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Annual Dinner Dance – Saturday 22 February

Welcome all to your latest Events Diary.

We hope that we have something planned to pique your interest and look forward to seeing you at one or many of them.

We have a new weekly class, Gentle Yoga and Exercise, with Viv (our Line Dancing teacher). You won't need a Yoga mat as it takes place on and around a chair, so even if you struggle with your balance or mobility, this could well suit you. Why not come along and give it a try to improve your health and wellbeing.

If you require any further details about booking or what the event involves, please call either myself or Penny at the office, we will happily answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you at our events.

**Kind regards,
Lorraine, District Secretary**

Would you like to get involved?

Looking for something to do? If so, there is plenty for you to get involved in with the Oddfellows. We are always looking for people to help with our care support, social event ideas or writing articles for our magazine.

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.

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Weekly Events

The events below all take place at the Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

Line Dancing

Every Monday

⌚ 2pm - 3.30pm £ Members £2
Guests £3

Everyone is welcome and it's a fun way to keep fit! 30p for tea or coffee and biscuits.

Short Mat Bowls

Every Tuesday

⌚ 2pm - 4pm £ Members £1.20
Guests £2.20

Great fun, beginners are always welcome! 30p for tea or coffee and biscuits.

Art Classes

Every Wednesday

⌚ 1pm - 3pm £ Members £5
Guests £7

Art materials are supplied, beginners are always welcome! A Professional Tutor will be on hand to give tips and advice. 50p charge for tea or coffee and biscuits.

Gentle Yoga & Exercise Class

Wednesday

⌚ 10.30am - 11.30am £ Members £2.50
Guests £3.50

Come and join us for our weekly Gentle Yoga and Exercise Class with Viv. Why not come along and give it a try to improve your health and wellbeing.

Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please call:

01332 345697

Lorraine Killa

Email:

lorraine.killa@oddfellows.co.uk

or

Penny Folds

Email:

penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk



Lots of our events take place at the Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

Really easy to find with parking at the rear off Melbourne Street.

February 2020

MON

03

Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



WED

05

Walking Group at Locko Park



10am



As per menu



Meet at Dale Park car park at 10am for a 10.15am start. The easy five mile walk will be followed by lunch at a venue to be confirmed. Dale Road Park, Car Park, Dale Road, Spondon DE21 7DL. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



TUES

04

What Goes in Which Bin (King George IV Branch)



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and a talk given by a Recycling Officer. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 345697.



FRI

07

Open Gardens Meeting



10.30am



Free



This meeting is for all who may be interested in opening their gardens this Summer, or would like more information about our Open Gardens event. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



February 2020

MON 10 Quiz Night (Pares Branch)

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a quiz. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 01159 465105.



TUES 11 Dining Out Experience

⌚ 6.45pm

£ As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 6 February. The Standing Order, Irongate, Derby DE1 3GL. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.



MON 17 Crafty Social

⌚ 7pm

£ £2 includes tea/coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

WED 19 Walking Group at Bunkers Hill

⌚ 10am

£ As per menu



Meet at the Woodlands Road Allestree car park at 10am for a 10.15am start. The five mile walk will be followed by lunch at the Markeaton Hotel. Woodlands Road Car Park, Woodlands Road, Allestree DE22 2HH. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

TUES 11 Valentine Coffee Morning

⌚ 11am

£ £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come along, bring a friend and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will be a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall, all proceeds to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) chosen cause. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

February 2020

THURS
20

Luncheon Club



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal of pork steak served with potatoes, vegetables and apple sauce. Followed by rice pudding and jam. Tea and coffee will also be served. Book by Tuesday 18 February. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Penny on 01332 345697 to reserve your place as numbers are limited.



SAT
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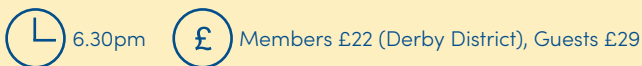
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



The Watson Players are celebrating their 50th Anniversary, let's join them and support their golden performance. Book by Monday 3 February. Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby DE1 2LF. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

SAT
22

Annual Dinner Dance



Being held this year at The Derby Conference Centre. Our guest speaker will be the Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society), David Randall. Entertainment this year is an acoustic duo, Tom Bedlam Music. Book by Friday 31 January. Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Derby DE24 8UX. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



March

MON 02 Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

WED 04 Walking Group at Trent Lock/Attenborough



10am



As per menu



Meet at Attenborough car park at 10am for a 10.15am start. The walk will be followed by lunch, venue to be confirmed. Attenborough Nature Reserve, Barton Lane, Beeston NG9 6DY. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



TUES 03 Kurling (King George IV Branch)



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and Kurling (back by popular demand). Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 345697.

MON 09 Joseph Wright of Derby (Pares Branch)



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a talk given by Julia Powell. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 01159 465105.



