salford Quays as this tour passes historic buildings, sports stadiums, interesting sites and much more with information given. Book by Wednesday 15 April. Atlas Bar, 376 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4LY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

THURS  
23

## Let's Lunch - Vault 2 Bar and Bistro

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Vault 2 is a family owned bistro that offers a warm and inviting atmosphere to guests with the food sourced locally and freshly prepared by the highly trained chefs. Before or after, you can visit the Crown Point Shopping Centre five minutes away if you feel like a spending spree is needed. Book by Thursday 2 April. Vault 2, 2 Ashton Road, Denton, Manchester M34 3AS. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

FRI  
24

## Foodie Friday - Napoli

🕒 7pm

£ As per menu



We are always guaranteed great food with a warm and welcoming atmosphere at this popular Italian restaurant. Book by Tuesday 7 April. Napoli, Norfolk Square, Glossop SK13 8BP. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

SAT  
25

## Saturday Special - Jardim Rodizio Grill

🕒 12 noon

£ £35



Having had such a great time last year and members enjoying, we are returning for a bottomless brunch. With great food - steak and eggs, waffles and shakshuka, will feature in the tasty offerings along with the legendary salad bar. As well as the food being endless, bottomless drinks are included in the package featuring cocktails, fizz and Motim lager all for £35 per person. Book by Thursday 2 April. Jardim Rodizio Grill, 70 Stamford New Road, Altrincham WA14 1EE. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



# April

## TUES 28 Let's Lunch - Lillians Leigh



12 noon



As per  
menu



This heartfelt family-run gem brings a touch of Manchester's vibrant spirit to the heart of Leigh with a quirky boutique atmosphere and great food. Book by Monday 13 April. Lillians, 190 Chapel Street, Leigh WN7 2DW. Contact Ray on 07938 016678.



## WED 29 Let's Lunch - Tameside One



12.30pm



As per  
menu



The home of Professional Food Studies, where industry knowledge and skills are developed to outstanding standards. The training schools fine dining restaurant provides a polite, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. The students aim is to serve every dish with passion to exceed your expectations and with the new town centre location and state of the art kitchen facilities, they provide dining experiences of the highest calibre. Book by Wednesday 8 April. Tameside One, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6BL. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.

## THURS 30 Out and About - Cedar Farm



12.30pm



Free



The unrivalled selection of independent shops and popular café sit as the initiating and original core of Cedar Farm, housed in sympathetically converted farm buildings and run by people with a passion for what they sell. Enjoy a mooch around the beautiful courtyard and call into the shops selling a range of unique gifts, homeware, flowers, plants and food you will not find on the high street. Meeting in the café at 12.30pm. Book by Monday 13 April. Cedar Farm, Back Lane, Mawdsley, Ormskirk L40 3SY. Contact Sarah on 07873 581975.



## Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

**Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.**

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows' ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance, the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all –

including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: “Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs.”

“But it’s not just about accessibility. We’ve also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future.”

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

**To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows), and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.**

# Thank you for saying 'yes' to friendship

**This Friendship Month, we've been encouraging people to say 'yes' to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.**

It's safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I'm thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it."

"Saying 'yes' to trying new things can be daunting, but you've all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying 'yes' to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that's organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month."



*Birmingham Oddfellows*



*Bradford Oddfellows*



*Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows*



*Albert Oddfellows*



*Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows*



*Cambridge Oddfellows*



*Heart of the West Oddfellows*



*Concord Oddfellows*



*Halifax Oddfellows*



*Sudbury Oddfellows*

# Application deadlines approach!

**Whether it's enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.**

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

## Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards, which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.\*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025.**

\*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients' stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

## Making a Difference Awards



Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.

Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference)

**If you've missed these deadlines this time don't worry, just make a note for next year!**

# 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 Pam on **07966 934747** or email **pamela.casey@oddfellows.co.uk**.

