

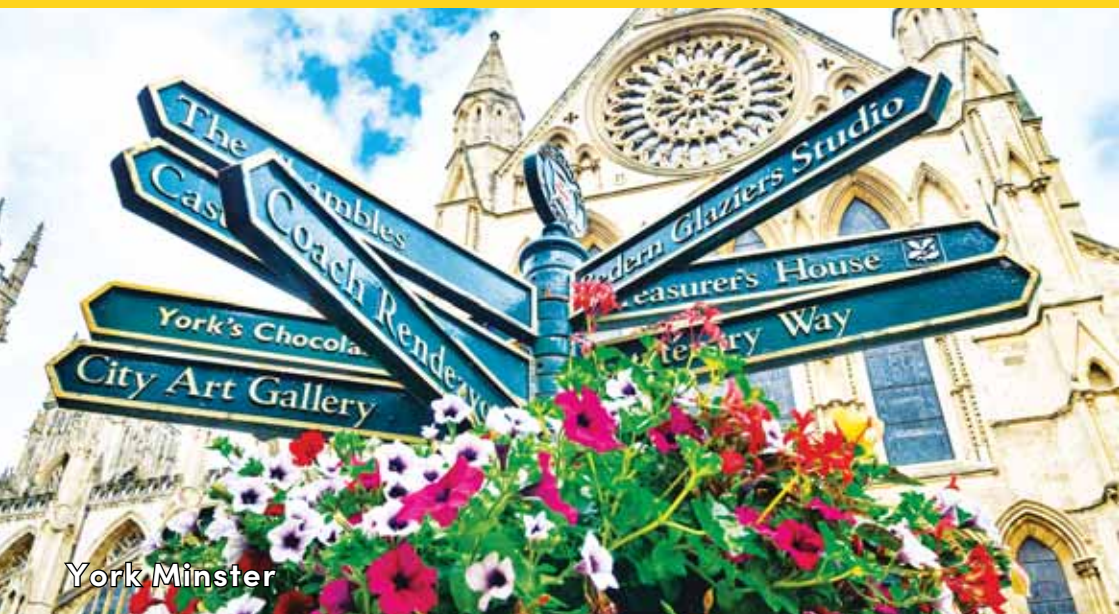
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Vale of York District



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*Oddie's Hikers - York City Walls
Thursday 18 September*

Welcome to the Vale of York District of the Oddfellows. Members of the District have organised an exciting and varied programme of events for everyone.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep, so that you know what is happening in your area. It will be published three or four times a year. There may be some extra events and dates confirmed after publication, where possible, circulars/emails will be sent.

Everyone is welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time. All members are invited to attend any of the events listed in this diary.

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Regular Events

Goole Film Club



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



**First
Thursday**



Come and enjoy a film in the company of friends. Ice-cream served during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. Just have a lazy afternoon and bring a friend. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter or Barbara on 01652 651594.

4 September 2 October 6 November and 4 December

Goole Out to Lunch



1pm



As per menu, with
weekday specials



**Second
Thursday**



Come and enjoy a meal with friends. There is a £5 meal menu available. Lifts available from Goole. Aire and Calder, Brewers Fayre, Rawcliffe Road, Goole DN14 8JS. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356.

11 September 9 October 13 November and 11 December

York Get Together



12 noon



As per menu



**Various
Tuesday**



Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you converse with others. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

9 September 7 October 4 November and 9 December

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



**Second
Friday**



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

12 September 10 October 14 November and 12 December

York Film Club



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



**Various
Saturdays**



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

20 September 18 October 22 November and 20 December

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ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON 01 Friendship Coffee Morning (York)



Come along and bring a friend to our first Friendship Month event. Enjoy coffee and tea with cake while you relax, socialise and have fun. You can simply have a good chat or have a go at one of the games on offer such as Play Your Cards Right or the Tombola. Prizes gratefully accepted. Book by Thursday 28 August. Café, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

FRI 05 Vale of York Summoned Meeting (York)



This is a business meeting for members only. Come and find out how the Branch is run and meet the people who do it. Tea will be provided afterwards by Louise. Please note this is on a Friday. Book by Friday 29 August. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. To book and make sure you have a meal (or if you need an agenda) please contact Peter on 01652 651594/655828. A bus will run from Goole at 11.30am and to book your place please call Daphne on 01405 765356.

