

April - September 2022



# News & Events

## Burton-on-Trent District Branch



*View of the Ferry Bridge also known as the Stapenhill Ferry Bridge and the River Trent*



Music



Art/Crafts



Theatre



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



*Day Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon – Sunday 10 July*

## **‘Welcome Back’ to our Burton Combined Newsletter and Diary.**

Well – after so many lock downs, we are back at last to some sort of normality – ‘Fingers Crossed’.

### **For Your Safety**

On entry to Oddfellows Hall there is a hand sanitising station which will remain in place for your use.

All toilets have anti-bacterial soap, wipes and spray along with paper towel for your use – but please dispose in the bins provided.

At all activities and meetings we still ask for face coverings on entry & then it is up to each individual, depending on how safe and comfortable they feel at the time, as to whether they are kept on.

### **Pre-Booking is Essential at all Events!**

Names, addresses and a contact number of members and visitors attending will be required for the purposes of Track and Trace.

If you have anything you would like including in the next copy of the newsletter, e.g. letters, photographs

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### **Care and Welfare Officers:**

Gordon and Viv Simpson

**Telephone:** 07984 297276

or anything of interest to our readers please don't hesitate to contact me, either by post, phone or email as detailed on the right.

### **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.

# Regular Events

**Members are welcome to join in with the regular weekly activities...**

There is usually something happening at Oddfellows Hall for our members.  
To find out more contact us on 01283 564056.

## Badminton

**Monday Morning and Evening  
and Wednesday Morning**

⌚ Monday and Wednesday Morning  
9.30am - 12 noon  
and Monday Evening 7pm - 9pm

£ Two free sessions, then membership applies

A chance to make  
new friends and  
get a little fitter, all  
you need is a racket  
and trainers.



## Short Mat Bowls

**Wednesday**

⌚ 2pm - 4pm

£ Two free sessions, then  
membership applies

A chance to make new friends and  
enjoy a gentle sport - with a break for  
refreshments and a chat. All playing  
equipment is provided, all you need  
are flat shoes.



All Badminton and Bowls equipment will be sanitised before and after each session. Chairs will all be placed with a social distance of one metre and are not to be moved.

## Singing For Pleasure

**Every Thursday**

⌚ 2pm - 3pm

£ Two free sessions, then  
membership applies

### Every Thursday, 2pm

Free for the first two sessions, then  
joining fee applies. If you enjoy  
singing, Then why not come along  
on a Thursday from 2pm to 3pm for  
a jolly sing along with good friends,  
all welcome.



# April

## TUES 05 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

L 3pm

£ Free



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

## THURS 07 Orphan's Protection Lodge

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

## FRI 08 Cake and Cuppa

L 11am

£ £3



Why not join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake or two and chat with friends, all for £3,



also there is a tombola stall. 11am to 2pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

## WED 20 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

## SAT 23 Time for Antiques

L 6pm

£ Under 16's £4  
Members £8  
Guests £10



Have you ever wondered how much your antiques are? Then come along to a informative



talk from Auctioneer Richard Winterton. Licensed bar will be available. Any dietary requirements need to be booked in advance. Book by Thursday 21 April. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# May

## TUES 03 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

L 3pm

£ Free



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# May

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## Orphan's Protection Lodge

L 7.30pm

£ Free



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## Cake and Cuppa

L 11am

£ £3



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SAT  
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## Eyes Down

L 6pm

£ Under 16's £4  
Members £8  
Guests £10



Eyes down for a fun filled bingo evening with our resident bingo caller, always a good laugh. Licensed bar will be available. Any dietary requirements need to be booked in advance. Book by Thursday 12 May. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



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## Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

# June

TUES  
07

## Christian Union Lodge Meeting

L 3pm

£ Free



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THURS  
09

## Orphan's Protection Lodge

L 7.30pm

£ Free



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# June

WED  
22

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# July

TUES  
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## Christian Union Lodge Meeting



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# July

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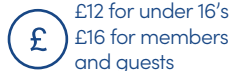
## Cake and Cuppa



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## Day Trip



Take this opportunity to discover and explore William Shakespeare's birthplace and the Artisan Markets of Stratford-upon-Avon. Departing Burton from All Saints Church, Branston Road. Returning from Stratford-upon-Avon at 5pm. Please book by Monday 6 June with a £5 non-refundable deposit. Stratford-upon-Avon CV37. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.





