

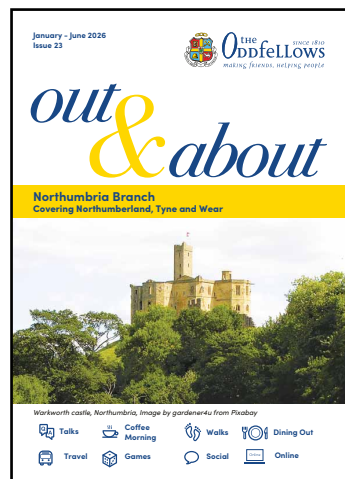
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Welcome to the latest edition of our Events Diary and Newsletter for the Leeds District Oddfellows

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.



Heritage Lunch at Nigella's Café

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.

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 or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

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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.

13 January

10 February

10 March

7 April

12 May

9 June

Breakfast and Chat



10.30am



£3 per person



Friday

Come and meet old friends and new 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. We will either be serving fresh fruit salad or hot and fresh bacon or sausage baps with optional hash browns, tea or coffee. There will be a little quiz to make you smile. Please book early for numbers and catering. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

23 January - Fruit Salad

20 March - Breakfast Baps

24 April - Fruit Salad

19 June - Breakfast Baps

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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THURS
08

Ploughmans Lunch



12.30pm



£5



We are starting Food with Friends off with a hearty ploughman's



lunch at our hall to celebrate the new year. Don't worry, there will be lashings of French bread, a hot decadent pudding and tea or coffee. Booking essential for numbers and catering, volunteers always needed. Please book by Monday 5 January 2026. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

MON
12

Tales From The Big House



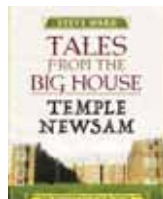
6.30pm



£4



Temple Newsam was once described as the 'Hampton Court of the North' and has survived almost 900 years of history. First mentioned in the Domesday Book, it was the Knights Templar who first gave the name to the land. 'Tales from the big house - Temple Newsam' is an illustrated talk by Steve Ward, takes a look at the colourful and eventful history of the estate. Booking essential for catering purposes, please let George know you are attending and of any dietary requirements by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



MON
12

Nelson Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



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TUES
13

Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7
Guests £8



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January 2026

WED 14 Guide Dogs For The Blind



2pm



£4



Jackie Finan is a Guide Dog puppy raiser in Knaresborough and will be joining us with her 12 month puppy Niko. Her talk will include how and why she became a volunteer for Guide



Dogs, the amusing highs and lows of the 50 behaviours she needs to try to instil in her puppy in the first year of life! She will also try answer the big question she is asked hundreds of times - how do you give them back after a year? Light refreshments provided. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

THURS 15 Festive Antidote Carvery



12 noon



As per menu



Come and detox from Christmas with good food and good company at the Toby Carvery. Please note the earlier time. Booking essential. Toby Carvery Bruntcliffe, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 0LY. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.

TUES 20 Murder!



12 noon



£4



It was murder most foul in Leeds! Come and hear the story of the mayhem and murder with speaker Linda Ellison. Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Friday 16 January and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.



January 2026

WED
21

A Poor Man's Michael Palin Part 2



12 noon



£2



Alun Pugh joins us again to continue his illustrated, humorous talk, recounting his cycling holiday with two pals along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. If you missed part one, don't worry, there will be a recap. Includes a light lunch. Booking essential. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



WED
28

Sound Leisure Tour



10.30am



£15



Ever wondered how jukeboxes are made? At Sound Leisure, you can experience the entire process, from our custom shop design studio to the cabinet workshop and mechanism production line. Meet the skilled team who bring each jukebox to life, then finish your visit in their stunning showroom featuring jukeboxes, neon signs, pool tables and a wide range of other unique pieces for your home, bar, or games room. This 90-minute tour includes refreshments and a free gift to take home. Onsite parking available. Booking essential by Tuesday 20 January. Sound Leisure Ltd, Sandreas Way, Crossgates, Leeds LS15 8AR. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



FRI
23

Breakfast and Chat - Fruit Salad



10.30am



£3



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January 2026

THURS
29

Beetle Drive



7pm



£4



Shake the dice as fast as you can and build that beetle! Supper included. Booking essential by 4pm the Tuesday before please. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



February

TUES
03

Leodis Branch Meeting



12 noon



£2



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February

WED
04

Chair Yoga with Kerry



10.30am



£2



Join us for chair yoga, a modified practice where traditional yoga poses and breathing exercises are performed while seated in a sturdy chair or using the chair for support while standing.

