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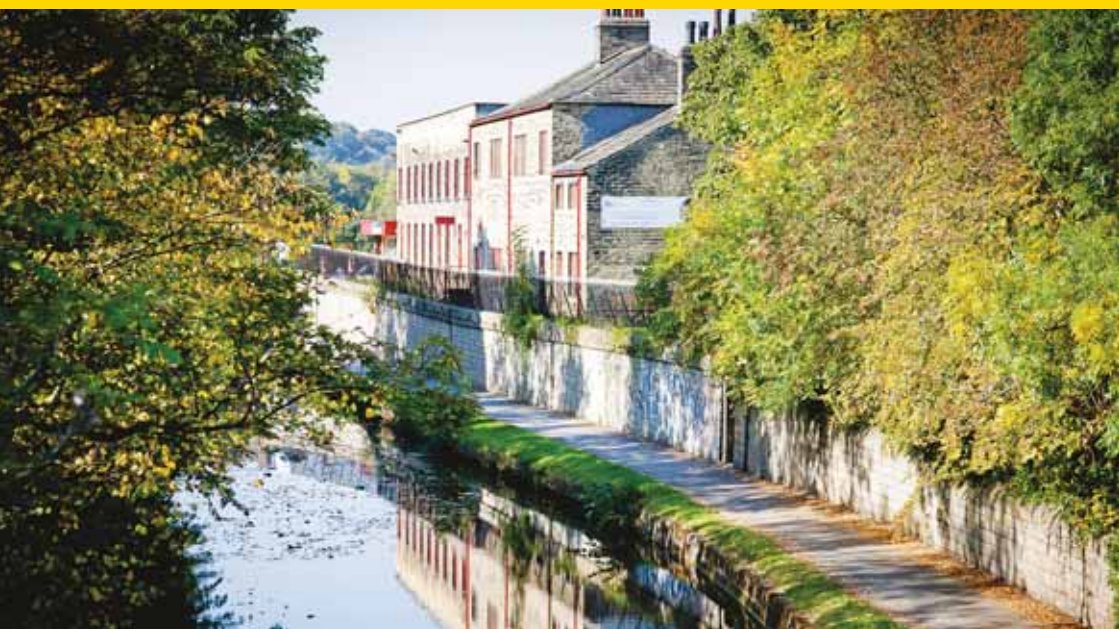
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July - December 2025  
Issue 22

# *News & Events*

## Leeds District



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Afternoon Tea



Quiz

## Welcome to the latest edition of our Events Diary and Newsletter for the Leeds District Oddfellows

As a local District of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also offer our members a range of advice and support services when you need them.

We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interests in socialising and making friends and helping people! This issue features listings of our upcoming events, from 'Food with Friends' to 'Cuppa & Chats' and we hope there is something to interest you.

We have included a handy back page listing month by month for events at a glance.



*Food with Friends at Sukhothai Chapel Allerton  
Thursday 6 November*

We hope you find it useful. We look forward to seeing you at an event very soon!

For more details about becoming a member and the wide range of benefits available, please call our membership team on 0800 028 1810 or visit our website at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk).

### A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit Friendly Society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as support our members through a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

### Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

Find us at: **f LeedsOddfellows**

# Regular Events

## Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7, Guests £8



**Tuesday**

Enjoy a small fish and chips with lashings of tea or coffee and bread and butter. Food will be served around 12.30pm. All followed by several fun games of bingo. Booking essential please, with your food order. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

**8 July**  
**12 August**

**9 September**  
**14 October**

**11 November**  
**9 December**

## Zoom Sing Along



2pm



Free



Online



**Tuesday and  
Thursday**

Join Eleanor on Zoom for a good old fashioned, no frills, sing along. Don't worry if you don't have the voice of an angel, you can always opt to be on mute. The choice is yours. Please send your requests in advance if you can to [eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk) and get ready to sing, sing, sing. Please feel free to share what the songs mean to you. Zoom Meeting ID: 8961 0879 201. Please note there is no password. A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

**Tuesday 22 July** - Love Songs  
**Thursday 14 August** - Musicals  
**Thursday 18 September** - Friendship

**Thursday 20 November** -  
Music Of Your Youth  
**Thursday 18 December** - Christmas

## Breakfast and Chat



10.30am



50p per item



**Friday**

Come and meet old and new friends and see what the Oddfellows are all about. If you've not been to one of our events before then this is the perfect introduction. We totally understand that coming to new things can be a scary prospect, but we are a friendly bunch and you will be made to feel very welcome. Everyone welcome. We will be serving cooked breakfasts at 50p per item. A plate of two bacon, two sausage, beans, toast, two hash browns, mushrooms and egg of your choice will cost you £3.50 with free tea or coffee. Please book for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

**22 August** - with Stone Art (free)  
**19 September**  
**26 September** - extra for Friendship  
Month with Sausage Tasting (free)

**31 October** - Pie, Peas and Chat (£2)  
**21 November**  
**19 December** - Festive

# July 2025

TUES  
01

## Leodis Branch Meeting



12 noon



£2



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Refreshments will be served from 12 noon and the meeting will commence at 12.45pm. Please let us know if you are joining us for catering purposes. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.

WED  
09

## My Wife and Other Stories



2pm



£4



Speaker Tim Forman joins us to share some funny stories all inspired by his good lady Wife. From snails to the sale of mirrors, from swingers to sunny holidays, my travels with my wife have given me the best and funniest material! The wedding story, the work story, theatre and car boot story and so many more. All good, clean original stories which will make you laugh. Light Refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

WED  
02

## Food with Friends at The Leeds Deli



6.30pm



£20 Set menu



The Leeds Deli is an LS8 family run neighbourhood deli serving up artisan pizza, focaccia sandwiches, fresh bread, pasta, daily specials and sweet treats. The Leeds Deli hosts our 1st Oddfellows

Dinner Party! No menus, no fuss – just one delicious dish served to everyone making it feel like a big dinner party. The menu this month is all about Italian summer staples. Starter: Bruschetta (V). Main: Lasagne (meat or pea, spinach and pesto). Dessert: Choice of tiramisu or sticky toffee pudding and vanilla ice-cream. If the weather is warm we will dine Al Fresco on their front terrace. Full wheelchair access and facilities. All ground floor. Booking essential – maximum 18 persons. Book by Monday 30 June. The Leeds Deli, 27 Chelwood Drive, Leeds LS8 2AT. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



# July 2025

MON

14

## Nelson Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Please let us know if you are joining us. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Margaret on 0113 2590091.

MON

14

## Summer BBQ



6.30pm



£4



Join us for a summer BBQ, serving a choice of beef burgers, sausages and bacon baps, summer salads and hopefully a side of sunshine. Outside ideally, inside if wet. Optional raffle. For catering purposes, please let George know if you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements. Book by Sunday 13 July. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



TUES

15

## A Hug on a Tray



12 noon



£3



Otley based 'A Hug on a Tray' is our chosen charity for 2025. Lesley Nobie, key volunteer and founding member will talk to us about their mission. 'A Hug on a Tray' fundraise in order to supply free TV, tea and snacks to the benefit of Haematology patients and their families in St James' Hospital, Bexley Wing, Leeds. Hot meal and raffle included. Booking essential. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.



