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# VALLEYS LINK

Brighouse and Huddersfield District News and Events

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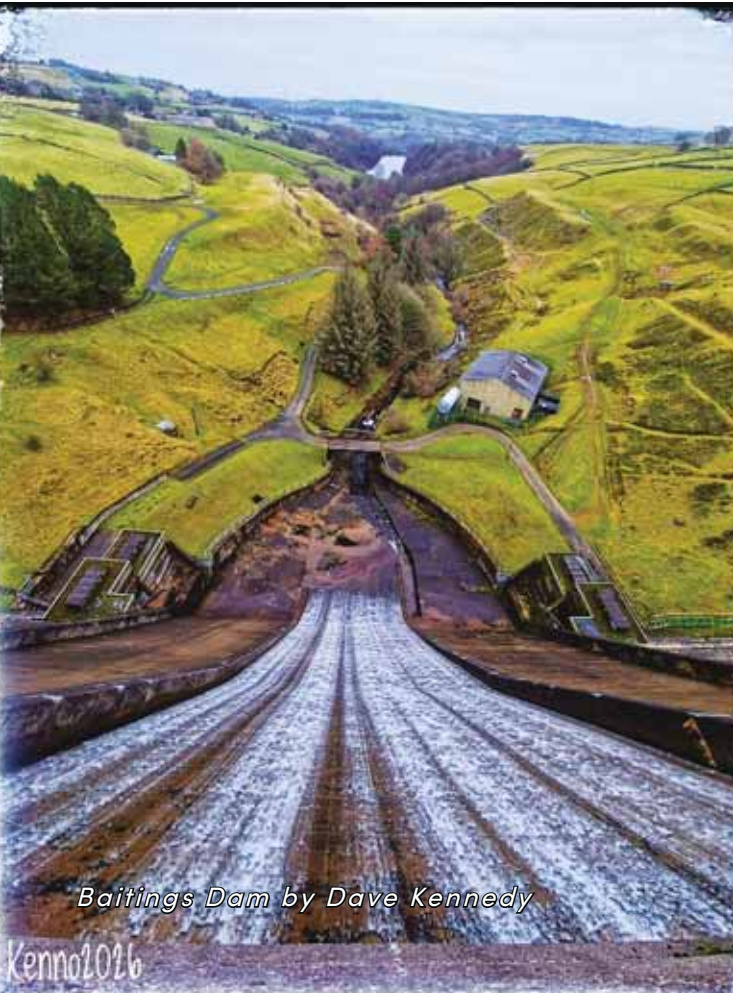
**Quiz Night at Old Bank  
WMC, Mirfield**



**Beetle Quiz at Oddfellows  
Hall, Brighouse**



**Celebrating Wakefield's  
Rhubarb Festival**



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*Oddfellows Trip to Chester and Chester Zoo - Saturday 8 August*

## **Welcome to our latest Valleys Link from the Brighthouse and Huddersfield District.**

**Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy**

**and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.**

This Events Diary and Newsletter is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area. Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

## **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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810**.

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## 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.

# May 2026

## FRI 01 Brighouse Book Club



The Brighouse Book Club meets monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book, share new authors and get ideas for your next read. We don't always read the same book, but love to chat about books we've read and encourage each other to try something new. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.



## SAT 02 Whist Drive



Join us and spend a relaxing afternoon playing Whist in good, friendly company. There are refreshments at half time and prizes for the highest and lowest score. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## TUES 05 Steal It Raffle



Join us for our very popular raffle with a difference. There will be the opportunity to win some excellent prizes. You'll have an enjoyable, light hearted evening whilst at the same time help to raise much needed funds for our District Chairman, Lynn Bradbury's chosen charity - The Welcome Centre. Cost: £6 including raffle tickets and buffet supper. Book by Thursday 30 April. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## THURS 07 Denshaw Drop In