Equipment: All you need is one of our sturdy, armless chairs that allows your feet to be flat on the floor, you may also want to bring a cushion or a blanket for your comfort. Benefits: Improved flexibility and mobility (especially in the spine and joints), increased strength (especially core and upper body), better balance and reduced risk of falls and improved circulation. A 45 minutes session followed by tea or coffee. 15 places only, booking essential. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

February

THURS
05

New Eastern Court



12.30pm



£14.99



It's Chinese New Year on 17 February, so to celebrate we are headed to New Eastern Court near Xscape shopping centre in Castleford for an all you can eat Chinese buffet. If you would like a game or two of bowling first at the nearby bowling alley, please let us know. Booking essential by Monday 2 February. Plenty of free parking. New Eastern Court Restaurant, Colorado Way, Castleford WF10 4TA. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



MON
09

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
09

Chris Berry - My Music



6.30pm



£4



Last time Chris visited us, he spoke mostly about his writing career, with a song to finish. This time he will talk about his music career, including playing with his band, touring the UK with Joe Longthorne and Midge Ure, as a solo singer/guitarist, releasing his own recordings and touring the north of England. Don't panic, he will bring his guitar to perform for us. Booking essential for catering purposes, please let George know you are attending (and if you have any dietary requirements) by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



TUES
10

Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7
Guests £8



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.

February

WED 11 **My travels to the beautiful Scottish Islands**

 12 noon  £2



Emma Marshall from Bradford Oddfellows joins us with her short presentation about her explorations of some of the Scottish islands, from over the past few years. Includes a light lunch. Booking essential. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



WED 11 **Kingfishers**

 2pm  £4



Steve Midgely spotted his first Kingfisher whilst out walking with his dog. This talk tells of the ups and downs of the year he spent trying to photograph this beautiful bird. Along the way he met stags and seals, falcons and kites, hundreds of birds and ducks, mink and fox and some interesting and helpful people. See www.wildlifepirate.co.uk to check out his work. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



TUES 17 **Famous for 12 Minutes!**

 12 noon  £4



We hear from Malcolm Johnson who at the age of 65 years old, participated in a reality TV show, learning to drive in just one week. Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Friday 13 February and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.

February

THURS
19

Indoor Skittles



Try and win at indoor skittles to claim the Barnes Wallis prize! Hot supper and raffle included.

Booking essential.

Miners Arms,
Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG.
Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



THURS
26

Play Your Cards Right



Higher or Lower? You don't get anything for a pair! Supper included. Booking essential. Please book by 4pm the Tuesday before. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

FRI
20

Soup Social



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. Brrr, its cold outside. This month we will serving a delicious and hearty home-made vegetable soup with bread and tea or coffee. There will be a little quiz to make you smile. Please book early for numbers and catering, booking is essential. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

FRI
27

Soul & Motown Live Tribute Celebration



Come and join us for a party evening to celebrate this years Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) Bob Eyre.

Your Party Night Ticket Includes;
2-Course Set Menu (Main and Dessert) Live Entertainment with Soul & Motown Tribute Floor filling hits from a high energy DJ Bar opens 6.30pm till late. Guests to be seated by 8pm Over 18s only. Village Leeds North, 186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS16 5PR. Please book by February 1, with payment in full. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



March

TUES 03 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, a small donation of £2 is requested for your meal. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.

MON 09 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 is know if you are joining us. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Margaret on 0113 2590091.

THURS 05 Heritage Lunch at Nigella's Café



12.30pm



Set menu £12.50



We are headed to Nigellas Café in Morley, a traditional British café to enjoy their two course heritage menu together. Choice of a hot main, dessert and tea or coffee.

Menu to follow. Pre-order required. Please book and pre-order by Thursday 26 February if you can please. Nigella's Café, 77 Queen Street, Morley, West Yorkshire LS27 8DX. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



March

MON 09 Remembering Your 1960s

🕒 6.30pm 💷 £4



Come along and reminisce about your younger days, particularly your 1960s. Get your thinking caps on for your record requests. Hot meal included. Booking essential for catering purposes, please let George know you are attending and of any dietary requirements by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



TUES 10 Fish, Chips and Bingo

🕒 12 noon 💷 Members £7
Guests £8



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.

WED 11 20 Knaresborough People: 20 War Stories

🕒 2pm 💷 £4



Kathy Allday is Chair of the Knaresborough Museum Association. She joins us to talk about the war stories of 20 Knaresborough folk. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

TUES 17 Desert Island Discs

🕒 12 noon 💷 £4



Our version of the fabulous Radio Show, Desert Island Discs. We will have two special guests who will give us an insight into their lives. Our first guest is our Leodis Secretary, Kerry Cawthray and our second is member Steve Watson. Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Friday 13 March and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.

March

Lunch at The Old Parcels Bar and Restaurant - Keighley Railway Station

WED
18



12 noon



As per
menu



Join us for lunch at what used to be the Midland and Great Northern's Parcels Office. Now it's a go to spot for hearty breakfasts, relaxed lunches and atmospheric evenings - all framed by the hustle and bustle of passing trains. The Old Parcels Office Bar & Restaurant, Keighley Station, Station Bridge, Keighley BD21 4HP. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



THURS
19

Call My Bluff Special



7pm



£4



Can you tell the truth from twaddle? Hot supper and raffle included. Booking essential. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

FRI
20

Breakfast and Chat - Bacon or Sausage Baps



10.30am



£3



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**CALL
MY
BLUFF**

March

WED
25

Ukulele Taster Session



10.30am



£4



Jessica joins us from yourukuleletutor.com for an absolute beginners ukulele workshop. Her workshops are guaranteed to get you all laughing, strumming and hitting all the right notes. Ukuleles are provided along with a souvenir song book created especially for us, for you to take home. 25 spaces only. Tea or coffee at 10.30am. Session starts prompt at 11am. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



THURS
26

Speed Dominos



7pm



£4



Don't worry about the spots before your eyes! Supper included. Booking essential, by 4pm the Tuesday before. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

TUES
31

The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial



12 noon



Token fee



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

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment. Check if the listing has a book by date. For trips etc, if payment in full is requested, a place is not guaranteed until this has been received.



