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North Wales & Chester Branch



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Afternoon Tea



Quiz

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our Out and About

We hope that you enjoy browsing through it and reading the articles and are able to join us at the events we have planned.

In our last publication, our Chairman, Colin Thwaites, informed us of his chosen charity, St John Council. St John Council does very valuable work supporting the funding of St John Ambulance. Fundraising for the Chairman's charity is going well in a variety of different ways. There have been raffles, football scratch cards, table top sales and fill a jar with 5ps to name a few. If you are unable to attend one of our events, but would like to support the Chairman's charity, we will happily accept donations. Please contact us at the office for details. We will

reveal the final fundraising total in our next publication.

If you have an interesting story to tell about a trip you have been on or an event in your life that you would like to share with us, please let us know. We are always happy to share milestone birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

We hope to see you at one of our events. A warm welcome is guaranteed! Don't forget, if you are unable to attend in person, we have an offering of online events too, which are highlighted in the weekly emailer that is sent out to members.

**With best wishes from
Denise and Caroline**

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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, Llandudno for coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome to come along. We occasionally stay for lunch and enjoy some ad hoc local trips out. The Links Hotel, 77 Conway Road, Llandudno LL3 01PN. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.



Monday Night Chatterboxes



7pm



Free



**Online
Every Monday**

Members from across the Society meet to catch up and chat over a brew from the comfort of their own homes. Everyone is greeted with a friendly smile and a warm welcome. Why not come and join us? Head to Zoom and enter the Meeting ID 844 1660 9433, you don't need a password. Contact Tracey on 07774 229010.



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

Branch Meetings

Come along to our Branch meeting where you will be updated with all the Branch and Society matters. 7pm to 9pm. Douglas Place Community Centre, Woodall Avenue, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

Monday 26 October 2026

Monday 25 January 2027

Monday 23 November 2026

Monday 22 March 2027

Regular Events

Wrexham Coffee and Chat



Join us for a coffee and chat in Wrexham. We also enjoy some ad hoc local trips out, everyone is welcome. The Lemon Tree, 29 Rhosddu Road, Wrexham LL11 2LP. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

**First and Third
Wednesday**



Saltney Coffee Morning



Join us for coffee and biscuits along with plenty of lively chatter and laughter! We enjoy an occasional quiz and fun themed coffee mornings as well as holding raffles. A warm welcome awaits. Our last one for 2026 is 17th December and we will return on 7th January 2027. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Denise or Caroline on 01244 675757.

Every Thursday



Thursday Quiz and Games Night



Every week we team up with other branches to bring you a quiz and games night via Zoom. Why not put your general knowledge to the test and join in the games with friendly members from up and down the country? Not sure how to access Zoom? Just give us a call for some support – it is super easy, we promise! Head to Zoom and enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1660 9433, you don't need a password. Contact Tracy on 07774 229010.

**Online Every
Thursday**



October 2026 November

THURS
22

Lasting Power of Attorney Talk



10.30am



Members £2
Guests £3



During our regular coffee morning we have a speaker popping in at 11am to give us an informative talk on 'A Lasting Power of Attorney.' Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.

FRI
23

A Stroll through Grosvenor Park and Lunch at Panda Mami



11.30am



£14.99



Come along and join us for a gentle stroll through Grosvenor Park and along the River Dee, followed by a tasty lunch at one of our favourite places, 'Panda Mami' Chester. We will meet at the Activity Zone in Grosvenor Park at 11.30am. The walk is free, but lunch is as per menu. Grosvenor Park, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester CH1 1QQ. Please let us know if you will be joining us by Thursday 15 October. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



Floral displays in Grosvenor Park, Chester by Chris Morgan

WED
25

A Coach Trip to The Piece Hall, Halifax



10am



Members £30
Guests £35



Come along and join us on a coach trip to The Piece Hall, Halifax. Standing proudly at the centre of this historic town - The Piece Hall is a must see on any visitors list. Originally built in 1779 by the wool merchants of the town as a place to trade cloth, it is now the only surviving building of its kind anywhere in the UK. Home to a heritage centre, gallery, shops, cafés, restaurants and bars. Pick-up (10am) and drop-off is Morrison's car park, Saltney. Book and pay a non-refundable deposit of £15 by Thursday 29 October 2026. Full payment non-refundable by Thursday 12 November 2026. The Piece Hall, Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.