If you are in the lovely area of Denshaw, the first Thursday of the month, then why not drop into our Oddfellows Hall where a warm welcome is guaranteed. Free tea, coffee, biscuits and company are on offer. Your Social Secretary, Rhiannon will be available to help with general Oddfellows enquiries and advice, be it filling in application forms, claim forms, etc. We are open 11am to 2pm. Feel free to bring your jigsaws and books to swap or your craft work to work on. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

# May 2026

## THURS 07 Ten-Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. No matter what your skill level is, we can guarantee a fun evening amongst friends who like to enjoy themselves. We play two games with a prize for everyone. We have a start of 7pm, please be early so you can choose your ball. The cost is £12 per person and basket meals are available at extra cost. Book by Wednesday 6 May. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



## TUES 19 Crafternoon



Crafternoon at Oddfellows Hall, Brighouse is a new monthly event for crafters to join us for an afternoon of crafting, chat and sharing of skills. If you're a knitter, a crocheter, an artist, printmaker or a complete beginner just looking to start a new craft then this is an afternoon for you. Bring along your own materials if you're already crafting or sample some of ours. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

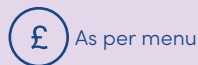
## THURS 21 Brunch and Get-Together



Come and join us for a pleasant get-together and brunch at Beatties Deli and Coffee Shop sat in the heart of Holmfirth. Beatties provide a delicious selection of light meals, sandwiches and cakes. Cost as per the menu. Book by Sunday 10 May. Beatties Deli and Coffee Shop, 6 Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1HA. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



## SUN 17 Sunday Lunch



Enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon at this delightful traditional Italian restaurant close to Wakefield's Bull Ring and almost opposite the Charlie Brown car park. Book by Monday 11 May. Rustico Italian Restaurant, 29-29A Northgate, Wakefield WF1 3BJ. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

# May 2026

## THURS 21 Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5  
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 18 May. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



## THURS 28 Beetle Drive at Brighouse



1.30pm



£2 including refreshments



Please join us for this popular event. You'll enjoy taking part in the fun game, where there are sure to be plenty of laughs as everyone tries to complete their beetles. Prizes for the lucky winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



## FRI 29 Whit Friday Band Contest, Denshaw



4pm



Free



Eleven band contests across Saddleworth, take place on the evening of Whit Friday and each contest has its own rules, organisation and prizes, however bands who compete in at least six of the contests are then eligible to win one of the coveted Saddleworth and Oldham Whit Friday Band Contest Area Prizes.



Oddfellows Hall, Denshaw will once again play host to the Denshaw Contest. Food and drink will be served but please note that parking around the hall will be limited. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

# June

## TUES 02 Dominic Beresford

 7.30pm

 £5



Please join us and enjoy a pleasant, relaxing evening whilst the very popular and talented Dominic Beresford entertains us. He performs songs from the 1960s onwards and will be happy to take requests. Cost: £5 including buffet supper. Book by Thursday 28 May. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## THURS 04 Denshaw Drop In

 11am

 Free



Please refer to details on Thursday 7 May. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

## THURS 04 Ten-Pin Bowling

 7pm

 £15



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Please refer to details on Thursday 7 May. Book by Monday 1 June. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

## FRI 05 Lunch at The Old Bridge Hotel

 12.30pm

 As per menu



All members are welcome to join us for lunch at the recently renovated Old Bridge Hotel, tucked alongside the River Holme. You can relax and chatter and hopefully, weather permitting, sit outside and enjoy a meal together. Book by Monday 25 May. The Old Bridge Hotel, Market Walk, Holmfirth HD9 7DA. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

## FRI 05 Brighouse Book Club

 1pm

 Free



Are you an avid reader or would like to get into reading more? The Brighouse Book Club meets monthly to swap thoughts on the latest book, share new authors and get ideas for your next read. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Zoë on 07432 648836.