April

THURS
02

Portofinos - Harrogate



6.30pm



£19.95
set menu



A modern Italian restaurant in the heart of Harrogate. Join us for their 'Happy Hour', which includes two courses, pizza/pasta for up to £19.95. Please ask to see the menu. Booking essential by Thursday 26 March. Portofino Restaurant, 2-4 Albert Street, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 1JG. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



TUES
07

Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7
Guests £8



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MON
13

Nelson Lodge Annual Summoned Meeting



1.30pm



Free



The AGM where all members are invited 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.

WED
08

Flower Fairies



2pm



£4



Bradford Oddfellows Social Coordinator Emma, shares her love and enthusiasm of the 'Flower Fairies'. She will tell us about the artist, the poems connected to them and the meaning behind them. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

April

MON 13 Commonwealth War Graves



6.30pm



£4



Bri Joyce joins us on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Founded in 1917, their mission is to ensure those who died in service, or as a result of conflict, are commemorated so that they and the human cost of war, are remembered forever. Their dedicated specialist staff care for graves, cemeteries and memorials at over 23,000 locations in more than 150 countries and territories around the world.

Hot meal included. Booking essential for catering purposes, please let George know you are attending and of any dietary requirements by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.

TUES 14 Leodis Lodge Annual Summoned Meeting



12 noon



£2



The AGM meeting where all members are invited 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, a small donation of £2 is requested for your meal. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.



WED 15 Funny You Should Say That!



12 noon



£2



Have you ever wondered why we use certain expression and phrases? John Lyte takes another fascinating look at the origins of some more of our favourite and most used sayings. Includes a light lunch. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



April

THURS
16

Beetle Drive



Can you roll the magic six? Hot supper and raffle included. Booking essential. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



TUES
21

Games



Come and play some games together and enjoy some good food in great company. Prizes to be won. Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Friday 17 April and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.

FRI
24

Breakfast and Chat - Fruit Salad



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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. This month we will serving a delicious home-made fruit salad and fruit toast. There will be a little quiz to make you smile. Please book early for numbers and catering. Please book by Tuesday 21 April for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



April

WED
29

Questionable Quackery - Thackray Medical Museum



12.45pm



£14



Join us for a very special trip to the Thackray Medical Museum for an exciting and informative talk focusing on the darker side of medicine, delving into the deceptive world of Quack Doctors of the 18th and 19th centuries and their questionable quack cures. We start with a seated talk of approximately 45-minutes, followed by 15 minutes for your questions and the opportunity to view objects up close. Followed free time for you to explore the whole museum until they close. Tour starts at 1pm. Booking essential by Wednesday 1 April. Thackray Medical Centre, 141 Becket Street, Leeds LS9 7LN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



THURS
30

Bingo Fun



7pm



£4



Eyes down for a full house. Supper included. Booking essential, by 4pm the Tuesday before. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



May

TUES
05

Leodis Branch Meeting



12 noon



£2



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May

WED 06 Chair Yoga with Kerry



10.30am



£2



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SAT 09 Inter District Quiz Final



7.30pm



Buffet - £5



If we get through to the final, please do come and support our Branch team. A buffet supper will be served (£5 per head). A raffle will be held on the night and all proceeds will go to Bradfords Provincial Grand Masters charity. Thanks to Bradford Oddfellows for arranging. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317. Carlton House, Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA.

MON 11 Nelson Branch Meeting



1.30pm



Free



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THURS 07 The Olive Branch - Roundhay



6pm



Two courses £17.95



Join us for dinner at The Olive Branch in Roundhay, which serves delicious Turkish and Mediterranean food. We will enjoy their special offer, any starter and main (excludes sharing platters) for £17.95. Booking essential, by Thursday 30 April. The Olive Branch, 139 Street Lane, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 1AA. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

May

MON
11

From Trash to Treasure/From Packer to Pirate



6.30pm



£4



Chris Powell joins us to talk about how he began in the Bettys and Taylors business, how he was inspired to recycle and re-use business waste and what that has meant for his journey into the role of Community Champion and the work the Cone Exchange does within our organisation and the wider locality. This encompasses our environmental work and engagement with our volunteers and students. Hot meal included. Booking essential for catering purposes, please let George know you are attending and of any dietary requirements by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.



TUES
12

Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



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Guests £8



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WED
13

Lunch at Taylors on the Green



12 noon



As per menu



Back by popular demand, lunch at this central Keighley pub. Come along for a bite to eat or a main meal. A delicious dessert is optional but hard to resist! Afterwards, you can visit the pubs onsite brewery shop. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.