March

TUES
10

Dining Out Experience



6.45pm



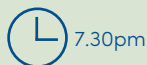
As per menu



Come and join us for an evening of food and friendship. Please contact the office to put your name on the list. Book by Thursday 5 March. Mahmaan, Smalley Drive, Oakwood, Derby DE21 2SF. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

THURS
12

Charity Cheque Presentation Evening



7.30pm



Free



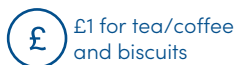
Margaret will be making her presentation to Combined Day Unit (Chemo Suite). A buffet will be provided, all are welcome. Book by Thursday 5 March. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 for catering purposes.

SAT
14

Coffee Morning



10.30am



£1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



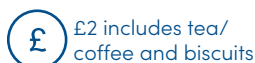
Come along, bring a friend, bring two friends and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will be a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall, proceeds to the Oddfellows Orphan Gift Fund Saturday special - bacon cobs for £1! Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON
16

Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

WED
18

Walking Group at Shardlow



10am



As per menu



Meet at Clock Warehouse car park at 10am for a 10.15am start. The five mile walk will be followed by lunch at the Clock Warehouse. Clock Warehouse, Canal Bank, Shardlow DE72 2GL. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



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 Penny on **01332 345697** or email **penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows 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



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

February 2020

Sat 1	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 3	Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 4	What Goes in Which Bin (King George IV Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 5	Walking Group at Locko Park	10am
Thurs 6	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Fri 7	Open Gardens Meeting	10.30am
Mon 10	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 10	Quiz Night (Pares Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 11	Valentine Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 11	Dining Out Experience	6.45pm
Mon 17	Crafty Social	7pm
Wed 19	Walking Group at Bunkers Hill	10am
Thurs 20	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 22	Annual Dinner Dance	6.30pm
Sat 29	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	1pm

March

Mon 2	Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 3	Kurling (King George IV Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 4	Walking Group at Trent Lock/Attenborough	10am
Thurs 5	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 7	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 9	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 9	Joseph Wright of Derby (Pares Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 10	Dining Out Experience	6.45pm
Thurs 12	Charity Cheque Presentation Evening	7.30pm
Sat 14	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 16	Crafty Social	7pm
Wed 18	Walking Group at Shardlow	10am
Thurs 19	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 21	Annual District Meeting	2pm
Sat 28	Inter-Branch Short Mat Bowls Competition	2pm
Mon 30	Crafty Social	7pm

At a glance

April

Wed 1	Walking Group at Hartshorne	10am
Thurs 2	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 4	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 6	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 6	Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 7	Fun and Games (King George IV Branch)	7.30pm
Thurs 9	Easter Coffee Morning	11am
Mon 13	Easter Egg Bingo (Pares Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 14	Dining Out Experience	6.45pm
Wed 15	Walking Group at Swarkestone	10am
Thurs 16	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 18	Movie and Soup	2pm
Mon 20	Spring Dinner (Pares Branch)	6.30pm
Mon 27	Crafty Social	7pm
Wed 29	Walking Group at Crich	10am

May

Sat 2	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 4	Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 5	District Officers' Visit (King George IV Branch)	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Fri 8	VE Day Celebration Street Party	2pm
Mon 11	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 11	Dominoes Evening (Pares Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 12	Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 12	Dining Out Experience	6.45pm
Wed 13	Walking Group at Ripley	10am
Sat 16	Coach Trip	10am
Mon 18	Crafty Social	7pm
Thurs 21	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Wed 27	Walking Group at Radbourne	10am



Oddfellows Summer Holiday

Join with other
Oddfellows and
enjoy a wonderful
break at this classic
country house, set in
splendid parkland.

6 – 10 July 2020:
4 nights (half-board)

Standard room from £321 per person
Signature room from £361 per person

Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel,
Chard, Somerset TA20 4DD



To book call Warner on 0330 1009 772
(Booking reference 4373341) and quote ODDFELLOWS

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply. Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests only. For more information ask the reservations team when booking.

March

THURS 19 Luncheon Club



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding served with roast potatoes and vegetables. Followed by fruit pie and custard. Tea and coffee will also be served. Book by Tuesday 17 March. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Penny on 01332 345697 to reserve your place as numbers are limited.

SAT 21 Annual District Meeting



Come along and find out how the District runs. Only appointed Deputies may vote at the meeting. Our new Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Pauline Cunningham, will be installed at this meeting. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

SAT 28 Inter-Branch Short Mat Bowls Competition



Speak to your Branch Secretary about joining in the competition, just for fun and a free afternoon out after the chaos of Christmas and New Year. All abilities welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 345697, or Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062, or Barbara on 01159465105, or Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964, or Doreen on 01332 720064.