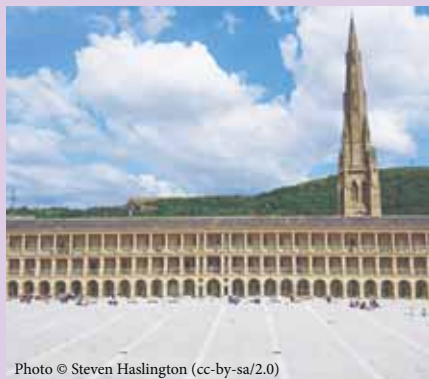


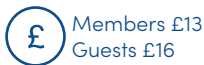
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December

SAT **05** Annual Christmas Social and Fundraiser



1pm



Members £13
Guests £16



Let's begin our festive season with an afternoon full of fun and fundraising for St John Council, which supports the funding of St John Ambulance. There will be a variety of games to participate in, such as the card game HOY, with some great prizes to be won. A Christmas raffle with a difference, a hot light lunch and plenty of tea or coffee. Please book and pay in full (non-refundable) by Thursday 19 November 2026. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



Please note

Deposits and payments are all non-refundable. Once a deposit has been received, Caroline, our Social Organiser, is more than happy for the remainder of the payment to be made in instalments if this helps. However, they must be made before the full payment deadline date. Receipts will be given for any money received.

MON **07** Christmas Lunch in Llandudno



1pm



As per
menu



Come and join us at the Old Station Hotel for our festive Christmas lunch. They pride themselves on serving great fresh pub food with locally sourced ingredients. No deposit required. Book by Monday 23 November 2026. The Old Station Hotel, Conwy Road, Llandudno Junction LL31 9NE. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

WED **09** Christmas Lunch in Wrexham



12.30pm



As per
menu



Come and join us at the lâl Restaurant for a festive lunch. They are passionate about creating an excellent dining experience whilst caring for our environment. lâl Restaurant offers only the best contemporary cuisine, produced using a mix of home grown and locally sourced Welsh ingredients. In collaboration with Coleg Cambria, they introduce to you a fresh approach to dining, in the heart of Wrexham town centre. Coleg Cambria, Chester Road, Wrexham LL12 7AD £10 non-refundable deposit. Book by Wednesday 18 November 2026. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



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December

January 2027

THURS
17

Christmas Party and Light Lunch

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £5
Guests £8



Come along and join us for a bit of fun at our last coffee morning for 2026! We thought we'd have a bit of a party...

A few silly games and if you would like to join in, a 'Secret Santa' game, then please bring along with you a wrapped gift costing no more than £5. We will provide a light lunch for you to enjoy and our morning will be extended until 1pm. Please book and pay by Thursday 3 December 2026 (non-refundable). Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



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SAT
02

Countess of Chester Country Park Walk followed by Lunch at the Little Owl

🕒 11.30am

£ As per menu



Wrap up warm and join us for a New Year stroll around the

Countess of Chester Country Park, where you can enjoy natural, peaceful surroundings as you wander around the park pathways. We will then head to the Little Owl pub for some lunch and a well deserved drink or two! Meet in the Little Owl car park, ready to set off at 11.30am. Book by Thursday 17 December 2026. Countess of Chester Country Park, Valley Drive, Chester CH2 1UL. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.



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Festive Zoom Events

Thursday 24 December, 7pm - Christmas Eve Quiz and Games Night

Put your general knowledge to the test for a fun quiz and games night.
Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1660 9433.

Monday 28 December, 7pm - Festive Chat

A fun, social evening with party games and chat.
Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1660 9433.

Thursday 31 December, 7pm - New Year's Eve Online Party

Grab your favourite refreshment and join us for a New Year's Eve party over Zoom.
Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1660 9433.



February

SAT
06

The Origin of Nursery Rhymes Talk - Jean Finney



2.30pm



Members £7
Guests £10



Join speaker Jean Finney for an interesting talk on 'The Origin of Nursery Rhymes' (definitely not for children!), with all the hidden nasty English history in cryptic form from Henry VIII to Oliver Cromwell. And, as shocking as it is, once you know it, you can't unknow it! This will be followed by a



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lovely cuppa and a slice or two of cake. There will also be a raffle. Book by Thursday 21 January 2027. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.