WED
13

DNA



2pm



£4



TV programmes like DNA Family Secrets and Long Lost Family use DNA Researchers, but their work is often hidden behind the scenes. Just how do they identify unknown fathers and even, with foundlings, both unknown parents? This talk by Ann Yates will shed light on the process of using the results of readily available DNA tests to identify, trace and contact long lost family members. Light refreshments included. Booking essential. Gracious Street Methodist, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



May

TUES

19

Creative Writing



12 noon



£4



Experience crime writer Jenny Bowmant will get us all involved in some fun creative writing! Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Thursday 14 May and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.



THURS

21

Quiz Fun



7pm



£4



Test your knowledge on the weird and things you thought you knew. Hot supper and raffle included. Booking essential. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



FRI

22

Soup Social



12 noon



£3



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. This month we will serving a delicious home-made vegetable soup with bread, tea or coffee. There will be a little quiz to keep you entertained. Please book early for numbers and catering. Maximum 30 places. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

THURS

28

Indoor Skittles



7pm



£4



Come and try your hand at something different. Supper included. Booking essential, by 4pm the Tuesday before. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

June

TUES
02

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, a small donation of £2 is requested for your meal. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Kerry on 0113 2930901.



MON
08

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.



THURS
04

Napoleons Casino



4.30pm



£35



We are headed to the casino! Enjoy a three course meal with tea or coffee and a free £5 bet. Booking essential with your pre-order and £10 deposit by Thursday 21 May. Menu to follow. Maximum 40 places. Napoleons Casino & Restaurant, 2 Bingley Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS3 1LX. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



June

MON
08

A Taste of Spain



6.30pm



£4



We're off to Spain for the evening. You bring your stories, photos and tales of holidays in Spain and we will supply a tapas inspired meal to enjoy together. Booking essential for catering purposes (and any dietary requirements), by the Friday before. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact George on 0113 2585036.

TUES

12

Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £7
Guests £8



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.

WED

10

Life in the NHS - It only hurts when I laugh!



12 noon



£2



Jeff Jacklin delivers an illustrated talk to educate and amuse us. This includes history about the NHS and what life was like before free healthcare became available, followed by some humorous stories. Includes a light lunch. 4 Henry Street, Keighley BD21 3DR. Contact Susan on 07849 119512.

FRI

12

Coach Trip to Bury Market



8.30am



£15



Join us for a coach trip to Bury Market with LEAP travel. With over 350 stalls, Bury Market is a shoppers' mecca, a retail nirvana rich with exotic bargains, a fabled bazaar, a veritable souk of the north. Why not also visit the The Fusilier Museum located in the Cultural Quarter, or the East Lancashire Railway, The Transport Museum and Bury Art Museum all within walking distance. For your peace of mind your Social Organiser, Eleanor will be travelling with you. Various pick-up points across North and East Leeds. Pick-up times to be confirmed. Aiming to depart Bury at 4.30pm. Please note this is not a private hire. 20 seats reserved at present. Booking essential with payment in full please by Friday 6 February. Bury Market, 1 Mury Road, Bury BL9 0BJ. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



June

TUES
16

Reiki and Indian Head Massage



12 noon



£4



Come down and enjoy a demonstration of this ancient holistic healing. Hot lunch provided. Please book with Anne before Friday 12 June and advise of any dietary requirements. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Anne on 07858 411215.



FRI
19

Breakfast and Chat - Bacon or Sausage Baps



10.30am



£3



Come and meet old friends and new 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. This month we will serving hot and fresh bacon or sausage baps with optional hash browns, tea or coffee. There will be a little quiz to make you smile. Please book early for numbers and catering. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

THURS
18

Play Your Cards Right



7pm



£4



Can you read the cards? Higher or Lower? Hot supper and raffle included. Booking essential. Miners Arms, Albert Road, Morley, Leeds LS27 8LG. Contact Ian on 0113 2311013.



June

WED 24 Solstice Sound Bath with Kerry



10.30am



£2



Join us for a Sound Bath, a deeply immersive, full-body meditative experience where participants are 'bathed' in sound waves, soothing tones and powerful vibrations created by Kerry using Singing Bowls, Chimes and Tuning Fork.

All you have to do is listen and allow the sounds and vibrations to wash over you, just quiet your mind – the sound itself is the focal point. You may also want to bring a cushion or a blanket for your comfort. A 45 minutes session followed by tea or coffee. 15 places only, booking essential. Unity Court, 431 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LD. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.

THURS 25

Racing Pigs



7pm



£4



Which little porker will streak ahead? Supper included. Booking essential, by 4pm the Tuesday before. Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AS. Contact Eleanor on 07709 295317.



TUES 30

The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial



12 noon



Token fee



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

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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 in plenty of time prior to the events so we can make arrangements for you.



Booking Deadlines

We politely ask that you book onto events as soon as you can so that we are aware of numbers for catering. Many of the event are subsidised and we need to ensure that catering numbers are accurate to keep costs down. Events are also getting very popular and are reaching maximum numbers too. Please try call us Monday to Friday only where possible.



Parking

Reminder when attending Unity Court, Meanwood, please only park in the White parking bays marked with signs for Oddfellows. The Yellow parking spaces don't belong to us.



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 or call 0800 028 1810.

Cash for Kids

In September we were delighted to have donated £1000 to Cash for Kids North & West Yorkshire. Photo features our Leodis Secretary Kerry and Committee members Enid and Val presenting our cheque donation to Lisa Sullivan, Regional Charity Manager.