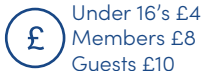
# July

## **WED** **20** **Burton-on-Trent** **District Lodge Meeting**



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## **SAT** **23** **Summer Time Fun**



Join in the fun of a relaxed and friendly evening of food and music. Just what you need to lift your spirits if the weather is a little disappointing. Licensed bar available, any dietary requirements need to be booked by Wednesday 20 July. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# August

## **TUES** **02** **Christian Union** **Lodge Meeting**



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# August

## **THURS** **04** **Orphan's Protection** **Lodge**



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

## **FRI** **05** **Cake and Cuppa**



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## **WED** **17** **Burton-on-Trent** **District Lodge Meeting**




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# August

SAT  
20

## Movie Time

 4pm

 Under 16's £4  
Members £6  
Guests £8



Just what you need after all the hustle and bustle of the weeks toils. Relax with afternoon tea and the film 'Summer Holiday' starring Cliff Richard and a Red Double Decker Bus. Any dietary requirements need to be booked by Wednesday 17 August. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT  
10

## Quiz Night

 6pm

 Under 16's £4  
Members £8  
Guests £10



Love a quiz? Then why not join us for freshly cooked fish and chips followed by our fun family quiz night. Any dietary requirements need to be booked by Wednesday 7 September. Licensed bar available. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# September

TUES  
06

## Christian Union Lodge Meeting

 3pm

 Free



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THURS  
08

## Orphan's Protection Lodge

 7.30pm

 Free



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FRI  
16

## Cake and Cuppa

 11am

 £3



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## Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

 7.30pm

 Free



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# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

## Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Mervyn on **01283 564056** or email **mervyn.eaton@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@manchestercab.org](mailto:oddfellows@manchestercab.org)



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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**



# Annual Dinner Dance 2021

**On Saturday 6 November 2021, after a year of lockdown, Burton-on-Trent District was able to hold its Annual Dinner Dance at Oddfellows Hall. The principal guests for the evening were Sister Jane Nelson CEO/Secretary of the Order and Brother Graham, Brother Clive Taylor PGM, Secretary of the Southern Group Conference and Sister Christine Foyle PPGM.**

86 members from Burton-on-Trent and friends from the following Districts enjoyed a lovely meal provided by Woodland Caterers: Beds and Bucks, Cambridge, Deeside, Derby, Heart of England, Nottingham Trent, Plymouth and Truro, Pride of Leicestershire, Reading, Stockport and Combermere, and Worcester. Music for the evening was provided by 'Notts DJ's'.



# Talented Matchstick Man

**Brother Fred Glover one of our Bowlers, built this replica of a Steam Traction Engine, with working parts, from match sticks! It took over two years to complete - and a lot of patience.**



## Tote Winners for 2021

January	Mr J Hollis	21 and 25
February	Mr D Dyke	6 and 11
March	Mr T E Elks	5 and 10
April	Mrs M Rostance	7 and 18
May	Mrs M Thompson	7 and 26
June	Mrs S Loyne Mr S Stevenson	1 and 20
July	Mrs C Richards	9 and 16
August	Mrs M Bateman Mr E Horobin	7 and 23
September	Mrs A C Mountford	3 and 20
October	Mr S Stevenson	1 and 20
November	Mr S J Eaton	3 and 7
December	Mr M Elliott	1 and 23



## Burton-on-Trent Remembers

**In 2021, because of the unsurety of the usual RBL Remembrance Parade and Service Burton-on-Trent District decided to hold its own Remembrance Service at the National Memorial Arboretum.**

Since the District Dinner Dance was to be held on Saturday 6th November, at which members from afar would be attending, some of whom had not yet had the opportunity of visiting the Arboretum, it seemed opportune to invite them to join the Burton-on-Trent Officers and members for the Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying.

So Sunday 7th November, was chosen and those visiting members, who could, were delighted to accept the invitation.