WED

16

## A Poor Man's Michael Palin



12 noon



£2



Alun Pugh will give an illustrated and humorous talk, recounting his cycling holiday with his two pals and their journey along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal - like a poor man's Michael Palin. Includes a light lunch. Please book. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.





# July 2025

THURS  
17

## Call My Bluff



Come and see if you can tell fact from fiction as we play Call My Bluff. Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



TUES  
22

## Inter District Quiz



We will be gathering teams of four people into this annual event. The winning team will attend the Bradford final on Saturday 2 August and will be served some delicious food! Always good fun and great to meet people from other Districts. Looking forward to seeing our friends from other branches. Food and drinks will be served afterwards, so dietary requirements are needed upon booking. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

FRI  
18

## Strawberries and Chat Charity Event



12 noon



Pay as you feel



Join us for our strawberry themed charity fundraiser in support of the UK's leading breast cancer charity 'Breast Cancer Now' who touch the lives of many. Every 10 minutes, someone in the UK hears the words you have breast cancer. Their vision is that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with breast cancer will live and be supported to live well. Think strawberries and cream, individual strawberry trifles and scones with jam and cream. We will also be serving a few savouries on the day, a selection finger sandwiches and sausage rolls. There will be few strawberry themed fundraising games to play. Please pay as you feel on the day. Everyone welcome. Please let us know if you are planning on joining us for catering purposes. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



# July 2025

THURS  
24

## Crown Green Bowling Competition



6pm



Members £2, Guests £3



Join in, or come along and watch. Trophies will be awarded to both the winners and runners up. No experience needed, beginners and experts welcome. Hot supper included of fresh warm samosa (vegetable and meat) and onion bhaji. Booking essential. Meanwood Crown Green Bowling Green, Meanwood Park, Leeds LS6 4LT. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



THURS  
31

## Beetle Drive



7pm



£3



Join us for an exciting and fun filled beetle drive. How fast can you be? Supper included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.

## BEETLE DRIVE



# August

SAT  
02

## Inter District Quiz Final



7.30pm



£5



If we get through to the final, come and support our Branch team.

A buffet supper will be served

for which there will be a charge of £5 per head. A raffle will be held on the night and all proceeds will go to our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity 'Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team' (NEET). Book by Wednesday 30 July. Carlton House, Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.





# August

THURS  
07

## Food with Friends at Estabulo - The Light, Leeds



12.30pm



Lunch Menu £26.95



Estabulo offers an exciting Brazilian experience where we will enjoy the amazing Estabulo lunch menu that offers seven unlimited tender cuts of meat including steak, pork sausage, chicken thighs, belly pork, gammon and minted lamb served freshly grilled to our table. The price includes unlimited gourmet salads and sides including vegetarian option which you can help yourself to. All for one set price of £26.95. A fun green and red card system allows you to tell your server if you are ready for more meats. Our top tip - wear a stretchy waistband! Disabled access and facilities. Booking essential please. A warm welcome awaits you! Book by Wednesday 6 August. Estabulo Rodizio Bar & Grill, The Light, Leeds LS1 8TL. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

FRI  
15

## York Gate Garden - Head Gardener Guided Tour



11am



£20



Join us as we visit York Gate Gardens in Adel.

A magical one acre garden with Grade II National Heritage status is inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement. A palette of colour bursts to life in spring and summer with tulips, bulging borders, tropical leafy plants, succulent exotics and a meadow full of wildflowers and wildlife.



Our visit will start with a Head Gardener guided tour and then onto the upstairs Spencer Suite within the cafe for a delicious selection of freshly made sandwiches and cakes with tea and coffee included in costings. If you have any specific dietary requirements please let Eleanor know. We will meet at 11am, the Head Gardener tour commences at 11.15am and lunch approximately at 12.30pm. After refreshments there will be free time to enjoy the gardens at your leisure, which close at 4pm. Booking essential, number are limited to 24 persons max. Priority will be giving to Leeds Oddfellows members. You will not be disappointed and may want to choose to upgrade to an annual membership before leaving. Book by Monday 11 August. York Gate Garden, Adel, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS16 8DW. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

# August

## TUES 19 Games Afternoon



12 noon



£3



Come along and be as competitive as you wish! Think Play Your Cards Right and dominoes as a start. Hot meal included. For catering purposes please let Anne know you are attending along with any dietary requirements. Book by Monday 18 August. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.

## THURS 21 Beetle Drive



7pm



£4



Spots before your eyes? Don't worry, it's just the dice! Join us for a beetle drive. Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.

## FRI 22 Breakfast and Chat with Stone Art



10.30am



Free



Come and meet old and new friends and see what the Oddfellows are all about. Everyone welcome.



This month we will enjoy a fresh fruit salad with cream with the option of decorating pebbles with paints, pens and nail varnish. Designs of your choice, as intricate as you like. Stick on googly eyes available to turn yours into a creature or animal. The finished items will be dropped around local parks during our Friendship Month in September, to make the world a brighter place. Please book for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

## WED 20 Bingley Tea Room Visit



12 noon



As per menu



A visit to Bingley Team Room, located at 7a-8a Five Rise Shopping Centre. Meet for light lunch, afternoon tea or just a sandwich or cake. The tea



room is located in the centre of Bingley and close to bus routes. Please book. Bingley Tea Room, 7a-8a Five Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley BD16 1GL. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.

# August

THURS  
28

## Puddings Galore



Puddings! Whats not to love? Bring your own dessert to share. We at Oddfellows love home-made treats. Prizes for best taste and presentation. Supper Included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.

FRI  
29

## Bradford Oddies Wanderers - Airedale Sculpture Walk



Member Colin Jarvis will lead us on a walk along the River Aire and canal to view the sculpture trail.



Meet at the bottom of Victoria Road Saltaire (where the boats are moored) . This easy to reach by bus or train and there is parking in Saltaire Village or on Coach Road (the other side of Roberts Park). We will head somewhere for lunch after the walk, to be decided on the day. Book by Friday 8 August. Roberts Park and Canal Boats, Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LF. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# September

TUES  
02

## Leodis Branch Meeting



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Refreshments will be served from 12 noon and the meeting will commence at 12.45pm. Please let us know if you are joining us for catering purposes. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.

THURS  
04

## Food with Friends at Maybe Later



Maybe Later is a small and new to Wetherby restaurant with rave reviews,



offering a short menu, which changes every month. This makes the best of seasonal local produce and takes inspiration from a variety of cuisines and cultures. The menu will be made available nearer the time. You will be made to feel incredibly welcome. Say 'Yes' to friendship in September. Booking essential by Monday 1 September. Maybe Later, 5-7 The Shambles, Wetherby LS22 6LR. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

# September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON  
08

## Nelson Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



MON  
08

## Bradford Friendship Cruise and Walk Saltaire



11am



£8



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Please let us know if you are joining us. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Margaret on 0113 2590091.

Join us for the Bradford friendship cruise and walk. We have two canal boat trips booked. Sailing at 11am or 1.30pm which last an hour and include a packed lunch. Between the boat trips we will have a walk out along the canal and around Roberts Park. Please note you can only book onto one of the boat trips and numbers are limited and priority will be given to Bradford Oddfellows members. Early booking is essential by Friday 15 August. Roberts Park and Canal Boats, Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LF. Contact Sam on 07940 025397 or Emma on 07432 047213.