A further £200 was then donated from our Mechanics Lodge (Monday evenings.) Social Host and Trustee George Lickess and our Social Organiser Eleanor visited Cash for Kids HQ to drop off the cheque and for a quick tour.



Spotlight on Marcia!

Let's put a face to the name! Marcia Goldstone has worked in our Leeds office as our Assistant Leodis Branch Secretary and has been an Oddfellows member since August 2009. She does a sterling job dealing with your dental/optical claims and queries.

Marcia is married to Phil and they now have eight Grandchildren that keep them busy, as well as being avid fans of Crown Green Bowls, Bridge and Rummikubs. Fun Fact: Marcia was the Female winner at our recent Crown Green Bowls event in summer.



You can speak to Marcia on 0113 2930901 or marcia.goldstone@oddfellows.co.uk. She works at Unity Court on Tuesdays and Thursday, 9am – 1pm. Thank you for everything you do Marcia!

Earl Grey Lodge - Kirkstall

Sadly in July, Christine Sykes our Earl Grey Social Secretary passed away after a short illness. Christine had a great sense of humour and ran fabulous events. She is already very missed.

Social Secretaries Anne Fleming and Ian Cawood have kept the Kirkstall group running and Social Organiser Eleanor will take it on temporarily from Jan to June 2026 but we are looking for helpers for it to be able to continue. You could occasionally help

run the group on a rota or step up to run it. Please speak to Eleanor or Kerry, or any of the committee members for more information. Earl Grey meet on the last Thursday of the month. Booking essential.



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

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- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
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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



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

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**

Branch Contacts

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Leodis Branch

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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

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The Oddfellows, 19 Victoria
Walk Leeds LS18 4PP

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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

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Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9JL

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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 19 March, 10.30am

Castle Grove Masonic Lodge, Castle Grove Drive, Headingley, Leeds LS6 4BP.
Meet for coffee at 10am, meeting commences 10.30am. If you wish to attend, 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. Please do also consider the address details for any junior members you pay for as we do occasionally write to them, and would not want them to miss out. Thank you.

Branch Meetings

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Meet on adhoc days and times at various venues.

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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

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

Harmony: Eleanor Tamlyn

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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

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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: Eleanor Tamlyn

Mobile: 07709 295317

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

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 June, Tuesday March 31

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. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. **Tuesday 27 Jan and Tuesday 27 April at 2pm**

At a glance

January 2026

Thurs 8	Ploughmans Lunch	12.30pm
Mon 12	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 12	Tales From The Big House	6.30pm
Tues 13	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
Wed 14	Guide Dogs For The Blind	2pm
Thurs 15	Festive Antidote Carvery	12 noon
Tues 20	Murder!	12 noon
Wed 21	A Poor Mans Michael Palin Part 2	12 noon
Fri 23	Breakfast and Chat - Fruit Salad	10.30am
Wed 28	Sound Leisure Tour	10.30am
Thurs 29	Beetle Drive	7pm

February

Tues 3	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
Wed 4	Chair Yoga with Kerry	10.30am
Thurs 5	New Eastern Court	12.30pm
Mon 9	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 9	Chris Berry - My Music	6.30pm
Tues 10	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
Wed 11	My travels to the beautiful Scottish islands	12 noon
Wed 11	Kingfishers	2pm
Tues 17	Famous for 12 minutes!	12 noon
Thurs 19	Indoor Skittles	7pm
Fri 20	Soup Social	12 noon
Thurs 26	Play Your Cards Right	7pm
Thurs 27	Soul & Motown Live Tribute Celebration	6.30pm

March

Tues 3	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
Thurs 5	Heritage Lunch at Nigella's Café	12.30pm
Mon 9	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 9	Remembering your 1960s	6.30pm
Tues 10	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon

At a glance

March

Wed 11	20 Knaresborough People: 20 War Stories	2pm
Tues 17	Desert Island Discs	12 noon
Wed 18	Lunch at The Old Parcels Bar and Restaurant - Keighley Railway Station	12 noon
Thurs 19	Call My Bluff Special	7pm
Fri 20	Breakfast and Chat - Bacon or Sausage Baps	10.30am
Wed 25	Ukulele Taster Session	10.30am
Thurs 26	Speed Dominos	7pm
Tues 31	The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial	12 noon

April

Thurs 2	Portofinos - Harrogate	6.30pm
Tues 7	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
Wed 8	Flower Fairies	2pm
Mon 13	Nelson Lodge Annual Summoned Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 13	Commonwealth War Graves	6.30pm
Tues 14	Leodis Lodge Annual Summoned Meeting	12 noon
Wed 15	Funny you should say that!	12 noon
Thurs 16	Beetle Drive	7pm
Tues 21	Games	12 noon
Fri 24	Breakfast and Chat - Fruit Salad	10.30am
Wed 29	Questionable Quackery - Thackray Medical Museum	12.45pm
Thurs 30	Bingo Fun	7pm

May

Tues 5	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
Wed 6	Chair Yoga with Kerry	10.30am
Thurs 7	The Olive Branch - Roundhay	6pm
Mon 11	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 11	From Trash to Treasure/From Packer to Pirate	6.30pm
Tues 12	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
Wed 13	Lunch at Taylors on the Green	12 noon

