

September 2025 - February 2026



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Heart of the West District



The clock tower in Newton Abbot



Walks



Theatre



Day Trip



Dining Out



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



History



Come and join us for our regular coffee events (see pages 3-4 for details)

Dear Members and Friends Welcome to our Out and About Events Diary for September 2025 to February 2026

As you thumb through, you'll see we have some great events planned. There are regular coffee catch-ups, always popular because it's a relaxed environment that makes getting to know each other easy. There are talks, tours and outings that are both interesting and fun. Hope to see you at some of them!

New events get added and sometimes things change, so if you do have an email address but haven't shared it with us yet, please do so as it's the easiest way for us to keep you informed. We never share your details with third parties but you will get more out of your membership if we can keep you up-to-date on what's happening. There is a lot of information on our Facebook page and of course our Oddfellows website.

It's been so exciting seeing Members and new faces attend the events and I have really enjoyed getting to know you. We are a friendly, interesting group so if you haven't attended anything yet, we'd love you to join us.

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Belinda is our Branch Secretary and is responsible for the day to day running of our Branch, monthly accounts, Care & Welfare claims, meeting minutes and administration.



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For more information or to book any event, please call Tara.



I think I have the best job in the world, and I am so passionate about our Society. Feel free to give me a call, or Belinda, should you want more information or to introduce yourself. We are here to help you get the most out of your membership and your social life!

Tara Carlisle
Social Organiser

Regular Events

Coffee and a Catch Up



11am



First drink
free (in 2025)



The first Monday of every month, we'll be waiting to greet you and hear all your news. A great chance to make new friends and bring along some of the ones you already have! Pop upstairs and join us for a relaxed but friendly welcome. Members receive their first regular hot drink free, throughout 2025. Austins Coffee Shop, Courtenay Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2DU. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

1 September 6 October 3 November 1 December 5 January 2026 2 February

First Monday of the month



Teacup Meet Up



2pm



As per menu



Join us every last Monday of the month in The Caledonian Torbay Hotel. On the seafront, this spacious hotel commands magnificent views and is metres from the town centre. So come alone, or bring a friend or three and find out why we are one of the best friendship groups on your doorstep! Join the fun, join the group, make friends and get more out of life. Give us a call with any questions, or to let us know you plan to come - we'll keep a look out for you! Caledonian Torbay Hotel, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EY. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

29 September 27 October 24 November (No Dec event) 26 January 2026 23 February

Last Monday of the month



Tea at 2!



2pm



As per menu



Join us for Tea at 2, every second Tuesday of the month. We meet at Indulgence Tearooms, where there is friendship and cake in abundance. No booking needed, but it does help if you can let us know. The owner, Ross, makes fabulous cakes and no-one will judge you if you order more than one. Toasties, scones, sandwiches - join us regularly and try it all! Indulgence Tearooms, 40 Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2HH. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

9 September 14 October 11 November 9 December (Only 2025)

Second Tuesday of the month



Regular Events

Wednesday Waffle



11am



As per menu



Join us upstairs in the John Lewis Café - The Place To Eat, in Exeter. We will be meeting on the last Wednesday of every month at 11am. We'll be waiting to meet you and hear your news. A great chance to meet new friends and bring along some of the ones you already have. An informal, relaxed meet up for friendship to develop and cake to be sampled! Look out for our banner and our smiles! John Lewis, 1 Sidwell Street, Exeter EX4 6NN. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

Last Wednesday of the month



**24 September 29 October 26 November (No December date)
28 January 2026 25 February**

Say *yes* to friendship in September

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

All welcome

Make friends with the Oddfellows



www.friendshipmonth.com

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

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER**



Further events are being added, see: **www.oddfellows.co.uk/events**.

September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON
22

Wine Tasting and Vineyard Tour



2pm



Members £12.50,
Guests £15



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT

Join the fun

Huxbear Vineyard is a family owned, Devon wine estate producing hand crafted wines in the Teign Valley, just outside Chudleigh. Ben and Lucy Hulland planted the vineyard back in 2007 and have been producing award-winning still and sparkling wines since 2010. This South Devon Vineyard and Winery is fully off grid, running off solar power.

Winery methods have been adapted to keep energy usage to a minimum and produce wine in a sustainable way. We will have a tour, find out how much work is involved in getting the grape to the bottle and sample some of their wares! An informative and fun event, with the chance to buy any wines you like the taste of! Please note there are steps to the toilet and no wheelchair access. It is not on a bus route. If you are driving and sampling wine, it is your responsibility to ensure you are within the legal limits to drive. Huxbear Vineyards, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot TQ13 0EH. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

SAT
27

Horse Drawn Barge Trip



1.30pm



Members £21.60,
Guests £25



A 90 minute horse drawn barge trip. Arrival at 1.30pm for a strict 1.45pm boarding and departure at 2.15pm. Return feeling relaxed and drenched in nature. This is a very special experience, on one of the last remaining horse-drawn passenger barges in Britain. A family-owned, Living Heritage Attraction, with crew and the Shires dressed in attire from a bygone era!

An environmentally friendly, horse drawn boat trip along the stunningly beautiful, tranquil Grand Western Canal and through a local nature reserve. Tea or coffee available during the journey. Payment deadline by Monday 1 September 2025. Tiverton Canal Company, The Wharf, Canal Hill, Tiverton EX16 4HX. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON
29

Teacup Meet up Friendship Month Special Launch!



11am



As per menu



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT
Invite a friend

A new friendship group comes to Torquay! September is Friendship Month at the Oddfellows. Join us every last Monday of the month, starting today in The Caledonian Torbay Hotel. On the seafront, this spacious hotel commands magnificent views and is metres from the town centre. All new faces will get a goody bag, while stocks last. If we know you are coming, we can get your name on one!

If you are currently a member, bring along someone who's never been. Fun and friendship awaits. So come alone, or bring a friend or three and find out why we are one of the best friendship groups on your doorstep! Join the fun, join the group, make friends and get more out of life. Give us a call with any questions, or to let us know you plan to come - we'll keep a look out for you! Caledonian Torbay Hotel, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EY. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

October

WED
08

Walking History Tour and/or Lunch at Pier Point



12 noon



Members £2,
Guests £5



Join us on a short, guided walk looking at 10,000 years of Torquay's history. We'll begin at the entrance to medieval Torre Abbey, continue through the Italianate Gardens and ponds, and maybe climb Rock Walk for a magnificent view of the bay. For those of us who want to avoid the steps, we can meet again at the Victorian Pier, where we can indulge in an award-winning fish and chips lunch. The walk will be led by renowned and respected historian and author Dr Kevin Dixon. Price does not include lunch - you will pay for what you order at the restaurant and are welcome to have a full lunch, just chips or a drink. The tour will continue in light rain, but bad weather could force cancellation, so do check with us before travelling. Lunch can go ahead regardless. Torre Abbey, The King's Drive, Torquay TQ2 5JE. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

October



MON
20

Pumpkins on Parade!



2.30pm



Members £6,
Guests £8



A fantastic talk and cookery demonstration by Lori Reich from Shute Farm, Bishopsteignton. A visual treat of over 30 different varieties of squashes and pumpkins displayed, while we learn how to get the best out of them and not fear them! There is a quick game, plenty of surprising information about this cucurbit family, with lots of tasters along the way and a cookery demonstration, with chocolate to finish! Informative and fun, and a chance to buy some of Lori's award winning jams and pickles - bring cash. Limited spaces.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Held in the Mary Hall Suite. Kingsteignton Town Council, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3LP. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

November

THURS
06

Cheese Tasting and Quiz from The Cheese Queens



12 noon



Members £27.50,
Guests £30



Cheese tasting and quiz by The Cheese Queens. A Cheese Queens tasting experience runs over the course of two hours and includes a selection of six of the best English cheeses which they talk you through as you taste, plus all the fruit, biscuits for cheese, freshly baked sourdough bread, salted butter, local chutney and fruit paste/jelly you can eat. There is also a fun cheese quiz where you can win a prize. A selection of soft drinks or tea or coffee are available to purchase from the venue and your ticket entitles you to a £2.50 reduction on your first drink. The Cwtch Hub, 17 Union Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2JX. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

November

SUN
09

Riverdance 30 Theatre Trip



2.30pm



Members £40.72,
Guests £42



To celebrate this incredible 30th year milestone, Riverdance will embark on a special anniversary tour, bringing its fusion of Irish and international dance to Torquay. This spectacular production rejuvenates the much-loved original show with new innovative

choreography, costumes and state of the art lighting. It'll be a memorable afternoon, but memories are better with friends, so get in touch to attend with us and we'll ensure you get a warm welcome. Book by Monday 22 September 2025. Princess Theatre, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5EZ. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.



MON
17

Breakfast at Bistrot Pierre



10.45am



As per
menu



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's



even better with good friends and a good view! If you've been to Pierre's before, you'll know their breakfasts are a party for the tastebuds! Limited spaces and a £10 deposit required. Book early to avoid disappointment. Book by Monday 3 November 2025. Le Bistrot Pierre, Abbey Sands, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 5HB. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

December

WED
03

Cocktails and Quiz



1.30pm



As per menu



An afternoon of fun and a free cheeky cocktail for the first 15! A lovely venue, a 10 minute walk from John Lewis in Exeter. We'll have a quiz, a raffle and can share our festive plans. The sooner you confirm attendance, the better chance you have of claiming that free cocktail! Please be advised that there are several steep steps to the seating area. Darwin's Bar, 29 Magdalen Road, Exeter EX2 4TA. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

December

MON
15

Christmas Dinner

🕒 12 noon

£ As per menu



Christmas with friends! Last year was such a success, so we are doing it again. Spaces are limited, so book early to secure a seat at the festive table! We will do our Robbing Santa again (will explain once you book) and I'll need a £10 deposit by Monday 17 November 2025. Hare and Hounds, Torquay Road, Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5HH. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.



January 2026

MON
19

Torquay's History by Dr Kevin Dixon

🕒 2pm

£ Members £5,
Guests £10



Torquay: A journey through the resort's history. It only took a century! Torquay grew from being a collection of rural hamlets to becoming the most affluent town in Britain, home to rich and poor, artist and eccentric. Join renowned local historian and author, Dr Kevin Dixon as he takes us on the resort's fascinating journey in this illustrated, lighthearted talk. Price includes £2 deduction from any refreshments you order. Tickets will sell fast and spaces are limited, so get in touch early to secure your space. Please note: This venue has approximately 12 steps to navigate. Bank, 6 Fleet Street, Torquay TQ1 1DB. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

January 2026

TUES
13

Full of Beans Workshop!

🕒 2pm

£ Members £6,
Guests £8



The fabulous Lori Reich returns with a hands-on workshop (chairs around tables in small groups) called Full of Beans. Maybe you think you know about these versatile ingredients, but Lori will teach you all you need to know, in her fun, interactive and informative style. You'll learn, you'll laugh and you might make some new friends! There will be a chance to buy some of Lori's award winning jams and pickles, so bring cash if you are interested. Hosted in the main hall. Kingsteignton Town Council, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3LP. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

February

MON
09

Hedgehog Habits and Help



2pm



Members £4,
Guests £6



Rick from Elm Wildlife Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation will talk all things hedgehog and the great work carried out by this charitable organisation – the largest hedgehog rescue in Devon. He will explain what we can do to help hedgehogs visit our gardens and thrive in nature and answer any questions on what to do if you find one that is injured/poorly.

Donations will be welcomed at the end, so do bring cash if you'd like to help this volunteer project, helping one of our best loved mammals. Ticket price includes £2 deduction on any refreshments purchased. Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Please be advised there are 12 steps to the seating area. Bank, 6 Fleet Street, Torquay TQ1 1DB. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

THURS
12

The Beekeeper and the Bee



12 noon



Members £3,
Guests £5



Head beekeeper at the Italian Gardens of Great Ambrook, will host this informative talk. Learn about the life and natural history of bees. Des will be selling jars of his honey for £6 – be sure to bring cash if you'd like to purchase some for yourself or a gift. Limited spaces – held in the Mary Hall Suite. Book early to avoid disappointment. Kingsteignton Town Council, Rydon Road, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3LP. Contact Tara on 07909 449703.

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1937 Morris 8 called 'Brian'

**Hello everyone,
You may remember in the last edition of Out and About that I promised to tell you about the 1937 Morris 8 called Brian (named after Cheryl's late father).**

Previously owned by an undertaker in Weston Super Mare, it had been used to take mourners to and from the church in the late 1930s and was then stored until I purchased him three years ago.

Brian was in remarkable condition for an 88 years old car that had been standing since the 40s, but it had been washed and polished every time it went out, and only had 38000 miles on the clock.



I gave it a once over, checking the oil/brakes, changing the engine, battery, gearbox and rear axle.

After putting water in the radiator and a good wash, we turned the key.

Would Brian start? YES - second turn of the key! There aren't many cars that will start after standing for 70 years. After a few runs around the village without issue, I felt confident Brian was good to go, and I gave Cheryl the keys. Her first outing was to a little show at a residential home at Totnes.

One of the residents, aged 93, told Cheryl all about Brian the Morris 8 and it turns out that her father was William Morris's (Lord Nuffield) personal secretary when he first started the Morris car company.

She went on to show pictures of her father and William Morris, with her standing next to a Morris 8 identical to Cheryl's. Her son reprinted the image, and it is now in pride of place beside the photo of her father with William Morris: you never know who you are talking to!

Last winter I removed the front wings, shot blasted and repainted them. It's strange; with old cars it takes two hours to remove a wing and seven hours to put it back on. How does that happen?!

We have been out at shows all over Devon this year with Mary and Brian and hope see you at some in the future.

Cheryl has told me that I am not to buy another vintage car, as I do not have room in my garage - watch this space!

**Adrian Hemming
Past Provincial Grand Master (P.P.G.M)
Heart of the West District**

The Pleasure of Growing Your Own (Part Two)

In the last edition, you might remember that the dream of having my own garden came true, after buying my first home with wife Margaret. The first challenge I faced was digging and preparing the ground.

I was lucky to be given all the second hand gardening tools I needed by my Father-in-Law who gave me plenty of advice. The only thing I was short of was time because working full time and renovating our home meant I had to fit it in when I could.

I found an old fashioned seed merchant in a nearby town. On walking into the shop on bare floorboards I was aware of a musty smell. I was met by a friendly, helpful gentleman dressed in a well-worn brown overall. When asked if he had any peas he said "do you want a pint or a quart"? He proceeded to fill up a pint measure from a sack. No choice of variety was offered and I never did find out what they were, except they would grow to 6 foot tall. I also purchased runner beans, cabbage, sprouts and carrot seeds, all carefully measured into brown paper bags and labelled.

The shop was very busy but I noticed nobody was in a hurry, they were quite happy to wait and swapped stories about what they had grown.

I couldn't wait to sow the seeds. The peas emerged very quickly and did indeed reach 6 foot tall with fat, full pods.



The soil must have had plenty of nutrients already because I didn't add anything to it and I was delighted with the results of my harvest.

When our children came along I had to give up a third of the garden and grass it out for a play area, including a set of swings. We were soon invaded by most of the children in the village it became a popular playground.

The best thing about growing your own veg is that the flavour is so much more tasty than that you can buy in the shops. Also what could be better than picking your own sprouts for Christmas dinner? There is a certain pride about providing fresh veg you have grown for your family.

I have always wondered what variety those peas were!

More about my green fingered experiences in the next Out and About.

Peter Clarke

Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

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



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

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

Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

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



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

Incredible total raised for good causes



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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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

In Memory of John Webber

The District Committee of Management of The Heart of the West Branch were saddened to learn of the passing of our past Provincial Grandmaster, John Webber in May 2025.

John had been a member of The Oddfellows for his whole life and he served as Provincial Grand Master of the Exeter Branch, as it was then known from 1988 to 1989.



He was on the Branch Committee for over 30 years in total and his dedication to the Society was much appreciated by all those who came into contact with him.

Outside of the Oddfellows, he was a trained Nurse and worked in nursing for all of his adult life. He was a dedicated church goer, also serving many years as Church Warden.

We all send our condolences to his wife, June, their two sons and all his family and friends.

In Memory of Allyson Major

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Allyson Major on 4th June 2025. Al, as she was known to



her friends, had been a member of the Oddfellows since 2009 and had served on the committee of the Heart of the West District since 2024, alongside her husband, Paul. Al's passing was unexpected and her loss will be felt greatly by us all.

There have been many tributes paid to Al and the overwhelming message from those have been that she was a very friendly positive lady, with a great sense of humour and a great love of life. Al was fulfilled when others were happy and she had done what she could to make them so.

Also, Al volunteered, and became an Ambassador, for a Devon-based charity that helped make dreams come true for children and adults with disabilities or life-affecting health conditions.

Her most fulfilling role was as a mum, gran, wife, step-mum, best friend, friend, sister, niece, aunt and great aunt and it is to her family and friends that we all send our deepest sympathies and condolences. We thank Al for her services to the Heart of the West District Branch.



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 Belinda on **07881 836294** or email **belinda.newton@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@manchestercab.org



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**

At a glance

September 2025 - Friendship Month

Mon 1	Coffee and a Catch Up	11am
Tues 9	Tea at 2!	2pm
Mon 22	Wine Tasting and Vineyard Tour	2pm
Wed 24	Wednesday Waffle	11am
Sat 27	Horse Drawn Barge Trip	1.30pm
Mon 29	Teacup Meet up Friendship Month Special Launch!	11am

October

Mon 6	Coffee and a Catch Up	11am
Wed 8	Walking History Tour and/or Lunch at Pier Point	12 noon
Tues 14	Tea at 2!	2pm
Mon 20	Pumpkins on Parade!	2.30pm
Mon 27	Teacup Meet Up	11am
Wed 29	Wednesday Waffle	11am

November

Mon 3	Coffee and a Catch Up	11am
Thurs 6	Cheese Tasting and Quiz from The Cheese Queens	12 noon
Sun 9	Riverdance 30 Theatre Trip	2.30pm
Tues 11	Tea at 2!	2pm
Mon 17	Breakfast at Bistrot Pierre	10.45am
Mon 24	Teacup Meet Up	11am
Wed 26	Wednesday Waffle	11am

December

Mon 1	Coffee and a Catch Up	11am
Wed 3	Cocktails and Quiz	1.30pm
Tues 9	Tea at 2!	2pm
Mon 15	Christmas Dinner	12 noon

A bit about us...

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

At a glance

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February

Mon 2	Coffee and a Catch Up	11am
Mon 9	Hedgehog Habits and Help	2pm
Thurs 12	The Beekeeper and the Bee	12 noon
Mon 23	Teacup Meet Up	11am
Wed 25	Wednesday Waffle	11am

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Your 3 delegates at the Annual Movable Conference held this year at Scarborough. This is where the decisions are made regarding the running of the Society. From left to right Paul Major, Adrian Hemming and Cheryl Page.