MON  
08

## North to Alaska



6.30pm



£4



In 1999, Trevor Lund left home in Yorkshire, to attempt to cycle thousands of miles from Southern Argentina to North Alaska. The next 10 months were life-changing and the adventures he had were beyond what he could ever have imagined. Many years later, he self-published a book - North to Alaska - detailing his adventures, which has so far sold over 10,000 copies. Hear Trevor's story of North to Alaska. Hot meal included. We will be serving a variety of freshly cooked and warm samosas, onion bhaji and chicken pakoras. For catering purposes and dietary requirements please let George know you are attending. Friendship Month offers - if you're new to us, book and you attend for free. Or existing guests/members, bring a friend along who is new to Oddfellows, book and you both attend for free. It's Friendship Month, invest in yourself! Say yes to friendship in September. Book by Sunday 7 September. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.

# September

TUES  
09

## Friendship Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7, Guests £8



Enjoy a small fish, chips and peas with lashings of tea or coffee and bread and butter. All followed by several fun games of bingo. Booking essential please, with your food order. Friendship Month offers - If you're new to us, book and you eat for free. Or existing guests/ members, bring a friend along who is new to Oddfellows, book and you both eat for free. It's Friendship Month, invest in yourself! Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



WED  
10

## Lunch at The Endless Kettle



12 noon



As per menu



Join us for lunch or all-day breakfast at The Endless Kettle. Situated in the old bank building, this café/bistro



achieves great reviews. Please note this event is on the second Wednesday of the monthly, rather than our usual third Wednesday. Please book. The Endless Kettle, 61 North Street, Keighley BD21 3SL. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.

WED  
10

## The Woodland Trust and Snaizeholme



2pm



£4



Speaker David Mason joins us to talk to us about The Woodland Trust, who acquired a significant part of the Snaizeholme Valley from 2021 onwards. This illustrated talk tracks the development of this site and its mosaic of habitats for the benefit of people and nature. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

# September

## TUES 16 Ancient Arts - Reiki and Indian Head Massage



1pm



£3



Expert and registered nurse Kate Surtees will be talking to us and demonstrating the ancient arts of Reiki healing and Indian head massage. One lucky member will be picked for the demonstrations and will enjoy one of the treatments. Hot meal included. For catering purposes please let Anne know if you attending and of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.



## THURS 18 Fun Bingo



7pm



£4



Eyes down and get your dabbers at the ready for some fun bingo! Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



## SUN 21 Bradford Chairman Charity Dance - Midland Hotel



2pm



Members £18.50  
Guest £20



Following the success of last years Charity Dance we are organising another one this year. Join us for a Charity dance in the French Ballroom at the Midland Hotel. A small afternoon tea will be served at 2.30 pm followed by entertainment from the fabulous Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective. There will be a raffle and scratch cards for this years Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) charity Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET). Early booking is recommended by Friday 15 August. We will be inviting Oddfellows from across the Yorkshire District so it is a good opportunity to catch up with friends and have a fun time. Midland Hotel, Forster Square, Bradford BD1 4HU. Contact Emma on 07432 047213





# September

WED  
24

## Leeds Industrial Museum Picnic



10.45am



Members £5  
Guests £6



Join us for a summer picnic at Leeds Industrial Museum (Armley Mills). Discover the science and industry that shaped Leeds in our historic mill. We will start with a live Spinning Mule demonstration and then enjoy a guided tour of the museum. Weather permitting, we will finish with a picnic in their pretty colour garden. Optional indoor dining space available. Please bring your own sandwiches, but delicious fresh savouries and cakes will be provided as well as tea or coffee. Bring a camping chair for outside seating if you have one. Limited disabled parking available on site. Visit suitable for wheelchair users. Discount available on booking price for those that live in LS3, LS4, LS5 and LS12 postcodes. Booking essential by Monday 22 September. Leeds Industrial Museum, Canal Road, Leeds LS12 2QF. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

THURS  
25

## Music Quiz



7pm



£3



Come and test your knowledge at our music quiz with Enid. Supper included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.

FRI  
26

## Friendship Friday and Sausage Tasting



10.30am



Free



Come and meet old friends and new and see what the



Oddfellows are all about. Everyone welcome. This month we will be taste testing sausages from a local butchers. Can you blindly identify the flavour? Think garlic and herb, chorizo, caramelised onion, Thai etc. All with free tea or coffee. Please book for numbers and catering if you can, or just turn up, we don't mind. Say yes to friendship in September. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

TUES  
30

## The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial



12 noon



Token Fee



Come and join us to find out more about the Oddfellows and the historic traditions of the Society as we share our shared values of Friendship, Love and Truth. Light lunch afterwards, Members only. Please book. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.

# October

THURS  
02

## Food with Friends at The Swine That Dines Bistro

 12 noon



 Two Courses £18, Three Courses £22.50

A new one for us. Enjoy delicious, uncomplicated, local and seasonal food that never disappoints at the Swine That Dines Bistro in Headingley. We will make use of their new private dining room and enjoy the lunch time set menu. Booking essential by Monday 29 September. The Swine That Dines Bistro, 77a Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3PS, Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

TUES  
07

## Leodis Branch Meeting

 12 noon  £2



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Refreshments will be served from 12 noon and the meeting will commence at 12.45pm. Please let us know if you are joining us for catering purposes. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.

WED  
08

## TV Police Drama and Reality

 2pm

 £4



Join us for a talk by Nigel King, a retired Detective Inspector



regarding Television Police Drama and Reality. There have been many television police/crime dramas since 1950 and Nigel will talk us through the significant impact on the evolution of the tv genre and the relationship to actual reality based on his policing operational experience. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

MON  
13

## Nelson Branch Meeting

 1.30pm

 Free



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Please let us know if you are joining us. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Margaret on 0113 2590091.

# October

## MON 13 Retirement - What Retirement?



6.30pm



£4



Join speaker Maggie Poppa as she talks us through the role she took up as a news broadcaster at BBC Radio York, then moving on to write for a Yorkshire magazine where she interviewed famous people for her regular column. She has now interviewed well over a hundred well known personalities from all walks of life. With a little audience guidance we can delve into some of these very interesting celebrity interviews. Hot meal included. For catering purposes, please notify George if you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements. Book by Sunday 12 October. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.

## WED 15 Tea - not just a drink!



12 noon



£2



Denise Adlard will talk to us about the history of tea, its different meanings and the customs surrounding tea.

Includes light lunch. Please book. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



## THURS 16 Speed Dominoes



7pm



£4



Who has the quickest reflexes? Join us for some games of speed dominoes. Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



## TUES 21 Bed Pans and False Teeth



12 noon



£3



She is back! Join us for a fascinating and unmissable talk by Denise Adlard about her life working for the NHS, titled 'Bed Pans and False Teeth'. Hot meal provided. For catering purposes please let Anne know you are attending and of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.

# October

THURS  
30

## Halloween Special



Come and celebrate the season with us at this Halloween special. Supper of pie and peas included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.