# June

SAT  
06

## Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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THURS  
11

## Lunch with Friends



1pm



As per menu



Enjoy a convivial lunch at this popular family pub/restaurant which offers a wide-ranging menu and is situated only five minutes from the city centre with its own free car park. Book by Thursday 4 June. Rhubarb Triangle, Brewers Fayre, Paragon Business Park, Herriot Way, Wakefield WF1 2UF. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

THURS  
18

## Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5  
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 15 June. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

TUES  
23

## Crafternoon



1pm



Free



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THURS  
11

## Variety Bingo



1.30pm



£2 including refreshments



Meet up with friends old and new and enjoy a pleasant afternoon in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. You will be able to enjoy playing a variety of different kinds of bingo. There are prizes for the winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



# July

THURS  
02

## Denshaw Drop In



11am



Free



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THURS  
02

## Ten-Pin Bowling



7pm



£15



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Refer to Thursday 7 May for details. Book by Monday 29 June. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

FRI  
03

## Brighouse Book Club



1pm



Free



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SAT  
04

## Charity Afternoon Tea, Denshaw



12.30pm  
& 2.45pm



£12



Join us at the Oddfellows Hall, Denshaw for a Charity Afternoon Tea hosted by Lynn Bradbury, our Chairman.



Lynn's charity The Welcome Centre, is one of the largest independent food banks in the UK and has been supporting people in Huddersfield and the surrounding areas who are experiencing food poverty since 1997. There will be two sittings at 12.30pm and 2.45pm. Bring a friend and receive a £5 gift voucher – subject to availability. Book by Monday 29 June. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT  
04

## Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including  
refreshments



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# July

TUES

07

## What Is It?



You are guaranteed to have an excellent evening of fun, taking part in a variety of games, which will give you the opportunity to test your memory and other skills in order to decide what a wide variety of items are by touch, sight and smell. Prizes for the winners. Cost: £5 including buffet supper. Book by Thursday 2 July. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 524804.

THURS

09

## Ten Clues Quiz



Join us and enjoy taking part in this lighthearted quiz. You'll have fun finding out how many clues are needed to name a person, place or object. The sooner you answer correctly the more points for your team. There are prizes for the winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



TUES

14

## Relax with Friends



The delightful café at this garden centre offers the choice of late breakfast, lunch or simply light refreshment, with the opportunity to restock your garden and/or shop in the variety of small departments within the centre. Book by Monday 6 July. Carr Gate Garden Centre, Old Bradford Road, Carr Gate, Wakefield WF2 0SY. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



THURS

16

## Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 13 July. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

# July

## TUES 21 Lunch at the Seed Room



Come and join us for lunch at the Seed Room Coffee Shop and Bistro. Enjoy your delicious food from an extensive menu and then stroll around the garden centre. Book by Sunday 5 July. Seed Room, New Road, Overton, Wakefield WF4 4RG. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

## TUES 21 Crafternoon



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# August

## SAT 01 Whist Drive



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# August

## TUES 04 Race Night



This popular event returns to Mirfield. We will be showing actual horse races on a big screen. Please come along and join us and test your skills at picking the winning horses. There will be prizes for the team who choose the most winners. Cost: £5 including buffet super. Book by Thursday 30 July. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## THURS 06 Denshaw Drop In



Refer to Thursday 7 May for details. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

# August

THURS  
06

## Ten-Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling.

Refer to Thursday 7

May for details. Book

by 03 August. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



FRI  
07

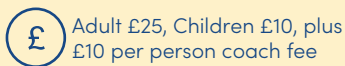
## Brighouse Book Club



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SAT  
08

## Oddfellows Trip to Chester and Chester Zoo



Why not join us on our trip to Chester or Chester Zoo this summer. At Chester Zoo you can explore over 10 indoor habitats including the UK's largest tropical biodome. Discover the wonders of the rainforest in Monsoon Forest and see over 30,000 animals from over 520 species across 130 acres. Get closer to the troop of lemurs in our walkthrough area. Try out the five thrill-seeking adventure playgrounds, take a trip around Islands on the Lazy River boat experience or explore the award-winning gardens and thousands of plants.