SAT
27

District Annual Meeting followed by Light Refreshments



2pm



Free



You are all invited to our annual meeting, where we present short reports on all matters relating to the Branch, including financial and social information. We conclude by installing our new District Chairman, Gordon Hinett, where we will demonstrate one of the ceremonial aspects of the Society. We will provide a cuppa and slice of cake once the formal meeting has finished and a collection will be held for an Oddfellows charity. Douglas Place Community Centre, Douglas Place, Saltney CH4 8PB. Please just let us know on 01244 675757 if you plan to attend.

March

SUN
21

District Sunday Lunch



1pm



Members £28.50
Guests £33.50



Join us for a tasty Sunday lunch to celebrate Gordon Hinett's appointment as District Chairman. We will hold a raffle for the Chairman's chosen charity. The two-course menu will be available for pre-ordering and accommodation is available if required. Please book and pay in full (non-refundable) by Thursday 25 February 2027. Holiday Inn A55 Vivaldi Suite, Westbound, A55, Chester, Mold CH76HB. Contact Caroline on 01244 675757.

Give someone a great start in life **for only £10!**



**It's never too early to start
making friends for life.**

We laugh as we learn together and give each other a helping hand through the ups and downs of growing up. That's what being a Young Oddfellow is all about.

If you have a family member aged 17 or under, and would like them to experience the friendship and support of the Oddfellows, we'd love to welcome them.

There are lots of great reasons* to join Young Oddfellows – to find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows

**As a parent, grandparent or guardian,
you can join them online or ask your
Branch Secretary for an application form.**



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Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions**



Set the Table Wordsearch



Answers in the next edition.

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Bowl
 Casserole
 Centerpiece
 Charger
 Cup
 Fork
 Glass
 Jug
 Knife



Mug
 Napkin
 Pitcher
 Plate
 Platter
 Ramekin
 Runner
 Salt Shaker
 Salver

Samovar
 Sauce Boat
 Saucer
 Spoon
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 Tagine
 Teapot
 Tray
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Wacky Words

Answers in the next edition.

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Wrexham Social Scene

Another six months has gone by, and as they say 'Doesn't time fly when you're having fun!'

We've held our regular (twice monthly) coffee mornings at the Lemon Tree, where we have a leisurely chat over a cup of tea or coffee and exchange news and views. Also, I think everyone will agree we have enjoyed the various events offered to us by the Out and About booklet, shared along with our fellow members from across the district.

Recalling our Wrexham outings; on Saturday 25 April, six members met for coffee in Llangollen prior to relaxing in our seats to watch 'The Great British Bake Off' musical at Llangollen Town Hall. It was performed by the Llangollen Operatic Society. We were a little unsure what to expect: How can you make a musical out of the TV programme 'Bake Off'? However, we were pleasantly surprised, it was a good story, well-acted and good singing (as you'd expect from an operatic society). We all enjoyed it.

Quickly following on after 'Bake Off,' was a trip to the cinema by four members to see a live screening of the theatre production of 'Funny Girl,' on Thursday 30 April. Fanny Brice was played by Sheridan Smith, who was perfect for the



role, with great acting and singing. She was a natural for the part.

Saturday 16 May saw seven members attending a Neil Diamond tribute act at the William Aston Hall, Wrexham. Mixed views on this one. We all agreed that the second half of the concert was much better than the first. I was a little disappointed with this one.

We were very soon visiting the theatre again, this time to see 'Loot' written by Joe Orton, and performed at the Grove Park theatre on Saturday 23 May. The five members were highly entertained by the farcical comedy played out before us, revolving around the stolen 'loot' being hidden in the coffin of the mother of one of the robbers, her body awaiting collection by the funeral hearse. Chaos and absurdity ensued. It was very funny.

Saturday 6 June saw Ruth driving the two of us to Venue Cymru, Llandudno, to see the theatre production of 'The Bodyguard' taken from the film version starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner. Very good - the singing was fabulous.

On Thursday 25 June, Ruth and I ventured out on our own again to see a live screening of the National Theatre production of 'Dangerous Liaisons' at the Wrexham Odeon. Leslie Manville and





Aidan Turner in the two main roles were excellent, as was the whole production. Staging, lighting, costumes all excellent.

Saturday 25 July brought five members to the Grove Park Theatre to see 'Little Shop of Horrors.' For me personally, this was their best production so far. This comedic

horror story was perfectly acted with great timing and singing. The fantastical, ever-growing, flesh-eating plant demanding 'Feed me, feed me.' Great entertainment!

Our last, but certainly not least outing for this season was the cinema screening of Andre Rieu's Summer Concert on Saturday 8 July. As always, FAB-U-LOUS! Andre Rieu's concerts are spectacular events designed to spread happiness and stir the emotions. I loved every minute of it!

Finally, writing this reminds me of the numerous and lovely outings I have enjoyed with my Oddfellows friends over the last few months and I look forward to making more happy memories with them in the future.

Sue Holland.

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. 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 refreshments
- 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 telephone befriender



To find out more, contact denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk or caroline.davey@oddfellows.co.uk

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Congratulations to...

Junior Members Birthdays...

November 2026

Sophie

December 2026

Joseph

January 2027

Samuel

February 2027

Archie

Jake



Adult Birthdays 2026...

Happy 80th Birthday to:

Jean, David, Barbara, Susan, Jacqueline, Edwin, Pamela, Kathleen and Evelyn

Happy 90th Birthday to:

Julie, Dorothy, Patricia, Maureen and Patricia

Happy 95th Birthday to:

Percy, Eleanor, Henry and John



Congratulations to:

Julie and Percy celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary on Monday 21 September 2026 too.



A Friend by Gillian Jones

A person who will listen and not condemn
Someone on whom you can depend

They will not flee when bad times are here
Instead they will be there to lend an ear

They will think of ways to make you smile
So you can be happy for a while

When times are good and happy there after
They will be there to share the laughter

Do not forget your friends at all
For they pick you up when you fall

Do not expect to just take and hold
Give friendship back, it is pure gold.

Photos of past events...



Talk & Ploughman's Lunch



Talk & Ploughman's Lunch



Dinner at the Ring O Bells, Christleton



Nant Mill Walk



Panda Mami



Panda Mami



A Stroll along the River Dee



Martin Gaffney - Speaker



Our Narrowboat trip



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Our trip to the National Memorial Arboretum



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Members take centre stage

Look out for some familiar faces this autumn!

Throughout October and November, the Oddfellows is running an upbeat new advertising campaign across the UK aimed at reaching the nation's retirees.

Built around the theme of 'real people, real joy, real experiences', the campaign shines a spotlight on the authentic friendships and shared laughter found within our local groups.

Member models

Members from Leeds, Derbyshire Peak, Mersey, Handforth and Altrincham, Mid-Staffordshire, Nottingham Trent, and Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows all stepped forward to help.

They spent an exciting day at a professional studio shoot in Manchester working alongside an experienced production crew.

"It was such a fun day," said Andrea Jenner from Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows. "There was lots of laughter and interaction with Oddfellows from other areas."

Carol Pitchford from Leeds Oddfellows agreed, adding: "It was lovely to meet up with a crowd of strangers who then became friends."



Spreading the word

The adverts will be appearing on Facebook and Instagram, online via Rest Less and in upcoming print editions of Saga Magazine, Yours, and Woman's Weekly.

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey, said: "We wanted the campaign to reflect the real people at the heart of our Society. Our groups are places where people can simply be themselves, enjoy real companionship, and feel genuinely supported."

How you can help

While we hope this campaign inspires more retirees to give us a try, as members, you're our best ambassadors. If you know someone who would benefit from our social events, travel opportunities or welfare support, please encourage them to head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/retirement to find out more.

Celebrating our 2026 Making a Difference Award winners

We are thrilled to announce this year's incredible Making a Difference Awards winners: Richard West of the Royal Berkshire Branch in the Reading District, and husband-and-wife duo Roger and Susan Williamson of the King's Lynn and West Norfolk District.

The Awards highlight the wonderful ways our members go above and beyond to ensure their branches are the best they can be for their fellow members.

Richard West: Reading's 'guardian angel'



Debbie Jex and Richard West

Presented with the 'Enriching Lives Socially' Award by Deputy Grand Master (Deputy Chair) Debbie Jex, 88-year-old Richard West helps to bring joy and positivity to his fellow members in all he does in organising and hosting social events.



Since joining the Reading District in 1992, Richard has worked tirelessly to build a varied and exciting social programme for his fellow members.

Alongside his late friend Doug Walters, Richard helped establish popular singing and exercise groups, and even relaunched a folded group in the nearby village of Pangbourne, which is now in its tenth year.

From coordinating monthly quizzes to organising glamorous annual trips to the Ascot Races, Richard pours his heart into everything he does.

