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*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

**Everyone Welcome – Deeside District – Croeso i Bawb**



*Llandudno seafront, photo by Tayybah Yasin*



Online



Theatre



Art/Crafts



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz

# A Message from the District Chairman

**I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year, even though it's slightly belated.**

I am Val Jones and I am the District Chairman (Provincial Grand Master) from February 2024 to February 2025. I hope that you enjoy this Out and About publication and that you can join us at some of our events or meetings.

If you have a special anniversary, or have had an interesting career or have a very unusual hobby you may wish to share with us, please let us know, we would love to put your story into our magazine. Please contact the office on **01244 675757** or email **caroline.davey@oddfellows.co.uk**

Best wishes for 2024 to you all.

**Val**



## Office Opening Hours

Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm, Wednesday – Closed

Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am to 2pm (Answer phone available)

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# Regular Events

## Llandudno Coffee Morning



11am



As per menu



**Every Monday**

Every Monday you are welcome to join us at Gwesty Links Hotel, Llandudno for a coffee and a chat. Both members and visitors are very welcome. We occasionally stay for lunch and enjoy some local trips out. Gwesty Links Hotel, 77 Conway Road, Llandudno LL30 1PN. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.



## Saltney Coffee Morning



10.30am



Members £1.50  
Guests £2



**Every Thursday**

Join us for coffee and biscuits along with plenty of lively chatting! We enjoy an occasional quiz, a game of dominoes or scrabble, the odd game of bingo along with some fun themed coffee mornings! We also hold raffles both free and paid for. Douglas Place Community Centre, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Denise or Caroline on either 01244 675757 or 07960 720299.



## Branch Meetings

Come along to our Branch meetings where you will be updated with all Branch and Society matters. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB at 7.30pm. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

**Various Mondays (Except 21 March, which is held on Thursday 12.30pm)**

**21 March**  
**8 April**

**13 May**  
**10 June**

**15 July**  
**12 August**

# February

## **FRI** **09** **Dine Out at Panda Mami, Chester**



1pm



As per menu



Why not join us for a 'help yourself' tasty lunch at Panda Mami, Chester, the critically acclaimed restaurant where you will find delicious international food to excite your senses.



We will meet you at the restaurant! Please book by Thursday 8 February. Panda Mami, 25 Newgate Street, Chester CH1 1DE. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

## **SAT** **24** **Annual Meeting and Buffet**



2.15pm



Free



You are invited to our Annual District Meeting. We present short reports on all matters relating to the Branch with financial and social information. We conclude with the installation of the new District Chairman, Val Jones, which we will demonstrate and give you a more formal insight to the historical side of the Society. Contributions towards the buffet will be gratefully received. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

# March

## **SAT** **16** **Dinner and Dance**



6.30pm



Members £35, Guests £40

Tonight we will be celebrating Val Jones' appointment as Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman). We will have a Unity guest speaker and dancing to DJ, Dave Bladen Entertainments. The menu is available for pre-ordering and accommodation is available if required. Please book and pay in full by Thursday 15 February. Holiday Inn A55 Vivaldi Suite, Westbound, A55, Chester, Mold CH7 6HB. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.





# March

THURS  
28

## Our 'Eggstraspecial' Easter Coffee Morning and Ploughman's Lunch



10.30am



Members £5.50  
Guests £7



Why not come and join us for an eggciting coffee morning where we will hold our annual Easter bonnet/hat parade once again. Feel free to help us judge if you'd rather not join in. Prizes for the best bonnets and/or hats will be given and there will also be an Easter raffle. Following on from this there will be a tasty Ploughman's lunch. Ham/cheese or both, you choose! Please book and pay (non-refundable) for your Ploughman's lunch by Thursday 21 March. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



**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 [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://oddfellows.co.uk/events) and enter 'Ayr' in the place name search box

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# April

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## A Full Day Trip to Anglesey



9.30am



See below



Spend the day with us in Anglesey visiting the Transport Museum, Tacla Taid, the largest of its kind in Wales. It features displays of cars, motorbikes, commercial and farm vehicles and static engines. Enjoy a drink and lunch in the café. We will then head onto Halen Mon - The Anglesey Sea Salt

Company and enjoy a 30 minute tour to learn how they make their sea salt lead by a trained guide and finishing off with some sea salt tasting! The cost includes coach and entry into both the Museum and Sea Salt tour. We will leave Saltney from Morrisons car park and pick up from outside The Gwesty Links Hotel, Llandudno at approx 10.30am. Cost: Members: £32.50 Saltney pick-up and £30.50 Llandudno pick-up. Guests: £36.50 Saltney pick-up and £34.50 Llandudno pick-up. Please book and pay a non-refundable deposit of £10 to secure your place by Thursday 7 March with full payment by Thursday 28 March. The Anglesey Transport Museum, Niwbwrch, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll LL61 6TN. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.



