

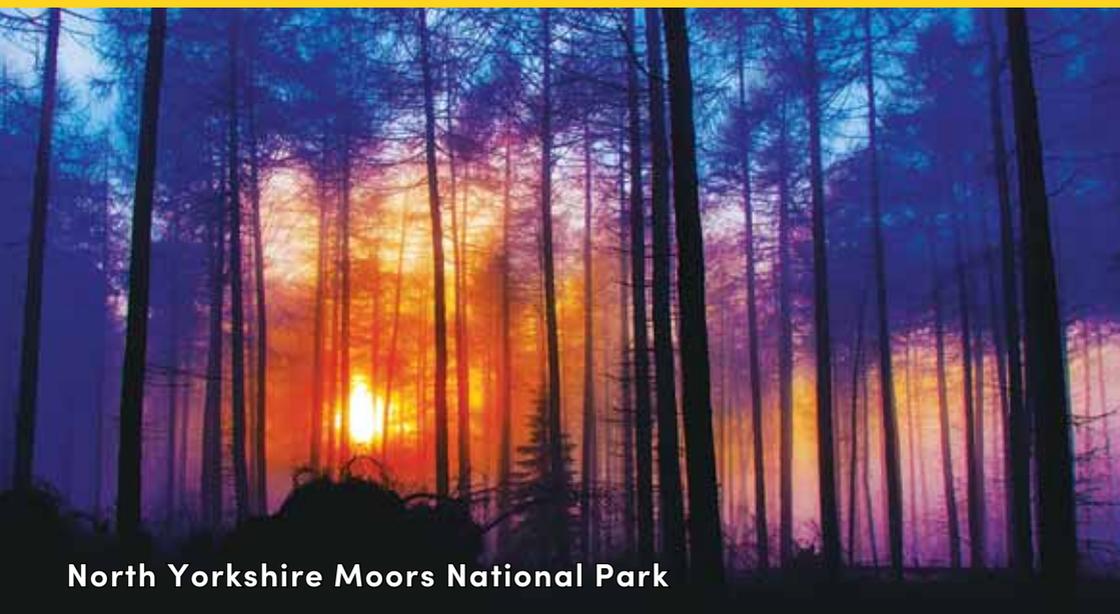
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the **ODDfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Vale of York District



North Yorkshire Moors National Park



Games



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Talks



Social



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Theatre



Film



Meetings



Quiz



Have a look at our various Oddie's Hikers events within the event diary, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the Vale of York District of the Oddfellows. Members of the District have organised an exciting and varied programme of events for everyone.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep, so that you know what is happening in your area. It will be published three or four times a year. There may be some extra events and dates confirmed after publication, where possible, circulars/emails will be sent.

Everyone is welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time. All members are invited to attend any of the events listed in this diary.

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

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Regular Events

Goole Film Club



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



First
Thursday



Come and enjoy a film in the company of friends. Ice-cream served during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. Just have a lazy afternoon and bring a friend. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

8 January 5 February 5 March 2 April

Goole Out to Lunch



1pm



As per menu, with
weekday specials



Second
Thursday



Come and enjoy a meal with friends. Weekday specials available. Transport provided from Goole. Aire and Calder Brewers Fayre, Rawcliffe Road, Goole DN14 8JS. Please book 8 days in advance with Daphne on 01405 765356.

11 January 12 February 12 March 9 April

York Get Together



12 noon



As per menu



Various
Tuesdays



Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you converse with others. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

6 January 3 February 3 March 7 April

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Second
Friday



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

9 January 13 February 13 March 3 April

York Film Club



2pm



Free



Various
Saturdays



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

17 January 21 February 21 March 18 April

January 2026

TUES

06

York Get Together



1pm



As per menu



A relaxed social afternoon. There's the option to just chat, some people craft, do a puzzle or play games. Anything goes! We prefer to meet upstairs on the mezzanine, which is accessible via the lift. If the space is unavailable, look out for the yellow Oddfellows table talkers in the large library café downstairs. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. No booking needed, but it does help if you let Sarah know on 07762 352847 that you plan to come - she will keep a look out for you!



