

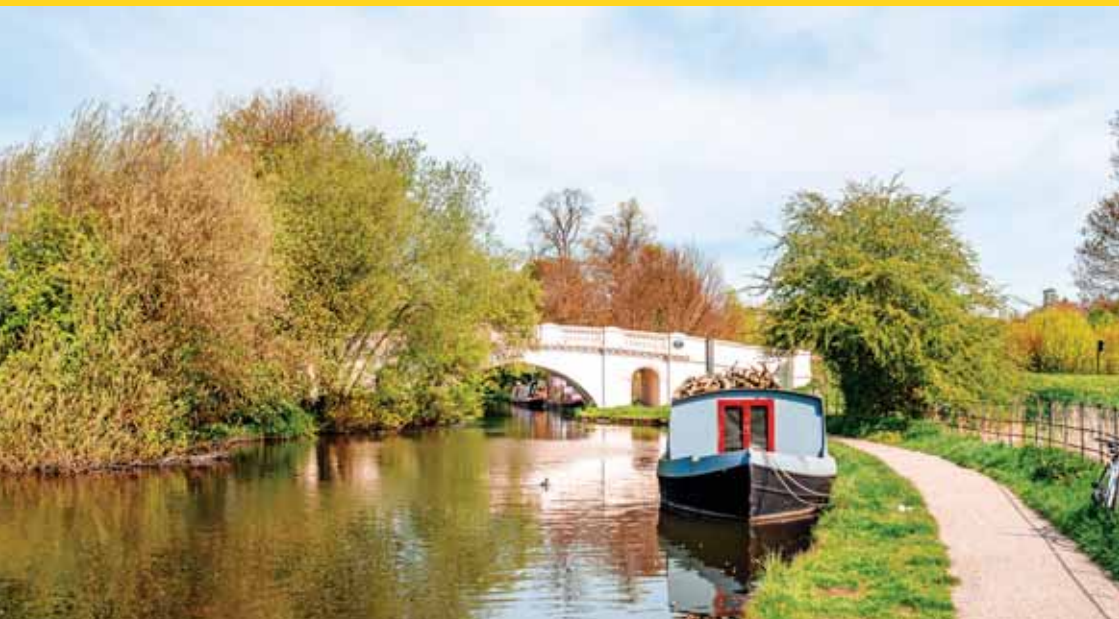
September - December 2025



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Mulberry Branch



Covering Old Harlow, Barnet, Potters Bar, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Hatfield and Cheshunt

View of the river Gade (part of Grand Union Canal) and The Grove Bridge



Online



Sports



Travel



Dining Out



Quizzes



History



Social



Meetings



Talks



Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea

Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary and Newsletter for Mulberry District

Hello,

We are coming up to the last part of the year and we have had some wonderful events over the past three months, our usual coffee mornings have been wonderfully enjoyed with a mix of speakers, quizzes, sing alongs and more. We saw the new Hatfield coffee morning starting in June and so far we are very impressed with how it's been going. We have had a dance workshop, games day, our annual boules tournament (which by the way, if you haven't heard already The Oddfellows team won against Langleybury Cricket Club!). As we come in to September we have our Friendship Month events including a new coffee morning starting in Cheshunt, a Bring and Share in Harlow, a trip to The Wylyotts Theatre to watch a Christmas show and of course our lovely Christmas meals, lunches and get togethers throughout the district.

This year we would like to offer something a bit different to the local community, we are sponsoring a local charity called Livewire for a week's long theatrical workshop during the summer holidays, which was completely free to the children attending, we have sponsored Hatfield based children's football team for their much needed new match day kits and we are not stopping there! And we would love if you all could get involved with this one,

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within this Out and About you would have seen two leaflets for a Harvest donation to Harlow Foodbank and also a Shoebox Appeal, which will be donated to Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge. Please refer to both leaflets on what is needed and how to get involved and if you have any questions please feel free to get in contact with Lauren, Catherine or Louise.