At a glance

May

Sat 9	Inter District Quiz Final	7.30pm
Wed 13	DNA	2pm
Tues 19	Creative Writing	12 noon
Thurs 21	Quiz Fun	7pm
Fri 22	Soup Social	12 noon
Thurs 28	Indoor Skittles	7pm

June

Tues 2	Leodis Branch Meeting	12 noon
Thurs 4	Napoleons Casino	4.30pm
Mon 8	Nelson Branch Meeting	1.30pm
Mon 8	A Taste Of Spain	6.30pm
Tues 9	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
Wed 10	Life in the NHS - It only hurts when I laugh!	12 noon
Fri 12	Coach Trip to Bury Market	8.30am
Tues 16	Reiki and Indian Head Massage	12 noon
Thurs 18	Play Your Cards Right	7pm
Fri 19	Breakfast and Chat - Bacon or Sausage Baps	10.30am
Wed 24	Solstice Sound Bath with Kerry	10.30am
Thurs 25	Racing Pigs	7pm
Tues 30	The Lawrence Oates Ceremonial	12 noon

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Give one a try.



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

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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!

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Warkworth castle, Northumbria, Image by gardener4u from Pixabay



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. It is definitely worthwhile checking the online discounts as these do change.



We will be sending out regular emails to notify you of the up-and-coming events.

Don't forget we also have lots of exciting online activities over Zoom which includes everything from arts and crafts, Monday night chatterboxes, Chi Gung and meditation to name a few.

A message from your Social Organiser



Hello everyone, my name is Suzanne Armstrong and I am excited to share with you the events we have to look forward to in the first half of 2026.

It's been great getting to know members and friends. We've had lots of people enquiring about membership and it's

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been fabulous seeing so many new faces. We have some new events such as theatre and cinema trips, a regular Ceilidh to name a few and will share other events as the year goes on. Please ensure we have an email address for you and why not follow us on Facebook as any additional events will be notified through emails and on Facebook.

Please be mindful of the booking date, but if this has passed and you would like to attend an event please ask if there is any availability. We won't always be able to accommodate you but there can be late cancellations so it's great if we can fill those places. If you know you would like to come to an event, it is really helpful for our planning if you could let us know as early as possible.

I look forward to seeing many members and friends at events. If you would like to come to any of the events but struggle getting there please contact me and I can see if we can work out a solution.

Yours in friendship
Suzanne

Charity Donations

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

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. Sheila chose Daft as a Brush as she saw what a valuable service they offered when they helped a friend of hers.

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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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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** or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

Regular Event

Coffee and Chat at Tremolo Lounge



10.30am



Cost as per refreshment



Why not come along and join us for coffee in the relaxed atmosphere of Tremolo Lounge, located in Gosforth High Street. Please let us know if you are coming, so we can look out for you and ensure we have sufficient space for everyone. A warm welcome awaits you. Book at least a week in advance. Tremolo Lounge, 92 High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1HB. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



First Monday of the month
Except Bank Holiday which will be held on Second Monday

5 January
2 February

2 March
13 April

11 May
1 June

Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights



6.30pm



£7



Why not join in with this monthly ceilidh, held on the second Tuesday of each month, with live music from the Redheughers Ceilidh Band. Open to all abilities and those who enjoy watching others dance too. There is a car park onsite, it is located about five minutes walk from Gateshead Metro Interchange. Book at least a week in advance. Gateshead Masonic Hall, Alexandra Road, Gateshead NE8 1RB. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

13 January
10 February

10 March
14 April

12 May
9 June

Second Tuesday of the month

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.

January 2026

WED 14 Cinema Outing in Newcastle

🕒 10.30am £ TBC



Why not come in from the cold and watch a film at this stylish independent cinema. Notice of film will be advised once programme is released. Meet inside in the Tyneside Bar Café at 10.30am. Book by Sunday 11 January 2026. Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6QG. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED 21 Lunch at Rio Brazilian Steakhouse

🕒 12.30pm £ As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Come and join us for lunch at Rio Brazilian Steakhouse in Sunderland City Centre. An Authentic Brazilian Steakhouse, serving an unlimited meat cuts and a full a la carte menu, with non-meat options. Book by Friday 2 January 2026. Rio Brazilian Steakhouse Sunderland, Low Row, 1 Low Street, Sunderland SR1 3PY. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



FRI 16 Lunch at Babucho in Gosforth

🕒 12.30pm £ As per menu 🍴🍴🍴

Come and join us for lunch at Babucho Gosforth, a New York style brasserie located in an old church. Book by Friday 2 January 2026. Babucho Gosforth, The Old Church, West Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4ES. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



February

TUES
10

Cinema Outing at Silverlink



12.30pm



TBC



Why not come in from the cold and watch a film at the Odeon, Silverlink. Notice of film will be advised once programme is released. Meet inside in the cinema by the ticket desk. Book by Saturday 7 February 2026. Silverlink Cinema, Silverlink Retail Park, Coast Road, North Shields NE28 9NG. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



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WED
18

Lunch at Trenchers



12.30pm



As per
menu



Join us at award winning Trenchers, located in Spanish City under the iconic dome and enjoy traditional fish and chips or something other from their menu. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Trenchers, Spanish City Plaza, Whitley Bay NE26 1BG. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



FRI
13

Lunch at Kafeneon



12.30pm



As per
menu



Why not join us for lunch in this friendly family run restaurant, which has a warm atmosphere and offers traditional freshly prepared Greek food. Book by Friday 30 January 2026. Kafeneon, 8 Bigg Market, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1UW. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



February

FRI
27 **Coffee and Chat**
at Tiny Tiny

 10.30am  Free, Cost as per refreshment 

Join us for coffee and/or food at Tiny Tiny, which is listed in the top 50 coffee shops in England.



