

July - December 2025



the **ODDfELLOWS** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Derbyshire Peak



Walks



Bowling



Day Trip



Social



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee Morning



Dining Out

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to our Out and About Events Guide for July – December 2025.

We have a great schedule of events for you to enjoy for the rest of the year. Our popular walks and coffee mornings continue twice each month as well as our



monthly lunches, dinners and days out. We are hoping to build on our venture out into the peaks a little more and to meet up with more of our members in and around the Buxton and Tideswell area.

My introduction to the Oddfellows was in 1999 when my now husband Ken took me to a Derbyshire Peak District, Annual District Dinner. Everyone was very friendly and it wasn't long before I joined as a member. I was soon asked if I would like to join the district management committee and get involved with organising events. I took my Purple Degree in 2002.

I have previously passed through the chairs at District level serving a term as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) in 2004, and have attended AMC's as a Branch delegate since 2018, and am looking forward to attending the 2025 AMC at Scarborough.

Before the local fraternal branches were consolidated, I did, for a couple of years, act as Secretary

of the Mysterious of the Peak Lodge at Tideswell.

Outside the Oddfellows I have six grandchildren, two of them in Australia, all six are junior Oddfellows! I am also Booking Secretary of our local village hall, where some of the skills learnt while working on the Oddfellows Branch Management Committee have been very useful to me and the village hall management committee.

In my working life I was a trained confectioner and my cake making skills have been called upon at many Oddfellows events. Everyone likes a piece of cake!

My chosen charity for the forthcoming year is Ashgate Hospice and I look forward to helping to raise funds for them.

I am looking forward to another successful year for the branch, providing social events and supporting our members who need welfare support.

If you have any questions relating to your membership, benefits or social plans please get in touch on the office number above.

I hope to see you soon.
Yours fraternally

Barbara Lupton
Provincial Grand Master (Chairman)
and The Committee of Management

Contact Details

Address: 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG

Facebook: DerbyshirePeakOddfellows

Office Opening Hours: Our office is open Wednesday and Thursday
9.30am – 12 noon

If you would like to visit please arrange this beforehand.

District Secretary: Lucy Halliday

Telephone: 01246 273076

Email: lucy.halliday@oddfellows.co.uk

Lucy is our branch secretary and is responsible for the day to day running of our branch, monthly accounts, care and welfare claims, meeting minutes and administration.



For more information or to book any event please call the Social Organiser

Social Events Organiser: Trudy Ford

Telephone: 01246 273076

Mobile: 07933 626720

Email: trudy.ford@oddfellows.co.uk



Introducing our new Social Events Host: Lynn Jones

Telephone: 01246 273076

Email: lynn.jones@oddfellows.co.uk

I'm very happy to have recently joined the Oddfellows as a Social Host, working alongside Trudy to plan and host our range of events.



I recently retired as a fundraiser for Ashgate Hospice, a charity I am passionate about and will continue to support as a volunteer. I am very pleased to find that Ashgate Hospice is also our branch charity for the current year.

I am married to Jamie, and have a son Gregory, who is training in the Royal Marines. I love to travel, socialise and spend time with my family and can often be found at the gym. I look forward to meeting more of you in person soon.

Please note that all events must be booked in advance with the Social Organiser.

Regular Event

Rambling On Walking Group



10.30am



Walk Free
Pay your own meal



Our friendly walking group walks for roughly 60-90 minutes at a steady pace. We then visit a nearby pub or café for lunch. Pay for whatever you order in the café. Call Trudy to confirm location on 01246 273076.

4 July
1 August

5 September
3 October

7 November



First Friday
of the month

Best Foot Forwards Walking Group



10am



Walk Free
Pay your own meal



Our longer walking group walks for 2.5 to three hours before enjoying lunch or tea and cakes nearby. Location to be confirmed. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

18 July
15 August

19 September
17 October

21 November
19 December

Third Friday
of the month

Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering



11am



Free



Pop along to our office for this small group. Bring your chosen craft and enjoy coffee, biscuits and a natter. Alternatively, you can prune and care for the Oddfellows garden pots. Book six days in advance. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