Unfortunately due to rising costs, we have to implement a few changes to the way that we run social events and the transport we offer. We will now charge £10 per person for transport and all district event bookings must be paid in advance. You are able to pay cash with Lauren, Louise or Catherine at a social event, via card with Lauren or via bank transfer. Please speak to Lauren regarding transfers.

In Friendship,

The Mulberry District Social Team
Lauren, Catherine and Louise

Keys

 Ware Branch Old Harlow area	 Chiltern Branch Hemel Hempstead area	 Salisbury Branch Hatfield area
 Cassio Branch Watford area	 Wrotham Branch Barnet area	 Cheshunt Branch Cheshunt area
 Mulberry District	 Oakmere Branch Potters Bar area	

Weekly Event

Online Events Thursday Thinking

Join us on the last Thursday of every month at 4.30pm for one hour of online social activity. Sometimes a quiz, sometimes a chat, sometimes a talk. Always something to make you think! Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9983 6863. Passcode: 709336. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

25 September
30 October



Branches up and down the country are also still doing online events, if you would like to receive a list of all the online events on a monthly basis please let Lauren know at lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk.

A bit about us...

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

September 2025

TUES
02

Friendship Coffee Morning and Quiz (Hatfield)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Celebrate Friendship Month with us at our Hatfield Coffee Morning! Enjoy a fun-filled morning with a quiz, a hot cuppa and meeting up with the friends you have yet to make! Everyone is welcome! Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI
05

Friendship Coffee Morning and Talk from LPA's Made Simple (Hemel)



11am



Members £1
Guests £2



Come along to hear this fantastic and informative talk by LPA's Made Simple.

Tea, coffee and refreshments

included. Everybody welcome!

Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Malcolm on 07942 735952.



SAT
06

Friendship Skittles with Fish and Chips (Hemel)



10.45am



Members £1, Guests £2



Join us for a friendly game of skittles followed by a classic fish and chips lunch as we celebrate Friendship Month together. Whether you are taking on our champion from last time or cheering from the sidelines, everybody is welcome! Cost of fish and chips is not included. Book by Friday 29 August. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Please contact Malcolm on 07942 735952 for more details and pricing.



September 2025

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON

08

Friendly Meal (Barnet/ Borehamwood)



12.30pm



From £15



Celebrate Friendship Month with a friendly meal at a local pub! Enjoy great food, good company and a relaxed atmosphere as we come together. Bring a friend! Cost depends on what you order from the menu. Book by Friday 29 August. Mops & Brooms, Nelson Cottage, 52 Rowley Lane, Well End Road, Borehamwood WD6 5PD. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS

11

Friendship Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)



10am



£1



Join us for a relaxed coffee morning. The newest one in town! A friendly space to chat, connect and unwind over a hot cuppa and a cake! Cost is from £1. Beaumont Day Centre, 6 Rowlandfields, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 9BG. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES

16

Friendship Coffee Morning and Talk from Welbeloved Club (Harlow)



10.30am



Free



Please join us for this Friendship Month for a coffee morning and a talk from the local charity Welbeloved Lunch Club, with a mission to alleviate loneliness amongst older people, they host monthly lunch clubs in the local area. Baptist Hall, Fore Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AB. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

TUES

09

Friendship Coffee Morning and a Talk from Sunnyside Trust (Watford)



10.30am



£2



Come along for an informative talk from Sunnyside Rural Trust. They will be talking us through who they are, what they do and they will also be selling fresh produce such as fruit, honey and more! Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



The Welbeloved Club

September 2025

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
18

Friendship Coffee Morning (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



Come along for a cosy cuppa, good conversation and the chance to meet the friends you have yet to make! Bring a friend along! Everybody is welcome! Costs start from £1.75. Wyllyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wyllyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

SAT
20

Bring and Share with Games and Singing (District Event)