TUES 09 York Get Together



A relaxed social afternoon. Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while



you converse with others. There's the option to just chat, some people craft or play games. Anything goes! Book by Monday 8 September. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

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ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER


FRI **12** York Lunch Club



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. No need to book. Just turn up. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

FRI **12** Beetle Drive (York)



Come and have fun as we play beetle and do some 'Speed Friending'. As it's Friendship Month, bring along a family member, neighbour or someone that you think would benefit from what Vale of York Oddfellows has to offer. Refreshments will be provided before and during, with a raffle afterwards. Prizes gratefully accepted. Book by Monday 8 September. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SUN **14** York Cemetery Heritage Open Day and Autumn Craft Fair



You can turn up any time from 10am until 3pm to visit the Pritchett Chapel and Catacombs and join in with a guided tour of the cemetery (all free of charge and no need to book). As it's Friendship Month, Sarah will be on a pitch at the Autumn Craft Fair, for the first couple of hours, spreading the word about Oddfellows by gifting handcrafted Yellow Roses (symbol of Friendship) to visitors. She would love to see you! Harriet Centre, York Cemetery, 49 Cemetery Road, York YO10 5AJ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



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SUN **14** Sunday Lunch (York)



We are heading back to one of our favourite places for a traditional roast; main meal £15.45, two courses £18.95, three courses £21.45 and they even offer smaller roast for £5 less. Book by Sunday 31 August. The Masons Arms, 6 Fishergate, York YO10 4AB. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED
17

Friendship Afternoon Tea for Charity



2pm



Free



A cheque donation will be presented to Parkinson's UK. Come and hear a little about the work of the Charity from Ailsa Dragan and the local group run by Alex Friday. Jan Ankers will tell us a little of what it is like to live with Parkinson's. Join us for afternoon tea, make new friends, a warm welcome awaits you. There will be a raffle and prizes are gratefully received. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Please book for tea with Daphne on 01405 765356 by Wednesday 10 September.



THURS
18

Oddie's Hikers - York City Walls



11am



Free



I'm sure you will have done this 2.8 mile circular walk many times before, but not like this! We will meet at Micklegate Bar in time to set off at 11am prompt. Sarah will be your guide on an entertaining tour around the top of the walls. For those on mobility scooters, with a dog or who just simply don't fancy the steps and/or heights, Wendy will be leading a walk around the base of the walls. As it's Friendship Month and yellow is the colour of friendship, the more items of yellow clothing the better. Book by Wednesday 17 September. Micklegate Bar, Micklegate, York YO1 6JX. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

THURS
18

York Out to Lunch



1pm



As per menu



Enjoy delicious food with friends in unique heritage surroundings. The beautiful Victorian Atrium makes the perfect setting for a light lunch or your main meal. The café offers a fresh daily selection of home-made soup, tempting cakes, desserts and scones, with sandwiches made to order and a special board updated daily. Book by Thursday 4 September. The Bar Convent Living Heritage Centre, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



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ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT
20

York Film Club



2pm



Free



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards.

No need to book. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762352847.

FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT

Join the fun

MON
22

York Cuppa and Chat



10am



As per menu



Come along with a guest and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. No need to book; just turn up. York Youth Hostel, 42 Water End, Clifton, York YO30 6LP. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

Further events are being added, see:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

THURS
25

Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie and peas with good company. Bingo will follow with cash prizes. Please book or there may not be a pie for you! Book by Wednesday 24 September. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Barbara on 01652 651594.

SUN
28

Dominoes and Dinner (York)



5pm



As per
menu



Join us in this traditional pub with a cosy vibe, offering a wide range of drinks plus wood-fired pizza. The Sunday Slice drop allows you to get 50% off the price of all pizzas (gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available), which means we can enjoy a great value dinner while we play a few games of dominoes. Book by Sunday 14 September. Minster Inn, 24 Marygate, York YO30 7BH. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

September 2025

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER
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TUES
30

York Out to Lunch



Enjoy a daily carvery (from £6.99) or hearty main with friends in a large modern Farmhouse Inn with a large car park and easily accessible via public transport. Book by Tuesday 16 September. Pear Tree Farm, Monks Cross Drive, Huntington, York YO32 9GZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

TUES
30

Mini Golf (York)



A highly entertaining game of mini golf. For those using public transport, Monks Cross Park and Ride drops off near Hollywood Bowl, which is next door to Puttstars. Plus, there's ample free parking at the venue. Book by Tuesday 16 September. Puttstars, Kathryn Avenue, Huntington, York YO32 9AF. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

October

FRI
03

Harvest Lunch
(York)



The cost includes home-made soup and/or ploughman's buffet followed by fruit crumble with custard or ice-cream. Book by Friday 19 September. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

October

TUES

07

York Get Together



12 noon



As per menu



A relaxed social afternoon. Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you converse with others. There's the option to just chat, some people craft or play games. Anything goes! Book by Monday 6 October. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

FRI

10

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. No need to book. Just turn up. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SAT

11

Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole)



2pm



Free



Come and learn more about the Society origins. See why we are different to other 'clubs'. Steeped in history and traditions as the Oddfellows has been for over 200 years. Tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter on 01652 651594.

SUN

12

Sunday Lunch (York)



1pm



As per menu



Round off the week with some great company and a delicious carvery. Choose a small plate for £11.99, regular £13.99 or large £15.99. Enjoy slow-cooked beef, turkey, pork, honey roasted ham or their vegetarian options. All served with a home-made Yorkshire pudding, unlimited seasonal vegetables, crispy roast potatoes, stuffing, gravy and sauces. Book by Sunday 28 September. The Carlton Tavern, 140 Acomb Road, York YO24 4HA. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



October

WED
15

Horse Racing



Join with us and take part in this fun game using wooden horses and buttons. Be a jockey, maybe win a race and a small prize. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

THURS
16

Oddie's Hikers - Bishopthorpe (York)



There are two parts to this event; a three mile circular walk around Bishopthorpe, starting from Middlethorpe



Hall bus stop on Bishopthorpe Road, followed by lunch in The Pineapple Room at Middlethorpe Hall. If you would like to do the walk without lunch after or miss out the walk, but still join us for lunch; just let Sarah know at the time of booking. For those using public transport, the 11 bus leaves York Rail Station at 10.27am and arrives at Middlethorpe Hall at 10.37am. Book by Thursday 2 October. Middlethorpe Hall, Bishopthorpe Road, York YO23 2GB. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT
18

York Film Club



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice will be revealed at York Film Club in September. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

THURS
23

York Out to Lunch



Catch up with friends over lunch and take advantage of the mid-week offer of two pub classics for £13.99! Book by Thursday 9 October. Flying Legends, Clifton Moor, Stirling Road, Rawcliffe, York YO30 4XY. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

October

THURS
23

Ten Pin Bowling (York)



2pm



£6 for two
games



Come along, enjoy a couple of games of bowling and make new friends while you play! Book by Thursday 9 October. Tenpin York, Clifton Moor, Stirling Road, York YO30 4WZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

MON
27

York Cuppa and Chat



11am



As per menu



Enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. The cuppa and cake offer means that your hot drink will only cost £1.50 when you buy a slice of one of their baked in-house cakes, which are famously huge! Book by Monday 13 October. Pear Tree Farm, Monks Cross Drive, Huntington, York YO32 9GZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

THURS
30

Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie and peas with good company. Bingo will follow with cash prizes. Please book or there may not be a pie for you! Book by Wednesday 29 October. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Barbara on 01652 651594.



November

TUES
04

York Get Together



12 noon



As per menu



A relaxed social afternoon. Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you converse with others. There's the option to just chat, some people craft or play games. Anything goes! Book by Monday 3 November. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

November

FRI
07

Pig Racing (York)



12 noon



Members £5
Guests £7



Come along and enjoy a traditional meal of bangers and mash followed by dessert and tea or



coffee. Afterwards, take part in some pig racing. Win a race by correctly predicting which highly trained battery operated porker will cross the finish line first.

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

Book by Friday 24 October.

Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SUN
09

Remembrance Sunday Lunch (York)



1pm



TBC



As with previous years, Oddfellows will join in with the Remembrance Sunday lunch organised by Louise and St Edward the Confessor Church. Book by Sunday 26 October. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

FRI
14

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. No need to book. Just turn up. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED
19

An Afternoon of Song



2pm



Free



Join us to hear Ian Begbie sing some popular songs, enjoy singing along with those you know. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted and refreshments will be served afterwards. No need to book just turn up Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

November

THURS
20

Oddie's Hikers - Malton

L 11am

£ Walk Free
Lunch as per menu



A three mile walk, starting from Coastliner Malton Bus Station, that explores a beautiful stretch of the River



Derwent, the town's Market Place and a number of historic sites followed by lunch in a restaurant, pub or café of our choice. For those using public transport, the Coastliner bus leaves York Rail Station at 9.34am and arrives in Malton at 10.40am. Book by Thursday 6 November. Coastliner Malton Bus Station, Railway Street, Malton YO17 7NR. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT
22

Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole)

L 2pm

£ Free



Come and learn more about the Society origins. See why we are different to other 'clubs'. Steeped in history and traditions as the Oddfellows has been for over 200 years. Tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter on 01652 651594.

