

January – April 2026



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Mulberry Branch



Covering Old Harlow, Barnet, Potters Bar, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Hatfield, Cheshunt, Harrow and Bishops Stortford

Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, photo by Allan Engelhardt



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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Burns Supper - Thursday 22 January

Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary and Newsletter for Mulberry District

Hello from Mulberry

Wow, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the year goes past. As we come in to 2026 your social organiser team have been busy planning (some may say plotting!).

This January we see not one but two new coffee mornings. One in Bishops Stortford on the first Monday of every month and one in Harrow on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Over the last four months of 2025 we have had all of our usual coffee mornings, skittles, lunches in local pubs, another well-loved canal trip, a local theatre trip and all of our Christmas specials.

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Since the beginning of 2025 we have had so many new members join us and it's great to see the coffee mornings and social events growing in attendees. If you haven't been along to one of our social events yet, give your most local social organiser a call, here's a reminder.

- Lauren looks after Hatfield, Barnet and Harrow areas.
- Catherine looks after Cheshunt, Potters Bar and Watford areas
- Louise looks after Old Harlow, Bishops Stortford and Hemel areas (along with our volunteer social organiser in Hemel, Malcolm).

We hope to see you at one of our social events over the next four months.

In Friendship,

The Mulberry District Social Team
Lauren, Catherine and Louise

Keys



Ware Branch
Old Harlow area



Cassio Branch
Watford area



Mulberry District



Chiltern Branch
Hemel Hempstead area



Wrotham Branch
Barnet area



Oakmere Branch
Potters Bar area



Salisbury Branch
Hatfield area



Cheshunt Branch
Cheshunt area



Bishops Stortford Branch
Bishops Stortford area



Harrow Branch
Harrow area

Weekly Event

Online Events Thursday Thinking

Join us on the last Thursday of every month at 4.30pm for one hour of online social activity. Sometimes a quiz, sometimes a chat, sometimes a talk. Always something to make you think! Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9983 6863. Passcode: 709336. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

29 January - Quiz

26 February - Talk on 'The Art of a Good Goodbye'

26 March - Poetry Sharing

30 April - Quiz



Branches up and down the country are also still doing online events, if you would like to receive a list of all the online events on a monthly basis please let Lauren know at lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk.

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

FRI
02

New Years Get Together (Hemel)

11am

Members £1
Guests £2



Kick off the New Year with us at a relaxed get-together! Enjoy some great coffee, delicious cake and good company as we celebrate the start of a fresh year. Hope to see you there! Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Louise on 07812 149873 or Malcolm on 07942 735952.

MON
05

Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)

NEW

10.30am

Free



Join us for our newest relaxed and friendly coffee (tea) morning in the South Mill Arts Café, Bishops



Stortford! This is the perfect spot to meet new people, enjoy a delicious coffee or tea and unwind in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The café is conveniently located with bus routes stopping right outside and there's free parking available too. The only cost is for your tea or coffee, so come along, bring a friend or come solo and make new connections. We look forward to seeing you there! South Mill Arts, South Road, Bishops Stortford CM23 3JG. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

TUES
06

New Year Coffee Morning (Hatfield)

10.30am

Members £1
Guests £2



Come kick off. With us at our first coffee morning of the year! Enjoy a warm drink, delicious cakes and great company. Everybody welcome! Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS
08

Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'The History of the Oddfellows' (Cheshunt)

10am

Free



Come and hear the history of the Oddfellows with an informative and extremely interesting talk by Mike Trenchard. Tea or coffee can be purchased from the centre café with prices starting from 50p. Nibbles are kindly donated by our local community champion Heidi at Cheshunt Old Pond. The Beaumont Centre, Victoria Close, Cheshunt EN8 9EP. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.