9 July
13 August

10 September
8 October

12 November
10 December

Second Wednesday
of the month



July 2025

TUES 01 Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl



10.45am



£5-£7 per person



Our own Oddfellows bowling gang - taking place every other month. Meet at 10.45am to bowl at 11am. This event is not staffed, just a get together for members. Price ranges between £5-£7 per person depending on numbers, as each lane is £35 for a maximum of eight people. Lunch available in the on-site café afterwards. Book by Friday 27 June. Chesterfield Bowl, Storforth Lane, Chesterfield S40 2TU. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED 02 Pop in Coffee Morning with Guest from Ashgate Hospice



11am



£2



Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat. Adele from Ashgate Hospice (our charity for the year) will be joining us to talk about the great work that the hospice do. Book by Wednesday 25 June. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

TUES 08 Petanque (French Boules) Taster Session



11am



Free



Enjoy an hour of Petanque with Eastwood Park Petanque Club. A great chance to try out this fun

sport with tips and advice from the club members. Then enjoy your picnic in and around the park pavilion. Hot drinks provided. Book by Monday 1 July. Eastwood Park Petanque Club, Eastwood Park (the club is at the rear of the park - car park is off Eastwood Park Drive), Hasland Road, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0AY. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



FRI 11 Friday Night Social - The Dog at Pentrich



6pm



Pay for what you order



A traditional pub nestled in the historical village of Pentrich, previously known as The Spaniel Dog during the

famous Pentrich Revolution of 1817. The menu is the perfect blend of tasty bar food, traditional pub classics and gastro style dishes. Book by Monday 30 June. The Dog, Main Road, Pentrich, Ripley DE5 3RE. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



July 2025

SUN
13

Open Garden Visit



11am



£4



Visit this beautiful hidden open garden, as part of the National Garden Scheme. £4 entry with all proceeds going to charity. Cream tea will be available to buy on the day. Book by Tuesday 1 July. The Paddock, 12 Manknell Road, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield S41 8LZ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED
16

Coffee Morning with Speaker - Anne Davis



11am



£2



Join us for our coffee morning - tea, cakes and chat. Our speaker is our own Oddfellows member Anne Davis, who is a volunteer tour guide at Haddon Hall and will be telling us all about this lovely stately home. Book by Wednesday 9 July. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

THURS
24

Coffee Morning on Tour Litton Village Hall



11am



£2



Enjoy coffee, cakes and a quiz in this beautiful village location as we meet up with our Buxton area members. Book by Thursday 17 July. Litton Village Hall, 3 Church Lane, Litton SK17 8RA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON
28

Dining in Derbyshire - Senior Spireites Lunch



12.30pm



£20



A return to the home of Chesterfield Football Club for this entertaining lunch. Meet at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm. £20 for a two course lunch with special guest in conversation with Sky Sport's Nick Johnson. Book by Monday 14 July. Chesterfield Football Club SMH Stadium, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 8NZ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



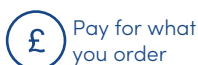
August

WED 06 Pop in Coffee Morning with Quiz



Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat along with a quiz or two. Book by Friday 1 August. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI 08 Friday Night Social - The Badger at Brockwell



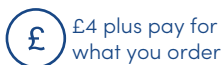
Join us for an evening meal at The Badger, a free house pub, serving real ales and great home cooked food with a warm welcome. Book by Friday 1 August. The Badger, 81 Brockwell Lane, Chesterfield S40 4ED. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON 18 Dining in Derbyshire - Hassop Station



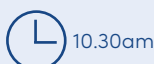
Meet us for lunch in the café at Hassop Station. Nestled within the historic walls of a former railway building in the beautiful Peak District landscape. The café has transformed into a vibrant hub where customers can relish tasty treats and take a look around the grounds and shop. Book by Wednesday 6 August. Hassop Station Café, Hassop, Bakewell DE45 1NW. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

TUES 19 Coffee Morning on Tour Wingfield Station



Join us for our coffee morning - tea, cakes and chat. We will also be taking a guided tour of the station - additional cost £4 per person. Your first hot drink will be included. Book by Friday 1 August. Wingfield Station, Old Station Road, South Wingfield, Alfreton DE55 7NH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