For many, his efforts have been transformative. "We have a number of ladies who say the choir has become a lifeline for them," Richard shared. "I like seeing them enjoy themselves. You can see how it benefits them individually."

Debbie Jex is also Reading Oddfellows' Branch Secretary. She added: "I don't know where we'd be without Richard. His energy is boundless and his enthusiasm even more so. One member has even described him as a 'guardian angel'."

Roger and Susan Williamson: A wonderful team



(L to R) Roger Williamson,
Susan Williamson, John Mann
and Alison Schultz

The Oddfellows' Grand Master (Chair), John Mann, presented the 'Achieving Together' Award to Roger and Susan Williamson. Both in their 80s and Oddfellows members since 2008, the couple's commitment and kindness are renowned at their Branch.

Both take a seat on the King's Lynn Oddfellows' Committee of Management, ensuring members' voices are always at the heart of decision-making.

Roger, a Trustee and three-time Past Provincial Grand Master, hosts walks,

bingo sessions for up to 40 members, and a popular monthly quiz.

Meanwhile, Susan coordinates the kitchen, manages supplies, and runs the raffles.

The couple were incredibly modest about their win. "Initially, I thought it was a joke because the letter turned up on the first of April," laughed Roger.

Susan added: "We're only doing what anybody else would do, but it's nice to know that people appreciate it. To win the award together is special."

Branch Secretary Alison Schultz praised their selflessness, saying: "They offer friendship to so many in the way Oddfellows should, and treat everyone with consideration, kindness and compassion."

Shining examples

Richard, Roger and Susan are proof that our Society thrives because of the generosity and warmth of our members.

Thank you to all who go above and beyond to help and support others within their Branch.

You can find out more about
our Making a Difference Awards,
including previous years'
winners, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/
makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

It's never too early to talk about money

At Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's never too early to talk to the young people in our lives about their finances.



Today's younger generations have a lot to consider, with rising costs, student debt and spending temptations online. Simple chats about saving, budgeting and planning ahead can help young people feel more confident about money as they grow and become more independent.

Passing on more than money

Helping younger family members financially is wonderful, but sharing knowledge can be even more valuable.

Explaining different saving tips, how debt works, or pensions and retirement, gives younger generations practical lessons they may not hear elsewhere. Even small conversations can leave a lasting impression.



Don't wait to save

One way to encourage good saving habits is through a Unity Mutual Junior ISA*, which allows children to start saving and is a great way to introduce them to finances and investment.

Opened by a parent or guardian, family and friends can contribute up to £9,000 per tax year, with any growth free from UK tax. All the money saved belongs to them and once they reach the age of 18 can be put towards things like university costs, driving lessons, or even a deposit on their first home.

Making money conversations normal

The best financial lessons are often the simplest ones. Talking openly about saving for goals, comparing prices, or handling debt helps children develop healthy habits. Younger family members are more likely to feel confident about money if the adults around them discuss it calmly and honestly.



To find out more about Unity Mutual and the products we offer, visit www.unitymutual.co.uk or call 0161 214 4650.

*Terms and conditions apply to all our products. Capital at risk with investment products.

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



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**

Events at a glance

In addition to our regular events see page 3 and 4 for full details.

October 2026

Thurs 22	Lasting Power of Attorney Talk	10.30am
Fri 23	A Stroll through Grosvenor Park and Lunch at Panda Mami	11.30am
Mon 26	Branch Meeting	7pm

November

Mon 23	Branch Meeting	7pm
Wed 25	A Coach Trip to The Piece Hall, Halifax	10am

December

Sat 5	Annual Christmas Social and Fundraiser	1pm
Mon 7	Christmas Lunch in Llandudno	1pm
Wed 9	Christmas Lunch in Wrexham	12.30pm
Thurs 17	Christmas Party and Light Lunch	10.30am
Thurs 24	Christmas Eve Quiz and Games Night	7pm
Mon 28	Festive Chat	7pm
Thurs 31	New Years Eve Online Party	7pm

January 2027

Sat 2	Countess of Chester Country Park Walk followed by Lunch at the Little Owl	11.30am
Mon 25	Branch Meeting	7pm

February

Sat 6	The Origin of Nursery Rhymes Talk – Jean Finney	2.30pm
Sat 27	District Annual Meeting	2pm

March

Sun 21	District Sunday Lunch	1pm
Mon 22	Branch Meeting	7pm

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