January 2026

TUES **13** **Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Dementia'** **(Watford)**



10.30am



£2



Please come along to our warm and welcoming coffee morning! We will be joined by the lovely Marta from Courtland Lodge Care Home in Watford, who will be talking on the subject 'Living with Dementia' with lots of knowledge and experience, and Marta will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have. Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

THURS **15** **Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service' (Potters Bar)**



10.30am



£1.75



It would be great if you could come along and join us for our friendly coffee morning where we will be joined by the wonderful Natasha from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance service. Natasha will be providing us with an informative talk on how extremely important the air service is and the fantastic work carried out by the crew! Cost is from £1.75. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES **20** **Coffee Morning and Skittles (Old Harlow)** **New venue**



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for a game of skittles (or three!) a casual friendly gathering to catch up, meet new faces, enjoy a hot drink and some nibbles! It's a great chance to relax chat and share some time together in a welcoming space. Bring a donation for the raffle, tickets to take part are £1 (guests £2) and all donations go to our chosen charity Parkinsons UK. St Johns Arts & Recreation Centre, St Johns Street, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AJ. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.



THURS **22** **Coffee Morning (Harrow)**



10.30am



£3



Join us for our new coffee morning in South Harrow! Good coffee, delicious treats and even better company. It's the perfect way to kick off your day! Cost depends on what you order from the coffee shop menu. Waitrose South Harrow, 140 Northolt Road, South Harrow, Harrow HA2 0EG. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

NEW

January 2026

THURS
22

Burns Supper (District Event)

15.45pm

From
£30



Join us for a classic four course Burns supper, where we'll celebrate tradition with great



food, hearty conversation and a toast to Scotland's literary heritage. The cost is still yet to be confirmed from the venue, however, it will be around £30 per person. Transport is available upon request for an additional £10 per person. Book by Monday 12 January. Feathers Pub, 49 Cambridge Road, Wadesmill, Ware SG12 0TN. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

WED
28

Friendly Meal and Skittles (Watford)

11am

Members £8
Guests £10



Come along and join us for a friendly game of skittles followed by some yummy pie and mash! Please reserve your seat by Monday 19 January. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES
27

Coffee Morning and Talk 'Conversation with Friends' (Barnet)

10.30am

Members £1
Guests £2



Join us for our regular coffee morning, where this time, Frances Bentley will be speaking about themes of connection, relationships and discovering meaning in our interactions with others. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

February

MON
02

Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)

NEW

10.30am

Free



Join us for our newest relaxed and friendly coffee (tea) morning in the South Mill Arts Café, Bishops Stortford! This is the perfect spot to meet new people, enjoy a delicious coffee or tea and unwind in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The café is conveniently located with bus routes stopping right outside and there's free parking available too. The only cost is for your tea or coffee, so come along, bring a friend or come solo and make new connections. We look forward to seeing you there! South Mill Arts, South Road, Bishops Stortford CM23 3JG. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

February

TUES
03

Quiz with a Twist (Hatfield)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Come join us for a quiz with a twist! Bring your singing voices and thinking caps - we'll take care of the rest!



Community Room, ASDA Hatfield,
98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT.
Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

FRI
06

Coffee Morning and Talk from Hertfordshire Fire Service (Hemel)



11am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for an informative talk from Hertfordshire Fire Service on safety in the home. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Louise on 07812 149873 or Malcolm on 07942 735952.

TUES
10

Coffee Morning with a Talk by Rebecca at The Mindset Clinic (Watford)



10.30am



£2



Please come along to our warm and welcoming coffee morning! We will be joined by the lovely Rebecca Sanderson, who will be providing us with information on how to improve confidence, address emotional behaviours and overcome any anxieties we may be experiencing. Rebecca will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have. Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.



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

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February

THURS
12

Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'The Benefits of becoming an Oddfellow' (Cheshunt)



Please join us for our usual coffee morning, where we will also be joined by the wonderful Lauren Prountzou, who will be talking us through what the benefits are of being an Oddfellows member, from optical and dental benefits to offers and discounts via the Oddfellows Extra. If you are not registered on the website, Lauren can help you sign up on the day to help you access these great discounts, from holidays to cinema tickets, health insurance and breakdown cover! Costs start from 50p for tea or coffee and nibbles will be donated by our local community champion Heidi at Tesco Old Pond. The Beaumont Centre, Victoria Close, Cheshunt EN8 9EP. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES
17