Representatives of each visiting Districts and Group Conferences were able to lay a wreath, this also included CEO/ Secretary Sister Jane Nelson laying a wreath on behalf of the Board of Directors.







## Pre-Christmas Luncheon

Friday 3 December saw 27 members meet up at the Appleby Inn Hotel for a Pre-Christmas Luncheon. All enjoyed an excellent three course Christmas meal ending with tea or coffee and

a warm mince pie. There was also a surprise Birthday Cake presentation to Sister Amanda Norbury-Mountford who was celebrating her 55th Birthday that day.



# Ode to Brother Stan Matthews

**Brother Stan Matthews, PPGM, PP, CAMU and former Prov CS of the Ashby, Fazeley and Whitwick District and Burton-on-Trent District passed away on Tuesday 19 October 2021. His funeral was well attended from the Oddfellows Society as a whole.**

## **Written and recited by Brother John Matthews (Brother Stan's Son)**

Our Dad

"Is your Dad really Stanley Matthews?" When people ask, so's not to confuse, we reply, "yes" "but he's not the footballer who played for Stoke, our Dad's a far more splendid bloke". "He's Brother Stan, (he's not Sir Stanley), famous round Newhall, not Burslem or Hanley".

In fairness, our Dad is the sort who likes watching far more than playing sport. Football, Cricket, he loves it all as long as it involves a ball. In his 80s, dad said, "Enough is enough" and stopped going to Derby on the bus, to sit in the cold with the other fans watching his beloved Rams, but his plans to watch football haven't gone awry - he watches 10 matches a week all broadcast by Sky.

In early life he joined the Navy, but having met his special lady, he left the Med', Gibraltar, Malta, and sailed instead towards the altar, and married Mum in the sight of God. A perfect couple, one tall, one short, in no way odd.



Dad likes the beach, but prefers a cruise, and when on-board, he will always choose - his favourite dinner, without a break, for 14 nights a well-done steak! But now his teeth aren't great, nor is his jaw, so steak nights for Stanley, they are no more

Our dad's a man with will-power strong, and always quick to right a wrong. So the Matthews family could travel far Dad quit smoking to buy his first car, and when the doctor said it was too risky, Dad gave up on his nightcap whisky.

So, Stanley's built himself a life, a daughter, two sons and a loving wife. Birthdays and Christmas amazing times, as the years roll by, we see clear signs of a happy man, so much contented - a place in our hearts firmly cemented. Sat in his chair, not feeling sad or thinking of things he could have had. Time's gone so fast, or so it seems, since Dad went to sea with his hopes and his dreams, he fills our lives with love and joy - not bad, for a humble South Derbyshire boy.



# In Memoriam

## Brothers

*Frank Brown*

*David G Davey*

*Donald A Elliott*

*David H Goodyer*

*John Hartless*

*John A Haywood*

*Derek I C Lovatt*

*Stanley Matthews (Stan), PPGM, CAMU, PP*

*Raymond Pitman*

*John S Ramsell*

*Reverend Les Rees*

*Peter Scigala*



## Sisters

*Joyce H Austin*

*Joan Brinklow, PG*

*Hazel F Brown*

*Pamela A Cook*

*Marjorie Frost*

*Joan Greensmith*

*Maisie J Harries*

*Janet D Higgs*

*E R Hollis, PPGM, PP*

*Lydia J Jepps*

*Jean E Middleton*

*Brenda Mills*

*Margaret E Morton*

*Marcia Rostance*

*Glenda Seabridge*

*Eileen M Shaw*

*Beryl S Walker*

*Iris While*

# Traditional Terms

**Grand Master (GM):** Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master**

**(Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Deputy Grand Master**

**(Prov DGM):**

District Deputy Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding**

**Secretary (Prov CS):**

District Secretary – responsible for administering Branches

**Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):**

Immediate Past District Chairman

**Past Provincial Grand Master**

**(PPGM):** Past District Chairman

**Lodge:** Branch

**Brother and Sister:** Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family

# Young Oddfellows

**What have you been doing during the year?  
Why not write to me tell me what you have been doing  
and send a picture, we would love to hear from you.**

## Talented Young Oddfellow

**Just a further update on our Talented Young Oddfellow – Effie Bowman – which we'd like to share with you all.**

Not only has she now been accepted into the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire to study harp, horn and voice but the latest is that Effie has successfully auditioned for the Derby leg of the National Tour of “Snowman”.

