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We hope you can join us for our social events!

Welcome to the latest edition of **Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows Out and About**

Inside you'll find local and national Oddfellows news, information about our events, and plenty of useful information about your membership – so do have a read and keep it somewhere handy.

We have lots of great events coming up and we'd love to see you at one soon. All our events are open to everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

Branches across the country also host a wide range of free online events, giving you the chance to enjoy friendship from the comfort of your own home. You can check out the latest online events on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/

Remember, you can always find details of Branch events, member benefits and the latest Oddfellows news on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

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July 2026

WED 15 Lunch at Eltham Grill

L 12 noon £ As per menu 

A return visit to the popular Eltham Grill. There is an extensive menu with a large selection of fish and other dishes. Parking is available at Sainsburys, charges apply. Eltham Grill, 2-3 Chequers Parade, London SE9 1DD. Booking is essential, so please let Jo know on 0203 524 9208 by Tuesday 7 July if you would like to join us.

WED 29 Speaker: Sue Parker-Nutley - An Actor's Life for Me

L 2pm £ Free 

Sue has been a professional actress for over 15 years, appearing in films, TV, theatre and many other acting disciplines. Sue's 'One Woman Show' is about her acting career, plus poems/monologues and a song or two - to make us smile, laugh and reminisce. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the talk, free of charge. Drinks may also be purchased from the club bar. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.



August

WED 19 Lunch at The Anchor, Bexley

L 12 noon £ As per menu 

Our first time visiting The Anchor, a traditional pub in Bexley. A good selection of pub classics, healthy options and small plate options. Parking is available outside the pub. The Anchor, Bridgen Road, Bexley DA5 1JE. Booking is essential, please let Jo know on 0203 524 9208 by Tuesday 11 August if you would like to join us.



WED 26 Speaker: Eddie Asquith In Full Flight

L 2pm £ Free 

Speaker, Eddie Asquith is a retired airline pilot with over 21,500 hours of flying experience. He has flown a variety of different aeroplanes, including DC.10, the Boeing 737 and the Airbus 321. Eddie will talk to us about his pursuit to becoming an airline pilot. It's a story of determination and a never give up attitude. It covers all that he had to go through in order to fly professionally. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the talk, free of charge. Drinks may also be purchased from the club bar. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

September

WED
16 Lunch at Ferrari's,
Bexley



A first time visit to Ferrari's, the long established Italian restaurant in Bexley Village. A two or three course lunch menu is available, please note that an optional 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill. Ferrari's, 2 Bexley High Street, Bexley Village, Kent DA5 1AD. Booking is essential, please let Jo know on 0203 524 9208 by Tuesday 8 September if you would like to join us.

October

WED
21 Lunch at Toby Carvery,
Bexleyheath



Join us for a feast of tender, slow cooked meats, vegetables and crispy roasties with all the trimmings. Toby Carvery is a popular venue for us to enjoy a meal together. Parking is available outside the restaurant. The Toby Carvery, Crook Log Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8EQ. Booking is essential, so please let Jo know on 0203 524 9208 if you would like to join us by Tuesday 13 October at the latest.

WED
30 Music Quiz hosted by
Charlie and Mick



Charlie and Mick from Flower of Kent (South London) Branch have kindly offered to host a music quiz. Everyone is welcome, so please bring your friends. Drinks may be purchased from the club bar. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

WED
28 Invicta Quiz, hosted
by Theresa



Theresa has kindly offered to host our 'Invicta Quiz'. Teams will be made up on the day, everyone is welcome, so please bring your friends. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available, free of charge. Drinks may also be purchased from the club bar. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

November

WED 18 Lunch at Ming of the Avenue, Bexleyheath



12 noon



As per menu



A return visit to Ming of the Avenue Cantonese restaurant. A two course lunch menu will be available.



Bexleyheath train station is just a short walk away and parking is available locally, charges apply. Ming of the Avenue, 54 Avenue Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4EG. Booking is essential, please let Jo know on 0203 524 9208 by Tuesday 10 November if you would like to join us.

WED 25 Speaker: Bob Ogley



2pm



Free



A return visit from Bob Ogley, author and local historian. Bob was born in Sevenoaks, has lived in Kent all his life and is proud to be a Kentish Man. Bob will be talking to us about events in Kent over the decades and telling us about his new book - 'The Story of Knole Park'. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the talk, free of charge. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.



December

WED 16 Christmas Lunch at 151 Club



12 noon



£24



Come and join us for a festive three course lunch at the 151 Club in Bexleyheath, drinks may be purchased from the club bar on arrival. Menus and booking envelopes will be



available from Jo or Nicola soon. Please complete the booking envelope and return to Nicola with your payment and menu choices by Wednesday 18 November at the very latest. Payments can be taken by BACS (for bank account details, please call Nicola), by cash at a Branch meeting or by cheque payable to 'Pride of Woolwich Lodge'. 151 Club, 151 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

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 Nicola on **01322 348315** or email **nicola.budds@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**

Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk.

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions.

Support with fundraising and donations

Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

£10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa.

HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

**Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.

Branch Meetings

The Danson Centre, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4EZ

All members are invited to attend our Branch Meetings where we share and discuss the business of the Branch, including our benevolence grants, finances, social planning, care and welfare development, publicity and volunteering opportunities. This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. Meetings are followed by refreshments and a chance to socialise. Our meetings are generally quite informal round the table discussions and we invite all members to come and find out more.

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Telephone: 01322 348315. **Email:** nicola.budds@oddfellows.co.uk.

First Wednesday of the month (Members only please)

1 July

7 October

2 December

2 September

4 November

Join our Branch WhatsApp Community



Stay connected with updates and event news through our exclusive members-only WhatsApp Community!

Why join?

- Important news to your mobile: it's a quick and simple way to stay alert to what's going on.
- No notification overload: only Branch staff will be creating posts which means less notifications.
- Privacy: your mobile number is only visible to group administrators or those already in your contacts.

Just to reassure you, the community group doesn't replace our regular member communications, you'll still receive those in the same way. You can always leave the WhatsApp Community group at any time if you feel it's not for you.

How to join: Just let us know at the Branch that you'd like to join, with your mobile number.

Questions or ready to join? Contact Nicola on 01322 348315 or email nicola.budds@oddfellows.co.uk

At a glance

Booking is now essential for all lunches, please contact Jo on 0203 524 9208 at least eight days before the lunch.

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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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