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South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire District



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Welcome to our Out and About Events Diary for January - June 2026.

Dear Members and Friends

The Oddfellows: Where Friendship Sparks Community

For over 200 years, The Oddfellows has tackled Britain's loneliness epidemic head-on. Yet, despite a network of branches and generous range of events and services, I'm still often met with, "I've never heard of them." The Oddfellows' South Yorkshire branch is determined to change that.

I was invited to the Brentwood, Rotherham, where local 'Oddies' were meeting for a casual drink, a hearty buffet lunch, several quiz games and countless laughs. It was here that, through listening to members' stories, I gained a deeper appreciation for The Oddfellows as a longstanding, if understated, force for good in South Yorkshire and beyond.

Friendship First

The Oddfellows offers much more than a busy social calendar. Its core promise is nurturing friendships which help people rebuild confidence, purpose and routine after big life changes such as retirement, bereavement or relationship breakdown.

Susan joined after her husband left, having spotted an advert. She found community and a reason to get out again.

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Members may be asked to show their Membership cards at social functions.

Ann from Kimberworth joined to support her mental health after retiring. "I wasn't in a very good place," she told me. "Oddfellows helped me get out of the house and socialise." These stories are not rare. They're the beating heart of the South Yorkshire branch - quiet transformations sparked by regular connection.

Days Out, Shared Interests, Lasting Ties

The Oddfellows' annual programme ranges from talks and lunches to walks and day trips, with something for every pace and preference. Day trips to seasonal events and places of interest across the country provide opportunities to engage with nature, art, culture and

history alongside likeminded members. The “Oddies Hikers” group brings more spritely members together for fresh air and much laughter.

Longstanding Oddfellows’ member, Paul, told me he enjoyed a ‘beautiful day out’ to Lyme Park, a magnificent National Trust estate in Cheshire where Oddies who enjoy a slower pace strolled through manicured gardens and had a well-earned coffee and cake afterwards.

What stands out is how many friendships continue beyond the Oddfellows’ official programme. Members regularly organise their own meet ups, proving that the Oddfellows’ connection doesn’t end when the event does.

A community that grows by word of mouth

So much of the branch’s reach begins with a simple recommendation. South Yorkshire’s Branch Secretary, Lesley, nudged her friend Sandy to join a few years ago. Kevin, Sandy’s husband, soon followed after seeing how much fun there was to be had! Another member, Ann, knew Lesley before joining, too. In a world of algorithms and advertising, it’s refreshing that the most powerful driver here is still one person saying to another, “Come along – you’ll like it!”

Practical Help for Life’s Toughest Challenges

Alongside companionship, the Oddfellows offers tangible support that many of its members told me

they rely on in this age of rising costs. It’s a holistic approach built on the knowledge that money worries, health issues and legal concerns all compound loneliness. Members benefit from:

- A welcoming environment for all, whether they are new to the area, newly retired, or newly alone.
- Plenty of choice – from quiet coffee mornings and gentle walks to lively day trips.
- Practical help that lightens the load and restores confidence, such as funding towards eye tests, glasses, and dental costs, financial planning services and legal support.
- Convalescence breaks to promote wellbeing, including to Southport in recent years.

This blend of social and practical support sets The Oddfellows apart from other social support organisations. Their holistic approach takes the pressure out of real-life challenges, so people can reconnect with others more easily.

How To Get Involved

If you, or someone you care about, would benefit from a friendly, supportive community, South Yorkshire Oddfellows would love to hear from you. Whether you start with a talk, lunch, or a gentle walk, you will be warmly welcomed. Bring a friend if it helps. Please contact Lesley or Julie on 01709 838673 or email lesley.walton@oddfellows.co.uk or julie.davis@oddfellows.co.uk

With Love
Lesley and Julie

Regular Events

Hollywood Bowl



Pay direct to
Hollywood Bowl



Various Days

Join us for a morning of fun and laughter. Who will get a strike and who will be our winner? Meet at 11am in the reception area of Hollywood Bowl. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Hollywood Bowl, Valley Centertainment, Sheffield Leisure Park, Broughton Lane, Sheffield S9 2EP. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Monday 26 January
Friday 27 February
Monday 9 March