TUES 26 Visit to Trentham Gardens



These ever changing, contemporary, award winning gardens have matured into some of the finest in Britain. Explore the Italian Gardens, Rivers of Grass, Floral Labyrinth and Trentham Lake. Meet for lunch at Six Arches restaurant inside the garden centre at 1pm. Afterwards explore the shopping complex. Garden entry £11.50 per person. Book by Tuesday 12 August. The Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8JG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES 02 Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl

10.45am £5-£7 per person



Our own Oddfellows bowling gang - taking place every other month. Meet at 10.45am to bowl at 11am. This event is not staffed, just a get together for members. Price ranges between £5-£7 per person depending on numbers, as each lane is £35 for a maximum of eight people. Lunch available in the on-site café afterwards. Book by Wednesday 27 August. Chesterfield Bowl, Storforth Lane, Chesterfield S40 2TU. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED 03 Friendship Month Pop in Coffee Morning

11am

£2



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT
Invite a friend

Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat along with sharing information about the Oddfellows and member offers and benefits. Book by Friday 29 August. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI 05 Friendship Month Rambling On Walking Group

10.30am

Free



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT
Join the fun

Our friendly walking group walks for roughly 60-90 minutes at a steady pace. We then visit a nearby pub or café for lunch. Pay for whatever you order in the café. Call Trudy to confirm location on 01246 273076.

Say *yes* to friendship in September

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com



September

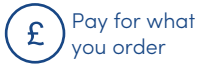
ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI 12 Friendship Month Friday Night Social - Calver Arms



Meet for dinner at this lovely village pub, formerly known as The Eyre Arms. Food served is in partnership with the talented team at The Barrel at Bretton. Book by Monday 1 September. The Calver Arms, Chesterfield Road, Calver, Derbyshire S32 3XH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED 17 Coffee Morning - Speaker to be arranged



Join us for our coffee morning - tea, cakes and chat. Speaker/entertainment to be arranged. Book by Friday 5 September. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



THURS 25 Oddfellows on Tour - Overnight Trip to Leeds



Join us for our mini break to Leeds by train. Visit the art gallery, waterfront, Corn Exchange, shopping centres and more. Price will include overnight hotel, breakfast and main trips. Itinerary and cost to be confirmed. Book by Friday 29 August. Leeds City Centre, Hotel to be confirmed LS1. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON 29 Friendship Month Dining in Derbyshire - The Hardwick Inn



Let's return to the popular Hardwick Inn for lunch. In an ideal countryside location the team serves local freshly made meals from local produce.

Pub classics, local specialities and a selection of seasonal favourites. Book by Friday 19 September. The Hardwick Inn, Hardwick Park, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



October

WED 01 Coffee Morning on Tour with Music Quiz

 11am


 £2



Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat along with a music quiz. Book by Friday 26 September. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI 10 Friday Night Social - Mint Leaf

 6pm

 Pay for what you order



Join us for classic and contemporary Indian dishes with Bangladeshi influences at the smart and comfortable restaurant. Book by Wednesday 1 October. Mint Leaf, 42 Green Lane, Dronfield S18 2LJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED 15 Coffee Morning with Speaker - Emma Marshall

 11am

 £2



Join us for our coffee morning - tea, cakes and chat. Our speaker is Emma Marshall who returns to talk to us about the 'Green Man'. Book by Friday 3 October. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON 20 Visit to Haddon Hall with Guided Tour

 10am

 £23.50



Enjoy a guided tour of this popular stately home, by our Branch member Anne Davis, as she is an official tour guide volunteer. We will also enjoy lunch in the Haddon restaurant. Please note that there are stairs throughout the hall and also stairs to access the restaurant. Book by Tuesday 7 October. Haddon Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1LA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED 22 Coffee Morning on Tour Litton Village Hall

 11am

 £2



Enjoy coffee, cakes and a quiz in this beautiful village location as we meet up with our Buxton area members. Book by Thursday 16 October. Litton Village Hall, 3 Church Lane, Litton SK17 8RA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

October

MON 27 Dining in Derbyshire - The Plough at Hathersage

🕒 12.30pm 🧺 Pay for what you order 🍴🍷

A family-owned 16th century inn on the banks of the River Derwent. All food is freshly



cooked to order including pub classics, delicious main courses, pizza and pasta and a range of hot and cold sandwiches. Book by Sunday 19 October. The Plough, Leadmill Bridge, Hathersage S32 1BA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