FRI  
31

## Pie, Peas and Chat



10.30am



Come and meet old and new friends and see what the Oddfellows are all about. Everyone welcome. As its nearly Bonfire Night we will serving local warm pork pies with mushy peas and optional mint sauce. Please book for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



# November

TUES  
04

## Leodis Branch Meeting



12 noon



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THURS  
06

## Food with Friends at Sukhothai Chapel Allerton



6pm



As per menu



Join us for food with friends at Sukhothai, established in Chapel Allerton in 2002. Sukhothai records its success down to super-attentive service, an imaginative yet authentic Thai menu incorporating the most amazing, fresh Thai ingredients. Sukhothai translates to 'The Dawn of Happiness' and was the name of Thailand's old capital city. They hold a regular listing in the prestigious Good Food Guide, plus recognition in The Times and Sunday Times and recognised locally by the Yorkshire Evening Post's Oliver Awards. Booking essential by Monday 3 November. Sukhothai, Regent Street, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4PE. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

# November

MON  
**10**

## Nelson Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



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MON  
**10**

## What have Volcanoes ever done for us?



6.30pm



£4



**What Have Volcanoes Ever Done For Us?** An illustrated talk by Chris Freeman. A look at the fascinating subject of volcanoes and the role they've played in the history of the earth. From the very birth of our world, volcanoes have played a major role in shaping not just the landscape, but every life form as well. They may appear to be destructive, but they are also the very cradles of civilisation.



1816 was the Year Without a Summer, caused by volcanoes and did super volcanoes kill off most of life on earth, or even assist in the demise of the dinosaurs? Hot meal included. For catering purposes, please notify George if you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.

## 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. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

# November

WED

12

## My Year in Italy



2pm



£4



Speaker Maggie Poppa joins us to tell us about her year in Italy. When Maggie was 19 years old, she went off to a new life in Italy working as a nanny. This was more than 50 years ago and more unusual in those days. That year had a great impact on her life, as she married an Italian and she will tell you of those interesting, early visits to her new in-laws. Maggie kindly donates her fees to St Gemma's Hospice, Leeds. Light refreshments will be served. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



TUES

18

## Surprise Surprise



12 noon



£3



Shirley is back with us for card making or could it be magic? We shall see! Shirley, a member of the 'Magic Circle', went down a storm last time we booked her. Hot meal provided. For catering purposes please contact Anne to let her know you are joining us and to advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.



WED

19

## Medieval Monks and Nuns



12 noon



£2



David Banks from the The National Trust returns to give us another of his fascinating and illustrated talks on Medieval Monks and Nuns and what they didn't want you to know! We discover what was found when Bishops' representatives made visits to the English monasteries and nunneries. Includes a light lunch. Please book. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



# November

THURS  
20

## Racing Pigs



7pm



£4



Our racing pigs are back by popular demand. Can you pick the quickest piggy? Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



TUES  
25

## The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial



12 noon



Token Fee



Come and join us to find out more about the Oddfellows and the historic traditions of the Society as we share our shared values of Friendship, Love and Truth. Light lunch afterwards, Members only. Please book. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.

THURS  
27

## Bingo Time



7pm



£3



Eyes down and dabbers at the ready for bingo! Fish and chips supper included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.



FRI  
28

## Bradford Oddies Wanderers - Nunroyd Park Guiseley



11am



Free



Bradford Oddies invites you to join them for an exploration. If you can not manage the walk why not just join us for lunch. Booking is essential. There are 10 parking spaces next to the cricket club LS19 7HR or on street parking and some parking at The Midway pub. The walk is free but you will have to pay for your meal. Book by Friday 24 October. Nunroyd Park, Guiseley, Yeadon LS19 7TP. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

# December

## TUES 02 Leodis Branch Meeting

L 12 noon

£ £2



The regular monthly business meeting where all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the Branch business, which will include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and much more. Refreshments will be served from 12 noon and the meeting will commence at 12.45pm. Please let us know if you are joining us for catering purposes. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.

## MON 08 Christmas Fuddle and Fun

L 6.30pm

£ £4



Join us for a festive fuddle (that's food if your not from Yorkshire!). Christmas starts here, come get in the festive spirit with food and games. Meal included. For catering purposes, please notify George if you are attending and if you have any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



## THURS 11 Noel Themed Evening

L 7pm

£ £3



Everyone welcome for some festive fun. Supper included. Booking essential. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Christine on 07957 910153.

## TUES 16 It's Christmas!

L 12 noon

£ £5



We are planning Christmas lunch and a good sing song this year. Ticketed event so booking is essential. Please contact Anne to let us know you are coming or to discuss dietary requirements. Large raffle for our chosen charity 'Hug On a Tray'. Fancy dress please! (optional) - prize for the best costume. Book by Monday 15 December. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 0113 4148437.

# December

WED

17

## Festive Lunch



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests  
As per menu



Join us for a festive meal at Toby Carvery, Keighley. Please note that booking for this event is essential. Toby Carvery, Bradford Road, Keighley, BD21 4BB, Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



THURS

18

## Secret Santa and Christmas Quiz



7pm



Free



Join us for Christmas quiz with Secret Santa. This event is free, but you must bring a wrapped gift that is under £5! Hot supper and raffle included. Please book. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



FRI

19

## Festive Breakfast and Chat



10.30am



50p per item



Escape the Christmas mayhem! No room in your fridge? Join us for cooked breakfast. Come and meet old and new friends and see what the Oddfellows are all about. If you've not been to one of our events before then this is the perfect introduction. Everyone welcome. This month we will serving cooked breakfasts at 50p per item. A plate of two bacon, two sausage, beans, toast, two hashbrowns, egg of your choice and mushrooms will cost you £3.50 with free tea or coffee. We will round off with a serving of Christmas cake and crumbly Wensleydale cheese. Bring your Christmas gifts to wrap if you are in need of any assistance! Please book for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

# December

TUES

30

## Twixmas Stroll



11am



Free



After all your festive indulgence join us for a twixmas walk to recover from all the turkey, puddings and cheese. A nice stroll around Roundhay Park, sticking to the accessible paths. If the café is open we can have a cuppa. Meet on the benches outside the Lakeside Café. If it is poor weather

we will meet at Unity House for a catch up and probably more food treats! Please book so we know to expect you by Sunday 28 December. The Lakeside Café, Roundhay Park, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2JL. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



**If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Eleanor by phone on 07709 295317 or email [eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk)**

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# New Faces for 2025

**Back in January 2025 we said good bye to Secretary Susan Cook and Social Organiser Helen Bullock, who both move on to pastures new. We wish them both the very best for the future.**

We welcome Kerry Cawthray to Oddfellows Leodis Branch as the new Branch Secretary. Kerry was previously a PA for an engineering firm and brings with her a wealth of skills. Yoga is a big part of Kerry's life and she has been a yoga teacher for over 16 years having lived in India for 10 of those years. Kerry is settling into her role with us and looks forward to arranging some Oddfellows yoga sessions in the near future.

Eleanor Tamlyn joins us as our new Social Organiser. It is a very welcome change for Eleanor, who has worked for West Yorkshire Police for the last 21 years in various demanding and specialist roles. In her free time Eleanor loves a good Zumba class and currently volunteers with the Leeds South and East Foodbank as well as Moor Allerton Everyone. Both would like

to thank everyone who has made them feel very welcome and assisted them in settling in. If they can help you with anything, please get in touch.

Keeping in touch - Eleanor asks if you have an email address and are happy for her to keep in touch re upcoming events, please email her at [Eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk). We also have a WhatsApp group you can join and following our Leeds Oddfellows Facebook page will keep you fully up to date. Please see Eleanor if you need any assistance with either of these or any suggestions or feedback for events.

## Dietary Requirements

**We are always more than happy to arrange alternative refreshments for you if you have dietary requirements, food intolerances or food allergies. It is really important that you tell us prior to the event so we can make arrangements for you.**

## Digital Angel Drop in Appointments

**Do you need some help using the internet, lap top, smart phone or tablet? Perhaps you would like to use Facebook, access the Oddfellows Extra offers or be more confident buying products and services online? If yes, why not make an appointment to see our Digital Angel Eleanor, who**

**will help you become more confident online in a one to one setting. Please contact Eleanor to arrange a mutually suitable date and time. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317 or [eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk)**

# Appeal for Telephone Befrienders



**Leeds District are looking for volunteers to join our Welfare Visitors and Telephone Befriender team. Nationally we make up around 250 Oddfellows members, most who are volunteers, and who together make an enormous difference to the lives of our members.**

The Branch Welfare Visitor and Telephone Befriender roles are the cornerstone of care and welfare in the Oddfellows. Any of us may find ourselves in need of support at different times in our lives. Someone

maybe experiencing loneliness following a bereavement, because family live some distance away or because they are no longer able to get out and about. Whatever the situation, a telephone call or visit from you for a friendly chat and perhaps a pointer towards the help available to them, can make all the difference in the world.

The roles do not require any specialist background, just an interest in helping people, a friendly approach and being a good and non-judgemental listener. The roles are flexible in terms of how much time you are able to give. Full training is provided. We are particularly looking for a new telephone befriender and If you think this could be you, for either role, please contact Eleanor Tamlyn, who takes on the role of Care Co-ordinator at Leeds for more information. Eleanor Tamlyn 07709 295317 and [eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk)

## Accessibility

Just a reminder that our hall at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS7 2LD is completely wheelchair friendly. We have onsite parking, our events room is ground floor and easily accessible in a wheelchair or mobility scooter and we have a well-positioned disabled toilet. If you need to know accessibility details about any of our other events or venues, please get in touch.

## News and Events Diary Challenge

Are you travelling this year? Get creative and take a picture of yourself or a landmark with your Leeds District Oddfellows News and Events diary. We would love to see your snaps and see how far and where our diary has been around the world!



# 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

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- 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 us on 0800 028 1810.

# Branch Contacts

## **Provincial Corresponding**

### **Secretary:**

Tracey Garczynski

Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD

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**Mobile:** 07534 211132

### **Email:**

tracey.garczynski@oddfellows.co.uk

## **Social Organiser:** Eleanor Tamlyn

**Telephone:** 0113 2424003

**Mobile:** 07709 295317

### **Email:**

eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk

## **Leodis Branch**

**Secretary:** Kerry Cawthray

**Telephone:** 0113 2930901

Meetings are held at 12 noon on the first Tuesday of the month at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS7 2LD. Unless specified.

## **Nelson Branch**

**Secretary:** Margaret Lickess

The Oddfellows, 19 Victoria Walk Leeds LS18 4PP

**Telephone:** 0113 2590091

### **Email:**

margaret.lickess@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 1.30pm at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD unless specified.

## **Northumbria Branch**

**Secretary:** Tracey Garczynski

Northumbria Lodge, 23 Queensway, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9JL

**Telephone:** 07534 211132

### **Email:**

tracey.garczynski@oddfellows.co.uk

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12 noon at The Bluebell Pub, Sunderland, unless specified.

# District Meeting Date

**Thursday 11 September, 10.30am**

Unity House. Meet for coffee at 10am, meeting commences 10.30am. Buffet lunch served after the meeting. Please contact your Branch Secretary.

## Keeping in touch...

Communication is important to us, we would be grateful if you could get in touch with your Branch Secretary to ensure that we have all your up to date contact details so that we can keep in touch with you.  
Thank you.

# Branch Meetings

**District:** Eleanor Tamlyn

**Telephone:** 07709 295317

**Email:**

eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk

Meet on adhoc days and times at various venues.

**Fox St George:** Anne Fleming

**Telephone:** 0113 4148437

**Mobile:** 07858 411215

**Email:** anniebuster70@gmail.com

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD, unless specified.

**Britons:** Ian Cawood

**Telephone:** 0113 2311013

**Email:** i.cawood@sky.com

Meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Miners Arms, Albert Road, Leeds LS27 8LG, unless specified.

**Harmony:** Eleanor Tamlyn

**Telephone:** 07709 295317

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eleanor.tamlyn@oddfellows.co.uk

Meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Dales Room, Gracious Street Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN, unless specified.

**Byworth:** Susan Taylor

**Telephone:** 07849 119512

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Meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 12 noon at 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR, unless specified.

**Earl Grey:** Christine Sykes

**Mobile:** 07957 910153

Meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm at Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall LS5 3AS, unless specified.

**Princess Victoria/Mechanics:**

George Lickess

**Telephone:** 0113 2585036

Meet on the second Monday of the month at 6.30pm at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD, unless specified.

**The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial:**

Ian Cawood

**Telephone:** 0113 2311013

**Email:** i.cawood@sky.com

Come and join us to find out more about the Oddfellows and the historic traditions of the Society as we share our shared values of Friendship, Love and Truth. Light lunch afterwards, Members only. Starts at 12 Noon at Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD  
**Tuesday 30 September**  
**Tuesday 25 November**

**The Past Grands Meeting:**

Colin Woodward

**Telephone:** 07881 841819

**Email:** colin.g.woodward@gmail.com

This is for members who have the title of past Noble Grand, have completed their Purple Degree and are wishing to further their understanding of the degrees and symbolism of the Oddfellows. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS7 2LD. Includes lunch.

**Tuesday 29 July at 2pm**

**Saturday 25 October at 12 noon**

# 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 Tracey on **0113 2424002** or email **tracey.garczynski@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

## July 2025

<b>Tues 1</b>	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Wed 2</b>	Food with Friends at The Leeds Deli	6.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 9</b>	My Wife and Other Stories	2pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Summer BBQ	6.30pm
<b>Tues 15</b>	A Hug on a Tray	12 noon
<b>Wed 16</b>	A Poor Mans Michael Palin	12 noon
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Call My Bluff	7pm
<b>Fri 18</b>	Strawberries and Chat - Charity Event	12 noon
<b>Tues 22</b>	Zoom Sing Along - Love Songs	2pm
<b>Tues 22</b>	Inter District Quiz	7pm
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Crown Green Bowling Competition	6pm
<b>Thurs 31</b>	Beetle Drive	7pm

## August

<b>Sat 2</b>	Inter District Quiz Final	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Food with Friends at Estabulo - The Light, Leeds	12.30pm
<b>Tues 12</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Zoom Sing Along - Musicals	2pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	York Gate Garden - Head Gardener Guided Tour	11am
<b>Tues 19</b>	Games Afternoon	12 noon
<b>Wed 20</b>	Bingley Tea Room Visit	12 noon
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Beetle Drive	7pm
<b>Fri 22</b>	Breakfast and Chat with Stone Art	10.30am
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Puddings Galore	7pm
<b>Fri 29</b>	Oddies Wanderers - Airedale Sculpture Walk (Bradford)	11am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Tues 2</b>	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Food with Friends at Maybe Later	6pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm

# At a glance

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Mon 8</b>	Friendship Cruise and Walk Saltaire (Bradford)	11am
<b>Mon 8</b>	North to Alaska	6.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Friendship Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 10</b>	Lunch at The Endless Kettle	12 noon
<b>Wed 10</b>	The Woodland Trust and Snaizeholme	2pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Ancient Arts - Reiki and Indian Head Massage	1pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Zoom Sing Along - Friendship	2pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Fun Bingo	7pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Breakfast and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sun 21</b>	Chairman's Charity Dance - Midland Hotel (Bradford)	2pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Leeds Industrial Museum Picnic	10.45am
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Music Quiz	7pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Friendship Friday and Sausage Tasting	10.30am
<b>Tues 30</b>	The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial	12 noon

## October

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Food with Friends at The Swine That Dines Bistro	12 noon
<b>Tues 7</b>	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Wed 8</b>	TV Police Drama and Reality	2pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Retirement - What Retirement?	6.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 15</b>	Tea - not just a drink!	12 noon
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Speed Dominoes	7pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Bed Pans and False Teeth	12 noon
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Halloween Special	7pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Pie, Peas and Chat	10.30am

## November

<b>Tues 4</b>	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Food with Friends at Sukhothai Chapel Allerton	6pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm



# At a glance

## November

<b>Mon 10</b>	What have Volcanoes ever done for us?	6.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 12</b>	My Year in Italy	2pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Surprise Surprise	12 noon
<b>Wed 19</b>	Medieval Monks and Nuns	12 noon
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Zoom Sing Along – Music Of Your Youth	2pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Racing Pigs	7pm
<b>Fri 21</b>	Breakfast and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 25</b>	The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial	12 noon
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Bingo Time	7pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	Oddies Wanderers – Nunroyd Park Guisley (Bradford)	11am

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Mon 8</b>	Christmas Fuddle and Fun	6.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Noel Themed Evening	7pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	It's Christmas!	12 noon
<b>Wed 17</b>	Festive Lunch	12 noon
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Zoom Sing Along – Christmas	2pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Secret Santa and Christmas Quiz	7pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Festive Breakfast and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 30</b>	Twixmas Stroll	11am

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## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



# Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

## Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

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

Achieving Together

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



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

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

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

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



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## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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

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**Northumbria Branch**  
Covering Northumberland, Tyne and Wear



*Tynemouth Priory by Suzanne Armstrong*



Talks



Coffee  
Morning



Walks



Dining Out



Travel



Games



Social



Online



## Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of Out and About.

Don't forget about all the benefits of being a member. There are the online discounts, care and welfare, convalescent benefits, benevolence grants, legal aid, and our own dedicated Citizen's Advice. In addition, for those on the benefits package £30 per year dental claims and £30 every other year for optical claims. Terms and conditions apply to some of these benefits so feel free to contact Tracey if you need any more information.



As we have increased the number of events we will be sending out a monthly emails to notify you of the up-and-coming events.

Don't forget we also have lots of exciting online activities everything from quizzes, arts and crafts, talks, Tai Chi to name a few.

## A message from your new Social Organiser

Hello everyone, my name is Suzanne Armstrong and I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Social Organiser for the Northumbria Branch. I am originally from London, but moved to the North East in 1996.



I have always enjoyed organising events, starting in my early teens when along with several friends we used to take turns hosting dinner parties

## Contact Details

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**Social Organiser:** Suzanne Armstrong

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and I have continued arranging activities ever since. I'm excited to get to know existing members as well as meeting new and potential members. I am looking forward to increasing the number and type of events and activities and increasing the coverage of these too. I'm really interested to learn more about what activities members would like to participate in.

## New

**Monthly coffee morning** based in Gosforth and others around the area

**Outings** to a few of the wonderful places we have in the North East, Wallington, Northumberlandia to mention a couple

**More lunch** dates around the area

## Walks group

I really hope to see and meet you at these events. If you would like to come to any of the events but struggle with getting there please do give me a call and I can see if we can work out a solution.

Best wishes  
**Suzanne**

# Charity Donations

**As many of you are aware, every year branches raise funds for a charity chosen by the Branch Noble Grand (Chair).**



The charity chosen by our immediate past chair, Sylvia was Parkinson's and we are pleased to advise that the Branch donated £300 to Parkinson's UK.

This year's charity chosen by our current chair, Sheila is Daft as a Brush. Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care provides a free transport service to and from the Freeman/ RVI Hospitals for outpatients undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment – some from as far afield as the Scottish Borders, North Yorkshire and West Cumbria. The charity consist of 400

volunteers and staff and carries out 80,000 cancer patient journeys a year.



We will be arranging several fundraising activities details of which will be emailed out to all members where we have your details. If you would like to be informed of these events and other social events by email please don't hesitate to let us know your email address. We will also be using our Facebook page to promote events so if you don't already follow our page why not have a look and start following Oddfellows Northumbria.

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as support our members through a range of benefits and services. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810 to speak to one of our team.

## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

# Regular Event

## Coffee and Chat at One Eleven



9.30am



Pay for what you order



**Second Monday of the month**

Join us at our new meet up in Gosforth, Newcastle. Enjoy a coffee, cake and plenty of chat. Both members and visitors are very welcome. Please let us know a few days in advance if you plan to come, so we can look out for you and ensure we have sufficient space for everyone. One Eleven, 111 High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 1HB. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

**14 July  
11 August**

**8 September  
13 October**

**10 November  
8 December**

## July 2025

**FRI  
04**

### Lunch at the Cook House, Ouseburn, Newcastle



12.30pm



Pay for what you order



Owned by cook, restaurateur and food writer Anna Hedworth, the Cook House is located



in Newcastle's Ouseburn Valley. The dining space is set over two floors, a subterranean bar area and a much brighter upstairs room where you can watch the chefs at work in an open kitchen. Ouseburn Parking car park NE6 1LH is two minutes walk away. Charges are 80p per hour, maximum stay four hours. Book by Friday 27 June. Cook House, Foundry Lane Studios, Foundry Lane, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE6 1LH. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

**TUES  
08**

### Walk and Talk at Herrington Country Park



11am



Pay for what you order



Please join us for a 3km to 5km walk around Herrington Country Park. This walk will be lead by member and Branch Vice Grand Ken. Meet outside the café - Love Lily, which is located by the toilets and the main car park. Parking is free. The park is one of the largest in Sunderland. It attracts a wide variety of birdlife, which can often be found around the ponds. There are also a variety of sculptures that celebrate the heritage of the area. No one will be left on their own if they wish to do the shorter walk. After the walk, we will stop for refreshments at the Penshaw Farm Shop and Tea Room. Book by Tuesday 1 July. Herrington Country Park, Chester Road, Penshaw, Houghton le Spring DH4 7EL. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

# July 2025

WED  
09

## Northumberlandia, Lady of the North Visit



11am



Pay for what you order



The centrepiece of the 19 hectare park in Northumberlandia is a stunning human landform sculpture of a reclining lady.