FRI

09

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward the Confessor Church. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. There's no need to book, but you should let Sarah know if you intend to go. If Louise ever needs to cancel, Sarah can let you know. We would hate for you to have a wasted journey! Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

TUES

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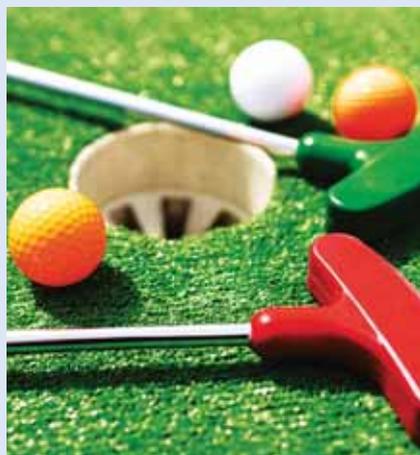
York Mini Golf and Out to Lunch



10am



£3.65



There are two parts to this event; a highly entertaining game of mini golf, that is accessible to all, followed by lunch at Pear Tree Farm, Monks Cross Drive YO32 9GZ. If you would like to play golf without lunch after or miss out the game, but still join us for lunch; just let Sarah know at the time of booking. For those using public transport, Monks Cross Park & Ride drops off near Hollywood Bowl, which is next door to Puttstars. Plus, there's ample free parking at both venues. Book by Tuesday 6 January. Puttstars, Kathryn Avenue, Huntington, York YO32 9AF. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

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SAT
17

York Film Club



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice was announced at last month's film club. If you were unable to attend, and would like to know which movie was selected, contact Sarah who will happily share the details with you. Ice-cream is served during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Just turn up from 1.30pm onwards. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT
17

Traditional Meeting Viking Branch (Goole)



Come along and learn about the history and traditions of our Society. This is a members only event with tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

MON
19

York Cuppa and Chat



An opportunity for members, friends and anyone interested in knowing more about the Oddfellows to come along and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. No need to book; just turn up. Hungate Reading Café, Ground Floor, Bellerby Court, Hungate, York YO1 7AF. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED
21

Burns Afternoon



Celebrate Robbie Burns with us, hear the haggis piped in and the address to the haggis. Learn a little about his life and bring a friend to enjoy a typical Burns Night meal. Menu is neaps, tatties and haggis or chicken pie. Tipsy Laird (trifle) or apple pie and ice-cream, all with a small glass of wine. Please note earlier start at 1pm. A warm welcome awaits at the meeting room, Goole. There will be a raffle and prizes are gratefully accepted. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Choices and meal must be booked with Daphne on 01405 765356 by Saturday 10 January.



January 2026

February

THURS
22

York Out to Lunch

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Enjoy delicious food with friends in unique heritage surroundings. The beautiful Victorian Atrium makes the perfect setting for a light lunch or your main meal. The café offers a fresh daily selection of home-made soup, tempting cakes, desserts and scones, with sandwiches made to order and a special board updated daily. Book by Thursday 8 January. The Bar Convent Living Heritage Centre, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

TUES
03

York Get Together

🕒 1pm

£ As per menu



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THURS
29

Pie, Peas and Bingo (Goole)

🕒 1pm

£ Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie and peas with friends. Puddings and cup of tea or coffee also included. Then we play a couple of games of bingo with cash prizes! You could win the cost of your meal. Book by Tuesday 27 January. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

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February

SUN
08

York Sunday Lunch



1pm



As per menu



Round off the week with some great company and a delicious carvery. Choose a small plate for £12.79, regular £13.99 or large £15.99. Enjoy slow-cooked beef, turkey, pork, honey roasted ham or their vegetarian options. All served with a home-made Yorkshire pudding, unlimited seasonal vegetables, crispy roast potatoes, stuffing, gravy and sauces. The Carlton Tavern, 140 Acomb Road, York YO24 4HA. You must book this event with Sarah on 07762 352847 by Sunday 1 February. Please do not contact the venue.