1.30pm



Members £4
Guests £6



You're invited to a fun-filled bring and share celebration for Friendship Month! Bring a favourite dish to share amongst friends, enjoy light hearted games and a good ol' sing song! Transport available for members for an extra £10. The Salvation Army Christian Church, Tendring Road, Harlow CM18 6RN. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

WED
24

Friendly Lunch and Skittles (Watford)



11am



Members £8
Guests £10



Please join us for a friendly games of skittles followed by cottage pie (vegetable option available) and crumble. Bring a friend. Book by Monday 15 September. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

TUES
30

Friendship Coffee Morning (Barnet)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Join us for a special afternoon tea style coffee morning as we celebrate Friendship Month! Enjoy scones, mini cakes and plenty of conversations! St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

October

THURS
02

Friendly Meal (Potters Bar)

🕒 1.30pm

£ From £15



Come along for a relaxed and friendly meal in a local pub. The perfect chance to enjoy good food, great conversation and a welcoming atmosphere! Whether you're catching up with old friends or meeting new ones! Everyone is welcome! Cost depends on what you order from the menu. We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Book by Monday 22 September. The Strafford, Cranborne Parade, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 3BA. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



FRI
03

Coffee Morning and Quiz (Hemel)

🕒 11am

£ Members £1
Guests £2



Come along to our morning quiz, hot tea or coffee, some cakes and maybe a biscuit or two! We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Malcolm on 07942 735952.

TUES
07

Coffee Morning and Quiz with a Twist (Hatfield)

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for this fun and interactive morning! Bring your thinking caps and singing voices and we will provide the rest! We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

Quiz

THURS
09

Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)

🕒 10am

£ £1



Please join us for a coffee morning, make new friends and enjoy great company! Cost is from £1 depending on what you order! We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate flyer. Beaumont Day Centre, 6 Rowlandfields, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 9BG. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

October

TUES 14
**Coffee Morning and
Talk on The (almost!)
Assassination of Queen
Victoria (Watford)**

 10.30am

 £2



Please join us for an informative talk by Trevor Spinage on the (almost!) assassination of Queen Victoria. Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



TUES 14
Minor Degree Lodge

 2pm

 Free



The 'Ceremonial' side of Oddfellowship, keeping our traditions alive. Come and listen to be inspired. Time is subject to change, please confirm timings with Kate or John. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Kate on 07840 987861 or John on 07582 546160.

THURS 16
**Coffee Morning with
Bingo! (Potters Bar)**

 10.30am

 £1.75



Come along to our coffee morning in Potters Bar, with a short game of bingo! Cost is from £1.75. We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



TUES 21
**Coffee Morning and a
Talk on The History of
Friendly Societies
(Old Harlow)**

 10.30am

 Free



Please join us for a coffee morning with a talk from Mike Trenchard on the History of Friendly Societies. It proves to be a talk you do not want to miss! We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Baptist Hall, Fore Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AB. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

October

SAT
25

Skittles Evening with Fish and Chips (Barnet)



6.45pm



Members £3
Guests £5



Please join us for this popular event, a game (or three!) of skittles followed by a fish and chips supper! Everybody

is welcome! Whether you are getting competitive or watching from the sidelines! Cost does not include fish and chips. We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate leaflet. Book by Monday 13 October. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Please contact Lauren on 07949 439127 for pricing.



November

SAT
01

Canal Trip with Fish and Chips



10.30am



Members £15
Guests £18



Please join us for a much loved day out along the Grand Union Canal with a tasty fish and chips lunch onboard.

Numbers are limited, so please book in advance. Transport is available for members whom require it within the District for an additional £10. Book by Monday 20 October. Waterways Experience, Nash Mills Recreation Centre, Red Lion Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9TE. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127 or Malcolm on 07942 735952.



TUES
28

Coffee Morning and a Talk (Barnet)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for a coffee morning with a talk from LPA's Made Simple! A great talk which is extremely informative, you will have the opportunity to ask questions too! We will be collecting Food Bank donations at this event, please see separate flyer. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

TUES
04

Coffee Morning and Sing Along! (Hatfield)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for a sing along at our monthly coffee morning! Bring those singing voices! We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

November

FRI
07

Coffee Morning and A Family through Time Talk by Mike Trenchard (Hemel)

L 11am

£ Members £1
Guests £2



Come along to our monthly coffee morning and hear a talk from Mike Trenchard, who is a



Genealogist and Researcher, Mike will be talking us through family history research. We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Malcolm on 07942 735952.

TUES
11

Coffee Morning with a Sing Along! (Watford)

L 10.30am

£ £2



Come along for some tasty cakes, hot tea or coffee! Bring your singing voices because we are going to have a fun filled sing along! Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS
13

Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)

L 10am

£ £1



Join us at our monthly coffee morning! Everybody welcome! Cost is from £1. We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Beaumont Day Centre, 6 Rowlandfields, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 9BG. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES
18

Coffee Morning and Bingo! (Old Harlow)

L 10.30am

£ Free



Please join us for our usual coffee morning but with a short game of bingo! Everybody is welcome! We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Baptist Hall, Fore Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AB. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

November

THURS
20

Coffee Morning with Games (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



Come along for a coffee (or tea), a few table games and a chat with friends, old and new! Cost is from £1.75. We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



TUES
25

Coffee Morning and a Talk (Barnet)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please come along to hear a talk by Angelique Swallow on How the Alexander Technique Builds Resilience and Restores Ease. Refreshments included. We will be collecting donations for our shoe box appeal at this event, please see separate flyer with events diary. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



THURS
27

Theatre Trip to The Wylyotts - Christmas Memories (District Event)



12.45pm



Members £18, Guests £21



Don't miss an afternoon full of festive joy and heart-warming nostalgia, featuring over 60 of your all-time favourite Christmas songs and carols. You'll be singing along from start to finish, reliving cherished memories of Christmases past. Join us before the show for a hot cuppa and a mince pie. Tickets are limited, so will be on a first come first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment. Transport is available for £10. Must be paid for in advance. Book by Monday 3 November. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



December

TUES **02** Christmas Coffee Morning (Hatfield)

 10.30am

 Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for a Christmas coffee morning with mince pies, hot cuppa and a good ol' sing song to Christmas

music! Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



TUES **09** Christmas Lunch (Watford)

 12.30pm

 From £20.99



Please join us for a Christmas lunch at our hall in Watford. Lunch provided by Kings Catering and is always a big hit! Must be booked! Cost is £23.99 for a three course or £20.99 for a two course. Must be paid in advance. Book by Tuesday 25 November. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

FRI **05** Christmas Party (Hemel)

 11am

 Members £1
Guests £2



Come along and join our Christmas party. Refreshments included and everybody is welcome! Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Malcolm on 07942 735952.

THURS **11** Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)

 10am

 £1



Please join us for a Christmas coffee morning! Hot drink, friends and maybe a mince pie or two! Beaumont Day Centre, 6 Rowlandfields, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 9BG. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

December

SAT
13

Mulberry District Christmas Meal



1.30pm



Members £30
Guests £40



You are invited to our annual Mulberry Christmas three course meal. A festive day of fine food, good company and seasonal cheer. Enjoy a delicious meal followed by live entertainment from Livewire Theatre Group. Transport is available for members who require it for an additional £10. Must be paid for in advance. Book by Saturday 22 November. Passmores Academy, Traces Road, Harlow, Essex CM18 6JH. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS
18

Christmas Coffee Morning with Poetry (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



Join us for a coffee morning with a touch of creativity! Enjoy a warm drink, a mince pie (or cake!) and bring along your favourite poem to share with the group. Whether you are a reader, a writer or just a listener, all are welcome to take part or simply listen. Cost is from £1.75. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