November

TUES 04 Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl

🕒 10.45am 🧺 £5-£7 per person 🎳

Our own Oddfellows bowling gang - taking place every other month. Meet at 10.45am to bowl at 11am. This event is not staffed, just a get together for members. Price ranges between £5-£7 per person depending on numbers, as each lane is £35 for a maximum of eight people. Lunch available in the on-site café afterwards. Book by Wednesday 29 October. Chesterfield Bowl, Storforth Lane, Chesterfield S40 2TU. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

November

WED 05 Pop in Coffee Morning with Beetle Drive

🕒 11am 🧺 £2 ☕

Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat. Bring £2 if you would like to join our beetle game for Ashgate Hospice. Book by Friday 31 October. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI 14 Friday Night Social - Chesters at The Vale

🕒 6pm 🧺 Pay for what you order 🍴🍷

Let's enjoy a Friday night supper at Chesters' newer award winning restaurant at Markham Vale. Serving traditional fish and chips as well as jacket potatoes, salads, seafood, burgers and more. Book by Monday 3 November. Chesters at The Vale (J29A), Enterprise Way, Duckmanton, Chesterfield S44 5FD. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



November

TUES
18

Sherwood Observatory



6.30pm



£10/TBC



Experience the wonders of space at Sherwood Observatory. Enjoy the wrap around planetarium show, exhibition and see the 24 telescope. If the weather permits we may see a star or two. Book by Monday 3 November. Sherwood Observatory, Coxmoor Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 5LF. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED
19

Coffee Morning with Speaker - Danny Wells from 'Breathing Life in History'



11am



£2



Join us for our coffee morning - tea, cakes and chat. Our speaker is Danny Wells from 'Breathing Life into History'. His talk is called 'Cheers! A brief history of pubs and drink'. Book by Friday 7 November. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON
24

Trees at the St Mary's and Lunch at The Pig and Pump



11.30am



Pay for what you order



Let's enjoy the festive Christmas tree display at the Crooked Spire St Mary's Church, before visiting the Pig and Pump by 12.30pm for our lunch. Choose from tapas, classics, burgers, sandwiches and sizzling fajitas. Book by Friday 14 November. The Pig & Pump, 16 St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield S41 7TJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



December

WED
03

Festive Pop in Coffee Morning



11am



£2



Join us for our pop-in coffee morning. We will enjoy coffee, cakes and chat along with a festive quiz or two. Book by Friday 28 November. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

December

SUN
07

Annual Christmas Lunch Santos Higham Farm



12.30pm



TBC



Join us for a return to Santo's for our festive lunch, a hotel and venue restored from a 15th century farmhouse. Enjoy a drink on arrival before a three course lunch followed by coffee and mince pies. There will be a festive charity raffle and table quiz. Meet at 12.30pm to dine at 1pm. Price to be confirmed and invitations will be sent out in October. Book by Friday 21 November. Santo's Higham Farm Hotel, Main Road, Higham DE55 6EH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



FRI
12

Friday Night Social - The Woodside



6pm



Pay for what
you order



Join us for dinner at The Woodside, Ashgate. This will coincide with a festive charity light up tractor parade, which passes the pub around 6pm.

The pub serves fresh food from locally supplied produce, with a great atmosphere. Book by Monday 1 December. The Woodside, 343 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 4DB. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON
15

The Lights of Abraham



4.30pm



£20/TBC



Experience the Heights of Abraham in a brand new light with this stunning light trail. Make your way down the festoon-lit riverside before boarding your gondola for a cable car flight across the river. Then set off on a trail winding through illuminated gardens, across boardwalks and along woodland paths. Supper will be available in the café at The Heights. Car parking is available in Matlock Bath Train Station Car Park - DE4 3NT, with a direct path to the base station. Book by Friday 5 December. The Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire DE4 3NT. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



December

WED **17** **Coffee Morning with** **Ukelele Band and Lunch**



Join us for our coffee whilst enjoying entertainment by a local ukelele band playing us some festive fun tunes. Then let's enjoy a light festive buffet lunch. Please contribute to the buffet with a small plate if you would like to. Book by Friday 5 December. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON **22** **Dining in Derbyshire -** **The Spread Eagle**



This town centre pub reopened this year, serving a range of tapas, classics, sandwiches, roasts and more. Enjoy our last lunch before Christmas together and exchange a secret Santa gift (£3 budget). Book by Thursday 11 December. The Spread Eagle, 7 Beetwell Street, Chesterfield S40 1SH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



Events with other Branches

Remember that as an Oddfellow you're welcome to join social activities at any other branch, as long as this is arranged.

On Wednesday 9 July the Bradford Oddfellows Branch are visiting Yorkshire Sculpture Park - Why not join their visit to this delightful park.



Nottingham Trent District Branch will be enjoying a day out on the Peak District Sightseer Bus on Wednesday 2 July. The cost of the sightseer tour is to be confirmed but the 2024 price was £6.

Sit back and enjoy the scenery as the bus visits Chatsworth House, Bakewell and Hassop Station. Hop on and off as much as you like. Meet the branch members at Chesterfield Station at 9am.

Please ask Trudy for more details about either of these trips or for more choices from our local branches.

Committee of Management

Member Profile – Chris Paice



I've been a member of Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows for just over two years now, and mostly joined due to the walking groups. I joined

the Committee of Management in March having attended a couple of meetings beforehand and found them very interesting.

Outside of the Oddfellows I do some voluntary work and I also walk with other groups. I enjoy pottering in my garden and going to local theatre events. I try and support my family and spend as much time as possible with them.

I'm looking forward to more walks and talks with the Oddfellows and am hoping, long term, that I can attend more events and get to know everyone better.

Meritorial Jewel for Ken

Ken Lupton was recently awarded a District Meritorious Service Jewel for meritorious service performed on behalf our branch of the Oddfellows. Ken has been an Oddfellow since infancy and is very proud of this.

You'd be hard pushed to find a stronger supporter of the Society than Ken, who is a great asset to our branch. The jewel was awarded for all of his hard work and support of our branch.

Well done Ken and well deserved! Thank you for all of your support and hard work.





Christmas with the Oddfellows

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas lunch at Santo's Higham Farm on Sunday 7 December. The last two years have been a great success and we've been proud to host many guests from other branches. We will of course be fundraising with our popular raffle and enjoying a quiz or two between courses. We do hope

you can join us. Invitations and menu choices will be posted out in October.

Additionally we will, as usual, be enjoying a festive lunch in the week before Christmas with our Secret Santa tradition. This is always a popular event which was last year held at the Three Cottages with a visit from Santa!

Junior Oddfellows

We have several Junior Oddfellows in our branch, ranging from infants up to 18 years old, when they can choose to continue as a Standard or Extra Benefits member. Our Junior Members even receive a Christmas gift card.

Pictured is our lovely Junior Member Airin Hoban with her Grandma Corinne wearing her beautiful cherry outfit, which she used her Christmas gift towards. Ask Lucy or Trudy for more information about Junior Membership.



Our Charity Fundraising

From April 2024 to April 2025 we were very proud to have raised over £700 for our chosen charity – Treetops Hospice. Thank you to all who contributed via raffles, games, quizzes and donations.

Our new Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Barbara, has now chosen Ashgate Hospice for this year's charity and we look forward to raising all we can for this worthy cause.

Ashgate Hospice offer support throughout North Derbyshire. "We work together with energy, care and compassion so that people can have a good death in a place of their choosing and know that those important to them are important to us too."

Last year they cared for 1855 people in their own homes, 317 people in their inpatient unit at Old Brampton and 651 people with counselling and bereavement support.

They offer a range of support options, including:

Support for patients – at any stage of their illness, to ensure they are well



informed and supported in the place of their choosing.

Support for loved ones – Offering help for those supporting someone with a life limiting illness, through the difficult times.

Support for professionals – offering a range of education and information to support them in their roles.

Care and Welfare

Our Branch care and welfare representative is Peter Wilkinson, who many of you will know. This Out and About guide contains a page outlining the Care and

Welfare benefits for members. If you think you might benefit from this service or would like more information please contact Lucy in the first instance.

A look at some of our recent events

Barrow Hill Roundhouse Trip



In April our members visited nearby Barrow Hill Roundhouse, the last surviving railway roundhouse in the UK with an operational turntable. We were also joined by members of the South Yorkshire Branch. The guides gave us a great experience and we had a fabulous day. Built in 1870, the Roundhouse was threatened with demolition in 1991 when the site was closed by British Rail. It was saved by a group of dedicated volunteers who have transformed it into a unique railway museum and events venue.