We will be located in the back room. Book by Friday 13 February 2026. Tiny Tiny, 9-11 Carliol Square, Newcastle NE1 6UF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

March

FRI
06 **Lunch at**
Enfields Kitchen

 12.30pm  As per menu 

Join us for lunch and experience modern, contemporary cuisine that is freshly prepared and cooked by the next generation of talented chefs without the high end pricing. Meet in Enfields Kitchen restaurant by 12.30pm. A pre-order will be required. Please advise any allergies and dietary requirements. A visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art is being offered in the morning, see previous event. Book by Friday 20 February 2026. Enfields Kitchen, Gateshead College, Baltic Business Quarter, Quarryfield Road, Gateshead NE8 3BE. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

March

FRI
06 **Visit to the Baltic Centre**
for Contemporary Art

 11am  As per menu 



Why not join us for our visit to the Baltic and the current exhibitions. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Meet by the shop in the Baltic. The Gateshead Metro is an 18 minute walk from the Baltic. The Quarryfield Car Park NE8 3AE. Charges up to four hours is £3.90. You need to pay by an app. This car park is opposite Gateshead College where Enfields is located and is 10 minute walk to the Baltic. After the visit, we will be going to Enfields Kitchen at Gateshead College for lunch at 12.30pm, please see next event. Cost: At Enfields Kitchen - pay for what you order. Please book by Friday 27 February 2026 for the visit and by Friday 20 February 2026 for the visit and lunch or just lunch. Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, South Shore Road, Gateshead NE8 3BA. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

March

WED
11

Visit to Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens



11am



TBC, Lunch as per menu



With a unique Greek revival mansion, a medieval castle and 30 acres of gardens to explore, Belsay, offers a great day out. We will stop for food at Belsay, perhaps a picnic if the weather is nice. Meet at the reception/shop which is located next to the car park. Further details to follow on admission cost and pay for what you order at the café. Book by Wednesday 4 March 2026. Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens, Belsay, Morpeth NE20 0DX. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED
18

Lunch at Hastings Hill



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at this recently renovated family run bar and bistro. Book by Wednesday 25 February 2026. The Hastings Hill, Chester Road, Sunderland SR4 9LP. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



FRI
20

Coffee and Chat at Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral



10.30am



As per menu



Why not come along and join us for coffee and perhaps something to eat, in this attractive café run by the Oswin Project. Book by Friday 6 March 2026. Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral, Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Newcastle NE1 1PF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



April

FRI
10

Pre-Theatre Food and Drinks at The Hancock



5pm



As per menu



Join us for food and drinks in the upstairs room at The Hancock pub, which is located to the side of the civic centre away from the city centre. It is conveniently located for our trip to the Northern Stage in the evening. Book by Friday 13 March 2026. The Hancock, 2a Hancock Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PU. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

FRI
10

Theatre Trip - Murder She Didn't Write, Northern Stage



7.30pm



Tickets £12



Who can resist an improvised murder mystery comedy. Meet inside Northern Stage by the ticket desk at 7pm. Running time two hours including the interval. Book by Friday 13 February 2026. Northern Stage, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RH. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED
15

Visit to Arbeia, South Shields Roman Fort



11am



Free



Join us for a visit to Arbeia Roman Fort. After the visit, we will be going for lunch at Harbour Lights Inn, please see next event. Please book by Wednesday 8 April 2026 for visit only and by Wednesday 1 April 2026 for visit and lunch or just lunch. Arbeia, South Shields Roman Fort, Baring Street, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE33 2BB. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED
15

Lunch at the Harbour Lights Inn



12.30pm



As per menu



Why not join us for lunch at this lovely pub with great views of the mouth of the Tyne. In the morning, we will be visiting Arbeia Roman Fort, see previous event. Book by Wednesday 1 April 2026. Harbour Lights Inn, 101 Lawe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE33 2AJ. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

April

TUES
21

Coffee and Chat at The Land of Oak and Iron Café Shrub



10.30am



As per
menu



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.

Book by Tuesday 14 April 2026.
Land of Oak and Iron Heritage
Centre, Spa Well Road, Winlaton
Mill, Blaydon NE21 6RU. Contact
Suzanne on 07352 348740.