Made of 1.5m tonnes of rock, clay and soil, she is 100 feet high and a quarter of a mile long. Admission is free, but there is a recommended donation of £2 for the car park. We will meet by the café. Once we have walked around we can stop at the café for refreshments. Please let us know a few days before whether you are coming. Northumberlandia, Lady of the North, Blagdon Lane, Cramlington NE23 8AY. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

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WED  
16

## Lunch at Mama's Italian Kitchen, Houghton le Spring



12.30pm



Pay for what you order



Classic Italian dishes served in this relaxed, friendly restaurant housed in an old pub. Book by Wednesday 9 July. Mama's Kitchen, 1 Houghton Road, Newbottle, Houghton le Spring DH4 4EF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED  
23

## Coffee and Chat at Durano Lounge, Tynemouth



10.30am



Pay for what you order



Join us for coffee, cake or whatever you fancy plus lots of chat. Please let us know at least a few days in advance if you are coming, so we can look out for you and make sure there are sufficient chairs for everyone. Durano Lounge, Grand Parade, Tynemouth, North Shields NE30 4JH. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



# August

FRI  
01

## Lunch at El Coto



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



El Coto Newcastle is an authentic Spanish restaurant which has been open since April 2004 and is located near Eldon Square and St James' Park. It has dark wood floors and wooden ceiling beams combined with a simple, rustic décor which offers a cosy and informal setting. It offers an extensive menu which has a wide range of hot and cold tapas, salads, cured meats and paellas; a traditional Spanish rice dish. Book by Friday 25 July. El Coto, 21 Leazes Park Road, Newcastle NE1 4PF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

SUN  
03

## Party and Picnic in the Park



1pm



Free



Get ready for a fabulous ABBA event in Bents Park with internationally acclaimed Björn Again. An afternoon not to be missed, dig out the flared trousers, warm up your vocals and get ready to boogie to your favourite ABBA hits. Support from Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir plus more (to be announced). This event is part

of South Tyneside Council's This is South Tyneside Festival. Meet at 1pm on the Sea Road entrance (Gate 1) near the toilets. Bring your own picnic or purchase food/drink from the serveries on site. Don't forget a picnic rug or chair. Limited deckchair hire available for £4 cash.



Please be prepared for all weathers as Bents Park is an open air venue with no shelter. In the event of heavy rain or strong winds it may be necessary to cancel the concert for safety reasons. The car parks in the area will be busy but in previous years, there has been paid event parking at the park next to Bent Park. Please let us know if you're coming a few days before the event, so we can look out for you. Bents Park, Sea Road, South Shields NE33 2LD. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

# August

TUES  
12

## Walk and Talk at Roker and Seaburn



11am



Pay for what you order



Please join us for a 3.5km – 6km which will take us alongside the gorgeous beaches of Roker and Seaburn. This walk will be lead by member and Branch Vice Grand Ken. Meet at Marine Walk Car Park. Parking charges are 70p per hour (or part thereof) or £3 all day. We will walk c. 1.8km (one way) to the Stack, Seaburn and stop there for refreshments, or if there is demand walk on further and return to the Stack. No one will be left on their own if they wish to do the shorter walk. Book by Tuesday 5 August. Marine Walk Car Park, Marine Walk, Roker SR6 0PR. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



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FRI  
15

## Coffee and Chat at The Land of Oak and Iron Café Shrub, Blaydon



10.30am



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The Land of Oak and Iron is set within the beautiful steep-sided Derwent Valley, with an abundance of natural woodland, rare and iconic wildlife and a hidden heritage of British sword making and a world leading iron and steel industry. There is a lovely walk from the café if anyone wants to stretch their legs after their coffee. Please let us know a few days before the event, so we can look out for you. Land of Oak and Iron Heritage Centre, Spa Well Road, Winlaton Mill, Blaydon NE21 6RU. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED  
20

## Lunch at Fox Hunters, North Shields



12.30pm



Pay for what you order



Traditional British pub with a familiar menu of grills and global comfort food. Book by Monday 11 August. Fox Hunters, Preston North Road, North Shields, Newcastle NE29 9QA. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.





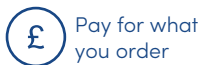
# September

TUES  
09

## Walk and Talk at Whitley Bay



11am



Pay for what you order



Please join us for a c. 6km walk which will take us north along the attractive coastline to St Mary's Lighthouse, then back past the car park and onto Spanish City, where we will stop at The Beefeater for refreshments. This walk will be lead by member and Branch Vice Grand Ken. Meet at Brierdene car park, this is a free car park, but maximum stay is four hours. Book by Tuesday 2 September. Brierdene Car Park, The Links, Whitley Bay NE26 4NG. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI  
12

## Lunch at Lui's Bar and Kitchen, Newcastle



12.30pm



Pay for what you order



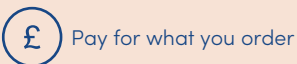
Modern Italian bar and restaurant located on Newcastle Quayside. A truly authentic way to experience Sardinian and Italian food in Newcastle. Book by Monday 1 September. Lui's Bar and Kitchen Newcastle, 25 King Street, Newcastle NE1 3UQ. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

MON  
15

## Visit to National Trust's Wallington, Cambo near Morpeth



11am



Pay for what you order



Wallington is a 13,500 acres estate in Northumberland which has been cared for by National Trust since 1941. One of the North East's most spectacular properties, a visit to the magnificent estate is a must. Wallington is home to a historic country house which sits amid rolling hills, swathes of woodland and has a beautiful, walled garden to explore. Once home to the unconventional and socialist Trevelyan family, Wallington Hall, displays thousands of beautiful items including dolls houses, treasured collections and quirky curiosities.

We'll take time to explore and discover the variety of spaces, both indoors and keep our eyes peeled outdoors for the native wildlife. We can stop for a snack or hot meal in the cosy Clocktower Café. Meet at the Visitors Centre/Reception which is located next to the car parks. Book by Monday 8 September. Wallington, Cambo, near Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 4AR. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



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# September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED  
17

## Lunch at Marina Vista, Roker



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Marina Vista is a family-owned business situated on the top floor of the Marine Activity Centre overlooking the breathtaking views of Roker Marina. The restaurant pride themselves on providing quality food with a friendly atmosphere at reasonable prices. Book by Monday 8 September. Marina Vista, Marine Activity Centre, North Dock, Sunderland SR6 0PW. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED  
24

## Coffee and Chat at Tiny Tiny, Newcastle



10.30am



Pay for what  
you order



Newcastle's first speciality coffee shop established in 2010 and listed in the top 50 coffee shops in England, you're guaranteed a decent cup of coffee at Tiny Tiny. If you're not after a caffeine fix, then take your pick from their great selection of teas, or hot chocolates, or grab a bite to eat from their delicious breakfast and lunch menu. Please let us know a few days in advance if you are coming, we can then look out for you. Tiny Tiny, 9-11 Carloli Square, Newcastle NE1 6UF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



## Say *yes* to friendship in September

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

**All welcome**



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FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# October

FRI

03

## Visit to WWT Washington Wetland Centre



11am



£9.36-£12.30, Pay for what you order for lunch



Washington Wetland Centre is a nature conservation area located in the wetlands and woodlands on the river Wear. It is home to exotic birds, amazing insects, beautiful scenery and much more.