Car Treasure Hunt

In March we took part in a Car Treasure Hunt, kindly organised by members Anthony and Sybil Deane. This was the first event of its kind for us and everyone had a fantastic morning, working in teams to visit landmarks, shops and businesses to answer questions and collect bonus items. We hope to repeat this again next Spring. Pictured are some of our members singing 'Happy Birthday' at the top of Crich Stand.





Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Our April trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park was great fun. We all enjoyed supporting this amazing place full of rescued and rehomed animals. Our timing was perfect for the Lemur display and we found ourselves surrounded by many of these mischievous creatures.



Buxton Events

We have continued to try to increase our events in and around the Buxton area and have established regular coffee mornings in Litton Village Hall. We also enjoyed a walk up to Solomon's Temple. We've also planned a meal at St Moritz Italian Restaurant. We'd love to welcome new members from these areas and are open to any suggestions for meeting places and restaurants or cafes. Please get in touch if you have any ideas!

New Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master

At our AGM in March we welcomed in our new Provincial Grand Master (Chair of the committee) Barbara Lupton. Alongside Barbara will be our Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Past Chairman) Alan Davies. Barbara's chosen charity for the year will be Ashgate Hospice. We look forward to the rest of the year ahead!

Picture right: New Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) Barbara Lupton,



Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Deputy Chairman) Alan Davies and Past Provincial Grand Master (Past Chairman) Peter Wilkinson with Committee member Ken Lupton.

Receiving the Oddfellows Welcome and hearing Oddfellows Degrees

A group of members added to our 'welcomed' member list recently, during our coffee morning. Committee member Ken Lupton read the welcome and handed out silver three links badges to those taking part, representing the Oddfellows values of Friendship, Love and Truth.

The welcome and subsequent optional lectures are part of our Oddfellows traditions, something which Ken is always happy to chat to our members about. Anyone interested in following these traditions can also choose to listen to the Oddfellows Lectures, pieces of writing regarding the Oddfellows values and ethics. Those who have done so can obtain various levels of 'Oddfellows degrees', culminating in the Purple Degree.

Historically these were very important to each Lodge (branch) and holding the



Members Richard Wood, Josie Davenport, Janet Scothern, Janet Taylor, Corinne Hoban, Ian Mitchell, Glynn Ellis and Alan Davies receiving the welcome from Ken Lupton.

Purple Degree meant that a member could hold an official position in the Committee of Management for the Lodge.

Jean Nelson, Corinne Hoban, Sandra Johnson, Chris Paice and Alan Davies have recently heard the White and Blue Lectures. If anyone would like more info please let Trudy know.

Getting to know our members

Kath James

Most will have met Kath at our many events. We thought we'd take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work serving drinks at the coffee mornings.



Kath says she is very thankful to have found the Oddfellows, she enjoys all of the events that she attends and meeting all the new friends she has made.

She also enjoys spending time with her friends, travel and pottering around in her garden.

Anthony and Sybil Deane



Ant and Syb are a great part of our group. They've kept us entertained at many coffee mornings with their charity quizzes and bingo. They've also helped at the members social forum, giving ideas and helping to plan our future events.

"Oddfellows has filled a gap after retiring as directors from a busy life running a company which our son has now taken over. We have always been busy and continue to be so. Sybil from her teenage years has run Girl Guide companies and Anthony spent his time playing music in a band. Oddfellows has kept our minds alert and engaged and it's a pleasure to help in any way we can."

Marlene Copeland

Marlene is another lovely member of our group, who transferred from Saint Marnock District branch when she moved down here in autumn 2022.



Marlene told me "Oddfellows offers me the chance to do things I like to do with great company. Lovely meals out in various locations and outings to different places.

I have just got a puppy and can't wait to introduce her to the very friendly walking group.

I have also been to coffee mornings, on outings, and away for weekends with other branches who have always made me feel welcome."

Day Trip to York

In May, we had a fabulous day trip to York by train. We visited a café in a tower of the walls, walked around the Minster Gardens, shopped in the quirky shops, had lunch in a pub



in the Shambles and took a tour of the Castle Museum. A few of us even climbed up to Cliffords Tower. We made full use of the dressing up section in the museum too of course!