In her audition she did amazingly well and sang “Walking in the Air” as the Film was shown behind her and accompanied by a live Orchestra.

To say we at Burton-on-Trent are “chuffed” is an understatement.

We are hoping Effie and her family will be joining us at the 2022 Scarborough Annual Movable Conference (AMC). (Fingers Crossed).

## 'Sports Mad' Young Oddfellow

Young Oddfellow Luke Warner is 'Sports Mad', he loves his Rugby, Tennis and Hockey so much.

Luke is now playing Rugby for the Burton Rugby Club's under 14's.

Well done Luke.




# Panto Season

**After an absence of 18 months on Saturday 11 December, 18 Young Oddfellows and 29 adults enjoyed a visit to the Lichfield Garrick Theatre for the pantomime 'Peter Pan'.**

Even with a reduced cast everyone enjoyed themselves so much that the 2022 panto is already booked for Saturday 10 December to see 'Snow White'. So if anyone would like to join us this year then contact the office and book your seat.





# *Young Oddfellows Birthdays*

## **April**

Paige Mitchell Richardson  
Amy Weston  
James Barratt  
Owen Barratt  
Robert Eyley  
Dylan Simpson  
Benjamin Swain  
Francesca Stamp  
Luke Warner



## **June**

Jamie Orton  
Alex Walker-Bucknell  
Theodore Basten  
Seth Bowman  
Lucas Shilton



## **July**

Oliver Mason  
William Stone  
Caitlyn Mitchell-Richardson  
Elana Elkin  
Holly Pratt-Thompson  
Thomas Hollis  
Anna Rees



## **August**

Lucy Elks  
Harry Wigston-Coleman  
Thomas Gillen  
Jason Warner

## **September**

Fynn Barratt  
Samuel Barratt  
George Hollis  
Thea Plevy

## **October**

Anna Boulton  
Rose Shakeshaft



## **May**

Katherine Eyley  
Lauren Hollis  
Millie Mason  
Sophie Rayson  
Alfie Allen  
Leo Faulks  
Olivia Canner



## A message from Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows CEO

### Dear friends

**For me, two things really stood out in 2021 – how resilient everyone has been, and how well we’ve adapted to so much change.**

It’s been a tough 12 months on top of a previous tough nine months, and who knows how many more? However, as Oddfellows, you’ve looked out for one another, stayed open to doing things differently, and it’s getting us through. Your actions have made an amazing difference to so many of our members’ lives.

### Gratitude

I want to thank you all for everything you have done. When speaking with our members and volunteers, and working alongside our Branches and staff in Manchester and Liverpool, I have felt immense pride – about our Society, everyone involved, and in Oddfellowship. By working together, we’ve shown that Oddfellows do what we say we do, no matter what challenges are thrown at us.

“Being there for our members continues to be our priority.”



At the start of 2021, we had hoped that by the end of the year things would feel a little brighter. We’ve made huge strides in our understanding of Covid, but the landscape is still very unpredictable. And when faced with uncertainty over a sustained period, it can make us feel overwhelmed and anxious.

One thing I’ve been doing to try and manage these feelings is to focus on what I can control, and acknowledging what I cannot. It’s not always easy, but it really has helped. Sitting with your thoughts or worries and working out what you can influence is time well spent. You can then identify the bits you can take action to change, which puts you in a more positive frame of mind. Covid is here to stay and the challenge for us all now is learning to live alongside it.

If you’ve needed support from us, I hope we’ve been able to help you where we can. Being there for our members continues to be our priority.

Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

We sadly lost many people we cared about in 2021. To those that passed, we will always remember you. Our condolences go out to family and friends, and rest assured they'll always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

We are having to cope with higher levels of uncertainty and worry at the moment, so we must make sure we rest well, smile as often as we can and be kind to ourselves and others. These are all totally within our control.