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FRI
13

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward the Confessor Church. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. There's no need to book, but you should let Sarah know if you intend to go. If Louise ever needs to cancel, Sarah can let you know. We would hate for you to have a wasted journey! Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

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TUES
10

Get Involved (York)



10am



Free



This is an opportunity for you to come along and meet with Sarah (Social Organiser and contact for York) and members of the York Social Committee in a relaxed atmosphere. With your help, we will choose the events to put on in York from May to August 2026. It will be very informal and great fun. Everyone is welcome. In fact, the more the merrier! York Youth Hostel, 42 Water End, Clifton, York YO30 6LP. Please let Sarah know on 07762 352847 if you plan to come or have any questions.



February

WED
18

Curling (Goole)



2pm



Free



Have fun, join us and enjoy ice free curling, no bending or stretching. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Tea and biscuits served afterwards. No need to book just turn up and bring a friend. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356.

THURS
19

Oddie's Hikers - Wilberfoss



10am



Free



This three-mile walk takes us around the beautiful village of Wilberfoss and out in to the countryside.



There are lots of interesting sights along the way and the whole route is awash with snowdrops at this time of year. For those using public transport, the X47 bus leaves York Rail Station (Stop RC) at 10.11am and arrives at the bus stop in front of Wilberfoss Community Centre, opposite The Oddfellows Arms, at 10.44am. This is the starting point for the walk. Wilberfoss Community Centre, Main Street, Wilberfoss, York YO41 5NN. Please let Sarah know on 07762 352847 if you will be going, so that she doesn't set off without you!

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



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February

SAT 21 York Film Club



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MON 23 York Cuppa and Chat



An opportunity for members, friends and anyone interested in knowing more about the Oddfellows to come along and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. No need to book; just turn up. Hungate Reading Café, Ground Floor, Bellerby Court, Hungate, York YO1 7AF. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



THURS 26 Pie, Peas and Bingo



Come and enjoy pie and peas with friends. Puddings and cup of tea or coffee also included. Then we play a couple of games of bingo with cash prizes! You could win the cost of your meal. Book by Tuesday 24 February. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

FRI 27 Play Your Cards Right (York)



Come along and join in with our version of the classic tv show 'Play Your Cards Right' followed by 'Playing Card Bingo'. Refreshments will be provided. Book by Friday 20 February. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

March

TUES

03

York Get Together



1pm



As per menu



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SUN

08

York Sunday Lunch



1pm



As per menu



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FRI

13

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward the Confessor Church. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. There's no need to book, but you should let Sarah know if you intend to go. If Louise ever needs to cancel, Sarah can let you know. We would hate for you to have a wasted journey! Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED

18

The Wilberfoss Way



2pm



Free



Janet Rushby will show us slides about her walk by the river. All are welcome, raffle prizes gratefully accepted and no need to book. Tea and biscuits served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356.



March

THURS
19

Oddie's Hikers - Heslington (York)



10am



Walk Free,
Lunch as
per menu



There are two parts to this event; a 45 minute nature walk around the University of York's Campus East followed by lunch at Charles XII Pub, 8 Main Street, Heslington, York YO10 5EA. If you would like to do the walk without lunch after or miss out the walk, but still join us for lunch; just let Sarah know at the time of booking. The walk starts at the east entrance of the Ron Cooke Hub. Sarah is happy to help with bus times, car parking information, directions or any other questions you might have. Book by Thursday 12 March. The Ron Cooke Hub, 133 Deramore Lane, York YO10 5GE. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SAT
21

Traditional Meeting Viking Branch (Goole)



2pm



Free



Come and find out about the history and traditions of our Society. This is for members only but tea and cakes will be served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

SAT
21

York Film Club



2pm



£2



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice was announced at last month's film club. If you were unable to attend, and would like to know which movie was selected, contact Sarah who will happily share the details with you. Ice-cream is served during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Just turn up from 1.30pm onwards. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

March

MON 23 York Cuppa and Chat



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THURS 26 Pie, Peas and Bingo



Come and enjoy pie and peas with friends. Puddings and cup of tea or coffee also included. Then we play a couple of games of bingo with cash prizes! You could win the cost of your meal. Book by Tuesday 24 March. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

FRI 27 Tabletop Easter Egg Hunt (York)



Learn about the history of chocolate in York, while you take part in a fun treasure hunt that can be done seated at a table, so is accessible to all. Clues will guide your team around a large map of York with lots of Easter egg prizes along the way. Refreshments will be provided. Book by Friday 20 March. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



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March

SUN
29

Sunday Lunch (Goole)



1pm



One course
£13



Round off the week and enjoy a spring lunch with friends. Choice of two carved meats, beef, turkey, gammon or pork. Help yourself to Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and many other vegetables and sauces. Not Full? Then treat yourself to a reasonably priced dessert. Pre-payment is required. Book by Saturday 21 March. Blacksmith's Arms, 13 High Street, Hook, Goole DN14 5NY. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356.



April

SUN
05

York Easter Celebrations



1pm



TBC



After the 10am service, let's celebrate Easter together over lunch catered for by Louise with a chocolate treat from the Easter Bunny! Book by Sunday 22 March. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



April

FRI
03

York Lunch Club - Good Friday



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Good Friday lunch at St Edward the Confessor Church. The cost includes a fish and chips main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. There's no need to book, but you should let Sarah know if you intend to go. If Louise ever needs to cancel, Sarah can let you know. We would hate for you to have a wasted journey! Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



April

TUES

07

York Get Together



1pm



As per menu



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THURS

16

Oddie's Hikers - Thornton-le-Dale



10am



Walk Free,
Lunch as
per menu



A three mile walk around the village with lunch at the café after. For those using public transport, the 840 Coastliner bus leaves York Rail Station (Stop RC) at 9.10am and arrives at Thornton Cross at 10.46am. Book by Thursday 9 April. Baldersons Welcome Café & Bakery, Chestnut Avenue, Thornton-le-Dale, Pickering YO18 7RW. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED

15

Inter District Quiz



2pm



Free



Organised by the Bradford District, Emma and Steve are asking the questions. Make up a team of four members and 'have a go'. Quiz final will be in Bradford on the evening of Saturday 9 May. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356.

April

SAT 18 York Film Club



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice was announced at last month's film club. If you were unable to attend, and would like to know which movie was selected, contact Sarah who will happily share the details with you. Ice-cream is served during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Just turn up from 1.30pm onwards. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



MON 20 York Cuppa and Chat



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FRI 24 Dog Racing (York)



Come along and take part in some dog racing. Similar to the pig racing events; win a race by correctly predicting which highly trained puppy will cross the line first. It will be lots of fun and be prepared for more than the odd dog pun from Sarah! Refreshments will be provided. Book by Friday 17 April. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

April

SAT 25 Annual Summomed Meeting



10am



Free



This is the annual meeting, where as well as presenting the accounts, people are voted on to the Management Committee. The general business of the Branch also happens this day and lunch is served afterwards. Booking would be beneficial. Book by Thursday 23 April. St Edward the Confessor Community Room, Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QE. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.



THURS 30 Pie, Peas and Bingo



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie and peas with friends. Puddings and cup of tea or coffee also included. Then we play a couple of games of bingo with cash prizes! You could win the cost of your meal. Book by Tuesday 28 April. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.



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 our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit 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  [oddfellowsUK](https://www.facebook.com/oddfellowsUK)

Sponsorship

We have supported a Great granddaughter of a member to go to. This trip is with school to help others in less fortunate circumstances. This is the letter received from Faith:



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Dear Oddfellows

I just wanted to write to thank everybody that has helped me fundraise to be able to go to Costa Rica. We are nearly there and the support and donations are really appreciated. I couldn't have been able to fundraise as well as I have if it wasn't for your help.

And now I am just an arm stretch away from being fully paid to go on this phenomenal trip that will help others and positively change my viewpoint of life afterwards, not to mention how well this will look on my CV. Wishing you all the best and again thank you so much: words can't express my gratitude.

*Kindest regards
Faith*

If you know any member who is doing something extraordinary and is trying to raise funds then just let us know.

Rita and Alan Turners 70th wedding anniversary

Picture presented by Brother John Stephenson our Provincial Grand Master.