SAT
22

York Film Club

L 2pm

£ Members Free
Guests £2



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice will be revealed at York Film Club in October. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



MON
24

York Cuppa and Chat

L 10am

£ As per menu



Come along and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. No need to book; just turn up. Clifton Explore Reading Café, Rawcliffe Drive, York YO30 6NS. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

November

THURS 27 Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie and peas with good company. Bingo will follow with cash prizes. Please book or there may not be a pie for you!



Book by Wednesday 26 November.
Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road,
Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Barbara on
01652 651594.

SAT 29 Vale of York Business Meeting (Goole)



11am



Free



Please note earlier start time. A business meeting for members only. Come and find out how we run the District and make your own comments. Lunch will be served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Please book with Peter on 01652 651594 or 01652 655828 by Saturday 22 November.

SUN 30 Dominoes and Dinner (York)



5pm



As per menu



Join us in this traditional pub with a cosy vibe offering a wide range of drinks plus wood-fired pizza. The Sunday Slice drop allows you to get 50% off the price of all pizzas (gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available), which means we can enjoy a great value dinner while we play a few games of dominoes. Book by Sunday 16 November. Minster Inn, 24 Marygate, York YO30 7BH. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



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.

December

FRI
05

Festive Afternoon Tea (York)



2pm



Members £10, Guests £12



Enjoy a glass of sherry on arrival, afternoon tea (buffet of sandwiches, savouries, scones, cakes and tea catered for by Sarah) and entertainment that will be sure to get you in the festive mood. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Book by Friday 21 November. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SUN
07

Christmas Dinner at Blacksmith's Arms



1pm



Carvery meal £13
Desserts extra



Carvery main course, choice of two meats, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and sauces – as good as a Christmas dinner. Not full? then desserts available at extra reasonable cost. Blacksmith's Arms, 13 High Street, Hook, Goole DN14 5NY. Meals must be booked and paid for with Daphne on 01405 765356 by Sunday 30 November.



TUES
09

York Get Together



12 noon



As per menu



A relaxed social afternoon. Enjoy a fantastic home-made lunch or coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you converse with others. There's the option to just chat, some people craft or play games. Anything goes! Book by Monday 8 December. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



December

FRI
12

York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



Join in with the Friday lunch at St Edward. The cost includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. No need to book. Just turn up. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT
13

Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole)



2pm



Free



Come and learn more about the Society origins. See why we are different to other 'clubs'. Steeped in history and traditions as the Oddfellows has been for over 200 years. Tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter on 01652 651594.

WED
17

Christmas Celebrations



2pm



Free



Join with us for songs, poems, readings and carols to celebrate Christmas. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Sherry and mince pies to follow. All welcome. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

SAT
20

York Film Club



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. The film choice will be revealed at York Film Club in November. Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book. Newcomers welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SUN
21

Sleeping Beauty



2pm



£17



Join us this afternoon to watch the pantomime 'Oh yes I will'. We have chosen this date in the afternoon, but other dates are available. Call Daphne for more information and to book your seat. Reduced price for wheelchair and escort. The Junction, Wesley Square, Goole DN14 5EZ. Please book with Daphne on 01405 765356 by Monday 1 December.

December

TUES

23

Ice Free Curling (York)



2pm



Coffee as per menu
Ice Free Curling £6



We will meet, have a coffee and then head on over to Roxy to try our hand at ice free curling. Book by Tuesday 9 December. Hungate Reading Café, Ground Floor, Bellerby Court, Hungate, York YO1 7AF. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



MON

29

York Cuppa and Chat



10am



As per menu



Come along and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. Book by Sunday 28 December. Weston's Café, Wilberforce House, The Grove, Dringhouses, York YO24 1AN. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



WED

31

New Year's Eve Celebration (York)



12.30pm



TBC



The New Year's Eve menu and price will be available from Wednesday 3 September. If you are interested in attending the celebration, let Sarah know and she will send you the information as soon as she gets it. Menu choices and a £5 deposit will need to be made at time of booking. Book by Wednesday 17 September. Pear Tree Farm, Monks Cross Drive, Huntington, York YO32 9GZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



Spring and Summer 2025

One change has proved very popular, the 'York Get Together' at the Folk Hall Café in New Earswick. What a difference a day makes! We used to meet on a Wednesday but that clashed with things some members did outside of Oddfellows. It has successfully been held on a Tuesday with up to 20 members there. We enjoyed lunch or just a drink and a snack, quite often sitting outside in the lovely weather. We had to whole courtyard to ourselves.

The Film Club and the Lunch Club continue to be popular. Where else can you have a two-course lunch with a drink for £6. This is well cooked by Louise and her team, with plenty of time to stay and enjoy a chat afterwards. Both these events are held at St Edward's Community Hall with frequent buses along Tadcaster Road, if transport is a problem.

The Monday morning visits to the cafés in the Parks for a Cuppa and Chat have had a mixed reception, one well attended and another not so many people. Please, if you book an event, even if there is no cost involved, and you find you cannot attend, then let Sarah know. If nobody arrives,

she has wasted a lot of time and effort to be there.

A highlight this time was the World Cocktail Day with lunch at the Slug and Lettuce. Unfortunately, I couldn't be there but it was enjoyed by all who attended.

The ever-popular pig racing and beetle drive are becoming firm favourites, and I am sure they will be repeated. As will the domino and pizza evenings at the Minster Inn.

The Annual Summoned Meeting (Annual Meeting) was held in York and, more recently, Barbara Needham gave a talk on the History of Oddfellows. She explained a lot about how Oddfellows had come about and the benevolent side of the society. New members took part in the 'Welcoming Ceremony' and were presented with the three links badge. This is the beginning of the journey which can lead to progression in the ceremonial side of Oddfellows and is open to all.

Please, if you enjoy the events which Sarah arranges, bring your friends along, the more the merrier, as they say.

Isobel Goforth

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**.

What's been going on in Goole

In Goole as well as the usual 'Pie and Peas' and 'Film Club' we have been entertained monthly. In April we had an interesting talk about growing dahlias and this ended with the speaker giving us all some seeds. I duly put mine in a pot not expecting much as I'm not green fingered, however the pot is overflowing with strong blooms, so a very good outcome.

We have also had a talk about emergency first aid and were able to have a go at artificial respiration. Then we have had a domino competition, a beetle drive that provided much hilarity with members playing in pairs and moving around the room. If you have not been to any of our events in Goole why not come along and



Dahlia talk.

join in the fun. If you are nervous about coming into a room of strangers give us a ring and we will meet you at the door and look after you.



One of our quiz event.

Inter District Quiz

We had three teams enter the Inter District Quiz organised by Bradford District but unfortunately this year we were not successful in getting through to the finals but it was very close with only one point in it. Well done to all the teams that entered

and I must say the questions were very hard this year especially the ones which you were expected to remember the year when something happened. The only one I remember is 1966 when England won the World Cup!

Pie, Peas and Bingo

This will be starting again in September along with the Film Club. The Film club is on the first Thursday of the month and Pie & Peas is on the last Thursday of the month. The 'snowball' on the bingo

was won at the last time we met so will be starting all over again. Just a reminder the games of bingo are included in the meal cost and there are cash prizes on the two games we have.



Pie and peas supper.

Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



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

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

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

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

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

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

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

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

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

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



Making a Difference Awards 2025

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

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

Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

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

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

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



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

Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

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



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

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

Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

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

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

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



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

Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

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



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

Incredible total raised for good causes



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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



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

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

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

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

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

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 Christine on **07747 550190**, June on **07708 099602** and Wendy Chittock Telephone: **01904 626928** or Mobile: **07759 680949** or our email details.

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**

Meetings

We regularly hold meetings and all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the business of the Branch. Subjects include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and promotion.

Listed below are the addresses of the regular meeting places in our area. We are unlikely to cancel an event or change a venue without advance warning. However, in bad weather conditions, please telephone the Secretary or named Social Organiser to check that the times and locations are as listed. We look forward to seeing you.

Vale of York District Branch

Quarterly meetings, held in various locations, are to discuss the business of the District. The dates and venues are agreed at the Annual Summoned Meeting and listed in the Events Diary. All members are welcome to attend.