Coffee Afternoon Quiz with a Twist (Old Harlow) **New venue**



Please join us for a fun and interactive afternoon! Bring your thinking caps and



singing voices - we will provide the rest! It's a great chance to relax, chat and share some time together in a welcoming space. Bring a donation for the raffle, tickets to take part are £1 and all donations go to our chosen charity Parkinsons UK. St Johns Arts & Recreation Centre, St Johns Street, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AJ. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

SAT
14

Games, Singing and Buffet (District Event)



Come along for an fun filled afternoon with singing, games and of course, a tasty buffet! It's sure to be a great time. Transport available for an additional £10 for those who require it. Book by Wednesday 4 February.

Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



February

THURS
19

Coffee Morning with a Sing Along! (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



It would be great if you could come along and join us for our friendly coffee morning. Have your favourite songs at the ready! Join us to celebrate the love of music! Cost is from £1.75. Wyllyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wyllyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

FRI
20

Friendly Meal (Barnet)



12.45pm



From £15



Come join us for a warm and friendly meal! Enjoy a delicious carvery or choose from the menu - either way, you're in for a treat! You won't be disappointed. Cost depends on what you order. Book by Monday 9 February. Toby Carvery Oaklands, Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5JY. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

TUES
24

Coffee Morning and Sing Along! (Barnet)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Join us for a fun-filled love song sing along coffee morning! Grab a cup of coffee, sing along to some of your favourite love songs and enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with great company. Whether you're a shower singer or a pro, it's all about having fun and spreading the love! St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



THURS
26

Coffee Morning (Harrow)

NEW



10.30am



TBC



Please join us for the newest coffee morning in town! Come and meet the friends you have yet to make! Cost depends on what you order from the coffee shop menu. Waitrose South Harrow, 140 Northolt Road, South Harrow, Harrow HA2 0EG. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

February

THURS
26 **Thursday Thinking -
Talk on 'The Art of a
Good Goodbye' (Online)**

 4.30pm  Free  

We spend months planning weddings, holidays and birthdays, but almost no time planning our final send-off. Celebrant Louise Grace explores how pure cremation and a pre-planned ceremony can turn a goodbye into something beautiful, affordable and full of heart. Expect humour, honesty and ideas you'll remember long after the talk ends. Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9983 6863. Passcode: 709336. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

SAT
28 **Friendly Meal (Hemel)**

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Although a venue and a time is yet to be confirmed we would love you to join us for a friendly meal in Hemel Hempstead. Please contact Malcolm on 07942 735952 for further details.



March

MON
02 **Coffee Morning
(Bishops Stortford)**

NEW

 10.30am  Free 

Join us for our newest relaxed and friendly coffee (tea) morning in the South Mill Arts Café, Bishops Stortford! This is the perfect spot to meet new people, enjoy a delicious coffee or tea and unwind in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The café is conveniently located with bus routes stopping right outside and there's free parking available too. The only cost is for your tea or coffee, so come along, bring a friend or come solo and make new connections. We look forward to seeing you there! South Mill Arts, South Road, Bishops Stortford CM23 3JG. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

TUES
03 **Coffee Talk on 'The Art
of a Good Goodbye'
(Hatfield)**

 10.30am  Members £1
Guests £2 

We spend months planning weddings, holidays and birthdays, but almost no time planning our final send-off. Celebrant Louise Grace explores how pure cremation and a pre-planned ceremony can turn a goodbye into something beautiful, affordable and full of heart. Expect humour, honesty and ideas you'll remember long after the talk ends. Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

March

FRI **06** **Coffee Morning and** **Talk by Colin Smith** **(Hemel)**

 11am

 Members £1
Guests £2



Join Colin Smith of local company Smiths Coffee Co (based in Hemel) as he talks us through coffee. There will be coffee available to try and also purchase. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Louise on 07812 149873 or Malcolm on 07942 735952.

TUES **10** **Coffee Morning and a** **Talk from Sunnyside** **Trust (Watford)**

 10.30am

 £2



Come along for an informative talk from Sunnyside Rural Trust. They will be talking us through who they are and what they do! Fresh produce such as fruit and honey will be sold at this session. Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

SAT **07** **Wreath Making** **(District Event)**

 12 noon

 Members £12
Guests £15



Join us for a delightful Easter wreath-making workshop! Learn to create a beautiful seasonal



wreath and walk away with skills to use again and again! Why not bring a friend? We'll supply the materials for wreath making, refreshments and lots of giggles! Transport is available for those who require it for an additional £10. Book by Monday 23 February. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS **12** **Coffee Morning with a** **performance by Young** **Voices from St Pauls RC** **School (Cheshunt)**

 10am

 50p



Please come along to our warm and welcoming coffee morning, where we will be serenaded by the choir of St Pauls RC School in Cheshunt 'Young Voices'. Costs start from 50p for tea or coffee and nibbles will be donated by our local community champion Heidi at Tesco Old Pond. The Beaumont Centre, Victoria Close, Cheshunt EN8 9EP. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.



March

TUES
17

Coffee Morning and a on 'The Art of a Good Goodbye' (Old Harlow)

New venue



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



We spend months planning weddings, holidays and birthdays, but almost no time planning our final send-off. Celebrant Louise Grace explores how pure cremation and a pre-planned ceremony can turn a goodbye into something beautiful, affordable and full of heart. Expect humour, honesty and ideas you'll remember long after the talk ends. St Johns Arts & Recreation Centre, St Johns Street, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AJ. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

THURS
19

Coffee Morning and a Talk by the Director of Elstree Studios (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



Please come along and join us for our warm and friendly coffee morning where we will have the greatest pleasure of welcoming Morris Bright MBE, the current director of Elstree Studios. With the studios in the run up to its 100th anniversary, Morris will talk us through the history of where the astonishing series The Crown was made, alongside our family favourite, Strictly Come Dancing! Cost is from £1.75. Wylyotts Theatre & Cinema, Wylyotts Place, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

TUES
24

Pie and Mash Friendly Meal (Bishops Stortford)



12.30pm



£6.50



A proper East End treat awaits at F Cooke, where you can tuck into a good old-fashioned favourite – pie, mash and a cuppa for just £6.50! Come and enjoy hearty comfort food at its best, with traditional flavour, great value and a warm welcome for everyone. Don't miss this chance to savour a classic meal, just like it should be – a friendly, filling feast that's too good to pass up! Book by Sunday 1 March. F Cooke, 6 South Street, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AT. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

THURS
26

Coffee Morning (Harrow)

NEW



10.30am



From £3



Please join us for our monthly coffee morning, bring a friend! Everybody is welcome. Cost depends on what you order from the coffee shop menu. Waitrose South Harrow, 140 Northolt Road, South Harrow, Harrow HA2 0EG. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

March

THURS 26 Thursday Thinking - Poetry Sharing (Online)



Join us for an hour online social activity. This month we will be sharing our favourite poems, so dig out that poetry book and come along! If you don't want to share a poem, please join us to just listen. Zoom Meeting ID: 849 9983 6863. Passcode: 709336. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

SAT 28 Annual Summoned Meeting



Come along to have your say on everything related to The Mulberry District. Three course meal provided



(please contact Lauren from menu choices). 2pm arrival for a prompt 2.30pm start. Transport for members whom require it is available from within the District for £10. Book by Saturday 7 March. Northaw Village Hall, 5 Northaw Road West, Northaw, Potters Bar EN6 4NW. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127 or John on 07582 546160.

TUES 31 Coffee Morning and Talk from Oaks Funeral Directors (Barnet)



Join us for an insightful talk from Danielle at Oaks Funeral Directors, based in Cuffley, as they guide us through what happens when a loved one passes away. They'll cover the necessary documents, funeral planning steps and where to go for support during this difficult time. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

April

MON 06 Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)



Join us for our newest relaxed and friendly coffee (tea) morning in the South Mill Arts Café, Bishops Stortford! This is the perfect spot to meet new people, enjoy a delicious coffee or tea and unwind in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The café is conveniently located with bus routes stopping right outside and there's free parking available too. The only cost is for your tea or coffee, so come along, bring a friend or come solo and make new connections. We look forward to seeing you there! South Mill Arts, South Road, Bishops Stortford CM23 3JG. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

April

TUES **07** **Talk from Oaks Funeral Directors and Coffee Morning (Hatfield)**



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Join us for an insightful talk from Danielle at Oaks Funeral Directors, based in Cuffley, as they guide us through what happens when a loved one passes away. They'll cover the necessary documents, funeral planning steps and where to go for support during this difficult time. Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.

THURS **09** **Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Connecting with Friends' (Cheshunt)**



10am



50p



Please come along to our warm and friendly coffee morning where we will have the pleasure of welcoming Frances Bentley, who will be speaking about themes of connection, relationships and discovering meaning in our interactions with others. Costs start from 50p for tea or coffee and nibbles will be donated by our local community champion Heidi at Tesco Old Pond. The Beaumont Centre, Victoria Close, Cheshunt EN8 9EP. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.



FRI **10** **Coffee Morning and LPA Talk (Hemel)**



11am



Members £1
Guests £2



Gaye from LPA Made Simple is back with her very informative talk



on LPAs. Refreshments included. Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden HP1 2HX. Contact Louise on 07812 149873 or Malcolm on 07942 735952.

TUES **14** **Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Growing Plants for Pollinator's' (Watford)**



10.30am



£2



Please come along to our warm and welcoming coffee morning! We will be joined by the lovely Flo, who will be advising us on the best way to grow our plants for the pollinators. She will inform us of the 'why', 'what' and 'how' method, applying general principles to the process! Flo will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have. Cost is £2 plus a 50p donation for a raffle ticket. Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS. Contact Catherine on 07947 966148.

April

THURS
16

Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'The benefits of becoming an Oddfellow' (Potters Bar)



10.30am



£1.75



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TUES
21

Coffee Morning (Old Harlow) **New venue**



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Please join us for a casual friendly gathering to catch up, meet new faces and enjoy a hot drink and some nibbles! It's a great chance to relax, chat and share some time together in a welcoming space. Bring a donation for the raffle, tickets to take part are £1 and all donations go to our chosen charity Parkinsons UK. St Johns Arts & Recreation Centre, St Johns Street, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AJ. Contact Louise on 07812 149873.

THURS
23

Coffee Morning (Harrow)

NEW



10.30am



From £3



Please join us for a catch up with friends, old and new! Cost depends on what you order from the coffee shop menu. Waitrose South Harrow, 140 Northolt Road, South Harrow, Harrow HA2 0EG. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



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.

April

SAT

25

Skittles with Fish and Chips (Barnet)



7pm



Members £4, Guests £6



Skittles with fish and chips – a quirky combo for a fun night! Enjoy the classic British favourite with a (competitive) twist, or just come for the laughs and great company! Even if you do not want to play, you can still come along and enjoy a fun filled evening. Bring your own drinks! Book by Friday 17 April. St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Cost does not include the cost of food, please contact Lauren on 07949 439127 for more information.



TUES

28

Coffee Morning and Quiz with a Twist (Barnet)



10.30am



Members £1
Guests £2



Get ready for a quiz with a twist! Test your music quiz skills, then belt out some tunes between rounds. It's a fun mix of thinking and music, with plenty of laughs along the way! St Peter's Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet EN5 3JF. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



WED

29

Garden Centre Visit and Afternoon Tea (District Event)



11am



Members £22.95
Guests £24.95



Please join us for a talk, a wander around the garden centre and then enjoy a tasty afternoon tea with

great company! Transport can be arranged for those members who require it from within the District for an additional £10. Book by Monday 13 April. Van Hage Garden Centre, Great Amwell, Ware SG12 9RP. Contact Lauren on 07949 439127.



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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**

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Minor Degree Lodge

You will notice there are no dates given in this Out and About for the Ceremonial Lodge.

This is because we are holding Provincial Grand Lodge on Saturday 18 April and the meeting on Saturday 21 February will be a rehearsal for it. We hope that all who are qualified, for examples those who have received the Purple Degree lecture, will try to attend. For anyone else who is interested in finding out more about the ceremonial

side of Oddfellowship, and would like to work towards their own Purple Degree ceremony, we look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 20 June.

The meetings have been changed to Saturdays to allow those who are constrained by employment to attend, so this will take place on the third Saturday of every second month at 2.30pm. Starting in June 2026, then August and October, but not December and again for 2027 in February and April.

Photos of past events...





October Harvest

A huge heartfelt thank you to all our members who donated to our October Harvest plea for Harlow Foodbank. We had so many donations which will really help people of Harlow.





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 John S on **07582 546160** or email **johns.jemison@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**

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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



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Halifax Oddfellows



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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!

Branch Meeting

Mulberry District Branch

District Secretary: John S Jemison

Telephone: 07582 546160 **Email:** johns.jemison@oddfellows.co.uk

District Development Officer: Lauren Prountzou

Telephone: 07949 439127 **Email:** lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk

Registered Office: Oddfellows Hall, Broadway Avenue, Old Harlow CM17 0AG.

Branch meetings: On the third Wednesday of every month starting at 1.30pm except March.

Meetings are held as a hybrid 'Room and Zoom' held at Oddfellows Hall, 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS and Oddfellows Hall, Broadway Avenue, Old Harlow CM17 0AG and via video link (Meeting ID: 880 2328 7070 please contact John or Lauren for the passcode).

Bishops Stortford

Admin and Events Organiser: Louise Munir

Telephone: 07812 149873 **Email:** louise.munir@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: Meet on the first Monday of every month at 10.30am at South Mill Arts, South Road, Bishops Stortford CM23 3JG.

Cassio Branch

Admin and Events Organiser: Catherine Bunyan

Telephone: 07947 966148 **Email:** catherine.bunyan@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: On the second Tuesday of each month at 10.30am except December when a Christmas lunch is held. Meetings are held at 22 The Avenue, Watford WD17 4NS.

Cheshunt Branch

Admin and Events Organiser: Catherine Bunyan

Telephone: 07947 966148 **Email:** catherine.bunyan@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: Meet on the second Thursday of every month at 10am to 12 noon at The Beaumont Day Centre, 6 Rowlandsfields, Turners Hill, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross EN8 9BG.

Branch Meeting

Chiltern Branch

Admin: Louise Munir

Telephone: 07812 149873 **Email:** louise.munir@oddfellows.co.uk

Events Organiser: Malcolm Allum **Telephone:** 07942 735952

Branch meetings: On the first Friday of each month at 11am except December when a Christmas lunch is held. Meetings are held at Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden, Hemel Hempstead HP1 2HX.

Oakmere Branch

Admin and Events Organiser: Catherine Bunyan

Telephone: 07947 966148 **Email:** catherine.bunyan@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: On the third Thursday of each month at 10.30am. Meetings are held at The Wyllotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2HZ.

Salisbury Branch

Admin and Events Organiser: Lauren Prountzou

Telephone: 07949 439127 **Email:** lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: On the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30am (starting June 2025). Meetings are held at Community Room, ASDA Hatfield, 98 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0LT.

South Harrow

Admin and Events Organiser: Lauren Prountzou

Telephone: 07949 439127 **Email:** lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: Meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 10.30 at Waitrose South Harrow, 140 Northolt Road, South Harrow HA2 0EG.

Ware Branch

Admin and Events Organiser: Louise Munir

Telephone: 07812 149873 **Email:** louise.munir@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: On the third Tuesday of each month, except August at the St Johns ARC, St Johns Walk, Old Harlow CM17 0AJ.

Wrotham Branch

Admin and Event Organiser: Lauren Prountzou

Telephone: 07949 439127 **Email:** lauren.prountzou@oddfellows.co.uk

Branch meetings: On the last Tuesday of each month at 10.30am except December when a Christmas lunch is held. Meetings are held at St Peters Church Hall, 113 Barnet Road, Arkley EN5 3JF.

At a glance

January 2026

Fri 2	New Years Get Together (Hemel)	11am
Mon 5	New Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)	10.30am
Tues 6	New Year Coffee Morning (Hatfield)	10.30am
Thurs 8	Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'The History of the Oddfellows' (Cheshunt)	10am
Tues 13	Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Dementia' (Watford)	10.30am
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service' (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Tues 20	Coffee Morning and Skittles (Old Harlow)	10.30am
Wed 21	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 22	New Coffee Morning (Harrow)	10.30am
Thurs 22	Burns Supper (District Event)	15.45pm
Tues 27	Coffee Morning and Talk 'Conversation with Friends' (Barnet)	10.30am
Wed 28	Friendly Meal and Skittles (Watford)	11am
Thurs 29	Thursday Thinking - Quiz (Online)	4.30pm

February

Mon 2	New Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)	10.30am
Tues 3	Quiz with a Twist (Hatfield)	10.30am
Fri 6	Coffee Morning and Talk from Hertfordshire Fire Service (Hemel)	11am
Tues 10	Coffee Morning with a Talk by Rebecca at The Mindset Clinic (Watford)	10.30am
Thurs 12	Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'The Benefits of becoming an Oddfellow' (Cheshunt)	10am
Sat 14	Games, Singing and Buffet (District Event)	2pm
Tues 17	Coffee Afternoon Quiz with a Twist (Old Harlow)	1.30pm
Wed 18	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 19	Coffee Morning with a Sing Along! (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Fri 20	Friendly Meal (Barnet)	12.45pm
Tues 24	Coffee Morning and Sing Along! (Barnet)	10.30am
Thurs 26	New Coffee Morning (Harrow)	10.30am
Thurs 26	Thursday Thinking - Talk on 'The Art of a Good Goodbye' (Online)	4.30pm
Sat 28	Friendly Meal (Hemel)	TBC

At a glance

March

Mon 2	New Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)	10.30am
Tues 3	Coffee Talk on 'The Art of a Good Goodbye' (Hatfield)	10.30am
Fri 6	Coffee Morning and Talk by Colin Smith (Hemel)	11am
Sat 7	Wreath Making (District Event)	12 noon
Tues 10	Coffee Morning and a Talk from Sunnyside Trust (Watford)	10.30am
Thurs 12	Coffee Morning with a performance by Young Voices from St Pauls RC School (Cheshunt)	10am
Tues 17	Coffee Morning and a on 'The Art of a Good Goodbye' (Old Harlow)	10.30am
Thurs 19	Coffee Morning and a Talk by the Director of Elstree Studios (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Tues 24	Pie and Mash Friendly Meal (Bishops Stortford)	12.30pm
Thurs 26	New Coffee Morning (Harrow)	10.30am
Thurs 26	Thursday Thinking - Poetry Sharing (Online)	4.30pm
Sat 28	Annual Summoned Meeting	2pm
Tues 31	Coffee Morning and Talk from Oaks Funeral Directors (Barnet)	10.30am

April

Mon 6	New Coffee Morning (Bishops Stortford)	10.30am
Tues 7	Talk from Oaks Funeral Directors and Coffee Morning (Hatfield)	10.30am
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Connecting with Friends' (Cheshunt)	10am
Fri 10	Coffee Morning and LPA Talk (Hemel)	11am
Tues 14	Coffee Morning with a Talk on 'Growing Plants for Pollinator's' (Watford)	10.30am
Wed 15	Business Meeting	1.30pm
Thurs 16	Coffee Morning and a Talk on 'The benefits of becoming an Oddfellow' (Potters Bar)	10.30am
Tues 21	Coffee Morning (Old Harlow)	10.30am
Thurs 23	New Coffee Morning (Harrow)	10.30am
Sat 25	Skittles with Fish and Chips (Barnet)	7pm
Tues 28	Coffee Morning and Quiz with a Twist (Barnet)	10.30am
Wed 29	Garden Centre Visit and Afternoon Tea (District Event)	11am
Thurs 30	Thursday Thinking - Quiz (Online)	4.30pm