If the zoo experience isn't up your street, then we are doing a drop off at Chester beforehand, where you can spend the day in this lovely Roman city. Founded as a Roman fortress in the 1st century AD, it's known for its extensive Roman walls made of local red sandstone. In the old city, the rows is a shopping district distinguished by two-level covered arcades and Tudor-style half-timber buildings. A Roman amphitheatre, with ongoing excavations, lies just outside the old city's walls. Setting off from Linthwaite Church at 9am. Pick-up from Brighouse can be arranged if required. Book by Sunday 12 July. Chester and Chester Zoo CH2 1LE. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.



# August

## THURS 13 Bingo at Brighthouse



1.30pm



£2 including refreshments



This is always a popular event and an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and enjoy a relaxing, fun afternoon in good company. Prizes for the winners and refreshments halfway through. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighthouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## THURS 20 Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5  
Guests £8



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 17 August. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

## SUN 23 Afternoon Tea



2pm



£5



The Strangers Refuge Social Secretary would be delighted if you could join her for an afternoon of tea, cakes and a game of Rummykub. This board game is well known for bringing people together and being easy to play. So come and enjoy and afternoon of fun and food with your host. Book by Monday 17 August. Little Cliffe, Holmfirth HD9 1XT. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.

## TUES 25 Traditional Pub Lunch



1pm



As per menu



This charming country pub has become one of our most popular venues, offering a variety of food to suit most tastes. Book by Monday 17 August. The White Horse, Sharlston Common, Wakefield WF4 1EP. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.



# September

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



### TUES 01 Friendship Special



September is our Friendship Month. Start off the month by joining us for a friendly get together. You'll enjoy a pleasant evening playing different types of bingo, followed by a variety of short fun quizzes. Prizes for the winners. Cost: £5 including buffet supper. Please book by Thursday 27 August. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



### THURS 03 Denshaw Drop In



Refer to Thursday 7 May for details. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

### THURS 03 Ten-Pin Bowling



Come and try this exciting sport as we once again go ten-pin bowling. Refer to Thursday



7 May for details. Book by Monday 31 August. UK Superbowl, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD2 1YL. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

### FRI 04 Brighouse Book Club



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# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT  
05

## District Chairman's Afternoon Tea



12.30pm  
& 2.45pm



£12



Join us at the Oddfellows Hall, Brighouse for a Charity Afternoon Tea hosted by Lynn Bradbury, our Chairman. Lynn's charity The Welcome Centre, is one of the largest independent food banks in the UK and has been supporting people in Huddersfield and the surrounding areas who are experiencing food poverty since 1997. There will be two sittings at 12.30pm and 2.45pm. Bring a friend and receive a £5 gift voucher – subject to availability. Book by Monday 31 August. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

SAT  
12

## Whist Drive



2pm



£2 including refreshments



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THURS  
17

## Three Course Light Lunch



12.30pm



Members £5  
Guests £8



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THURS  
10

## Friendship Special at Brighouse



1.30pm



£2 including refreshments



September is our Friendship Month. Help us to celebrate by joining us for a friendly get together. You'll enjoy a fun short quiz as well as playing different types of bingo. Prizes for the winners and refreshments at half time. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT

Join the fun

# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**THURS**  
**17** Lunch with Friends



Welcome the imminent arrival of autumn whilst enjoying lunch and relaxing in attractive surroundings, sharing summer stories. Book by Wednesday 9 September. The Red Kite, Denby Dale Road, Durkar, Wakfield WF4 3BB. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

**TUES**  
**22** Crafternoon



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**SUN**  
**20** Sunday Lunch



Come and join us for Sunday lunch at The Fox House Inn, Holmfirth and enjoy an afternoon with friends. High quality dishes all made fresh to order. Book by Saturday 5 September. The Fox House Inn, Flint House, Holmfirth HD9 2TR. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



Who can you invite  
along to join in the  
friendship and fun?