Tuesday 21 April
Wednesday 6 May
Monday 29 June

Oddfellows Open Day



Free



Various Days

Our open days have proved to be so popular, that they are now a regular feature in our diary. Have you picked one of our diaries up from your local doctors, dentists, library or at one of the many other venues we use? Do any of our members have friends who would like to make new friends, join in our activities, have meals out, go for walks or day trips away? If so, please come along to one of our open mornings and bring your friends with you. As you know, there is a lot more to the Oddfellows and we would love to meet new people and extend our friendship family. Please spread the word, there is no need to book, just pop into the office for a cuppa and a slice of cake, any time between 11am and 1pm. We would love to see you. Oddfellows House, 40 Westgate, Rotherhams S60 1AS. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Tuesday 20 January
Monday 16 February
Thursday 19 March

Tuesday 14 April
Tuesday 19 May
Monday 8 June

Regular Events

Cinema Club

 12.45pm  Pay direct to the cinema



Various Thursday

Silver Screen Thursdays - an exclusive mid-week treat for those aged 60 and over. Enjoy a specially selected movie for just £5, plus receive a complimentary tea or coffee and biscuits to complete your cinematic experience. If you would like to come along, please register your interest with the office and we will be in touch nearer the time to let you know what the film will be. The film starts at 1pm, so we will meet in the foyer at 12.45pm. Everyone welcome. Arc Cinema, Forge Island, Rotherham S60 1QJ. To register your interest, call the office on 01709 838673.



15 January
12 February

12 March
23 April

7 May
4 June

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Lesley by phone on **01709 838673** or email lesley.walton@oddfellows.co.uk

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January 2026

WED
14

Brunch Bunch - Doncaster

New



11am



Pay direct to
Red Lion



Following on from the success of our Rotherham and Barnsley Brunch Bunches, we have decided to trial a Doncaster Brunch Bunch, which will hopefully become as popular as our other ones. We will be holding them at the very centrally located, Red Lion Wetherspoons pub. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Red Lion - JD Wetherspoon, Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



FRI
16

Lunch at The Red Lion Country Inn

New



12.30pm



Pay direct to
The Red Lion
Country Inn



A member favourite, The Red Lion Country Inn, situated in the village of Worsbrough, serves delicious home cooked food in a cosy setting. Join us for lunch and a catch up with friends old and new. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion Country Inn, Park Road, Worsbrough, Barnsley S70 5LJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
21

Sheffield Social Afternoon



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £3



Martin Rowley entertains us this afternoon with his fascinating talk about the Sheffield gang wars of the 1920s and the film being made of the lasting legacy to the city, regarded by many as 'The greatest story never told' of treachery, deceit and greed. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.



January 2026

THURS
22

Christmas Fuddle at the Brentwood



12 noon



Members £10, Guests £15



Let's banish those January blues with a Christmas Fuddle. Many of us Yorkshire folk know exactly what a Christmas Fuddle is, but for those of you who are reading this and are feeling somewhat bemused, let us explain. It is a Yorkshire term for a festive, informal get together where we share food. The Brentwood will provide us with one of their fantastic hot and cold buffets and unlimited tea or coffee. The bar will also be open for you to purchase alcoholic and soft drinks. As always, we will have lots of fun and games to keep you all entertained. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including guests. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



TUES
27

Sheffield Dine Around at Cavells

New Time



12.30pm



Pay direct to Cavells



A very warm welcome awaits you at Cavells in Sheffield. As we are a large group, a deposit of £5 per person and pre-orders are required. A menu will be sent out to you at the time of booking. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Cavells, 31 High Street, Sheffield S1 2GA. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
28

Brunch Bunch at Wonky Café



11am



Pay direct to Wonky Café



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at the newly re-branded Wonky Café. Formerly Al's café, the owners have relocated around the corner to bigger and better premises. The food hasn't changed though, there are lots of delicious food options to choose from on their varied menu, together with some new dishes for us to try too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Wonky Café, 9-10 Old Town Hall, Rotherham S60 1QX. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

January 2026

THURS 29 Barnsley Social Afternoon

🕒 2pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Photo by R. Taylor
Part 1 of a two-part social afternoon, where Alan Hancock, enlightens us about Jack the Ripper and the series of murders that took place in Whitechapel,



London, during the autumn of 1888. After much research, there is no doubt in Alan's mind that the identity of Jack the Ripper is now known. Part 2 of this talk will continue at our February social afternoon. Speaker to start at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