SAT  
20

## Alphabetical Britain with Cuppa and Cake!



3pm



Members £3  
Guests £5



Come along and join us for a good old British brew, a slice of cake and a talk about the A-Z of Britain, followed by some amusing road signs and culminating in a rather fun quiz. We

will also have a raffle. Hosted by Tracey and Meirion Edwards. Book and pay (non-refundable) to secure your place by Thursday 11 April. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



# May

## MON 20 Loggerheads Country Park



11am



Free



Join us for a stroll around the beautiful Loggerheads Country Park. It is a very special place, rich in wildlife and heritage. Loggerheads sits below the dramatic limestone cliffs of the Alyn Valley where the river enters steep wooded gorges and open and secluded grassland. You can walk for as much or as little as you can. Please let us know you are planning to join us by Thursday 16 May so we know to look out for you! Parking £2 for four hours - 2023 prices! Loggerheads Country Park, Ruthin Road, Mold CH7 5LH. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



## SUN 26 Oddfellows Brass Band Concert



3pm



Free



We are delighted to have the Oddfellows Brass Band come and play in our area, why not come and enjoy a free afternoon of music. For more details please see the advert on page 10. Venue Cymru, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

# June

## TUES 18 Day Trip to The Iron Works, Oswestry



11am



Members £15  
Guests £18



Join us for a day trip to The British Iron Works, Oswestry, the largest centre in the UK for decorative metal work. Renowned for the Knife Angel, Spoon Gorilla and the Manchester Bee, they are also known for their amazing food and beautiful walks around the nature reserve and sculpture park. With over 60 acres to explore with your friends there's a whole lot of things to see. Pick-up will be from Morrison's car park, Saltney at 11am. To guarantee your place full payment (non-refundable) is required on or before Thursday 9 May. The British Iron Works Centre, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 4JH. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.





# June

THURS  
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## Dine Out at Pen Y Bont Farm

⌚ 6.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for an early evening meal at Pen Y Bont Farm. It serves legendary pub classics with delightful modern twists, naughty nibbles to mighty mains! £10 non-refundable deposit required by Thursday 13 June. Pen Y Bont Farm, Chester Road, Mold CH7 1UJ. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



# July

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## Eyes Down for Bingo and Afternoon Tea

⌚ 3pm

£ Members £10  
Guests £12



Come and join us at Douglas Place for a few fun games of bingo and afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome. The cost includes your games of bingo and afternoon tea. To book your place please pay in full (non-refundable) by Thursday 4 July. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.

# August

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## Chester Mystery Adventure

⌚ 11am

£ Free



Somewhere in Chester is a Golden Eagle. It has been hidden for hundreds of years... We've found a secret diary which could lead us straight to the treasure. Come and join us in the search and help us solve cryptic clues. The trail will lead us to the priceless Eagle and we'll have an adventure along the way! There will be plenty of time to stop for lunch and rehydrate ourselves... please let Caroline know if you are coming on the search by Thursday 8 August. Roman Amphitheatre, Little St John Street, Chester CH1 1RE. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.





# Oddfellows Brass in concert

No booking  
required

**Sunday 26 May, 3pm**

Come along to the AMC  
Oddfellows Brass concert.

It is always a fabulous  
occasion, listening to  
popular classics and meeting  
up with your friends.

**Everyone welcome**

**Free event**

*Venue Cymru  
The Promenade  
Llandudno  
LL30 1BB*

For more information  
contact Denise on  
**07960 720299** or email  
[denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk)



# Save the Date in Friendship Month

**ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

**1 - 30 SEPTEMBER**



**For a full days river cruise on the  
Manchester Ship Canal on Monday 23 September**

£42 (minimum of 20 required otherwise full cost of £48 will be payable)  
deposit of £15 required by Thursday 4 July to secure your place.  
Full payment required by Thursday 1 August 2024.

Leaves at Seacombe, Wirral 11am or Pier Head, Liverpool 11.10am.



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## Members in the Spotlight - Yogeshwar Kapur

**I was born in Delhi, India. I am one of five siblings. I graduated in medicine in 1973 from University of Delhi. In 1978, as the luck would have it, I came to UK for a job as prophesied by an astrologer.**

**I started my first job in Ancoats Hospital, Manchester. Then I moved to North Wales in 1979. While working at Llandudno General Hospital in 1980, I met my future wife, Linda. After further training, I qualified as a General Practitioner. I joined a GP practice in Holywell in 1981. I married Linda in 1982 and we were married until she passed away in 2014. We had two children, a girl & a boy. The daughter is a professor of Political Science in New York and the son is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in North Wales. I have two grand daughters.**

As a General Practitioner, I worked in a three doctor group practice but then in the 1990's I became a single handed practitioner till my retirement in 2009. During my working life, I thoroughly enjoyed being an old type family doctor. I not only did day & night care but also minor operations, family planning and home deliveries.

I enjoyed training/teaching prospective students (medical & nursing). My patients were very good. As their family doctor, I knew them well and they had very high confidence in me which made the management easy.



I did regular home visits for the elderly who were house bound. I learned a lot from them the Welsh life, Welsh language and local colloquialism. I was also treated with a cuppa and Barabirith welsh cake most of the time.

I liked family life including travelling, watching movies and walking. I also liked cooking and I still do. I can cook most foods but Indian food is my speciality

At present, I live in Chester. I enjoy being a member of the Oddfellows. I still enjoy travelling, eating out, visiting gardens & National Trust properties. I like watching wild animals in their natural habitats.

Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

# Members in the Spotlight - Ray Lyons

My wife and I have been members of the Oddfellows since 2001. We have family spread far and wide and love to travel to see them. I am an avid Liverpool Football Club supporter. I am very interested in science and all types of music.

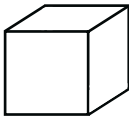

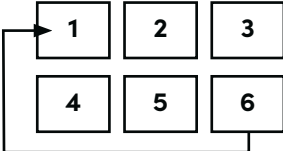

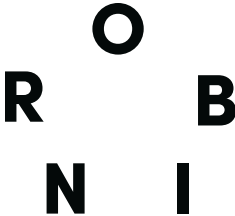

I am currently a DJ on New Brighton Radio. I am known as 'Mr Ray on the Radio'. The show I present broadcasts between 3pm to 5pm on Thursdays. The show is a music mix, with science, news, film of the week and the Johnny Cash Jukebox. Please feel free to send in requests for music favourites. I am always pleased to hear of your interests and news.



Take a look at the website for details of how to listen: <http://nbonline>

## Dingbats Quiz: Say what you see

Answers on page 18

Thinking 	Bon  net	
1.	2.	3.
PASS 		
4.	5.	6.



# Meet Jean and Irene who both had special '0' birthdays in 2023

## Jean Prescott

**I found out about the Oddfellows, from one of my friends Sally, just over a year ago. I joined at the end of 2022 and have really enjoyed my membership so far.**



I have made some lovely new friends and enjoy going on their walks. We have been out for lunches and I go to the coffee mornings regularly. The coffee mornings are great fun, with plenty of laughter and some interesting quizzes to tax our brains and of course cake and biscuits.

I had a milestone birthday this year so decided that in June I would take a trip of a lifetime to visit my daughter and son-in-law for a month. It was a long journey to Canada, three planes in total. During my time there we travelled hundreds of miles to visit some of the great lakes. The forests were so vast, it was quite breath taking and we even saw some bears in the wild. We had a wonderful time together and made a lot of precious memories, which I will treasure forever. In September I went on a Mediterranean cruise with some of my grandchildren something that I have always dreamt of doing.

It was fabulous and we called at some beautiful places it has been a great year for holidays and made my year very special.

## Irene Rixham

**I joined the Oddfellows in January 2023 and have liked it so much I invited my sister to join. I love the walks and meals out, enjoy visiting garden centres, antique places and am partial to a slice of cake! The coffee mornings are a welcoming place to go and I enjoy a good cuppa, a quiz or just a good old chat with friends old and new!**



As I was celebrating a slightly lower '0' birthday than my friend Jean I was lucky enough to take a trip to America for 9 weeks during April and May 23 to visit my family.

I stayed in a town called Greenbelt just North East of Washington DC. My days were very relaxed and were made up of daily walks to a local café for coffee, sitting in the garden reading with a glass of wine, day trips out to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Nanacote, sitting on beaches enjoying great food and enjoying the company of my grandson who is 18 years old. He graduated school whilst I was there and now goes to University near Newcastle.

Fingers crossed I'm invited again next year!



## Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

### You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender

### Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

**If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757 or email [denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk) or [caroline.davey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:caroline.davey@oddfellows.co.uk)**

"Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

***Cynthia, volunteer***



# Photos of past events







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Make friends with the Oddfellow

# Calling all members who are eligible to claim Optical and Dental Benefits

**Please Note – that as from January 2024 I will only be able to accept your original receipt(s).**

If you wish to keep your original receipt I can return it to you with your benefit cheque once I have seen and made a copy of it. Remember that receipts must be dated and in your name.

They must include the name of the dental or optical provider and the amount you have paid.

Please note that I will not be allowed to accept credit/debit card receipts. Your Dentist and/or Optician will be able to produce a receipt for you – Just ask.



Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Best wishes

**Denise**  
**Branch Secretary**

## Dingbats Quiz Answers (for page 13)

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Thinking outside the box | 4. Pass with flying colours |
| 2. Bee in your bonnet       | 5. Round robin              |
| 3. Back to square one       | 6. Corner Stone             |

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

Find us at: **f** OddfellowsDeesideLlandudno



## Embrace new experiences and perspectives

**The turn of the year is naturally a time when we look at our lives, reflect on the last 12 months, and consider any changes that may be needed for the next.**



Inevitably, our thoughts will turn to the support and encouragement we have received from those closest to us, but what about those friends we haven't yet met?

### Stay curious, keep learning

Staying open to meeting new people presents opportunities you might not have considered. They could open new doors and perspectives that might be uplifting and motivational, which can then be really beneficial to us.

It's one of the many things I really love about being part of our Society – having the chance to cross paths with so many interesting people, from all corners of the country, and indeed the world! It's invigorating and helps keep a spring in my step!



It is fantastic that we have welcomed so many new members to our Society in 2023. If you are one of the new members, welcome, and I hope that you are enjoying getting to know other members at your Branch.

If you're a seasoned Oddfellow, and you see a new face at one of your Branch's social events, please make sure you say hello and pull out the chair next to you. Yes, it's about extending our trademark warm welcome, but it's also about what it can do for you. They just might introduce you to your new favourite thing.

### Strength in numbers

Bringing people together who care about the welfare of others is the bedrock of the Oddfellows. And, as a mutual organisation, it's one of our strengths. We know that by working as a supportive collective, we can achieve so much more than we could alone.

So make sure you add 'stay open to new friendships' to your list of resolutions for 2024. It really is a wonderful way to stay curious about life and remain open to all its joyful possibilities.

On behalf of the Society, my fellow Directors, all the staff at Unity Office and my family, I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2024.

Yours always in friendship,

**Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows**

# Time to plan your next getaway?

Oddfellows Travel has announced its holidays for 2024, and there are six cracking trips on offer.

## Something for everyone

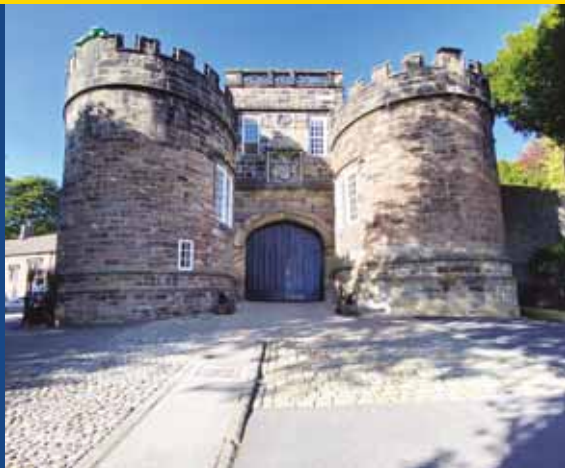
We want to make sure that you travel in confidence and in great company, that's why all our Oddfellows Travel group holidays are hosted by an Oddfellows member and we only use experienced partners we trust.

### Eastbourne, Brighton and Hastings

Join us as we head to the south coast with Alfa Travel.