May

FRI
08

Visit to Washington Old Hall



11am



Admission £6.50, National Trust Free

Join us for a visit to Washington Old Hall, which has links to the family of George Washington, the first US president. After the visit we will be going for lunch at Washington Arms, see next event. Cost: Admission ticket £6.50 without gift aid, National Trust members free. Please book by Friday 1 May 2026 for visit only and by Friday 24 April 2026 for visit and lunch or just lunch. Washington Old Hall, The Avenue, Washington Village, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 7LE. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



May

FRI **08** **Lunch at** **Washington Arms**



Why not join us for lunch at this lovely pub located in the heart of the old village overlooking the village green. In the morning, we will be visiting Washington Old Hall, see previous event. Book by Friday 24 April 2026. The Washington Arms, The Green, Washington, Tyne and Wear NE38 7AB. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.

WED **13** **Visit to Beamish,** **The Living Museum** **of the North**



Join us on our first, but definitely not last visit this year to award winning open air Beamish Museum. Meet at the ticket office. We will stop for lunch at Beamish. There are several buses which run from Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland to the main entrance. If driving, there is a large free car park. Cost: Unlimited annual passes from £25, for lunch pay for what you order. Book by Wednesday 29 April 2026.

Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham DH9 0RG. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



WED **20** **Lunch at the** **City Bistro**



Why not join us at this lovely bistro which is full of up and coming chef talent. It is located within Sunderland College City Campus, less than one minute walk from Park Lane metro and bus interchange. You will experience quality dining without the high-end price tag.

Meet in the City Bistro by 12.30pm. A pre-order will be required. Please let us know any allergies or dietary requirements. Book by Wednesday 6 May 2026. City Bistro - Sunderland College, City Campus, Park Lane, Sunderland SR1 3NX. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



June

WED
17

Lunch at Vito's Osteria



12.30pm



As per
menu



Join us for lunch at this bright converted barn restaurant that serves authentic Italian food. Located a five minute walk from St Peter's Metro station. Book by Wednesday 3 June 2026. Vito's Osteria, The Stables at Sheepfold, Easington Street, Sunderland SR5 1BA. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



FRI
19

Day Out to Berwick



11am



TBC



Why not join us for a day trip to Berwick. We will get the train to Berwick, where we will get some lunch and explore Berwick. Cost to be confirmed (depending on number of attendees). Book by Friday 29 May 2026. Berwick upon Tweed, Railway Street TD15 1NF. Contact Suzanne on 07352 348740.



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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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Poem

We are pleased to share a poem written by one of our talented members, Patricia Rigg who has now completed a whole series of poems of remembrance from the Italian campaign of WW2 called 'Where Fireflies Danced' which can be viewed on www.montecassinossociety.co.uk then click on 'Poetry'.

If The Mountain Could Speak

*What would it say? Its message today?
Cloud-swathed, battle-bathed,
Would it tell of the horrors of war?
Speak of the thousands who fell?
Share how it witnessed battle-hell?*

*There was too much to witness,
too much to see.
It can never be free.*

*From a past long gone,
The memories cling on,*

*And today,
From a time so far away,
The mountain calling, calling,
Crying, sighing,*

Its poignant call?

*Remember the fallen.
Remember them all.*

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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



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**

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!

At a glance

January 2026

Mon 5	Coffee and Chat at Tremolo Lounge	10.30am
Wed 7	Branch Meeting	12 noon
Tues 13	Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights	6.30pm
Wed 14	Cinema Outing in Newcastle	10.30am
Fri 16	Lunch at Babucho in Gosforth	12.30pm
Wed 21	Lunch at Rio Brazilian Steakhouse	12.30pm

February

Mon 2	Coffee and Chat at Tremolo Lounge	10.30am
Wed 4	Branch Meeting	12 noon
Tues 10	Cinema Outing at Silverlink	12.30pm
Tues 10	Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights	6.30pm
Fri 13	Lunch at Kafeneon	12.30pm
Wed 18	Lunch at Trenchers	12.30pm
Fri 27	Coffee and Chat at Tiny Tiny	10.30am

March

Mon 2	Coffee and Chat at Tremolo Lounge	10.30am
Wed 4	Branch Meeting	12 noon
Fri 6	Visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art	11am
Fri 6	Lunch at Enfields Kitchen	12.30pm
Tues 10	Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights	6.30pm
Wed 11	Visit to Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens	11am
Wed 18	Lunch at Hastings Hill	12.30pm
Fri 20	Coffee and Chat at Café 16 in Newcastle Cathedral	10.30am

April

Wed 1	Annual Branch Meeting	12 noon
Fri 10	Pre-Theatre Food and Drinks at The Hancock	5pm
Fri 10	Theatre Trip - Murder She Didn't Write, Northern Stage	7.30pm

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April

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May

Wed 6	Branch Meeting	12 noon
Fri 8	Visit to Washington Old Hall	11am
Fri 8	Lunch at Washington Arms	12.30pm
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Tues 12	Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights	6.30pm
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Wed 20	Lunch at the City Bistro	12.30pm

June

Mon 1	Coffee and Chat at Tremolo Lounge	10.30am
Wed 3	Branch Meeting	12 noon
Tues 9	Ceilidh hosted by Tyneside Ceilidh Nights	6.30pm
Wed 17	Lunch at Vito's Osteria	12.30pm
Fri 19	Day Out to Berwick	11am

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:

7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May and 3 June

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