February

TUES 03 Doncaster Social Afternoon

🕒 12.30pm

£ Pay direct to
The Mallard



Why not do a spot of shopping in the Frenchgate Centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at The Mallard? Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Prize Bingo' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Mallard, Unit 14, Food Court, Frenchgate Shopping Centre, Doncaster DN1 1SW. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

February

THURS 05 Rotherham Social Afternoon

🕒 12 noon

£ Free



Clare Morris-Shepherd from the Nat West Bank joins us this afternoon to give us her very informative talk about frauds and scams. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early. Everyone welcome. Oddfellows House, 40 Westgate, Rotherhams S60 1AS. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 10 Sheffield Dine Around at Pho



🕒 12.30pm

£ Pay direct
to Pho



For great value Vietnamese noodle soup and street food, look no further than this popular café. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Pho, 6 Leopold Square, Sheffield S1 2JG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Photo by Pho

February

WED 11 Oddie's Hikers at Thrybergh Country Park, Rotherham

🕒 11am

£ Free



Join us for a walk around this popular country park. After we have worked up an appetite after our walk, we can have a bite to eat in their homely café. Meet at the front of the café at 11am. The postcode is S65 4NU and there is ample parking onsite. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Thrybergh Country Park, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham S65 4NU. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



TUES 17 Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café

🕒 11am

£ Pay directly to Cooper Gallery Café



One of our member's favourite cafés, which serve a delicious range of food and drinks. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Please Note: This café is cash only. Cooper Gallery Café, Church Street, Barnsley S70 2AH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 18 Sheffield Social Afternoon

🕒 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Stephen Gay joins us this afternoon to take us on a ramble over the Pennines, from Hadfield to Sheffield, where we discover Woodhead, The Lost Railway. Using his own pictures, Stephen will explain the past, present and future of this much-loved abandoned route, which was closed in 1981. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.

THURS 19 Brunch Bunch at Noshys

🕒 11am

£ Pay direct to Noshys



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at this popular local café. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Noshys, 8 Upper Millgate, Rotherham S60 1PF. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



February

FRI 20 Chippy Lunch at The Plaice to Be



Join us for lunch at The Plaice to Be, a member favourite. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Plaice to Be, 4 Bridgegate, Rotherham S60 1PQ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 25 Bite to Eat at the Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at the Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



TUES 24 Travels by Train to York



New for this diary, we are going to try a few days out by public transport. Our first trip will be to what many people consider the jewel in Yorkshire's crown, a day out in York. Meeting times to be confirmed. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Doncaster Train Station, Station Approach, Doncaster DN1 1PJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS 26 Barnsley Social Afternoon



Continuing from January's social afternoon, Alan Hancock following with part two of his presentation about Jack the Ripper and the series of murders that took place in Whitechapel, London during the autumn of 1888. After much research, there is no doubt in Alan's mind that the identity of Jack the Ripper is now known. Speaker to start at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

March

TUES 03 **Doncaster Social Afternoon**

 12.30pm  Pay direct to The Mallard 

Why not do a spot of shopping in the Frenchgate Centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at The Mallard? Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Play Your Cards Right' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Will you go higher or lower? There's nothing for a pair in this game! Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Mallard, Unit 14, Food Court, Frenchgate Shopping Centre, Doncaster DN1 1SW. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 10 **Sheffield Dine Around at The Bessemer**

 12.30pm  Pay direct to The Bessemer 

Join us for some delicious pub grub at this popular pub. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Bessemer, The Fountain Precinct, 58 Leopold Street, Sheffield S1 2GZ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



MON 16 **Travels by Train to Leeds and Leeds Market**

 11am  TBC 



A day out to Leeds by train. Not to be missed is Harvey Nics and the famous Leeds Market. Meeting times to be confirmed. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Meadowhall Train Station, Meadowhall, Sheffield S9 1JQ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 18 **Sheffield Social Afternoon**

 1.30pm  Members Free Guests £3 

Susan Deal speaks to us this afternoon about Victorian stately homes through the ages. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.