The Good Samaritan Branch Goole

The Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

Mechanics Branch York

The St Edward the Confessor Church, Community Hall, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

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September 2025 - Friendship Month

Mon 1	Friendship Coffee Morning (York)	Book by Thurs 28 August	10am
Thurs 4	Goole Film Club		2pm
Fri 5	Vale of York Business Meeting (York)	Book by Fri 29 August	1pm
Tues 9	York Get Together	Book by Mon 8 September	12 noon
Thurs 11	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 4 September	1pm
Fri 12	York Lunch Club		12 noon
Fri 12	Beetle Drive (York)	Book by Mon 8 September	3pm
Sun 14	York Cemetery Heritage Open Day and Autumn Craft Fair		10am
Sun 14	Sunday Lunch (York)	Book by Sun 31 August	1pm
Wed 17	Friendship Afternoon Tea for Charity	Book by Wed 10 September	2pm
Thurs 18	Oddie's Hikers - York City Walls	Book by Wed 17 September	11am
Thurs 18	York Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 4 September	1pm
Sat 20	York Film Club		2pm
Mon 22	York Cuppa and Chat		10am
Thurs 25	Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole	Book by Wed 24 September	1pm
Sun 28	Dominoes and Dinner (York)	Book by Sun 14 September	5pm
Tues 30	York Out to Lunch	Book by Tues 16 September	12 noon
Tues 30	Mini Golf (York)	Book by Tues 16 September	2pm

October

Thurs 2	Goole Film Club		2pm
Fri 3	Harvest Lunch (York)	Book by Fri 19 September	1pm
Tues 7	York Get Together	Book by Mon 6 October	12 noon
Thurs 9	Goole Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 2 October	1pm
Fri 10	York Lunch Club		12 noon
Sat 11	Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole)		2pm
Sun 12	Sunday Lunch (York)	Book by Sun 28 September	1pm
Wed 15	Horse Racing		2pm
Thurs 16	Oddie's Hikers - Bishopthorpe (York)	Book by Thurs 2 October	11am
Sat 18	York Film Club		2pm
Thurs 23	York Out to Lunch	Book by Thurs 9 October	12 noon
Thurs 23	Ten Pin Bowling (York)	Book by Thurs 9 October	2pm
Mon 27	York Cuppa and Chat	Book by Mon 13 October	11am

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October

Thurs 30 Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole **Book by Wed 29 October** 1pm

November

Tues 4 York Get Together **Book by Mon 3 November** 12 noon

Thurs 6 Goole Film Club 2pm

Fri 7 Pig Racing (York) **Book by Fri 24 October** 12 noon

Sun 9 Remembrance Sunday Lunch (York) **Book by Sun 26 October** 1pm

Thurs 13 Goole Out to Lunch **Book by Thurs 6 November** 1pm

Fri 14 York Lunch Club 12 noon

Wed 19 An Afternoon of Song 2pm

Thurs 20 Oddie's Hikers - Malton **Book by Thurs 6 November** 11am

Sat 22 Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole) 2pm

Sat 22 York Film Club 2pm

Mon 24 York Cuppa and Chat 10am

Thurs 27 Pie, Peas and Bingo in Goole **Book by Wed 26 November** 1pm

Sat 29 Vale of York Business Meeting (Goole) **Book by Sat 22 November** 11am

Sun 30 Dominoes and Dinner (York) **Book by Sun 16 November** 5pm

December

Thurs 4 Goole Film Club 2pm

Fri 5 Festive Afternoon Tea (York) **Book by Fri 21 November** 2pm

Sun 7 Christmas Dinner at
Blacksmith's Arms **Book by Sun 30 November** 1pm

Tues 9 York Get Together **Book by Mon 8 December** 12 noon

Thurs 11 Goole Out to Lunch **Book by Thurs 4 December** 1pm

Fri 12 York Lunch Club 12 noon

Sat 13 Viking Ceremonial Lodge (Goole) 2pm

Wed 17 Christmas Celebrations 2pm

Sat 20 York Film Club 2pm

Sun 21 Sleeping Beauty **Book by Mon 1 December** 2pm

Tues 23 Ice Free Curling (York) **Book by Tues 9 December** 2pm

Mon 29 York Cuppa and Chat **Book by Sun 28 December** 10am

Wed 31 New Year's Eve Celebration (York) **Book by Wed 17 September** 12.30pm

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