MON
22

Christmas Bring and Share with Sing Along (Barnet)



12.30pm



Members £2
Guests £3



Join us for a festive Christmas bring and share with a joyful sing along! Bring your favourite dish to share with friends and then we will sing some Christmas songs. An event full of food, music and holiday cheer! Everybody is welcome! Book by Monday 8 December. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

TUES
16

Christmas Get Together with Christmas Carols (Old Harlow)



1pm



Members £3
Guests £5



Celebrate the season with us at our Christmas get together and Christmas carols. Enjoy a delicious festive spread, then join in with some classic Christmas carols to bring in the Christmas cheer! Book by Tuesday 2 December. Baptist Hall, Fore Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AB. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

Message from the Chairman

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Siblings,

Here we are with another Out & About for Mulberry District Branch. It is wonderful to be able to include an extra location for monthly events; last issue it was Hatfield and this issue it is Cheshunt. It is a fact that it is easier to get members where we have activities going on regularly, which raises our profile in that area.

September has extra events, of course, being Oddfellows Friendship month, so there should be something to suit everyone.

If you're not able to get out for any reason, don't forget the online events to keep you interested and amused. Please let us know if you need help to get online and we'll see what we can do to help. Once you've been on once you should find it very straightforward. Like our in-person events, there are regular weekly or monthly online events so that you have the chance to get to know people. They really are a friendly lot.

Looking forward to Christmas, again there are a lot of events and some need booking beforehand, so look ahead and get them in your diary, and let Lauren know at the same time that you are interested, then it's all sorted and you won't miss the deadline.

The District had a brilliant result at boules, our first win in a long time, certainly a rare event. Unfortunately, I was prevented from attending by a recalcitrant car (it refused to reverse – which is not ideal for a car) but my partner and I went down to the beach to play instead. I must say there was quite a breeze so we were much more comfortable than

the official team, on what turned out to be a scorching day (although the official team might not have had trouble with seagulls trying to 'nick' the jack, as we did). Congratulations to all who played, and particularly to the winning team – it all rested on the last boule, I believe. If you haven't attended before, how about joining next year (particularly if you are good at boules, but it really doesn't matter). The cricket club is very hospitable and always does a good barbecue for us.

You will see that Brother Mike Trenchard is visiting some of the coffee mornings to give a talk on the history of Oddfellows and the role still played by tradition. We feel strongly that this is something that mustn't be lost so try to get to a meeting to listen to him, and let us know if you would like to hear the degrees yourself, so that you can advance in Oddfellowship. There's nothing difficult; no prior requirements. We are also interested to hear from you if you would like to join the committee of management. Perhaps come along to the monthly Lodge meetings to get used to us and then think about joining the committee – both meetings can be joined online, if travelling is difficult. We need to look to our succession and the officers – Provincial Grand Master (Chair), Deputy and Past – are elected from the committee. We'd also welcome people with buildings knowledge to join our buildings sub-committee. None of the jobs are onerous, but the District needs them to be effective. There is a lot going on in all aspects of the District, at the moment, so never a dull moment.

Yours fraternally

Kate
Provincial Grand Master (Chairman)





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 John S on **07582 546160** or email **johns.jemison@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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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 Harmer 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.

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.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

Incredible total raised for good causes



Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

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.”

Branch Meeting

Mulberry District Branch

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Registered Office: Oddfellows Hall,
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CM17 0AG

Branch meetings: On the third
Wednesday of every month starting
at 1.30pm except May.

Meetings are held as a hybrid 'Room
and Zoom' held at Oddfellows Hall,
22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS
and Oddfellows Hall, Broadway
Avenue, Old Harlow CM17 0AG and
via video link (Meeting ID:
880 2328 7070 please contact John or
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Branch meetings: On the second
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except December when a Christmas
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Cheshunt Branch

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Branch meetings: Meet on the second
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Branch meetings: On the first Friday
of each month at 11am except
December when a Christmas lunch is
held. Meetings are held at Chaulden
Community Centre, Long Chaulden,
Hemel Hempstead HP1 2HX.