Events in Goole

September to December

September is Friendship Month and the event in Goole was a charity afternoon tea. Sister Christine Smith, the Immediate Past Chairman of our Branch, presented Parkinson's UK with the sum of £1,000, with £500 earmarked for the local Parkinson's branch in Goole and the other £500 for the National Society, to help with research.

Alisa Dragon represented the local branch and told Goole members how this had started. They provide support for local people living with Parkinson's Disease and have a very strong membership.

Alex Friday represented the National Parkinson's and told members how everyone with the disease was different and explained how some research projects were working.

Jan Ankers told us how she lived with Parkinson's. She told us many stories of things that had happened to her, including how she fell over in her front garden, then her husband came to help her and he fell over as well. They couldn't get up as they were both laughing so much. The story ended with a local builder who was working nearby coming to help them both up.



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.

Gone to the Dogs - October

October saw us racing dogs. It was originally planned to be pigs but they were unavailable (out of stock) so then we reverted to horses which are moved by hand. However, dogs were purchased in time and a lovely afternoon was had watching them move along a short course.



They stopped every so often to bark and wag their tails! Everyone joined in betting with buttons and the person who accumulated the most buttons was awarded a small prize.

Music with Ian - November

November saw Ian Begbie coming to entertain us with song we could remember and join in with. He played the electric guitar, the acoustic guitar and the ukulele. He played songs from the Shadows, Eagles, Kinks, Elvis

Presley and Billy Fury just to mention a few. He ended by playing some comical songs about Ikea and Lidl and Aldi that made us all laugh.



Christmas Extravaganza - December



December was our usual Christmas extravaganza with carols, poems and readings from various members. This was followed by sherry and mince pies.

Welfare Officers

This is just to introduce our Welfare Officers to everyone. Sister Christine Smith, who has a fully enhance DBS, is our main Co-ordinator. Christine has been to visit many of our members up and down the region. She always brings a small gift and will not call unannounced. If you want Christine to pay you a visit her contact details are 01405 768471 or mob. 07747 550190.

Sister June Whitehead is also DBS checked and will visit in the local Goole area. However she will talk to any member on the phone and her contact details are mob. 07708 099602.



Sister Wendy Chittock is the contact in York and will visit or ring in that area. Again she has been DBS checked and will not visit unannounced. Her contact details are mob. 07759 680949. Don't be afraid to get in touch with them as they will be able to help or point you in the right direction for help. Sometimes it's just nice to chat so they are very willing to listen to you.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

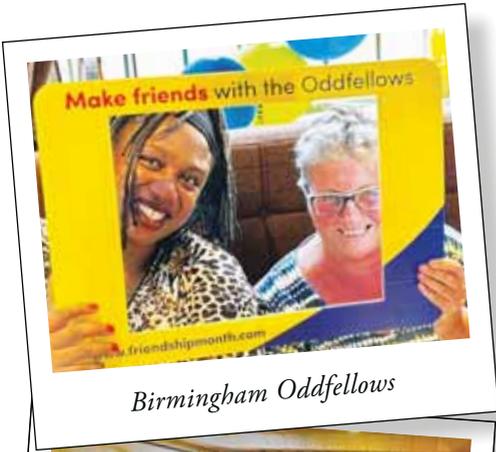
Thank you for saying ‘yes’ to friendship

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

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

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

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



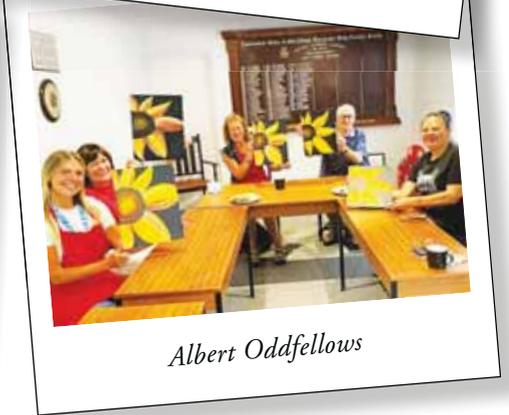
Birmingham Oddfellows



Bradford Oddfellows



Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows



Albert Oddfellows



Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows



Cambridge Oddfellows



Heart of the West Oddfellows



Concord Oddfellows



Halifax Oddfellows



Sudbury Oddfellows

Application deadlines approach!

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

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

Apprenticeship Educational Awards



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

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

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

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

Making a Difference Awards



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

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

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

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

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



Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Christine on **07747 550190**, June on **07708 099602** and Wendy Chittock Telephone: **01904 626928** or Mobile: **07759 680949** or our email details.

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**

Meetings

We regularly hold meetings and all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the business of the Branch. Subjects include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and promotion.

Listed below are the addresses of the regular meeting places in our area. We are unlikely to cancel an event or change a venue without advance warning. However, in bad weather conditions, please telephone the Secretary or named Social Organiser to check that the times and locations are as listed. We look forward to seeing you.

Vale of York District Branch

Quarterly meetings, held in various locations, are to discuss the business of the District. The dates and venues are agreed at the Annual Summoned Meeting and listed in the Events Diary. All members are welcome to attend.

The Good Samaritan Branch Goole

The Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

Mechanics Branch York

The St Edward the Confessor Church, Community Hall, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings

From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: www.oddfellows.co.uk/login



***Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. Visit the Oddfellows Extra website for details.**

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January 2026

Tues 6	York Get Together		1pm
Thurs 8	Goole Film Club		2pm
Fri 9	York Lunch Club		12 noon
Tues 13	York Mini Golf and Out to Lunch	Book by Tues 6 January	10am
Thurs 15	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 8 January	1pm
Sat 17	York Film Club		2pm
Sat 17	Viking Ceremonial Lodge		2pm
Mon 19	York Cuppa and Chat		10am
Wed 21	Burns Afternoon	Book by Sat 10 January	1pm
Thurs 22	York Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 8 January	12.30pm
Thurs 29	Pie, Peas and Bingo	Book by Tues 27 January	1pm

February

Tues 3	York Get Together		1pm
Thurs 5	Goole Film Club		2pm
Sun 8	York Sunday Lunch	Book by Sun 1 February	1pm
Tues 10	Get Involved (York)		10am
Thurs 12	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Sat 7 February	1pm
Fri 13	York Lunch Club		12 noon
Wed 18	Curling		2pm
Thurs 19	Oddie's Hikers - Wilberfoss		10am
Sat 21	York Film Club		2pm
Mon 23	York Cuppa and Chat		10am
Thurs 26	Pie, Peas and Bingo	Book by Tues 24 February	1pm
Fri 27	Play Your Cards Right (York)	Book by Fri 20 February	2pm

March

Tues 3	York Get Together		1pm
Thurs 5	Goole Film Club		2pm
Sun 8	York Sunday Lunch	Book by Sun 1 February	1pm
Thurs 12	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Sat 7 March	1pm
Fri 13	York Lunch Club		12 noon

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March

Wed 18	The Wilberfoss Way		2pm
Thurs 19	Oddie's Hikers - Heslington (York)	Book by Thurs 12 March	10am
Sat 21	York Film Club		2pm
Sat 21	Viking Ceremonial Lodge		2pm
Mon 23	York Cuppa and Chat		10am
Thurs 26	Pie, Peas and Bingo	Book by Tues 24 March	1pm
Fri 27	Tabletop Easter Egg Hunt (York)	Book by Fri 20 March	2pm
Sun 29	Sunday Lunch (Goole)	Book by Sat 21 March	1pm

April

Thurs 2	Goole Film Club		2pm
Fri 3	York Lunch Club - Good Friday		12 noon
Sun 5	York Easter Celebrations	Book by Sun 22 March	1pm
Tues 7	York Get Together		1pm
Thurs 9	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Sat 4 April	1pm
Wed 15	Inter District Quiz		2pm
Thurs 16	Oddie's Hikers - Thornton-le-dale	Book by Thurs 9 April	10am
Sat 18	York Film Club		2pm
Mon 20	York Cuppa and Chat		10am
Fri 24	Dog Racing (York)	Book by Fri 17 April	2pm
Sat 25	Annual Summoned Meeting		10am
Thurs 30	Pie, Peas and Bingo	Book by Tues 28 April	1pm

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

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



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

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