**All welcome**



ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about  
Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# October

## THURS 01 Denshaw Drop In



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## THURS 01 Ten-Pin Bowling



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## FRI 02 Brighouse Book Club



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## TUES 06 Quiz Night



Please join us for our light hearted fun quiz. As part of a friendly team you'll enjoy finding the answers to a wide variety of topics. Prizes for the winning team. Cost: £5 including buffet supper. Old Bank Working Men's Club, Old Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0HY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

# October

## THURS 15 Three Course Light Lunch



We'd love to see you at our Oddfellows Hall for our three course light lunch. Book by Monday 12 October. Oddfellows Hall, 5 Huddersfield Road, Denshaw OL3 5SD. Contact Rhiannon on 07494 905109.

## FRI 16 Fish and Chips Heaven



Seems like home - one of our favourite haunts which never fails to please. Book



by Thursday 8 October. Wetherby Whaler, 550 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2DX. Contact Josephine on 01924 363736.

## TUES 20 Crafternoon



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## THURS 22 Beetle Drive at Brighouse



Back by popular request we're having another beetle drive. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with friends old and new. You'll enjoy lots of laughs and friendly banter as you compete to complete your beetle. Refreshments halfway through and prizes for the lucky winners. Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, Brighouse HD6 1TY. Contact Anthea on 01924 525804.

## FRI 30 Evening Meal at the Garda Restaurant



Why not come and join us for an evening meal at this family run Italian and Mediterranean restaurant, with a wide range of food to suit any palate, freshly cooked and prepared. Book by Tuesday 20 October. Garda Restaurant, 5 Wakefield Road, Grange Moor WF4 4DS. Contact Pat on 01484 684324.



# 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 Gillian on **01484 645836** or email [gillian.longbottom@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:gillian.longbottom@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**

# Introducing our new District Secretary

**Rhiannon Bradbury was previously our Provincial Grand Master and has now been elected to the role of District Secretary. 2025 was an extremely busy year for Rhiannon as she became the new Young Oddfellows Co-Ordinator in addition to being Social Secretary for Denshaw and Huddersfield.**

In amongst bringing up her daughter, cultivating a mini petting zoo at home, crocheting and reading, Rhiannon devotes the rest of her time to Oddfellows. As District Secretary, she runs the main office for Brighouse and Huddersfield, as well as processing all your dental and optical claims and any admin query you may



have. You can also say hello to Rhiannon in person at a number of regular activities and events including: Denshaw Drop In, Denshaw Light Lunch, Ten Pin Bowling and the Young Oddfellows events.

## Young Oddfellows Christmas Panto

**This year's Young Oddfellows Pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk at the Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield. A great time was had by all.**



## Scarecrow Trail

**Another Young Oddfellows event this year involved following the annual Scarecrow Trail in Diggle, followed by lunch at Grandpa Greens.**



# District Chairman

**Lynn Bradbury, this years District Chairman has stepped down from the role of District Secretary and will now support Rhiannon in this role at the District office.**

For those who don't know Lynn, she has been involved with Oddfellows since 1984 when she met her husband Andrew and joined the Well of Salvation Lodge. She has served in many senior roles and saw in the amalgamation of Brighouse and Huddersfield Lodges. Although she has retired from District Secretary she will remain as Assistant to Rhiannon and the Property Secretary for Brighouse.

Hopefully she'll now find some time to cultivate her garden, tend her chickens and ducks and dote on Freddie (the cat).



## District Chairman's Charity 2026



Lynn has chosen The Welcome Centre for her charity this year and we have a number of events to raise funds. The Welcome Centre, Huddersfield has spent more than 20 years helping families and individuals in crisis with

food, toiletries, and other essentials through their food bank. More recently, they recognised a growing need to offer people they help advice, guidance and support to tackle the underlying issues causing them to be in crisis. They continue to offer both practical support and guidance and advice to anyone in the community who needs their help.

## Traditional Terms

**Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):**

District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

**Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):**

Immediate Past District Chairman  
**Lodge:** Branch

# Photos of past events



*Lunch at La Dantri, Honley, Holmfirth.*



*Beetle Quiz at Oddfellows Hall, Brighouse.*



*Quiz Night at Old Bank WMC, Mirfield.*



*Celebrating Wakefield's Rhubarb Festival.*

# Notes to members

We are now able to accept claim forms and receipts via email. Claim forms are available via email on request from [rhiannon.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:rhiannon.bradbury@oddfellows.co.uk).