MON 30 Crafty Social



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

April

WED 01 **Walking Group at Hartshorne**



10am



As per menu

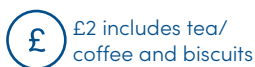


Meet at Bulls Head pub car park at 10am for a 10.15am start. The six mile walk will be followed by lunch at the Bulls Head. Bull's Head, Woodville Road, Hartshorne DE11 7ET. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

MON 06 **Crafty Social**



7pm



£2 includes tea/ coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

TUES 07 **Fun and Games (King George IV Branch)**



7.30pm



Free



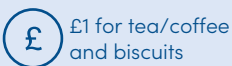
Come and join us for our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and a games night. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 345697.



THURS 09 **Easter Coffee Morning**



11am



£1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will be fun and games with an Egg and Spoon race. A raffle and Bric-a-Brac stall will be held to raise funds for the new Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON 13 **Easter Egg Bingo (Pares Branch)**



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a game of bingo with chocolate prizes. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 01159 465105.

April

TUES 14 Dining Out Experience

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 9 April. Revolucion de Cuba, Wardwick, Derby DE1 1BJ. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.



WED 15 Walking Group at Swarkestone

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at the Crewe and Harpur at 10am for a 10.15am start. The six mile walk will be followed by lunch at the Crewe and Harpur. The Crewe & Harpur, Swarkestone DE73 7JA. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



THURS 16 Luncheon Club

 12.30pm

 Members £3.50
Guests £5.50



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal of fish and parsley sauce served with potatoes and vegetables. Followed by apple pie and ice-cream. Tea and coffee will also be served. Book by Tuesday 14 April. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Penny on 01332 345697 to reserve your place as numbers are limited.

SAT 18 Movie and Soup

 2pm

 Members £3
Guests £4



Come along for an afternoon movie followed by hot soup, a bread roll and a dessert. Book by Monday 13 April. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

April

MON
20

Spring Dinner (Pares Branch)



6.30pm



As per
menu



Join the Pares Branch for their Annual Dinner at Trent Lock Golf Club. Book by Wednesday 1 April. Trent Lock Golf Club, Lock Lane, Long Eaton NG10 2FY. Contact Barbara on 01159 465105 for further details.

MON
27

Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



Come and get involved in our latest project, all ages and abilities (including beginners) are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

WED
29

Walking Group at Crich



10am



As per menu



Meet at the Market Place in Crich at 10am for a 10.15am start. The six mile walk in the area, will be followed by lunch, venue to be decided. Crich Market Place, Crich DE4 5DD. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

May

MON
04

Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



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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.

May

TUES 05 District Officers' Visit (King George IV Branch)

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her Officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Book by Monday 27 April. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact the Branch Secretary Maureen on 01332 345697 if you would like to join us, for catering purposes.

FRI 08 VE Day Celebration Street Party

 2pm

 Members £3
Guests £4



We are hosting a nostalgic street party, join us for fun, games and food. Dress code Vintage. Book by Monday 4 May. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON 11 Dominoes Evening (Pares Branch)

 7.30pm


 Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a game of dominoes with the Prince of Peace Branch, from Nottingham and a raffle. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 01159 465105.

TUES 12 Coffee Morning

 11am

 £1 for tea/coffee
and biscuits



Come and catch up on Oddfellows news. A raffle and bric-a-brac stall will be held to raise funds for the new Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

May

TUES

12

Dining Out Experience



6.45pm



As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 7 May. Mundy Arms, Ashbourne Road, Mackworth DE22 4LZ. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.



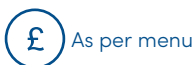
WED

13

Walking Group at Ripley



10am



As per menu



Meet at car park opposite Co-op, Derby Road at 10am for a 10.15am start. The five mile walk will be followed by lunch at the New Inn, Little Eaton. Car Park, Derby Road, Ripley DE5 3EA. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



SAT

16

Coach Trip



10am



Members £8
Guests £9



Come and visit the newly installed Oddfellows Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas. Book by Monday 11 May. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

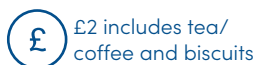
MON

18

Crafty Social



7pm



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



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May

THURS
21

Luncheon Club



12.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £5.50



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal of chicken and mushroom tray bake served with vegetables. Followed by fruit, jelly and ice-cream. Tea and coffee will also be served. Book by Tuesday 19 May. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Penny on 01332 345697 to reserve your place as numbers are limited.

WED
27

Walking Group at Radbourne



10am



As per menu



Meet at Great Northern pub car park, Mickleover at 10am for a 10.15am start. The six mile walk will be followed by lunch at the pub. The Great Northern, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9FB. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

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To refer a friend, call
Membership on
0800 028 1810, or visit
our Members' Area at
www.oddfellows.co.uk or fill
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Branch Contact and Business Meetings

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members. Regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary. See below for further meeting details.

Loyal Derwent Valley

Contact Penny Folds on 01332 345697

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

12 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May.

Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne on 01332 345697

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

4 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May.

