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**ODDfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out* & *about*

## **Ormskirk and Southport District** **Incorporating the Isle of Mona (Isle of Man)**



*Bradda Head Isle of Man on a sunny day*



*Sunset on the beach in Southport*



*Clock Tower in Ormskirk*



Music



Art/Crafts



Online



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



*Oddfellows on Tour - Whitby - Tuesday 18 April, we hope you can join us!*

## Welcome to the January to May 2023 events diary and newsletter

We've had a lovely few months with full on social activity here in Ormskirk, Southport and surrounding areas. Highlights have included our Grand Master's Celebration Weekend in October, followed by our four day away trip to Scotland in November. We've also had a tour of John Lennon Airport, visited The Calf's Head for Christmas Lunch and had a fun packed afternoon at the Rock and Roll Panto in Liverpool. If you've friends or family who would like to get involved or find out more, then just bring them along to one of our coffee mornings (or afternoon). The more the merrier.

Please book early for all trips you would like to attend, either via one of the coffee mornings or by email/post. Please make cheques payable to The Oddfellows Society (writing the trip name on the back of the cheque) sending to Judith Catton at the address listed on this page. If you pay by cash in person, please put in an envelope and always write your name; event and how much you've enclosed on the outside.

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For information on the Isle of Mona please contact  
Bonita Hesketh.

Please do not post-date cheques for social events unless personally agreed by Judith Catton.

We look forward to sharing some fun times together.

# Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the regular monthly events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

## Southport Coffee Morning (First Wednesday of the month)

New venue



10.30am



Cost of refreshments



Come and join us for a delicious coffee and cake at the Bijou Cinema in central Southport. Make new friends, come and find out about us. Book and pay for any upcoming social events. This venue is tucked away down a little side street next to the old post office, but is well signed and fully accessible. The ideal introduction to Oddfellows. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

1 February, 1 March, 5 April  
and 3 May



## Southport Coffee Afternoon (First Thursday of the month)



1.30pm



Cost of refreshments



We will meet at the Central Club where we can enjoy a tea or coffee, or a drink from the well stocked bar. All are welcome to join us for a catch up and the chance to find out about upcoming events and activities. Ideal to bring friends or family along for the first time to find out more about us. Fully accessible venue. The Central Club (The Old Conservative Club), 20 Bath Street, Southport PR9 0DA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

2 February, 2 March, 6 April  
and 4 May



# Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

## Formby Coffee Club

(Second Tuesday of the month)



10.30am



Cost of refreshments



14 February, 14 March,  
11 April and 9 May

Join us for our regular Formby coffee morning at the Toby Carvery. All welcome. The Bay Horse, Toby Carvery, 13 Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Ormskirk Coffee and Chat

(Second Wednesday of the month)



10.30am



As per menu



8 February, 8 March,  
12 April and 10 May

Join us for a cuppa in this popular town centre café. All welcome. O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3BY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## Introduce the Oddfellows to someone you know

### Refer a friend today

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



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If any of your contact details change, please advise Bonita Hesketh, so that we can ensure you don't miss out on any communications.

# Isle of Mona

## Monthly Events

All of the events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

### Castletown Tea and Chat (First Wednesday of the month)



1.30pm



As per menu



**1 February, 1 March, 5 April  
and 3 May**

Come and make new friends over a cup of tea. All welcome. The Sidings Public House, Station Road, Castletown IM9 1EF. Contact Bonita on 01695 424149 or 077536 32433.



### Douglas Coffee and Chat (Second Tuesday of the month)



1.30pm



As per menu



**14 February, 14 March,  
11 April and 9 May**

Everyone welcome to come along and make new friends. Costa, Ferry Terminal IM1 2RF. Contact Bonita on 01695 424149 or 077536 32433.



## For Dental and Optical Claims

If you are entitled to claim dental and optical benefits, please do not send in any receipts to Bonita without the correct claim form. If it is your first claim, please phone Bonita for a form.

If you have claimed previously you will have received a form. You can use this to send in with receipts in the next period in which you can claim. Claims cannot be processed without a form.