There are regular bus services to Waterview Park from Sunderland, Newcastle, South Shields, with a short walk from the station to the centre. It has a free car park. We can stop for lunch or refreshment at the on-site café - Waterside café. Cost: £9.36 to £12.30 for admission, dependent on numbers/concession rate. Pay for what you order for lunch. Book by Monday 22 September. WWT Washington Wetland Centre, Pattinson, Washington NE38 8LE. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

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TUES

07

## Walk and Talk at Newcastle/Gateshead Quayside plus lunch at Enfields Kitchen, Gateshead College



11am



Pay for what you order



We will walk along the picturesque Newcastle/Gateshead Quayside for around an hour or so. This walk will be lead by member and Branch Vice Grand Ken. Meet by the Millennium Bridge (Gateshead side). There are two car parks nearby, the Baltic car park NE8 3QZ and the Quarryfield car park NE8 3AE which is opposite Enfields and 10 minutes walk to the quayside.

After the walk, we will then head to Enfields Kitchen at Gateshead College for lunch at 12.30pm. Please book by Tuesday 30 September for the walk alone and by Thursday 25 September for the walk and lunch or just lunch. Please be prepared for all weathers and dress appropriately for an outdoor walk. Gateshead Millennium Bridge, South Shore Road, Gateshead NE8 3BA. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

# October

TUES  
07

## Lunch at Enfields Kitchen, Gateshead College



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Experience modern, contemporary cuisine that is freshly prepared and cooked by the next generation of talented chefs. Each menu is designed to allow the catering and hospitality students to showcase their skills. Meet in the reception area at 12.25pm or 12.30pm in the restaurant. This lunch is being arranged in conjunction with the quayside walk earlier in the day. If you wish to do both please see the Walk and Talk Newcastle/Gateshead Quayside event for further details of the walk. Book by Thursday 25 September. Enfields Kitchen, Gateshead College, Baltic Business Quarter, Quarryfield Road, Gateshead NE8 3BE. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

WED  
15

## Lunch at the City Bistro, Sunderland



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Located within Sunderland College's City Campus, this commercial restaurant is full of up and



coming chef talent, dedicated to providing you with a quality dining experience without the high-end price tag. Please do let us know if you have any allergies so we can advise the Bistro accordingly. Located one minute walk from Park Lane metro station and Sunderland's bus and coach interchange. Book by Wednesday 8 October. City Bistro - Sunderland College, City Campus, Park Lane, Sunderland SR1 3NX. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

FRI  
17

## Coffee and Chat at Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral



10.30am



Pay for what  
you order



Since opening in August 2021, Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral's refectory has cemented



its place as an integral part of the cathedral and the wider community. The core mission of the Oswin Project, the Northumberland charity that runs the café, is to provide meaningful employment pathways and skill-building opportunities for individuals with criminal records who are ready to turn their lives around. Please let us know a few days prior if you would like to come, so we can look out for you. Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral, Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Newcastle NE1 1PF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

# November

## **WED 19** Lunch at Angelo's Ristorante Sunderland



Angelo's Ristorante opened in 2006 in a beautifully restored Regency still Grade II listed building. Priding itself on serving classic Italian dishes with a modern twist. Chef Aniello (Nello) Russo and his team specialise in dishes characteristic of Campania and the Amalfi coast. Book by Friday 10 November. Angelos Restaurante Sunderland, 48 West Sunnyside, Sunderland SR1 1BA. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



# December

## **WED 10** Lunch at The Stables, Houghton le Spring



Tucked away in a residential area, The Stables has a warm and inviting country feel to it. The surroundings are cosy with low ceilings and a collection of riding memorabilia adorning the walls. Book by Monday 1 December. The Stables Pub and Eatery, McClaren Way, New Herrington, Houghton Le Spring DH4 4ND. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



## **FRI 12** Lunch at Côte Newcastle



Modern French brasserie serving regional specialties and traditional classics made from great quality, fresh ingredients. Book by Monday 1 December. Côte Newcastle, 120-122 Grainger Street, Newcastle NE1 5AF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



# What events would you like to do?



## Afternoon Teas

Bingo

Book Club

Bowling

Card Games

Coffee

## Concerts

Cycling

Days Out

Holidays

Lunches

Museums

## Online Events

Quizzes

Racing

Talks

Theatres

Walks

**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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events)

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# 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 Tracey on **0113 2424002** or email **tracey.garczynski@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.

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## 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**

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## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



## Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

### Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

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

Achieving Together

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



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

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

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

*Working in the Spirit of Mutuality*

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



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

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

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

*Giving Something Back*

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

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

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



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

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## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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

# At a glance

## July 2025

<b>Wed 2</b>	Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Fri 4</b>	Lunch at the Cook House, Ouseburn, Newcastle	12.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Walk and Talk at Herrington Country Park	11am
<b>Wed 9</b>	Northumberlandia, Lady of the North Visit	11am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Wed 16</b>	Lunch at Mama's Italian Kitchen, Houghton le Spring	12.30pm
<b>Wed 23</b>	Coffee and Chat at Durano Lounge, Tynemouth	10.30am

## August

<b>Fri 1</b>	Lunch at El Coto, Newcastle	12.30pm
<b>Sun 3</b>	Party and Picnic in the Park, South Shields	1pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Mon 11</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Tues 12</b>	Walk and Talk at Roker and Seaburn	11am
<b>Fri 15</b>	Coffee and Chat at The Land of Oak and Iron, Blaydon	10.30am
<b>Wed 20</b>	Lunch at Fox Hunters, North Shields	12.30pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Wed 3</b>	Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Mon 8</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Walk and Talk at Whitley Bay	11am
<b>Fri 12</b>	Lunch at Lui's Bar and Kitchen, Newcastle	12.30pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Visit to National Trust's Wallington, Cambo near Morpeth	11am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Lunch at Marina Vista, Roker	12.30pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Coffee and Chat at Tiny Tiny, Newcastle	10.30am

## October

<b>Wed 1</b>	Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Fri 3</b>	Visit to WWT Washington Wetland Centre	11am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Walk and Talk at Newcastle/Gateshead Quayside	11am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Lunch at Enfields Kitchen, Gateshead College	12.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Wed 15</b>	Lunch at the City Bistro, Sunderland	12.30pm
<b>Fri 17</b>	Coffee and Chat at Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral	10.30am



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## November

<b>Mon 10</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Wed 19</b>	Lunch at Angelo's Ristorante Sunderland	12.30pm

## December

<b>Wed 3</b>	Branch Meeting	12 noon
<b>Mon 8</b>	Coffee and Chat at One Eleven, Gosforth	9.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Lunch at the Stables, Houghton le Spring	12.30pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Lunch at Côte Newcastle	12.30pm

## Branch Meeting

First Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. All welcome at the monthly business meeting. We share and discuss all Branch business, which includes social events, finance, care and much more. Blue Bell, 93 Fulwell Road, Sunderland SR6 9AD. Contact Tracey on 07534 211132. Dates are:

**2 July, 6 August, 3 September, 1 October and 3 December**

## What events would you like to do? answers for page 13