On behalf of the Society and my family, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe and well. Yours always in friendship

*Jane Nelson*

**Jane Nelson**  
CEO, the Oddfellows

## Lupus research team skills up for the future

**In November we visited Guy's Hospital to see members of the Lupus Trust research team who have been the recipients of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund since 2019. Lockdown had the unintended consequence of sending the research in a new direction.**

The restrictions meant they had to abandon the laboratory to work from home but this gave them time to focus on learning how to analyse big data, a skill that will benefit the research well into the future.

Pictured is the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Ogden handing over a cheque of £29,000



to Professor Jo Spencer and PHD student Bekki Velounias.

The donation marks the final instalment of a major three-year funding partnership, which totalled £85,000.



# Oddfellows Travel – travel with confidence and in great company in 2022

We can't wait to get members and guests together for an exciting range of holidays in 2022. There's such a selection, something is sure to float your boat. Here's what's on offer...

## London Theatre Weekend

17–19 June 2022

(2 nights. Bed and breakfast)

£245 per person



*For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email [mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk)*

We kick off the season with a trip to London to enjoy restaurants, shopping and musical theatre. We couldn't get closer to the buzzing West End than the 3\* St Giles Hotel, located just yards from Oxford Street and Leicester Square. Join us for welcome drinks on Friday with our host, member Debra Haley. On Saturday, we head to the Victoria Apollo Theatre to see highly acclaimed musical, **Wicked**. On Sunday, we will make the most of the location with a shopping trip, ending our weekend with lunch before the journey home.

## An unforgettable cruise exploring Norway and the Arctic Circle

22 June–7 July 2022

(15 nights. Full board)

From £2,899 per person

All aboard the Fred. Olsen cruise ship Balmoral on this exploration of Norway's northernmost reaches – an unforgettable journey of a lifetime. Setting off from Newcastle, join Oddfellows host Wendy Atkins as we journey to the Arctic Circle to the famous island of Spitsbergen, just 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. We will experience the remote beauty and eerie silence of distant towns situated in the stunning Arctic landscape. Our magical journey continues to the Norwegian mainland, to the 'top of Europe', the North Cape plateau and Tromsø, taking in stunning sights of lakes, mountains and glaciers on a journey that's unforgettable.



*For more information, contact host Wendy Atkins at [wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk) or call 01437 251 867*

## Oddfellows Summer Holiday 4–8 July 2022

(4 nights. Half board)

Warner Leisure Hotel's Nidd Hall, Harrogate. From £351 per person for a Standard room or £381 per person for a Signature room

**Treat yourself to a break in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in the Yorkshire countryside on our annual hosted summer getaway. Oddfellows Travel summer holidays are legendary and this year promises to be no exception. Set in 45 acres of award-winning gardens in the North Yorkshire countryside, we will be staying at Nidd Hall Hotel – where rumour has it Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party.**

*For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email [mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk)*

## Unwind with friends

The group holiday, which will be hosted by David Ogden, our Grand Master, is open to any members and their guests from across the UK. Together we'll be enjoying drinks, mouth-watering meals and superb live evening entertainment. You'll be free to choose how to spend your day – exploring the stunning location, sharing a game of bowls in the glorious gardens or relaxing in the swimming pool and spa. There's a host of activities to entertain you. Join us – bring a friend – and enjoy this beautiful 18th century mansion near Harrogate.



*The spectacular grounds at Nidd Hall, Harrogate*

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<b>Tues 5</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Cake and Cuppa	11am
<b>Wed 20</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 23</b>	Time for Antiques	6pm

## May

<b>Tues 3</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Cake and Cuppa	11am
<b>Sat 14</b>	Eyes Down	6pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm

## June

<b>Tues 7</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm

## July

<b>Tues 5</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
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## July

<b>Thurs 7</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Cake and Cuppa	11am
<b>Sun 10</b>	Day Trip	9.30am
<b>Wed 20</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 23</b>	Summer Time Fun	6pm

## August

<b>Tues 2</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Cake and Cuppa	11am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 20</b>	Movie Time	4pm

## September – Friendship Month

<b>Tues 6</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Sat 10</b>	Quiz Night	6pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Cake and Cuppa	11am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm