

January - June 2026



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Handforth and Altrincham



Fryers Roses, Knutsford

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Afternoon Tea |  Online |



*Talk on the Knutsford Workhouse
Wednesday 22 April*

Welcome to the new edition of your Out and About for the Handforth and Altrincham Branch of The Oddfellows.

As a local Branch of the national membership organisation the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

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We have arranged an exciting calendar of events for the next six months of 2026, so you can meet up with friends and to make some new ones.

Events are sometimes subject to change, so it's really important to book in for an event so Sharon can get in touch with you if there are any changes.

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.

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**.

January 2026

MON 05 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Saturday 2 January. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 12 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 9 January. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 08 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



Gardening chat every month on Zoom - join Stephanie and friends every month to chat about all things gardening (outdoor and indoor) - sharing advice, successes and reminding each other of jobs for the month. Please ask Sharon (sharon.hulsecottle@oddellows.co.uk) for the Zoom link to join in.



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WED 14 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



We are starting a brand new monthly coffee morning in Northwich this year and invite along all our Northwich friends to join us - we look forward to catching up each month with you. Book by Monday 12 January. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



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January 2026

MON
19

Lunch at The Broken Cross in Northwich



12 noon



As per menu



To welcome all our Northwich friends, come and meet us as we lunch at this fabulous canal-side pub with a special seniors menu of two courses for £11.49 and three courses for £13.99. Book by Friday 16 January. The Broken Cross, Rudheath, Northwich CW9 7EB. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



SUN
25

Sunday Lunch at The Egerton Arms in Chelford



1pm



As per menu



Join Shirley for a fabulous Sunday lunch with friends at this lovely traditional country pub with a delicious Sunday lunch menu. Please book in as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Book by Thursday 1 January. The Egerton Arms, Knutsford Road, Chelford, Cheshire SK11 9BB. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
20

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 19 January. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
26

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 23 January. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

February

MON 02 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 30 January. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 09 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 6 February. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 04 Committee of Management Meeting



Come along and find out all about the workings of our Branch. Book by Tuesday 3 February. St Cross Church, Mobberley Road, Knutsford, Macclesfield WA16 8EL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 11 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 9 February. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 05 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



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February

TUES
17

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 16 February. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
18

Lunch at The Choy Hing in Grappenhall



12 noon



As per
menu



We are really looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the horse at our favourite Chinese, a fabulous three course meal for £15.90. Book by Friday 16 February. Choy Hing Village, 97 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2NS. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



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MON
23

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of
refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Friday 20 February. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for all
to enjoy. Give one a try.

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

February

MON
23

Theatre Trip to see 'The Mirror Crack'd' by Agatha Christie



7.30pm



£16 per ticket



1960s England and a wind of change is blowing through the land. There's a new housing estate in the sleepy village of St Mary Mead and a rich American film star has bought the Manor House, making the villagers curious and fearful. Miss Jane Marple, confined to a chair after an accident is wondering if life has passed her by. Then there is a murder and Miss Marple must unravel a web of lies, tragedy and danger. Can anything be hidden from Miss Marple? The sweet old lady with a mind like a steel trap. Book by Monday 12 January. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI
27

Lunch at Canteena in Sale



1pm



As per menu



Join Sheila and friends for lunch at Canteena, a friendly venue with a great selection for you to choose from, with a special two course menu as well. Please book in as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Book by Sunday 1 February. Canteena, Stanley Square, Sale M33 7ZZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



March

MON
02

Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 1 March. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



March

THURS
05

Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Gardening chat every month on Zoom - join Stephanie and friends every month to chat about all things gardening (outdoor and indoor) - sharing advice, successes and reminding each other of jobs for the month. Please ask Sharon (sharon.hulsecottle@oddellows.co.uk) for the Zoom link to join in.



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MON
09

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 8 March. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
09

Committee of Management Meeting followed by Annual Summomed Meeting



11am



Free



Come along and hear about the workings of our Branch. The agenda for the Annual Summomed Meeting will be emailed to all members the month before. Book by Friday 6 March. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
11

Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 10 March. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



March

TUES 17 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 16 March. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 23 Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 22 March. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

SUN 29 Sunday Lunch at The Legh Arms in Knutsford



Join Shirley for a fabulous Sunday lunch with friends at this cosy, traditional friendly Knutsford pub, serving a Sunday lunch menu including Sunday roast (options). Please book in as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Book by Sunday 1 March. The Legh Arms, Brook Street, Knutsford WA16 8EB. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



WED 25 Showcasing The Oddfellows - A welcome event for our new members



We have arranged a showcase event for all our new members - come along and hear all about Oddfellows membership. Did you know of all the benefits from your second year of membership? Come along and hear from John Atkins, Head of Oddfellows Care and some of his team, who will talk about the care and welfare support benefits you can access from year two of your membership. Members new and existing are invited to come along and hear all about the wide range of benefits available to you as an Oddfellows member, including Oddfellows Active Travel and Oddfellows Extra. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more on what we offer. Refreshments provided. Book by Monday 23 March. Lostock Grahnam Community Centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Grahnam, Northwich CW9 7PU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

April

WED 01 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 31 March. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 07 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 6 April. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 02 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



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WED 15 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 14 April. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 21 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 20 April. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

April

WED
22

Talk on the Knutsford Workhouse



2pm



Donations



Come along to hear all about the Knutsford Workhouse, a fascinating talk by local author Jenny Collis. Did you know it was a home for the destitute paupers, orphans, the elderly, sick and infirm, pregnant women and abandoned children. Jenny will take us through the centuries and you will hear about how and why folk ended up in the Knutsford workhouse and what life was like on the inside. Refreshments provided. Donations to the Knutsford Heritage Centre. Book by Monday 20 April. St Cross Church, Mobberley Road, Knutsford, Macclesfield WA16 8EL. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI
24

Lunch at The Axe and Cleaver in Dunham Massey



1pm



As per menu



Join Pam and Sheila for a delicious lunch, made with seasonal ingredients, at this historic Victorian pub, in the company of good friends. Please book as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Book by Wednesday 1 April. The Axe & Cleaver, School Lane, Dunham Massey, Altrincham WA14 4SE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON
27

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 26 April. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

May

TUES
05

Talk by Rosie Lee 'The Reluctant Shepherdess'



2pm



£8



Rosie Lee 'The Reluctant Shepherdess' is joining us to tell her light hearted story of the highs and lows of taking on the family farm, on the banks of the Winsford Flashes in Cheshire. Her transition and the challenges she faced, from bank manager to farm manager and real life shepherdess, conservationist and educator. Cost: £8 per person (with refreshments). Book by Friday 1 May. Lostock Grahnam Community Centre, 14 Stubbs Lane, Lostock Grahnam, Northwich CW9 7PU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

May

WED 06 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Tuesday 5 May. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

THURS 07 Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



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MON 11 Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 10 May. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

MON 11 Theatre Trip to see 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller



Betty Paris lies in a trance after a childish game spins out of control, the accusations of witchcraft are quickly manipulated by those with something to gain. However, when false accusations reach fever pitch, the devout community of Salem, Massachusetts descends into a cauldron of hysteria and paranoia it can never return from. What lies are the townspeople prepared to tell themselves in order to survive? Written in the 1950s, when the insidious fear of communism gripped America, 'The Crucible' is a devastating portrayal of the human cost of tyranny and vengeance. Book by Thursday 30 April. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



May

WED 13 Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 12 May. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 19 Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 18 May. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES 26 Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 25 May. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 27 Committee of Management Meeting



Come and find out about the workings of our Branch. Book by Tuesday 26 May. The Jubilee Centre, The Firs, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 2TQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED 20 Lunch at Beef 'n' Berry in Macclesfield



Come and join us for a fantastic lunch of tasty, unusual food and a lunchtime drink for £11. Please book as soon as possible as places are limited at this venue. Book by Friday 1 May. Beef 'n' Berry Bistro, 17a Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6BX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



May

SUN 31 Sunday Lunch at The Dun Cow in Ollerton



Join Shirley and friends for a delicious Sunday roast at this rural pub full of rustic character and a warm welcome. They are well known for their Sunday roasts, with a choice of meats, seasonal vegetables and rich gravy. Please book as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Book by Friday 1 May. The Dun Cow, Chelford Road, Ollerton, Knutsford WA16 8RH. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

June

MON 01 Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning

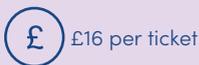


Catch up with your Altrincham and Sale friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 31 May. Bramley Farm, 166 Sinderland Road, Altrincham WA14 5JQ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



June

MON 01 Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Good Life'



Who remembers Tom and Barbara Good swapping the pressures of the rat race for an alternative, more sustainable way of living? They set about turning their suburban home in Surbiton into a model of self sufficiency, growing their own fruit and vegetable, keeping livestock in the garden, making their own clothes and even generating their own electricity from manure. It's the good life for them, but not for Margo and Jerry Leadbetter, who live next door, and are desperately trying to maintain the Surbiton status quo. This play is based on the hugely popular sitcom and reunites the well loved characters (not forgetting Geraldine the goat) as they get themselves into and out of scrapes. Book by Monday 20 April. Garrick Theatre, Barrington Road, Altrincham WA14 1HZ. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

June

THURS
04

Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning



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MON
08

Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Macclesfield friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 7 June. The Picturedrome, 102-104 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6DU. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

WED
10

Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Northwich friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 9 June. Goblin Coffee, 3 Witton Walk, Northwich CW9 5AT. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

TUES
23

Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning



Catch up with your Knutsford friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Monday 22 June. Fryers Garden Centre, The Rosary Restaurant, Knutsford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0SX. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

FRI
26

Lunch at The Greyhound in Ashley



Join Pam and Sheila for a delicious home cooked lunch with seasonal ingredients at this warm and welcoming pub, they have a Prix Fixe lunchtime menu of a two course at £17.45 and a three course at £19.95. Please book as soon as possible as number are limited. Book by Monday 1 June. The Greyhound, 1 Cow Lane, Ashley, Altrincham WA15 0QR. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

June

MON
29

Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning



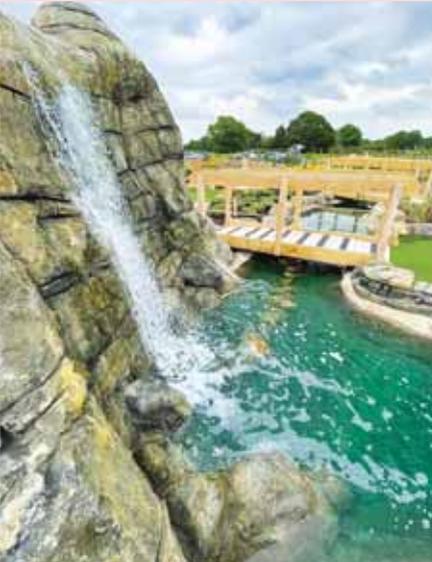
11am



Cost of
refreshments



Catch up with your Wilmslow and Handforth friends at our monthly coffee morning. Book by Sunday 28 June. Wilmslow Garden Centre, Manchester Road, Wilmslow SK9 2JN. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.



TUES
30

Crazy Golf at The Beeches Golf



11am



Golf £8 each
plus lunch



Come and have a go at Crazy Golf with us. A fun morning on the 18 hole Adventure Golf course, designed around a working farm, with each hole packed full of farm features and effects. Drinks or lunch from the summer menu afterwards. Cost: Golf is £8 each plus lunch - payable on the day. Book by Friday 26 June. Beeches Golf Café, Chelford Road, Ollerton, Cheshire WA16 8SE. Contact Sharon on 01925 758117.

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

OddfellowsUK

Photos from recent social events



Altrincham coffee morning



Altrincham friendship Month coffee morning



Altrincham friendship Month coffee morning



Fire safety cupcakes



Friendship Month Magic Show



Lunch at the Sweetenham Arms



Harry and Ruth - winners of a cuddly hedgehog



Hedgehog cookies



Jill - winner of Guess the Sweets



Macclesfield coffee morning



Knutsford coffee morning



Knutsford coffee morning



Talk at Fryers Roses in Knutsford



Talk by Cheshire Fire on fire safety



Talk by Northwich Hedgehog Rescue



Talk by the RNLI



Visit to Petty Pool College in Northwich



Visit to The Blackden Trust



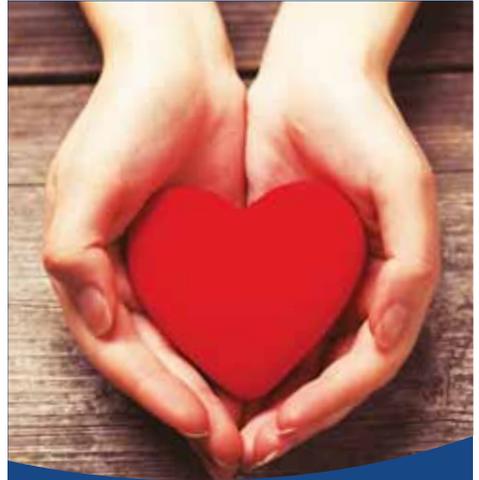
Wilmslow coffee morning



Wilmslow coffee morning



Wilmslow coffee morning



REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk**

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact **Sharon** on **01925 758117** or email sharon.hulseccottle@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**



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 Sharon by phone on 01925 758117, email at sharon.hulsecottle@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

Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows’ ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance, the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all –

including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: “Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs.”

“But it’s not just about accessibility. We’ve also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future.”

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows, and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.

Thank you for saying ‘yes’ to friendship

This Friendship Month, we’ve been encouraging people to say ‘yes’ to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.

It’s safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows’ CEO, Jane Nelson, said: “Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I’m thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it.”

“Saying ‘yes’ to trying new things can be daunting, but you’ve all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying ‘yes’ to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that’s organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month.”



Birmingham Oddfellows



Bradford Oddfellows



Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows



Albert Oddfellows



Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows



Cambridge Oddfellows



Heart of the West Oddfellows



Concord Oddfellows



Halifax Oddfellows



Sudbury Oddfellows

Application deadlines approach!

Whether it's enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards, which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025**.

*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients' stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Making a Difference Awards



Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.

Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference

If you've missed these deadlines this time don't worry, just make a note for next year!

At a glance

January 2026

Mon 5	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 8	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 12	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 14	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 19	Lunch at The Broken Cross in Northwich	12 noon
Tues 20	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Sun 25	Sunday Lunch at The Egerton Arms in Chelford	1pm
Mon 26	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am

February

Mon 2	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 4	Committee of Management Meeting	1pm
Thurs 5	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 9	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 11	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 17	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 18	Lunch at The Choy Hing in Grappenhall	12 noon
Mon 23	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 23	Theatre Trip to see 'The Mirror Crack'd' by Agatha Christie	7.30pm
Fri 27	Lunch at Canteena in Sale	1pm

March

Mon 2	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 5	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 9	Committee of Management Meeting followed by Annual Summoned Meeting	11am
Mon 9	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 11	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 17	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 23	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 25	Showcasing The Oddfellows - A welcome event for our new members	2.30pm
Sun 29	Sunday Lunch at The Legh Arms in Knutsford	1pm

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April

Wed 1	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 2	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 7	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 15	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 21	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 22	Talk on the Knutsford Workhouse	2pm
Fri 24	Lunch at The Axe and Cleaver in Dunham Massey	1pm
Mon 27	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am

May

Tues 5	Talk by Rosie Lee 'The Reluctant Shepherdess'	2pm
Wed 6	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 7	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 11	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 11	Theatre Trip to see 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller	7.30pm
Wed 13	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 19	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 20	Lunch at Beef 'n' Berry in Macclesfield	12 noon
Tues 26	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 27	Committee of Management Meeting	11am
Sun 31	Sunday Lunch at The Dun Cow in Ollerton	1pm

June

Mon 1	Altrincham Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 1	Theatre Trip to the Altrincham Garrick to see 'The Good Life'	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Green Fingers Online Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 8	Macclesfield Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 10	Northwich Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 23	Knutsford Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 26	Lunch at The Greyhound in Ashley	1pm
Mon 29	Wilmslow Monthly Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 30	Crazy Golf at The Beeches Golf	11am