Oakmere Branch

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Theatre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
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Branch Meeting

Salisbury Branch

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Branch meetings: On the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30am (starting June 2025). Meetings are held at Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT.

Ware Branch

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Branch meetings: On the third Tuesday of each month, except August at the Baptist Hall, Fore Street, Harlow Essex CM17 0AB.

Wrotham Branch

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Branch meetings: On the last Tuesday of each month at 10.30am except December when a Christmas lunch is held. Meetings are held at St Peters Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley EN5 3JF.

Say *yes* to friendship in September

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

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com

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.

At a glance

September 2025 - Friendship Month

Tues 2	Friendship Coffee Morning and Quiz (Hatfield)	10.30am
Fri 5	Friendship Coffee Morning and Talk from LPA's Made Simple (Hemel)	11am
Sat 6	Friendship Skittles with Fish and Chips (Hemel)	10.45am
Mon 8	Friendship Friendly Meal (Barnet/Borehamwood)	12.30pm
Tues 9	Friendship Coffee Morning and a Talk from Sunnyside Trust (Watford)	10.30am
Thurs 11	Friendship Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)	10am
Tues 16	Friendship Coffee Morning and Talk from Welbeloved Club (Harlow)	10.30am
Wed 17	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 18	Friendship Coffee Morning (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Sat 20	Bring and Share with Games and Singing (District Event)	1.30pm
Wed 24	Friendly Lunch and Skittles (Watford)	11am
Thurs 25	Thursday Thinking - Online	4.30pm
Tues 30	Friendship Coffee Morning (Barnet)	10.30am

October

Thurs 2	Friendly Meal (Potters Bar)	1.30pm
Fri 3	Coffee Morning and Quiz (Hemel)	11am
Tues 7	Coffee Morning and Quiz with a Twist (Hatfield)	10.30am
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)	10am
Tues 14	Coffee Morning and Talk on The (almost!) Assassination of Queen Victoria (Watford)	10.30am
Tues 14	Minor Degree Lodge	2pm
Wed 15	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 16	Coffee Morning with Bingo! (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Tues 21	Coffee Morning and a Talk on The History of Friendly Societies (Old Harlow)	10.30am
Sat 25	Skittles Evening with Fish and Chips (Barnet)	6.45pm
Tues 28	Coffee Morning and a Talk (Barnet)	10.30am
Thurs 30	Thursday Thinking - Online	4.30pm

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At a glance

November

Sat 1	Canal Trip with Fish and Chips	10.30am
Tues 4	Coffee Morning and Sing Along! (Hatfield)	10.30am
Fri 7	Coffee Morning and A Family through Time Talk by Mike Trenchard (Hemel)	11am
Tues 11	Coffee Morning with a Sing Along! (Watford)	10.30am
Thurs 13	Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)	10am
Tues 18	Coffee Morning and Bingo! (Old Harlow)	10.30am
Wed 19	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning with Games (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Tues 25	Coffee Morning and a Talk (Barnet)	10.30am
Thurs 27	Theatre Trip to The Wyllyotts - Christmas Memories (District Event)	12.45pm

December

Tues 2	Christmas Coffee Morning (Hatfield)	10.30am
Fri 5	Christmas Party (Hemel)	11am
Tues 9	Christmas Lunch (Watford)	12.30pm
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning (Cheshunt)	10am
Sat 13	Mulberry District Christmas Meal	1.30pm
Tues 16	Christmas Get Together with Christmas Carols (Old Harlow)	1pm
Wed 17	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 18	Christmas Coffee Morning with Poetry (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Mon 22	Christmas Bring and Share with Sing Along (Barnet)	12.30pm

**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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