#### 10-14 April 2024 (4 nights)

Staying at the Queens Hotel, Eastbourne. £295 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin room. £355 per person for sole use of a Cosy Double room. Half board. Includes coach pick up and drop off from certain locations, or a self-arrival option.\*



### Maritime Cities and the Baltics Cruise

Come sail with us as we explore maritime cities and cultural delights of the Baltics.

#### 27 June-11 July 2024 (14 nights)

From £1,949 per person. Full board. Departing from Dover on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

### Oddfellows Summer Holiday to Warwickshire

Come and holiday among friends and relax in this rural retreat.

#### 1-5 July 2024 (4 nights)

Warner Hotels, Studley Castle in Warwickshire. Half board from £376 per person, based on 2 people sharing a double or twin room.\*





## Discovering Normandy and the Channel Islands Cruise

Make the most of your Bank Holiday weekend and sail with us on this cruise to the Isles of Scilly, the Channel Isles and Normandy, France.

### 23-28 August 2024 (5 nights)

From £799 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

## Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour

Join us on this HF Holidays active getaway to the Yorkshire Dales.

### 11-14 October 2024 (3 nights)

Newfield Hall, near Malham. Full board. £454 for a Classic single room. £454 per person, based on 2 people sharing a Classic twin or double room.\*



## Mystery Cruise

Sail on this exciting mystery cruise with us and enjoy the thrill of destinations unknown.

### 12-23 November 2024 (11 nights)

From £1,209 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton, arriving back in Portsmouth on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

**For full details, including how to book, go to  
[www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)**

\*Oddfellows Travel holidays are arranged through third party providers, please reference their terms and conditions before booking. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)



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# The 'Generous Generation'



**Unity Mutual is the Oddfellows' financial services brand. Earlier this year, it undertook a piece of research which involved customers who are over 50 – and the findings were nothing short of eye-opening.**

Unity Mutual has since dubbed this demographic the 'Generous Generation', after discovering that 30 per cent spend between £50 and £100 per month to help their adult children out. Others within this age group spend even more, with some giving up retirement plans to help their offspring, both financially and with childcare.

## Rewarding generosity

To shine a light on such generosity, Unity Mutual launched the 'Generous Generation Awards', with £500 among the prizes.

Julie Oakley, nominated by daughter, Sam, was the deserving winner. She's raised tens-of-thousands-of-pounds for charity via The Project Dragonfly CIC, supporting kids and young adults with mental health challenges.



*Julie Oakley and her daughter, Sam.*

## More on Unity Mutual

You can read Julie's story and find out what she thought of her big win by heading to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/awards](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/awards)

As part of the 'Generous Generation' campaign, Unity Mutual is helping the over 50s to live up to its kind-hearted moniker. It's Over 50s Life Insurance\* allows anyone between the ages of 50 and 80 to leave a fixed lump sum to their loved ones – learn more at [www.unitymutual.co.uk/over50s](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/over50s)

*\*Terms and conditions apply.*



# 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 Denise on **01244 675757** or email **denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk**.

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)



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

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

## **Care and Welfare Helpline**

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

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

**Visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**



# Events - at a glance

In addition to our regular events see page 4 for full details.

## February 2024

<b>Fri 9</b>	Dine Out at Panda Mami, Chester	1pm
<b>Sat 24</b>	Annual Meeting and Buffet	2.15pm

## March

<b>Sat 16</b>	Dinner and Dance	6.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Branch Meeting	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Our 'Eggstraspecial' Easter Coffee Morning and Ploughman's Lunch	10.30am

## April

<b>Mon 8</b>	Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	A Full Day Trip to Anglesey	9.30am
<b>Sat 20</b>	Alphabetical Britain with Cuppa and Cake!	3pm

## May

<b>Mon 13</b>	Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Loggerheads Country Park	11am
<b>Sun 26</b>	Oddfellows Brass Band Concert	3pm

## June

<b>Mon 10</b>	Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Day Trip to The Iron Works, Oswestry	11am
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Dine Out at Pen Y Bont Farm	6.30pm

## July

<b>Mon 15</b>	Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sun 21</b>	Eyes Down for Bingo and Afternoon Tea	3pm

## August

<b>Mon 12</b>	Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Chester Mystery Adventure	11am

## Forthcoming Events - September

<b>Mon 23</b>	Manchester Ship Canal Cruise	11am
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