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



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

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

## **Care and Welfare Helpline**

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

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

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

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

# At a glance

## February 2026

<b>Mon 2</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Fun and Games	7pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Social Evening	7pm
<b>Sat 7</b>	Saturday Special	6pm
<b>Sun 8</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Sun 15</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Hatting Event - Browns	7pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Out and About	12 noon
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Out and About	12 noon
<b>Sun 22</b>	Sunday Special	2pm
<b>Mon 23</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 24</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 25</b>	Let's Lunch	12 noon
<b>Fri 27</b>	Foodie Friday	7pm

## March

<b>Mon 2</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Tues 3</b>	Fun and Games	7pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Social Evening	7pm
<b>Sat 7</b>	Saturday Special	1pm
<b>Sun 8</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Dine Around	6pm

<b>Sat 14</b>	Saturday Special	2pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Wed 18</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Fri 20</b>	Wind in the Willows	7.30pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Saturday Special	2.30pm
<b>Mon 23</b>	Monday Music	1pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Out and About	11am
<b>Fri 27</b>	Foodie Friday	7pm
<b>Sat 28</b>	Chairpersons Celebration Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Mon 30</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm

## April

<b>Wed 1</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Social Evening	7pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Good Friday Special	12.30pm
<b>Sun 5</b>	Sunday Special	1pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Social Morning	11.30am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Fun and Games	7pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Social Afternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Let's Lunch	1pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Sun 12</b>	Sunday Special	11am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Out and About	11am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Dine Around	6pm
<b>Sat 18</b>	Saturday Special	2.30pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Social Morning	11am
<b>Wed 22</b>	Out and About	2pm
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Fri 24</b>	Foodie Friday	7pm
<b>Sat 25</b>	Saturday Special	12 noon
<b>Tues 28</b>	Let's Lunch	12 noon
<b>Wed 29</b>	Let's Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Out and About	12.30pm

# Community Sponsorship 2025/2026

**Last year the Committee of Management agreed to sponsor a local community project up to a maximum of £500. We are now seeking applications for 2026. In order to qualify for the sponsorship, the project must be within the Branch's boundaries, and it must be clear that Combermere Branch has provided sponsorship of the project. Projects can be anything from a sport team kit to a community garden! If you are not sure if your group/project will qualify please get in touch.**

As you are aware the Committee of Management agreed to sponsor two projects. Below is one of the projects on how their season is going for them, along with the team in their kit, which you will agree looks amazing.

The Tameside Vikings Under-14 team has kicked off the season in incredible form, winning all four of their opening games and proudly sitting at the top of the league table.

In two of those matches, the team surpassed 100 points - a testament to their skill, teamwork, and determination. Made



up of 14 talented players, each bringing their own strengths to the court, this group has quickly developed into a high-quality, cohesive unit. Multiple players are consistently reaching double digits in scoring, making the Vikings an exciting team to watch every week.

Game days regularly attract around 50 enthusiastic spectators, with the players on the bench adding to the electric atmosphere through chants and cheers for their teammates. The team's spirit and togetherness are clear to see both on and off the court.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsor, every player proudly represents the club in their own home and away kits. The Vikings' goal for the season is simple - to stay at the top of the league and win it all!

# News and Views

**From day trips to meals out, historic houses to walks, games afternoons to coffee mornings, theatres and shows there was hopefully something for everyone last year and will continue into 2026. Many events had over 30 members in attendance with over 180 members attending the Christmas ones.**

But do not forget the array of online events across the country. Maybe the weather is too bad for you to leave home or you are recovering from illness and cannot make a face-to-face event. From Art Classes to interesting talks, quizzes to online games. For more information about the online events Combermere puts on please see pages 4 and 5 and get in touch if you need to know more.




# Members Feedback


We had some great feedback last year from new members so thank you from the Combermere Crew.



*"Really enjoy the pub visits and we enjoy the company so much."*




*"I've been very happy with my membership so far, the events are varied, and I have met some nice people."*




*"Very welcoming and friendly. Sarah is very proactive."*




*"I have attended a few meetings and have very much enjoyed them – the 'Combermere Crew' have all been so welcoming and warm. Fabulous Organisation!"*



*"Very happy with Oddfellows and pleased we joined thanks."*



*"I think it is a life saver for me. Everybody that I have met has been so friendly. It's a brilliant organisation."*



*"My experience so far is of being welcomed by the committee members who do an excellent job and also the members."*

# Make the most of your membership



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions) or call Pam Casey (07966 934747) or Sarah North (07873 581975).