We love to meet new people and we'd like to say a big welcome to all of our new Oddfellows. Our branch thrived again during the first half of 2025 and we were joined by a

to our new members

number of new members. It's great to see new faces – don't forget you can always bring a friend! Invite them along to see what we are all about.

Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery

In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: “It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must.”

Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

Port four

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. “It was amazing,” said Wendy. “The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre.”

Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

“The sea defences were testament to the city’s position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean,” Wendy said.

Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: “Lisbon wasn’t quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo.”

Surprises and celebrations

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member’s birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel’s 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Trio receive university funding

Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.

Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

Lillie Buckley, Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"

Edward Smith, Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

“I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies,” he said. “I would encourage all eligible students to have a go at applying for this award.”



Edward says the money will go toward purchasing books and other learning materials.

Torsten Ellis, Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extra-curricular activities.

He added: “It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

“My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I’ll get a rich understanding of both and I’m looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields.”

Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting



With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps

by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

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To view Unity Mutual's range of family friendly financial products* visit www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows

For more information call 0161 214 4628.

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At a glance

Please note that all events must be booked in advance with the Social Organiser.

July 2025

Tues 1	Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl	10.45am
Wed 2	Pop in Coffee Morning with Guest from Ashgate Hospice	11am
Fri 4	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Tues 8	Petanque (French Boules) Taster Session	11am
Wed 9	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 11	Friday Night Social - The Dog at Pentrich	6pm
Sun 13	Open Garden Visit	11am
Wed 16	Coffee Morning with Speaker - Anne Davis	11am
Fri 18	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Thurs 24	Coffee Morning on Tour - Litton Village Hall	11am
Mon 28	Dining in Derbyshire - Senior Spireites Lunch	12.30pm

August

Fri 1	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 6	Pop in Coffee Morning with Quiz	11am
Fri 8	Friday Night Social - The Badger at Brockwell	6pm
Wed 13	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 15	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Mon 18	Dining in Derbyshire - Hassop Station	12.30pm
Tues 19	Coffee Morning on Tour - Wingfield Station	11am
Tues 26	Visit to Trentham Gardens	10.30am

September - Friendship Month

Tues 2	Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl	10.45am
Wed 3	Friendship Month Pop in Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 5	Friendship Month Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 10	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 12	Friendship Month Friday Night Social - Calver Arms	6pm
Wed 17	Coffee Morning - Speaker to be arranged	11am
Fri 19	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Thurs 25	Oddfellows on Tour - Overnight Trip to Leeds	9am
Mon 29	Friendship Month Dining in Derbyshire - The Hardwick Inn	12.30pm

At a glance

October

Wed 1	Coffee Morning on Tour with Music Quiz	11am
Fri 3	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 8	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 10	Friday Night Social - Mint Leaf	6pm
Wed 15	Coffee Morning with Speaker - Emma Marshall	11am
Fri 17	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Mon 20	Visit to Haddon Hall with Guided Tour	10am
Wed 22	Coffee Morning on Tour - Litton Village Hall	11am
Mon 27	Dining in Derbyshire - The Plough at Hathersage	12.30pm

November

Tues 4	Ten Pin Bowling Gang - Chesterfield Bowl	10.45am
Wed 5	Pop in Coffee Morning with Beetle Drive	11am
Fri 7	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 12	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 14	Friday Night Social - Chesters at The Vale	6pm
Tues 18	Sherwood Observatory	6.30pm
Wed 19	Coffee Morning with Speaker - Danny Wells from 'Breathing Life in History'	11am
Fri 21	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Mon 24	Trees at the St Mary's and Lunch at The Pig and Pump	11.30am

December

Wed 3	Festive Pop in Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 5	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
Sun 7	Annual Christmas Lunch - Santos Higham Farm	12.30pm
Wed 10	Crafting Hour/Garden Pottering	11am
Fri 12	Friday Night Social - The Woodside	6pm
Mon 15	The Lights of Abraham	4.30pm
Wed 17	Coffee Morning with Ukelele Band and Lunch	11am
Fri 19	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
Mon 22	Dining in Derbyshire - The Spread Eagle	12.30pm

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

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Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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Call 0800 0149 822

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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