Loyal Good Samaritan

Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 11am at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

10 February, 9 March, 6 April, 11 May.

Loyal Good Intent

Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

6 February, 5 March, 2 April, 7 May.

Loyal Pares

Contact Barbara Smith on 01159 465105

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Coach and Horses Pub, Victoria Road, Draycott, Derby DE72 3PS.

10 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May.

Loyal Stanhope

Contact Doreen Swain on 01332 720064

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at Hunters Arms Pub, Church Street, Kilburn, Derby DE56 0LU.

1 February, 7 March, 4 April, 2 May.

Derby Provincial Lodge of Past Grands

(For qualified members only)

Meetings start at 7.30pm at Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

Contact Mrs D Swain on 01332 720064
Meetings Currently Suspended

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 21 March

Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU at 2pm

Provincial Grand Master's Message



I would like to start, of course, by wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

It seems no time at all since we were looking forward to the new Millennium and here we are already in 2020. It made me think of all the changes to Derby District since then.

In 2000 we were still in our Hall in Green Lane, moving to Charnwood Street in 2002. Then the exciting times of building works taking us to 2002 and further alterations a few years later to improve the Hall yet again.

We now have a wonderful social space for everything we arrange for members to enjoy. We have seen several staff changes too and have been lucky that Oddfellowship continues to flourish in our District. Nothing would be possible though without the wonderful volunteers who work tirelessly through the year. It doesn't matter whether you arrange events, help at events, keep in touch with members, make the tea, wash up or move tables and chairs, you all play your part and are very much appreciated and valued.

At our events we usually have fund raising for our chosen charity and I am delighted with how this is going and cannot thank you, our wonderful members, enough for your generosity and am looking forward to presenting our cheque in March.

We still have a couple of months to go before that and I hope to see you at future event - take a look in the Events Diary and I hope you will see something that appeals to you and remember your family, friends or neighbours would also be most welcome.

With my very best wishes to you all,

Yours fraternally,

Margaret Henchcliff

Keith Retires

For Keith Glanville his last meeting as Secretary of the Samaritan Lodge was very emotional. After 30 years as Secretary he stepped down at the December meeting.

The Noble Grand/Chairman of the Lodge, Brian Smith, pictured right, spoke of Keith's service to Derby District and the many positions he has held over the years. He presented Keith, pictured left, with a cheque from the Loyal Derwent Valley Lodge and a rose called Samaritan and garden vouchers from his own Lodge. Keith also received many messages from his members thanking him for his help and guidance over the years.

Margaret Glanville is taking on the position of Secretary and we wish her every success for the future.





Sponsored Walk

This year the sponsored walk took place at Markeaton Park and the weather was perfect for walking. Fortunately we set off at 10am because The Super Hero Challenge Race in aid of Treetops Hospice set off at 11am. We were well out of the way before Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman and many other super heroes set off.

Our walk took in the Walled Garden, run by volunteers, where some purchases were made, the Craft Village and a stop for ice cream at the cafe. After a couple of miles we were back to the car park and we enjoyed our picnics. A wonderful £172 was raised and many thanks to everyone who came along, you too are Super Heroes.



Food for thought?

Completing a daily regime of press ups makes one realise how favoured one can be throughout life.

While some wallow in self pity there are those that embrace life in all its gifts. One hundred press ups is no mean feat for someone in or approaching the twilight years. Squat thrusts present no problem as a glistening torso will testify to. Life deals a good hand to many. Disregard your years, think young, believe in yourself and the inevitable rewards will surely follow.

Matters monetary and materialistic count for nothing as we negotiate our path through daily life.
Bless you all

David, Order of the Loyal and Good
(and if you believe that you'll believe anything)



*We are a family, like a dense green tree,
which is laden with flowers and fruits,
that never grow rotten and die.*

*On this new year and every new year,
we always remain like this family,
like this dense tree, always smiling and growing*



Church Service

The weather forecast was not good on the day of our rededication service, which took place in September. A decision had to be made and it was decided that instead of refreshments in the marquee, they would be taken in the church's social room. We had a lovely warm welcome at St John the Evangelist Church, Mill Street, not just from church members, but it was lovely and warm from their

new boiler. Our members and visitors from other Districts enjoyed the service lead by the Reverend Canon Elaine Jones, with loyalty as the theme and hymns chosen by the Provincial Grand Master (Branch Chairman), Margaret Henchcliff. Thanks to the Burton-on-Trent District for the loan of their silver regalia carried by our members.

Cathedral Quarter

Derby was very lucky in October to have two attractions at our beautiful Cathedral.

The Knife Angel is a monument against violence and aggression of knife crime in our country. The angel was made at the British Ironworks Centre based in Oswestry where the 'Save a Life. Surrender a Knife' was born. A team at the Ironworks, with artist Alfie Bradley designed the sculpture to bring attention

to knife crime. This resulted in a knife amnesty with 200 knife banks across the country. Thousands of knives needed to be sterilised and blunted before the wonderful thought provoking structure came to being.

Another great attraction for the city was Museum of the Moon displayed in Derby Cathedral. It is an artwork by Luke Jerram, measuring seven metres in diameter with detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface.



Sociabilitea

It was lovely to welcome visitors and friends to Oddfellows Hall for our afternoon tea, tasting many different teas and enjoying some delicious cakes. This event was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of September Friendship Month and hopefully

some of our visitors will consider taking up membership of the Oddfellows, they will be very welcome. Also taking place was the guess the weight of the rich fruit cake and a game of blackout to win a cupcake tea cosy, teapot, tea and biscuits.



Skittle Match

Congratulation to our Derby team who were triumphant in the annual skittles match with the Burton-on-Trent District. The last two years Burton-on-Trent were the winners, but this year we obviously played the 'A' team and many congratulations to them.

It was a close fought contest and the trophy was presented to Polly Cunningham, Provincial Deputy

Grand Master (Deputy Branch Chairman) at the end of the evening. To quote the Burton-on-Trent Secretary, Mervyn Eaton; "Congratulations to successful Team Derby!

After two consecutive years of winning this annual skittles match the Burton-on-Trent bubble has burst! A great social gathering from our two

Districts saw a very close one game each before the break. A deciding game ensued and Derby were victorious with an amazing 20 pin margin (I personally think something was put in our Jacket Potatoes!). Nevertheless, thank you Derby District for your hospitality and company - it was a lovely occasion and we look forward to being with you again in the future".





Walking in the Lake District

This year the walkers consider themselves very lucky, we did experience a few showers, but nothing like the continual rain everyone had in Derby. We even had some blue skies and sunshine.

On arrival we assembled at Patterdale for a short walk with lovely views of Ullswater Lake, before continuing to The Mary Mount Hotel near Keswick. This is our second year there and we can recommend it highly, it's clean, excellent food and the staff are lovely.

On Saturday we set off straight after breakfast as rain was expected later. We walked from the hotel through Borrowdale towards Grange, then after refreshments on to Rosthwaite when it started to rain. A snack for lunch was enjoyed at the Flock-in Cafe, which welcomes walkers, in the sheep pens with tables and benches at the back. When ordering our snack I told the cafe owner we were in pen three and he said we would be auctioned off later. I assured him we were all a bit passed it and he wouldn't get much. A discussion took place on if we would continue walking to Seatoller or call it a day and catch the bus back to the Hotel.

Saturday was the reverse, we got up to heavy rain, but the gentlemen weren't too bothered as the semi finals



of the Rugby World Cup was on the television with England doing marvellously well against New Zealand. It was difficult prising them away when the rain cleared, but eventually we set off for Buttermere to walk along Crummock Water. This was challenging at times, but worth it for the tremendous views. Thanks as ever to Bob Rodgers for leading our walks and Margaret Glanville for hotel arrangements.

The walking group continue to walk when conditions are suitable despite the wet weather that has been experienced in late autumn and winter. There is no better tonic than to get out in the fresh air if it is safe and possible to do so.

Photo above shows the group walking by Crummock Water and to the right taking a welcome coffee break.

My Final Year at Keele University

This year was my final year studying Mathematics at Keele University. Unlike previous years, I did not have to study any compulsory modules, and I was pleased, therefore, to be able to concentrate more on applied rather than pure modules which I generally prefer, mainly because I can see more relevance for these in everyday work situations.

My favourite modules this year were Non-linear Differential Equations and Fluid Mechanics. Overall I found the year extremely challenging, as right from the start there were constant exams, class tests and assessments, all of which had to be passed to obtain the final degree. I was both thrilled and relieved to graduate in July with a BSc(Hons) degree in Mathematics.

As if the stress of the studying wasn't enough in the final year, I also needed to try and sort out what I would do after university.

Last summer I was lucky enough to find an internship within the Acoustics Department of a building consultancy firm in Manchester and I decided that acoustics would be worth pursuing as a career in the long term. I researched and applied to a number of firms, however, the firm which appealed to me the most was one that undertakes a certain amount of research as well as the standard acoustics work that most firms offer. In addition, the firm was prepared to sponsor me through a one year Institute of Acoustics diploma course in 'Acoustics and Noise Control' which will be invaluable to my work.

I had hoped to be able to live at home with my parents, however my preferred firm, Apex Acoustics, is based in Newcastle. I visited the area



and was pleasantly surprised with what I found. I was also particularly taken with the area as there is a very good local rowing club, and I was keen to continue my rowing, which I had enjoyed so much at university. Over the summer I managed to sort out suitable accommodation - in fact I was quite surprised by how much that entailed in terms of sorting out energy and water suppliers, council tax, doctors, dentists, etc. However, I am now fully installed in my new flat and started my new job at the beginning of September. So far everything is going well.

I am very pleased to have found a job that I enjoy and I am especially grateful to the Oddfellows for the Educational Grant I received from them. This grant helped to fund my accommodation costs over the last few summers during my work experience and my internship, which in turn helped me to decide on a career path, and which undoubtedly helped me to secure a position so soon after graduating.

Elsbeth Chatto

Traditional Terms

These are terms, which are used by the Oddfellows in meetings and in publications. For those who are unfamiliar with some of them, it may be helpful to refer to the list provided below. It is by no means exhaustive, but these are some of the most commonly used terms. The original terms have their origin in the history and ceremony associated with the Oddfellows.

Grand Master (GM)

Chairman of the Society

Provincial Grand Master (PGM)

District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM)

Former District Chairman

Provincial Corresponding

Secretary - District Secretary

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM)

Immediate Past District Chairman

Vice Grand (VG)

Deputy Branch Chairman

Noble Grand (NG)

Branch Chairman

Lodge - Local Branch

Sister and Brother

The Oddfellows is a fraternal organisation which means membership is like belonging to a family. This is why many members refer to each other as Brother and Sister (as members of the trade unions used to).

Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Held each year in the month of May at different locations.

Ritual - Traditional

Oddfellows Ceremonies

Crafty Ladies

In November several of the 'crafty ladies' headed to the NEC to see what is new in handmade crafting. We thought we might get some ideas for new projects to try in 2020. We were met with this life sized model of her Majesty the Queen, when she was younger.



Believe it, or not, it was entirely in knitting; quite amazing. I don't think we will be tackling anything on that sort of scale!

For a couple of months the group have concentrated on items for the November Coffee Morning with Christmas in mind, and many thanks to everyone who came along and purchased something, big or small, it is very much appreciated.



Margaret Henchcliff has also been busy crocheting again; another throw for a double bed and raffle tickets are enclosed if you would like to enter (as usual £1 per strip). Tickets to be returned by the end of February please with your name and telephone number on the reverse. All proceeds to the Provincial Grand Master's (Branch Chairman) charity. The winner will be picked at the evening of the cheque presentation in March 2020.



Knitting Facts

1. No one knows how old knitting is, though it is generally thought to be older than crochet and younger than weaving.
2. Knitting was initially a male-only occupation. In fact, when the very first knitting union was established in Paris in 1527, no women were allowed.
3. When the knitting machine was invented, hand knitting became useful but nonessential. Like quilting, spinning and needlepoint, knitting has become a leisurely activity.
4. The world's fastest knitter is Miriam Tegels on the Netherlands. She can hand knit 118 stitches in one minute. (They have obviously not met our own Christine Cunningham)
5. The record for the most people knitting simultaneously happened September 2012 in Royal Albert Hall, London, when 3,083 people knitted together for 15 minutes.
6. Queen Victoria was a prolific knitter until her death.

If anyone would like to join the Craft Group (knitting, crocheting, sewing etc) you will be most welcome. Dates are found in the Events Diary.

90th Birthday Celebrations



Congratulations to Rex Oates who is a Past Provincial Grand Master (Past Chairman) who celebrated his 90th birthday at the beginning of October. Up until earlier this year Rex was still enjoying attending his Lodge, the Loyal Good Samaritan, along with his wife Janet. He celebrated at home with visits from friends during the day and with family in the evening. We wish you both all the very best for the future.

Race Night



What an exciting and noisy night this was. We also had some young people present who really enjoyed themselves and did seem to be quite lucky picking several winners - I do hope we have not set them off on a road to rack and ruin, because we all know it is only the bookies who profit in the end.

Our bookies, Mary and Colin Smith, did a sterling job and handed over all profits to the Provincial Grand Master (Branch Chairman) for her chosen charity and she was most grateful as she only had one winner herself.

Thanks to Polly Cunningham for arranging this and making us bacon cobs, along with her Mum, Christine - they were very much enjoyed.

The Iowa Oral Performance Instrument - Update

This has been a very difficult article to write. Firstly, I am pleased to report that the Iowa machine arrived at the Speech Therapy Department at the Royal Derby Hospital on Friday 16 August 2019. Jonathan and Kate, the Speech Therapists who work in the Department were very happy with it and started using it straight away - on themselves.

The Iowa machine is now in use at the Department - but sadly I have to report that it is being used by one of our members. Philip Whitt, a member of the Pares Lodge, had to endure a 14 hour operation in April of this year to remove part of his jaw. Philip has undergone reconstruction of his jaw and also radiation treatment. Philip is now recovering and as part of the rehabilitation to help him with eating and talking - he has been using the Iowa Machine. Philip uses the machine six days a week to help strengthen the muscles in his tongue and although it has been very tough for him, he is slowly recovering.

So you can understand why this has been a 'difficult' article in that I was pleased to hear that the Iowa Machine has been purchased for the Department with moneys raised by you all - but it is sad that one of our members is using it.

We all send our love and best wishes to Philip and his wife Mary, and wish him a full recovery.

**Submitted by Christine Shelton
Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master
(Immediate Past Branch Chairman)**



*Don't cry for the past, it's gone.
Don't stress about the future,
it hasn't arrived.
Live in the present and make it beautiful*

Hamper



The draw for the hamper took place on the Wednesday 11 December and this year the lucky winner was Grace Hall. The amount raised was a wonderful £585 and the Provincial Grand Master (Branch Chairman) is very grateful to everyone who purchased a ticket or donated one of the many other prizes.

On the same evening the Provincial Grand Master (Branch Chairman) was surprised by Dennis Greasley who presented her with £300 raised from the sale of produce from his garden, which he also opened in the open garden season. Well done Dennis. A great big thank you too to Doreen Swain who raised £113 from the sale of the lovely cards she makes.

Vice President



From left to right, Kerry Luckett, Immediate Past President, Meirion Edwards, President and Maureen Burgoyne, Vice President

We are happy to announce that Maureen Burgoyne has been elected as Vice President of the Midland Group Conference. She was installed at the Annual Meeting in October and as the meeting took place in our Oddfellows Hall this year, some of our members were lucky enough to be there. She follows in the footsteps of her Mum, Doreen Swain, who was President in 2012.

Congratulations too to Colin Smith who completed his three years as a Midland Group Conference Officer, a position he filled very well.

Winter Vegetable and Lentil Soup

Ingredients

- 85g dried red lentils
- 2 carrots diced
- 2 small leeks sliced
- 3 sticks of celery sliced
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tsp thyme
- 3 large garlic cloves chopped
- 2 vegetable stock cubes
- 1 tsp ground coriander

Method

- Put everything in a pan with 1½ litres of boiling water from the kettle, then stir well. Cover and leave to simmer for 30 minutes until the vegetables and lentils are tender. Ladle into bowl and eat straight away, or if you like a really thick texture, blitz a third of the soup with a hand blender or in a food processor.

Soups are not just a delicious winter meal - they can also help control weight and boost your immune system. Vegetables, herbs and meat cooked into a soup retain more nutrients than if the same foods are baked or stir-fried. In addition soups are easily refrigerated or frozen for later consumption, and often improve in flavour if allowed to settle for a day or two.



The warm liquid can help to control your blood pressure and keep your body feeling full for longer between meals. If you make your own soups you can cut down on both sodium and overall caloric intake. Common health-boosting soup ingredients include garlic, onions, ginger, mushrooms and herbs.

Lifting neighbourly spirit

How well do you know your neighbours?

Many of us are guilty of being caught up in our busy lives, forgetting to stop and say hello. We share so much with the people who live on our street, but often we barely know their names.

A strong community spirit is something we actively encourage. Our ethos of making friends and helping people means that our



A little neighbourly spirit goes a long way

members enjoy a strong support network to get them through the good, and the bad. So why not spread that net of kindness a little wider, by extending your hand of friendship to those who live around you? If you notice that your neighbour lives alone, has a lot on their plate, or doesn't often get many visitors, then why not stop by to see if you can help? Colder seasons provide a great opportunity to drop a card through their door with your contact details for them to give you a call if they're ever in need of a helping hand. Or, better still, extend the gesture with a knock on their door and a friendly hello.

You don't have to become their best friend, but being a friendly face and an ambassador for community spirit could be the lift your neighbourhood needs. I'm of the firm belief that you can never have too many social plans. Sometimes people just need someone to talk to, or someone to suggest getting out, so why not let them know about your Branch's local coffee mornings,



the trips out and the wonderful benefits of membership? You can be sure they'll receive a warm welcome whenever they choose to come to an event.

Wishing you, your families and your neighbours a very happy and healthy 2020.

Jane Nelson

CEO, the Oddfellows

Sharing is caring – thank you Pat!

We love to recognise those who go above and beyond when recommending the Society to their friends. So we're pleased to share that Patricia Sexton, member of the King's Lynn Oddfellows, has achieved the Gold Refer a Friend Award.

Congratulations, Pat!

Thank you. I'm very grateful and proud to have reached this level. I really enjoy being a member of the Oddfellows, and I often volunteer for a lot of the social activities, to help them run as smoothly as possible.



When did you join the Oddfellows, and why?

It was a friend who referred me, actually! Back in late 2016, I attended a few events with my friend Violet, and I decided to join in January 2017. I love the Oddfellows ethos of 'making friends, helping people', as it truly sums up what we do.

How many members have you referred?

I've referred 23 new members so far, and I'm very blessed to have a wonderful and rather large circle of friends who have seen how happy Oddfellows makes me, before joining on my recommendation.

What's your favourite thing about the Oddfellows?

My favourite thing about being a member is having the opportunity to meet so many lovely people, and with new members joining all the time, it's a lovely way to make some new friends. My husband, Richard, is also a member, so it's lovely to go to events as a couple as well.

What's the general response when you first tell people about the Oddfellows?

Lots of people have heard of us, but they don't know what we do. I'll often show them a copy of our events diary and invite them along to the next coffee morning or talk. Usually, at the end of the event, they're keen to come to the next one!

Did you know we have a monthly e-newsletter?

Featuring exclusive member offers, real life stories, advice and news, it's delivered direct to your email inbox once a month. If you don't receive this already, speak to your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on 0800 028 1810, so we can get you added to the mailing list.



HA Andrews and the Lupus Trust

For the next three years, the Oddfellows' HA Andrews Memorial Fund is supporting the Lupus Trust with its research into how lupus develops, in order to find ways to prevent or cure this lifelong condition.

So what is Lupus?

Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which antibodies, which usually work with the immune system to protect us from infection, instead attack the body and cause disease. It is not known why these antibodies are made in lupus patients, or even how the system in healthy people stops this from happening.

The Lupus Research Team at Guy's Hospital recently identified an immune response pathway that is defective in patients with the most severe forms of lupus. The HA Andrews Memorial Fund will support the team's research into understanding B-cell defects in lupus patients, and what causes them.

Why did we choose the Lupus Trust?

The Lupus Trust was suggested as a beneficiary of the HA Andrews Memorial



The Oddfellows' team is shown around the lab

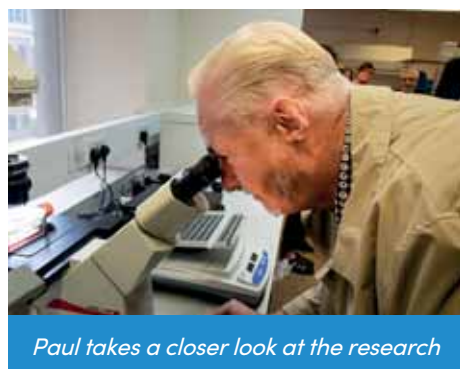
Fund by members of Ware Lodge, Brian and Pamela Weavers. Their son, Paul, was diagnosed with the condition at just 17, and as there's no cure, he has lived with the effects ever since.

Paul now 53, says: "Lupus leaves me feeling constantly exhausted and the skin rashes which flare up occasionally have caused permanent scarring. Holidays are difficult, as I have to avoid the sunshine, and sand can irritate my skin. As a college lecturer, I try not to let it get in the way of anything I do. When I found out the Oddfellows was supporting the Lupus Trust, I was genuinely over the moon."

When we visited the Lupus Trust, to present the first of three annual donations which will total £85,000, we spoke to Professor D'Cruz, Professor and Consultant Rheumatologist at Guy's Hospital, London. He's working closely with the research team and says: "This is a vital and very exciting piece of research into lupus, so we are extremely grateful for the kind grant the Lupus Trust has received from the Oddfellows to fund the project for 3 years."

Lupus is often called "the great mimic", as it can affect different parts of the body and is often misdiagnosed. It is currently unknown what causes lupus, although studies have identified a definite genetic tendency, which may be triggered and become active. It isn't a contagious disease, but there isn't yet a cure, only treatments which help to control symptoms.

To learn more about lupus, the Lupus Trust and the work they do, please visit www.lupus.org.uk



Paul takes a closer look at the research



The fund will support the addition of Bekki Velounias (pictured) to the research team



CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Randall at the lab

Congratulations



On Monday 12 August **Amy Nightingale** married **Lee Walker**.



On Saturday 24 August **Rosie McCready** married **Chris Wilkes**.



On Friday 27 September **Kimberley Burgoyne** married **Gemma Parry**, pictured with their families.

Congratulations to all our couples, we hope they have long and happy married lives together.

Congratulations to **Leon Swain and Jess** on the birth of their daughter, Eden Isabella on Tuesday 5 November and to **Nicholas Burgoyne and Donna** on the birth of their daughter, Heidi Crerar on Tuesday 26 November.

The Good Old Days

My curfew was the street lights and my mum called my name, not my mobile. I played outside, not online. If I didn't eat what my Mum made me, I didn't eat. Hand sanitiser didn't exist, but you could get your mouth washed out with soap! I rode a bike without a helmet and getting dirty was okay. If I got a sore hand from playing conkers it was my own fault, not my teacher's and I drank water from the garden hose.... and survived.

Obituaries

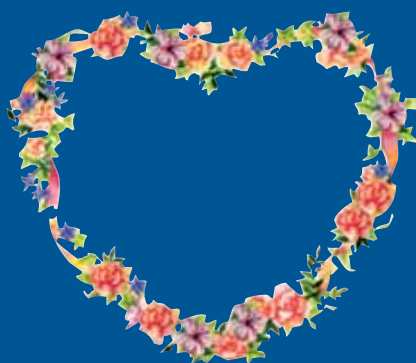
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There may be no monuments in dedication, but they have loved and been loved.



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