March

FRI 20 Brunch Bunch at Grimm and Co

🕒 11am 💷 Pay direct to Grimm and Co 🍴🍷🍴

Not only does this café have a lovely enchanting theme, it's beautiful inside too. The breakfasts and brunches are wonderful also. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Grimm & Co, Ship Hill, Rotherham S60 2HG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

MON 23 Brunch Bunch - Doncaster

New

🕒 11am 💷 Pay direct to Red Lion 🍴🍷🍴

Following on from the success of our Rotherham and Barnsley Brunch Bunches, we have decided to trial a Doncaster Brunch Bunch, which will hopefully become as popular as our other ones. We will be holding them at the very centrally located, Red Lion Wetherspoons pub. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Red Lion - JD Wetherspoon, Market Place, Doncaster DN1 1NH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



WED 25 Oddie's Hikers at Eckington Woods, Sheffield

🕒 11am 💷 Free 📍

A member recommendation. Join us for a walk around this popular wood and then afterwards for a home-cooked lunch



at the dog-friendly, Bridge Inn pub, which is nearby. The main car park for Eckington Woods is the Pinfold Street car park in Eckington (postcode S21 4EX), which is free to use and centrally located. Meet in this car park at 11am. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Eckington Woods, Pinfold Car Park, Eckington, Sheffield S21 4EX. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS 26 Barnsley Social Afternoon

🕒 2pm 💷 Members Free 🗣️🗣️
Guests £3

Jane Mills from the Barnsley Hospital Charity joins us this afternoon to tell us all about the wonderful work that they do for Barnsley Hospital. Speaker starts at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

April

WED 01 Brunch Bunch at Heavenly Desserts



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at the newly opened Heavenly Desserts. The menu is varied, it's not just sweet treats. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Heavenly Desserts, Unit 5, Forge Island, Rotherham S60 1QJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 08 Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Victorian Tea Rooms



Renown for its variety of home-made food, the Victorian Tea Rooms is always a popular choice for our members. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Victorian Tea Rooms, 12 The Arcade, Barnsley S70 2QN. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 07 Doncaster Social Afternoon



Why not do a spot of shopping in the Frenchgate Centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at The Mallard? Afterwards, put on your thinking caps and stay for a fun quiz with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Mallard, Unit 14, Food Court, Frenchgate Shopping Centre, Doncaster DN1 1SW. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED 15 Sheffield Social Afternoon



David Bell gives us his unusual talk named 'Rubber Dummy and Haemorrhoids'. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.

MON 27 Bite to Eat at the Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at the Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

April

TUES 28 Sheffield Dine Around at Cosmos New Time

🕒 12.30pm 💷 Pay direct to Cosmos 🍴🍷🍴

Join us at Cosmo for an all-you-can-buffet. Choose from pizza, pasta dishes, Indian and Chinese cuisine, plus lots more, you can try a bit of everything. Make sure you leave some room for dessert as there is an extensive variety of all-you-can-eat sweet treats. The lunch menu is £16.99 per person, absolute bargain! Booking is essential. Everyone welcome.

Please note: The restaurant doesn't open until 12.30pm, so please don't arrive too early. Cosmos, Unit 2, City Lofts Tower, St Paul's Place, Sheffield S1 2PT. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS 30 Barnsley Social Afternoon

🕒 2pm 💷 Members Free 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 £3 ❓

Put on your thinking caps and join us this afternoon for a fun quiz. Who will win a prize? Quiz will start at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.



WED 29 Oddfellows Spring Outing to Bury Market

🕒 9am 💷 Members £20, Guests £25 🚌

Join us for a wonderful day out to the famous Bury Market. Selling clothing, hardware, flowers, groceries and much more, it has something for everyone. There is also a large variety of eateries, so you will be spoilt for choice. Bury Market is also famous for its legendary black pudding, who will be bringing some home? Pick-up points: 9am

at Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Photo by David Dixon

May

FRI 01 Brunch Bunch at Ow Do Café



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at this popular local café, which is a short walk just over the bridge behind the bus station. Booking is essential as the tables are reserved for us. Everyone welcome. Ow Do Café, Unit 3, RWS House, 105 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1BL. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 05 Doncaster Social Afternoon



Why not do a spot of shopping in the Frenchgate Centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at The Mallard? Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Irish Bingo',



one of our member's favourites, with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Mallard, Unit 14, Food Court, Frenchgate Shopping Centre, Doncaster DN1 1SW. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

FRI 08 Mini Golf at Hillsborough Park



New to Sheffield is the Courtside Complex in Hillsborough Park. Join us for a round of mini golf. The cost is £5 per person, per round. Meet at reception at 11am. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Courtside at Hillsborough, Penistone Road, Sheffield S6 2DF. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 12 Sheffield Dine Around at The Museum



Join us for some proper pub grub at one of our member's favourite pubs. As we are a large party, pre-orders are required and we will send you out a menu at the time of booking. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Museum Sheffield, 25 Orchard Square, Sheffield S1 2GX. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
13

Barnsley Market Day and Lunch at The Lemon Tree



1pm



Pay direct to The Lemon Tree



Join us for a jaunt around the famous market, where we can bag a bargain or two. Afterwards, we will go for lunch at one of our favourite restaurants - The Lemon Tree, which serves high quality English cuisine. We will meet outside the bus station (Barnsley Interchange) at 11am. Please note: We will meet outside the main entrance of the bus station at the front of the building.



Photo by Lemon Tree

When booking, please let the office know whether you would like to come shopping and go for lunch or just go for lunch at The Lemon Tree only. The Lemon Tree is in the town centre and the address is 5 Peel Square, Barnsley S70 2QT. Pre-orders and a deposit will be required. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Barnsley Interchange, 32-34 Midland Street, Barnsley S70 1SE. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS
14

Travels by Train to Cleethorpes

New



11am



TBC



New for this diary, we are going to try a few days out by public transport. Who fancies a trip to the seaside? Meeting times to be confirmed. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Meadowhall Train Station, Meadowhall, Sheffield S9 1JQ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

FRI
15

Lunch at The Red Lion Country Inn

New



12.30pm



Pay direct to
The Red Lion
Country Inn



A member favourite, The Red Lion Country Inn, situated in the village of Worsbrough, serves delicious home-cooked food in a cosy setting. Join us for lunch and a catch up with friends old and new. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Red Lion Country Inn, Park Road, Worsbrough, Barnsley S70 5LJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

May

MON
18

Oddie's Hikers at Locke Park, Barnsley

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for a walk in this beautiful park, which hosts gardens, open grass areas, an historical tower, bandstand and it is only a mile away from Barnsley town centre. Afterwards, join us for a spot of lunch in the café. Meet outside the café at 11am. From Barnsley, bus numbers 43 and 44 stop on Park Road near the entrance. If travelling by car, the car park is off Keresforth Hall Road, just follow the signs. The postcode is S70 6NF. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four legged friends. Locke Park, Keresforth Hall Road, Barnsley S70 6NF. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

WED
20

Sheffield Social Afternoon

L 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Richard Venables entertains us with his interesting talk 'Disaster Detective'. A retired Detective Inspector, who was involved in the identification of victims of disasters, talks about his life and work. Richard is the author of a prizewinning bestselling autobiography, entitled 'A Life in Death'. Not to be missed. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.

WED
27

Day Trip to Beamish The Living Museum of the North

L 9am

£ TBC



Award-winning Beamish Museum is a must-see part of any group visit to the North of England. Take a walk down an Edwardian cobbled street, try tasty food from times gone by and chat to our cheerful costumed engagers - there's so much to discover! Experience life as a Land Girl, explore the 1820s landscape or have a go at fun 50s activities in the welfare hall. Set within 400 beautiful acres, there's something for everyone at Beamish Museum.



Group rates for 2026 have not yet been released, so we will let you know the total cost as soon as we have the information. Pick-up points: 9am at Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

Photo by BeamishMuseum

May

THURS 28 **Barnsley Social Afternoon**

 2pm

 Members Free
Guests £3



Photo by Dragonmc

Paul Adey joins us this afternoon for part one of his talk about the US Motor Industry. Paul will look at the growth and development



of companies like Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and the growth of General Motors to become the largest automobile manufacturer in the world. Speaker to start at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.

FRI 29 **Brunch Bunch - Doncaster**

 11am

 Pay direct to Red Lion



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June

TUES 02 **Doncaster Social Afternoon**

 12.30pm

 Pay direct to The Mallard



Why not do a spot of shopping in the Frenchgate Centre and then enjoy lunch with friends old and new at The Mallard? Afterwards, stay for a game of 'Killer Dominoes' with Julie, our Social Organiser. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. The Mallard, Unit 14, Food Court, Frenchgate Shopping Centre, Doncaster DN1 1SW. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



Photo by Frees

TUES 09 **Oddie's Hikers at Parkwood Springs, Sheffield**

 11am

 Free



Parkwood Springs is an amazing, natural, wild space close to the centre of the city of Sheffield. There is woodland and heath, open parkland and spectacular views over the city centre, the suburbs and the distant moors of the Peak District. Meet at Parkwood Springs car park at 11am. Postcode: S5 8XB. If you need any public transport information, please contact Julie in the office. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome, including our four-legged friends. Parkwood Springs, Shirecliffe Road, Sheffield S5 8XB. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

June

WED 10 Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café



Our second visit to one of our members' favourite cafés, which serve a delicious range of food and drinks. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. **Please note:** This café is cash only. Cooper Gallery Café, Church Street, Barnsley S70 2AH. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

TUES 16 Sheffield Dine Around at Zizzi



Join us for lunch at this popular Italian restaurant. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Zizzis, 8 Leopold Square, Sheffield S1 2JG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



New Time

THURS 11 Trip to Denby Pottery



Join us for a visit to Denby Pottery. We plan to do the 'Denby Pottery Tour and Denby Museum Experience'. Afterwards, we can have a bite to eat at the café and bag some bargains in the factory shop. Unfortunately, due to health and safety regulations, to partake in the pottery tour, you have to be able to walk completely unaided. There is still lots to do if you are unable to do this activity, as you can still buy the Denby Museum Experience.



Please let us know if you just want to do the museum experience. Group rates for 2026 have not yet been released, so we will let you know the total cost as soon as we have the information. Pick-up points: 9am at Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

June

WED
17

Sheffield Social Afternoon

🕒 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3



Ashton Carter speaks to us this afternoon about 'Sheffield: A Magical City'. This talk looks at some of the amazing magic related stories that have happened in Sheffield. These include our links to a man who found out how dangerous 'catching a bullet' can be, the teenager who taught Houdini one of his most famous stunts and the magician who converted his attic into a performance space and filled it with ghosts. He will also delve into where magicians can buy their magic from and why its the best kept secret in the magic world. Speaker to start at 1.30pm. Everyone welcome. Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2BG.



THURS
18

Summer Outing to Scarborough

🕒 9am

£ Members £20
Guests £25



Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside! Join us for our summer outing to the beautiful Yorkshire seaside town of Scarborough. Pick-up points: 9am at Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. 9.30am at Pond Hill (outside Penny Black pub), Sheffield S1 2BG. Booking is essential. Places are limited, so please book early to secure your place. Everyone welcome. Mecca Bingo, Corporation Street, Rotherham S60 1NG. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

Photo by Thomas Talkien of Scarborough

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June

TUES
23

Brunch Bunch at Vetro Lounge



11am



Pay direct to Vetro Lounge



Catch up with friends and join us for brunch at the Vetro Lounge on the Forge Island complex near the cinema. Pre-orders are required and we will send you out the menu at the time of booking. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Vetro Lounge, Forge Island, Rotherham S60 1QJ. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.

THURS
25

Barnsley Social Afternoon



2pm



Members Free
Guests £3



Paul Adey joins us this afternoon for part two of his talk about the US Motor Industry. Paul will look at the growth and development of companies like Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and the growth of General Motors to become the largest automobile manufacturer in the world. Speaker to start at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Boatman's Rest, Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley S70 4TD.



FRI
26

Bite to Eat at the Brentwood

New



1pm



Pay direct to Brentwood



Join us for a bite to eat at the Brentwood. There is a great menu and a special senior's menu, so not only are we getting a delicious lunch, the value for money is fantastic too. Booking is essential. Everyone welcome. Brentwood Hotel, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2TY. To book, contact the office on 01709 838673.



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.

Film Quiz

1. Who played Mrs Robinson in The Graduate?
2. What was the first feature length animated film ever released?
3. What 1927 musical was the first 'talkie'?
4. What real life on again, off again Hollywood power couple starred in the film 'Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf'?
5. Who played juror number 8 in 12 Angry Men?
6. What American writer/director starred in several iconic European produced 'Spaghetti Westerns'?
7. For what film did Steven Spielberg win his first Oscar for Best Director?
8. For which musical blockbuster did Julie Andrews win the Academy Award for Best Actress?
9. 'Well, nobody's perfect' is the final line (and punchline) from what classic 1959 comedy starring Marilyn Monroe?
10. The stage play Everybody Comes to Rick's was adapted for the screen to become what 1942 Best picture winner?
11. In what 1979 James Bond film does the famous spy go to outer space?
12. What's the name of Charlie Chaplin's most famous, recurring character?
13. Which Alfred Hitchcock thriller is notorious for it's shocking ' Shower scene'?
14. Who wrote the screenplay for Rocky?
15. What is the highest grossing film of all time when not taking inflation into account?

Sports Anagrams

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| 1. Boot Fall
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| 2. Cockeye Hi
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| 3. Admit Bonn
----- | 8. Alpert Woo
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| 4. Breaking Toads
----- | 9. Box Gin
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| 5. Koo Wanted
----- | 10. Buggy Lauree
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Make the most of your membership



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Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

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- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

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For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions, or call us on 0800 028 1810.

Bring friendship to your front room



We understand that life can get busy – a diary clash, travel costs, or simply the need for a quiet day at home can all make attending events in person a challenge.

But no matter the reason, we believe everyone should be able to enjoy the warmth of friendship and community. That's why Branches across the country host around fifty free online events every month. From inspiring talks and creative arts and crafts sessions to fun games, gentle exercise and calming meditation – there's something for everyone.

These online gatherings are a wonderful way to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new friends from all over the UK – all from the comfort of your own home. Who knows? You might even discover a new passion along the way!

What's coming up online

Tuesday 9 December 2025, 7pm, 'Getting to know Unity Mutual'

Use this link to register directly on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/UnityMutualDecember>

A number of our Branches are also running Online Events over the holiday period. Anyone is able to attend, no matter where they live, so spread the word. Here is a selection from across the period:

25 December, 7pm: Thursday Quiz and Games Night (North Wales and Chester District Branch)

26 December, 7pm: Fun on Friday Boxing Day Special (Ipswich District Branch)

28 December, 5pm: Zoom-in for Live@5 Weekly Quiz (Ipswich District Branch)

29 December, 7pm: Monday Night Chatterboxes (North Wales and Chester District Branch)

30 December, 7.30pm: Why do we make new year's resolutions? (Bradford)

31 December, 7pm: Say Goodbye to 2025 with our New Years Eve Party (Ipswich District Branch)

2 January 2026, 7pm: Zoom-in for Fun on Friday (Ipswich District Branch)

Please go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/ to find out more information or to obtain the joining instructions for these and other similar events. All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on events@oddfellows.co.uk, with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

Lesley Walton

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for saying ‘yes’ to friendship

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

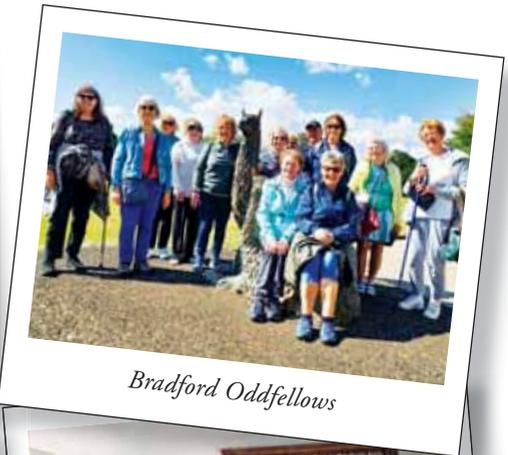
It’s safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows’ CEO, Jane Nelson, said: “Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I’m thankful of every single

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

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



Birmingham Oddfellows



Bradford Oddfellows



Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows



Albert Oddfellows



Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows



Cambridge Oddfellows



Heart of the West Oddfellows



Concord Oddfellows



Halifax Oddfellows



Sudbury Oddfellows

Application deadlines approach!

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

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

Apprenticeship Educational Awards



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

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

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

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

Making a Difference Awards



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

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

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

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

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



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 Lesley on **01709 838673** or email **lesley.walton@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**

At a glance

January 2025

Wed 14	New Brunch Bunch - Doncaster	11am
Thurs 15	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Fri 16	New Lunch at The Red Lion Country Inn	12.30pm
Tues 20	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Wed 21	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Thurs 22	Christmas Fuddle at the Brentwood	12 noon
Mon 26	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 27	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at Cavells	12.30pm
Wed 28	Brunch Bunch at Wonky Café	11am
Thurs 29	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm

February

Tues 3	Doncaster Social Afternoon	12.30pm
Thurs 5	Rotherham Social Afternoon	12 noon
Tues 10	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at Pho	12.30pm
Wed 11	Oddie's Hikers at Thrybergh Country Park, Rotherham	11am
Thurs 12	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Mon 16	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Tues 17	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café	11am
Wed 18	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Thurs 19	Brunch Bunch at Noshys	11am
Fri 20	Chippy Lunch at The Plaice to Be	12.30pm
Tues 24	New Travels by Train to York	11am
Wed 25	New Bite to Eat at the Brentwood	1pm
Thurs 26	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm
Fri 27	Hollywood Bowl	11am

March

Tues 3	Doncaster Social Afternoon	12.30pm
Mon 9	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Tues 10	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at The Bessemer	12.30pm
Thurs 12	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Mon 16	New Travels by Train to Leeds and Leeds Market	11am
Wed 18	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Thurs 19	Oddfellows Open Day	11am

At a glance

March

Fri 20	Brunch Bunch at Grimm and Co	11am
Mon 23	New Brunch Bunch - Doncaster	11am
Wed 25	Oddie's Hikers at Eckington Woods, Sheffield	11am
Thurs 26	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm

April

Wed 1	Brunch Bunch at Heavenly Desserts	11am
Tues 7	Doncaster Social Afternoon	12.30pm
Wed 8	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Victorian Tea Rooms	11am
Tues 14	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Wed 15	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 21	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Thurs 23	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Mon 27	New Bite to Eat at the Brentwood	1pm
Tues 28	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at Cosmos	12.30pm
Wed 29	Oddfellows Spring Outing to Bury Market	9am
Thurs 30	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm

May

Fri 1	Brunch Bunch at Ow Do Café	11am
Tues 5	Doncaster Social Afternoon	12.30pm
Wed 6	Hollywood Bowl	11am
Thurs 7	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Fri 8	Mini Golf at Hillsborough Park	11am
Tues 12	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at The Museum	12.30pm
Wed 13	Barnsley Market Day and Lunch at The Lemon Tree	1pm
Thurs 14	New Travels by Train to Cleethorpes	11am
Fri 15	New Lunch at The Red Lion Country Inn	12.30pm
Mon 18	Oddie's Hikers at Locke Park, Barnsley	11am
Tues 19	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Wed 20	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Wed 27	Day Trip to Beamish - The Living Museum of the North	9am
Thurs 28	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm
Fri 29	New Brunch Bunch - Doncaster	11am

At a glance

June

Tues 2	Doncaster Social Afternoon	12.30pm
Thurs 4	Cinema Club	12.45pm
Mon 8	Oddfellows Open Day	11am
Tues 9	Oddie's Hikers at Parkwood Springs, Sheffield	11am
Wed 10	Barnsley Brunch Bunch at Cooper Gallery Café	11am
Thurs 11	Trip to Denby Pottery	9am
Tues 16	New Time Sheffield Dine Around at Zizzi	12.30pm
Wed 17	Sheffield Social Afternoon	1.30pm
Thurs 18	Summer Outing to Scarborough	9am
Tues 23	Brunch Bunch at Vetro Lounge	11am
Thurs 25	Barnsley Social Afternoon	2pm
Fri 26	New Bite to Eat at the Brentwood	1pm
Mon 29	Hollywood Bowl	1pm

Film Quiz Answer on page 22

1. Anne Bancroft
2. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
3. The Jazz Singer
4. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton
5. Henry Fonda
6. Clint Eastwood
7. Schindler's List
8. Mary Poppins
9. Some Like it Hot
10. Casablanca
11. Moonraker
12. The Tramp
13. Psycho
14. Sylvester Stallone
15. Gone with the Wind

Sports Anagrams Answer on page 22

1. Football
2. Ice Hockey
3. Badminton
4. Skateboarding
5. Taekwondo
6. Lacrosse
7. Volleyball
8. Water Polo
9. Boxing
10. Rugby League