All receipts must have your name on. Receipts must be sent as a pdf. We are unable to deal with screenshots or photos. Please note we are unable to do bank transfers, all claims are paid via cheque.

## Please Note

In the unlikely event that dates and times of any of the events change, you are advised to contact the event organiser or your branch secretary to ensure your place and to avoid disappointment.

## We're on facebook!



Not everything can make it into the newsletter, so keep up to date on our Facebook page where we post latest news, hints and tips from us and from Oddfellows.

### How do you find it?

Visit Facebook or login to your Facebook account and go to the search field type in

- 'Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows' for our main page.
- 'Denshaw Oddfellows' for our members in Denshaw.
- 'Oddfellows Young Ones' for our younger members.

Any problems our contact details can be found on page 3.

## Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

**Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.**

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



### Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

### Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

### Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email [travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk).

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at [www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions](http://www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions).

## Support with fundraising and donations

**Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.**

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

### Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

### £10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at [www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa](http://www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa).

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

### The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)

## Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

**The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.**

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

### Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA\* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

### Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond\* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

### Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

### Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

*\*Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

### New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.



## 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 Zoë by phone on 07432648836 or email [zoe.channing@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:zoe.channing@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*

# At a glance

## May 2026

<b>Fri 1</b>	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
<b>Sat 2</b>	Whist Drive	2pm
<b>Tues 5</b>	Steal It Raffle	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Sun 17</b>	Sunday Lunch	1.30pm
<b>Tues 19</b>	Crafternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Brunch and Get-Together	11am
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Beetle Drive at Brighthouse	1.30pm
<b>Fri 29</b>	Whit Friday Band Contest, Denshaw	4pm

## June

<b>Tues 2</b>	Dominic Beresford	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Lunch at The Old Bridge Hotel	12.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
<b>Sat 6</b>	Whist Drive	2pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Lunch with Friends	1pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Variety Bingo	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Tues 23</b>	Crafternoon	1pm

## July

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm

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## July

<b>Sat 4</b>	Charity Afternoon Tea, Denshaw	12.30pm/2.45pm
<b>Sat 4</b>	Whist Drive	2pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	What Is It?	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Ten Clues Quiz	1.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Relax with Friends	11am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Lunch at the Seed Room	12.30pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Crafternoon	1pm

## August

<b>Sat 1</b>	Whist Drive	2pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	Race Night	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Brighouse Book Club	1pm
<b>Sat 8</b>	Oddfellows Trip to Chester and Chester Zoo	9am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Bingo at Brighouse	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Sun 23</b>	Afternoon Tea	2pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Traditional Pub Lunch	1pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Tues 1</b>	Friendship Special	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Fri 4</b>	Brighouse Book Club	1pm
<b>Sat 5</b>	District Chairman's Afternoon Tea	12.30pm/2.45pm
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Friendship Special at Brighouse	1.30pm
<b>Sat 12</b>	Whist Drive	2pm

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## September - Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 17</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Lunch with Friends	1pm
<b>Sun 20</b>	Sunday Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Tues 22</b>	Crafternoon	1pm

## October

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Denshaw Drop In	11am
<b>Thurs 1</b>	Ten-Pin Bowling	7pm
<b>Fri 2</b>	Brighthouse Book Club	1pm
<b>Sat 3</b>	Whist Drive	2pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	Quiz Night	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Three Course Light Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Fish and Chips Heaven	1pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Crafternoon	1pm
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Beetle Drive at Brighthouse	1.30pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Evening Meal at the Garda Restaurant	6pm

## Regular Monthly Meeting

Branch meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at the Oddfellows Hall, 2 Industrial Street, Brighthouse HD6 1TX starting at 7pm.

Monday 18 May

Monday 17 August

Monday 15 June

Monday 21 September

Monday 20 July

Monday 19 October

Please come along, you will be made very welcome, this is a great opportunity to see how your branch runs and put your suggestions and ideas forward. Coffee, biscuits and a chat always helps to get to know us.