# January 2023 – Ormskirk and Southport

WED  
25

## The Lion King – Palace Theatre, Manchester



12 noon



£75



As a response to members' requests, we have reserved a block of tickets for a matinee performance of 'The Lion King' when it comes to Manchester. These seats are Circle Seats and are described as having 'limited leg room' (old theatre – just to let you know).

If for any reason we don't sell enough tickets, we will give a full refund. We have arranged coach transport directly to the Palace Theatre from Southport and Ormskirk. These tickets will be on a first come first served basis with preference for Oddfellows members, so please don't hesitate if you don't want to miss out. Show starts at 2.30pm. Cost: £75 for ticket, coach transport and tips. We are running a reserve list for tickets. The Palace Theatre, 97 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6FT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



TUES  
31

## Dine Around – The Office Bar and Restaurant



12 noon



Two courses £22  
Three courses £27.50



Chase away the Winter blues and join us for a two or three course lunch at this popular Southport restaurant. You will have to pre-order your meal from the menu, which we will hand out early January when we confirm the price. Please state any dietary requirements at the time of payment. Pay upfront. Book as soon as possible. The Office Bar and Restaurant, 36 Anchor Street, Southport PR9 0UT. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# February

TUES  
**21**

## Ten Pin Bowling



1.30pm



TBC



Join us for a relaxed fun game of ten pin bowling followed by a drink. Please book at least a week before so we can book our lanes. Premier Bowl, Ocean Plaza, Marine Drive, Southport PR8 1RY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

MON  
**27**

## Beatles Tour and Lunch in Liverpool



9.30am



£30



We will travel by coach to Liverpool and be joined by presenter and producer at BBC Radio Merseyside Blue Badge Guide, Paul Beesley. We will undertake a two hour Beatles Tour, which will take us into the suburbs of Liverpool to visit their homes, schools, colleges and places made famous by their songs, like Penny Lane and Strawberry Field.



In addition, after hearing about the history of the club, where they played on almost 300 occasions, the tour finishes with a visit to the Cavern Club, the most famous club in the world. Lively, interesting and entertaining commentary combines with the music that is still as popular today as it ever was.

We will combine this tour with a late two course carvery lunch in Otterspool. Please state dietary requirements at time of booking. Limited numbers. Please book early by Tuesday 14 February. Beatles Tour, Liverpool L1. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# March

## WED 08 Wine Talk and Tasting Evening - The Central Club

 7pm

 £15



Join Colin Burbidge, Head Tutor from The Lancashire Wine School and social co-ordinator for Preston Oddfellows as we sample various wines and enjoy good Oddfellows company. Sure to be a good evening. Nibbles provided. Limited numbers, so first come first served and members preference. Book and pay by Monday 20 February. The Central Club (The Old Conservative Club), 20 Bath Street, Southport PR9 0DA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## WED 15 Rivington Hall Barn - St Patrick's Lunch with Entertainment

 12 noon


 £45



Join us at one of our favourite venues for a fun afternoon celebrating St Patrick's Day. Menu will be confirmed nearer the time. Cost: £45 to include food, transport and tips. Spaces are limited so please pay a £10 deposit by Tuesday 14 February to secure your place. Rivington Hall Barn, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7SB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

## THURS 23 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - Liverpool Playhouse

 1.30pm

 £24 without transport  
£37 with transport



Based on the Sunday Times bestseller which inspired one of this century's most treasured films, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* takes us on a journey to India with an eclectic group of British retirees as they embark on a new life. The luxury residence is far from the opulence they were promised, but as their lives begin to intertwine, they are charmed in unexpected and life-changing ways. Starring screen and stage star Paul Nicholas (Jesus Christ Superstar, Just Good Friends, EastEnders) and Tessa Peake-Jones (Only Fools and Horses). *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* is a joyous comedy about taking risks, finding love and embracing second chances, even in the most surprising of places. Get ready for the journey of a lifetime. We usually travel by public transport (train) but if enough people request a coach we will organise at extra cost. Limited tickets - please pay £10 deposit to secure your ticket as soon as possible and pay in full by Thursday 9 February. Liverpool Playhouse, Williamson Square, Liverpool L1 1EL. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



# March

FRI  
31

## Southport Pier Walk



Pay for your own refreshments



Meet at the carousel and then we'll walk the length of the pier; stop and have a coffee then walk back. Just turn up, no need to book. Southport Pier, Southport PR8. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# April

SAT  
15

## Gorton Monastery and The Donkey Sanctuary



10am



TBC



Did you know there's a place to visit in Manchester known as Manchester's Taj Mahal and boasting unique rooms and areas to explore? The Monastery is a famous Manchester landmark, considered to be one of Edward Welby Pugin's great architectural masterpieces. Designed using ancient architectural principles to create stunning effects combining light and sound. People travelling from all over the world visit the Monastery to witness these unique properties for themselves. We will arrange lunch at the Monastery and then move to the Donkey Sanctuary for the afternoon.



For over 50 years, The Donkey Sanctuary has worked to transform the lives of donkeys across the world. Discover more about who they are and how they make the world a better place for donkeys.

Book as soon as possible. The Donkey Sanctuary, Green Fold, Abbey Hey, Manchester M18 8RJ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# April

TUES - THURS  
**18 - 20**

## Oddfellows on Tour - Whitby



9am



See below



Please note this date had changed from previously advertised date. Our annual break away has moved back to April. We will spend two nights and three full days away staying in a seafront location and provisionally visiting Castle Howard and the beautiful town of Harrogate, as well as free time in Whitby. Cost: £230pp twin or double/£280pp single room. All ensuite. Price includes dinner, bed, breakfast, entry to any pre-booked locations; transport from various pick-up points and tips. Please let us know any specific requirement at the time of booking. Please pay deposit of £50 to secure your place by Tuesday 14 February. You will be advised of final payment deadline at this point, usually a month before. Any cancellation in the month prior to going cannot be guaranteed a refund, so we do recommend your own travel insurance if you feel this may be a possibility. Book by Tuesday 14 February. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

View along the River Esk at Whitby by Jeff Buck and licensed for reuse under the Creative Commons Licence.

THURS  
**27**

## Floating Grace - Afternoon Tea and Historical Guided Cruise



10.30am



£22 without transport  
£32 with transport  
Includes tip



Sails at midday. After a short safety brief, the boat departs from its berth and heads east then south under Gower Street Bridge into Wapping Basin, passing the big wheel and Duke Dock's entrance. The boat then continues on a scenic tour of the historic docks and Liverpool Marina, so you can immerse yourself in the city's maritime heritage. Afternoon tea includes a three tier cake stand with assorted sandwiches, mini cakes and two fresh scones with clotted cream and jam accompanied by a pot of English breakfast tea. Please let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements at the point of booking. Limited numbers, so please give £10 deposit to secure your place and pay in full by the end of March. Floating Grace, Albert Dock, Salthouse Quay, Liverpool L3 4AE. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

**Please note:** LADGC Lunch – Saturday 29 April. Join our friends from across Lancashire. Cost and venue to be confirmed. Transport will be provided.

# May

FRI  
05

## Walk – Botanic Gardens, Churchtown

L 11am

£ Pay for your own refreshments



Join us for a gentle stroll around the Botanic Gardens and then stay and have a coffee at the café. Meet by the café. Just turn up, no need to book. Botanic Gardens, Churchtown PR9 7NB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



THURS  
11

## Ordsall Hall

L 10am

£ £18 plus buffet lunch to be confirmed



Ordsall Hall has had a long and interesting history with many different uses since it was first mentioned in records in 1177! Today, it is a welcoming and friendly historic house telling the story of the hall and some of the people who made it their home. We will have a guided tour, so plenty of opportunity to find out more. There is so much to do and discover!



Dress up as a Tudor, try on some chainmail, discover some of the foods that would have been cooked at the hall in the 1500s, pretend you are having a feast around the table in our Great Hall, find out about the Pre-Raphaelite artist who lived here, listen to the story of the 450 year old Radclyffe bed, chat to the friendly staff and volunteers, visit the allotment and herb garden, explore the sculptures in the gardens and much, much more. Book by Wednesday 10 May. Ordsall Hall, 322 Ordsall Lane, Salford M5 3AN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

# May

TUES  
16

## Briars Hall Afternoon Cabaret



12 noon



See below



Join us at this local hotel for a three course meal with tea or coffee, followed by music from Billy Rivers and dancing. Menu will be available beforehand. Transport will be provided, or you can meet us there for midday. Cost: £27.50 without transport; £37 with transport. Book by Friday 31 March. Briars Hall Hotel, 156 Briars Lane, Lathom L40 5TH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



WED  
24

## Try Croquet Afternoon



1.30pm



TBC



If you would like to come and try something new, come and join us for an afternoon of tuition, learning how to play croquet. More details available nearer the time and numbers will be limited, so please book as soon as possible by Wednesday 12 April. Victoria Park, 31 Rotten Row, Southport PR8 1RX. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



## Coming Soon

Gibbon Bridge Lunch and  
Oddfellows Brass in Concert



## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

Find us at:  OddfellowsOrmskirkSouthport

# Ormskirk and Southport News

Here are some photos from memorable events from the last few months:

Grand Master's (Chairman)  
Celebration Weekend for David  
Ogden, Grand Master (Chairman).



Some photos of our four day trip to Scotland, which included visits to Rosslyn Chapel, Edinburgh, The Royal Yacht, Stirling and a tour through the Trossachs and Killin Falls.





# Christmas Lunch at The Calf's Head



September was Friendship Month – having fun at our coffee mornings.



A small group of us toured John Lennon Airport behind the scenes. Very interesting.





# Keeping Warm

## How to stay warm:

### General advice

The government's advice on getting ready for winter aims to reduce cold-related illness and deaths.

### Key tips include:

- **Keep your home warm.** Your main living room should be between around 18-21°C (65-70°F) and the rest of the house at a minimum of 16°C (61°F). You can also use a hot-water bottle or electric blanket (but not both at the same time) to keep warm while you're in bed.

- **Eat well.** Food is a vital source of energy, which helps to keep your body warm. Try to make sure that you have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day and keep active in the home if you can.



- **Wrap up warm, inside and out.** Layer your clothing to stay warm and wear shoes with a good grip if you need to go outside. If possible, stay inside during a cold period if you have heart or respiratory problems.





Check on older neighbours or relatives to make sure they're safe and well. Make sure they're warm enough, especially at night, and have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather. If you're worried about a relative or an elderly neighbour, ring the Age UK helpline on 0800 169 2081.

## Help from the Government Warm Home

### Discount Scheme

You may be eligible to get £150 off your electricity bill for winter 2022 to 2023 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

The money is not paid to you - it's a one-off discount on your electricity bill, between October 2022 and March 2023.

You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill instead if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity and you're eligible. Contact your supplier to find out.

For more information and to find out if you're eligible, visit [www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme).

## For help in your area please contact:

**Sefton Warm Spaces for Southport, Formby and Surrounding areas**

All 'Warm Spaces' will be heated, safe and friendly places where you can comfortably spend time reading, studying or chatting with others. Some venues, our 'Enhanced' Warm Spaces, will also offer hot drinks and food, activities, and other services such as free Wi-Fi.

### Find details online or by contacting:

Southport Community Centre  
Norwood Road  
Southport  
PR8 6HQ

**Telephone:** 01704 517810

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

### West Lancashire

Warm hubs are being opened at Lancashire County Council's 64 libraries this autumn and winter.

**If you need anything or just fancy a chat, we're here for you at your local Branch. Just give us a call, drop us an email or even pop along and see us.**



**f OddfellowsUK [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)**

# Meet your Ormskirk and Southport District Care Team

## The Oddfellows looking after you

Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



**Bonita Hesketh**  
01695 424149  
07753 632433



**Julie Rudge**  
07728 685811



**Isle of Man Carole Murren**  
01624 890010 or 07624 419570



**Judith Catton**  
01704 545279



**Pauline Fairclough**  
07787 121520



**Peter Rimmer**  
07973 623210

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings? Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

*Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.*

To arrange for a member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Bonita Hesketh on **01695 424149** or email **[bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk)**



# National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

## Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line\*



**Call 0800 0149 821**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



**Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm**

**Email: [oddfellows@manchestercab.org](mailto:oddfellows@manchestercab.org)**

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

*Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.*

## Care and Welfare Helpline\*



**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



**Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm**

**Email: [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)**

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits\* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our **'Looking After You'** Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

**[www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/)**

## Thank you for keeping each other's spirits lifted

**When you're going through a tough time, joy can frequently feel in short supply.**

Despite the challenges and upsets we've faced as a nation this past year, it has been reassuring to see so many instances of our members coming together to enjoy each other's company. When I look at our Facebook pages and see the comfort you give each other, and the happiness being cultivated, it never fails to make me smile.



I've been an Oddfellow for 27 years, which compared to many members is no time at all. However, over time you notice what brings us together as members and makes us such a powerful, collective force. We've a desire to make the most of our situation, and to improve the lives of those around us. And that is so special. There's a lot happening at the moment and so much of it is out of our control. But there is one thing we can influence – our wellbeing – by adding more mini-moments of peace or happiness into our days.



Please stick on some music that makes your heart sing. Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Bake something to share. Try something new. And, of course, make sure you pop one of our socials in your diary. Joy is infectious. You only need to share a smile to witness this. Even if you don't know them, they're likely to smile back and feel happier for it.

We've been sowing the seeds of friendship and support for over two centuries now, and I know I can count on you to continue to do this.

I know a little extra dose of happiness won't solve all our problems, but it will help us to cope with them better, and hopefully create a positive 'Oddies' chain reaction with those around us. We've been told to brace ourselves for difficult economic times, so I also want to remind you that we are always here and ready to help where we can. Thank you again for all that you do and for being such wonderful examples of Oddfellowship.

I wish you, your family and all those you care for good health, happiness and fortune for 2023.

**Yours always in friendship,  
Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows.**

# Help with the cost of living

**It's a worrying time for everyone with rising household bills, food price inflation and dramatic increases in fuel costs. However, now is always the best time to seek guidance with maximising income, coping with bills and debts, and seeking help with mental and physical health issues.**

Our colleagues from the Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line have shared information on help available, and ways in which we can alter our behaviour to save money.

## Speak to your local council

Some people can access support from the “Household Support Fund” (also known as “welfare assistance”). Check your local council website to find out if you're eligible.

## Budget your outgoings

Having a very clear picture of where your money is spent can help you identify any unnecessary spends, or highlight an opportunity to cancel or find a better deal on subscriptions.

## Create a meal plan

Make a list of everything in your cupboards before writing a shopping list to avoid purchasing items you may already have tucked away.

## Check your benefits

Some people may be entitled to unclaimed benefits or more than they currently receive. Check <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> or contact the Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line.

## Sell your spares

It's never been easier to get rid of unwanted clothes, toys or unused items. Use websites such as eBay or Vinted to make a little money from items which would otherwise be sat around your home.

## Be scam aware

There has been a huge increase in the number of scams happening, so be vigilant and if you're ever unsure, speak to a friend, family member, or the Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line for their input.

## Other help available (qualifying criteria applies)

Such as the £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme, £150 Council Tax rebates, £650 Cost of Living Payment, £150 disability Cost of Living Payment and up to a £300 pensioner cost of living payment. Plus more help to be announced for 2023.

**If you are worried about the cost of living, and would like more information, please call the Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line. The number can be found on the back of your membership card or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.**

# HA Andrews Memorial Fund



**Representatives from the Oddfellows visited the Centre for Cancer Immunology to present the first installment of funding from the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund and discover how it will support developments in cancer research.**

Immunology is a ground-breaking development in the fight against cancer. It offers less invasive treatment for patients, and the results so far are extraordinary.

The Centre, which opened at Southampton General Hospital in 2018, and is funded entirely by donations, is the most recent beneficiary of a gift from the HA Andrews Memorial Fund. The Fund will provide three years of support for a talented PhD student, Nur Zainal, whose research will focus on a specific gene which can potentially be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

Guernsey Oddfellows member, Eric Ferbrache, nominated the project for funding after learning about the Centre's work when it initially opened.

He said: "I personally think it is such a worthwhile project, and the research they are doing around how we can use our body's immune system to better treat different types of cancers is a great advancement. I'm so pleased that it was chosen for the most recent round of funding."

Dr Tim Fenton, Associate Professor in Cancer Biology at the University of Southampton, said: "Our proposal to study the role of RNA editing in cancer cells was selected from amongst a list of 27 submitted from different universities across the UK. We'd like to extend our gratitude to the Guernsey Oddfellows, who supported our application to the HA Andrews Memorial Fund."

Jane Nelson, CEO at the Oddfellows, said: "Sadly, many of our members and their families have been affected by cancer, which is why we are proud to support this incredible research with the HA Andrews Fund. Anything we can do to help the efforts to find a cure is hugely important to us."

**We recently received a kind thank you note with a beautiful picture from His Majesty King Charles III, and wanted to share it with you.**

When we heard about the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Society sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the Oddfellows and its members.



## Unity Mutual – here for you

**At Unity Mutual, we believe looking after your finances shouldn't feel scary. It should feel achievable to anyone in any circumstance. Whether you're interested in a deposit on your dream home, saving to give your grandchildren a great start in life, or wanting to leave a little something to loved ones should the worst happen, we're here to help you achieve it.**

We have a range of savings and insurance products that could work for you, such as a Junior ISA or Child Tax Exempt Savings Plan, which can offer your child, grandchild, niece or nephew a great head start into adulthood that will mean the world.

Or our new Over 50s Life Insurance Plan, so that when the time comes (hopefully a long time from now), the people you love

are taken care of. Visit our website: [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows) or call our friendly team on **0161 214 4628** for more information and the terms and conditions that apply to each product.

Keep a look out for the next Society News, where we will feature our individual products in more detail as part of our 'Introducing Series'.



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# Your Committee of Management



Picture left to right: David Ogden, Bonita Hesketh, Sheila Martland, Phil Taylor, Christine Taylor, Judith Catton and Paul White.

If you are interesting in finding out about getting involved on our Committee of Management, please contact Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149.

## Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Please find below the dates and venues of our Social Branch meetings. You are welcome to join any of the meetings for Lunch, Tea and Cakes or meals. Meet up with new people, chat and make new friends. Hear the latest news from the Society and other events/training opportunities etc. Should you wish to attend any of the meals out please book directly with the Secretary.

### Ormskirk and Southport District

Central Club, Bath Street, Southport

Annual General Meeting on  
Thursday 27 April – Central Club at  
7.30pm. All members welcome.

**Secretary:** Mrs Bonita Hesketh

**Telephone:** 01695 424149

**Mobile:** 07753 632433

1 Royal Oak, Liverpool Road,  
Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk L39 0EF

### Fleetwood

Meets at Central Club, Southport  
and various social venues (please  
check before attending) on the  
second Monday of the month at 1pm

**9 January – Central Club**

**13 February – To be advised**

**13 March – Central Club**

**10 April – To be advised**

**8 May – To be rearranged (King  
Charles' Coronation)**

**12 June – To be advised**

**Contact:** David Ogden

**Telephone:** 07754 057590

# Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

## Rose of England

Meets on last Tuesday of the month starting at 11am at the Hop Vine, Burscough.

**31 January - Meeting at the Hop Vine**

**28 February - Meeting at the Hop Vine**

**28 March - Social Event - details to be confirmed**

**25 April - Meeting at the Hop Vine**

**30 May - Social - details to be confirmed.**

**Contact:** Sheila Martland

**Telephone:** 01704 892393

Calmont, Bleak Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk L40 4BP

## Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

**Contact:** Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149

### Earl of Sefton

**6 January**

Brooke's Bistro, Aughton Street Ormskirk L39 3BH (Brookside Retirement Home) at 12 noon

### Lord Skelmersdale

**9 January**

The Diner, Witham Road, Skelmersdale at 11.30am

## Join Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

**3 February**

O'Brien's, Park Road, Ormskirk at 12 noon

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## Join Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

**7 April**

Prince Albert, Wigan Road, Westhead at 6.30pm

## Join Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

**5 May**

O'Brien's, Park Road, Ormskirk at 12 noon

## Isle of Mona

**Contact:** Carole Murren on 01624 890010.

Hunters Croft, Main Road, Ballaugh, Isle of Man

If you would like to attend any of these meetings, please call Bonita.

# Ormskirk and Southport Booking Form

Please reserve me a space on the following trip/s. Places are not guaranteed until confirmed by Judith.

Name: .....

Telephone No: .....

Any special requirements: .....

## January 2023

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wed 25</b>	The Lion King - Palace Theatre, Manchester	12 noon
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tues 31</b>	Dine Around - The Office Bar and Restaurant	12 noon

## February

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tues 21</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	1.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mon 27</b>	Beatles Tour and Lunch in Liverpool	9.30am

## March

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wed 8</b>	Wine Talk and Tasting Evening - The Central Club	7pm
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wed 15</b>	Rivington Hall Barn - St Patrick's Lunch	12 noon
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Thurs 23</b>	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - Liverpool Playhouse	1.30pm

## April

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sat 15</b>	Gorton Monastery and Donkey Sanctuary	10am
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tues 18 to Thurs 20</b>	Oddfellows on Tour - Whitby	9am
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Thurs 27</b>	Floating Grace - Afternoon Tea and Historical Guided Cruise	10.30am

## May

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fri 5</b>	Walk - Botanic Gardens, Churchtown	11am
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Thurs 11</b>	Ordsall Hall	10am
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tues 16</b>	Briars Hall Afternoon Cabaret	12 noon
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wed 24</b>	Try Croquet Afternoon	1.30pm

Any information you supply on this form will be used to book your chosen event(s). We will not use this information for future marketing, nor will this information be shared with any third party.

# Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

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<b>Tues 31</b>	Dine Around – The Office Bar and Restaurant	12 noon

## February

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<b>Thurs 2</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Tues 21</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	1.30pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	Beatles Tour and Lunch in Liverpool	9.30am

## March

<b>Wed 1</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Wine Talk and Tasting Evening – The Central Club	7pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 15</b>	Rivington Hall Barn – St Patrick’s Lunch with Entertainment	12 noon
<b>Thurs 23</b>	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel – Liverpool Playhouse	1.30pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Southport Pier Walk	11am

## April

<b>Wed 5</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 12</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sat 15</b>	Gorton Monastery and Donkey Sanctuary	10am
<b>Tues 18 to Thurs 20</b>	Oddfellows on Tour – Whitby	9am
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Floating Grace – Afternoon Tea and Historical Guided Cruise	10.30am

# Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

## May

<b>Wed 3</b>	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Walk - Botanic Gardens, Churchtown	11am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Ordsall Hall	10am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Briars Hall Afternoon Cabaret	12 noon
<b>Wed 24</b>	Try Croquet Afternoon	1.30pm

## Isle of Mona at a glance

### February 2023

<b>Wed 1</b>	Castletown Tea and Chat	1.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Douglas Coffee and Chat	1.30pm

## March

<b>Wed 1</b>	Castletown Tea and Chat	1.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Douglas Coffee and Chat	1.30pm

## April

<b>Wed 5</b>	Castletown Tea and Chat	1.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Douglas Coffee and Chat	1.30pm

## May

<b>Wed 3</b>	Castletown Tea and Chat	1.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Douglas Coffee and Chat	1.30pm

**All day trip times to be confirmed nearer the time, as pick-ups are different for everyone. Always check if you are unsure.**

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