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making friends, helping people

out & about

Everyone Welcome - Deeside District - Croeso i Bawb



Coffee Mornings in Llandudno and Saltney



Scrabble Morning



Social Events



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Games



Day Trip



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Social



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Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz

Welcome to the latest edition of your Deeside Out and About with a few words from Kevin Blackler District Chairman (Provincial Grand Master)

When I first joined the Oddfellows in 2011, I was amazed and pleasantly surprised to find that the Society admits both men and women on equal terms, unlike other long standing Societies which are male only.

The Oddfellows embrace people from all walks of life regardless of age or social standing and all meet together in perfect harmony. I was somewhat doubtful as to how this could work so I decided to go along to a meeting and see for myself. There was no pressure to become involved so I kept on going and before I knew it I had made a whole lot of new friends. Having made the decision to get involved, it wasn't too long before I was elected into the office of Branch Chairman.

This was an enjoyable experience and, with the help of other more experienced members I completed that office and was soon on my way to the next, which is Chairman of the District. This is where I am at now, and again I am enjoying every moment. The Oddfellows is not just about meetings though. It is about caring for its members and also socialising on many different levels - we have everything from weekly coffee mornings to walks, dining out, day trips, games, quizzes and dinner dances.

As District Chairman I have chosen the Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre which is part of the RSPCA as my charity and you will see mention of this further on in this newsletter. The charity takes animals who have been abandoned or ill-treated. When they are fit and well again they find new homes for them or release them back into the wild.

Finally, it is my very great pleasure to welcome our newest recruit, Emma, who has joined us as Social Organiser and who is already making a difference.

And a few words from Emma.....

I am delighted to have come on board as Social and Events Co-ordinator. I have had various roles in the past, from running my own business to organising trade events, I am also a Big Ideas Wales Role Model, inspiring young entrepreneurs to explore their business ideas.

With my new role, I have been given the opportunity to help other people

which I am very grateful for.

If members of the Deeside Branch have any suggestions for days out or events they would enjoy, please feel free to let me know.



Regular Events

Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street,
Saltney, Chester CH4 8SG.

Coffee Mornings

Every
Thursday



10.30am



50p per person
for refreshments

No need to book,
just pop in!

Everyone welcome.



Contact Details

For more details on any of
the events listed contact

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Scrabble Morning

Every
Tuesday



10am



50p per person
for refreshments

Open to non-
members so bring
your friends along
as well. Friendly
games, beginners
welcome. No need
to book, just turn up on the day.
Tea, coffee and biscuits available.



Baby and Toddlers Play Session

Every
Tuesday



10am



£1 per session
refreshments available

We have a baby and
toddlers play
session running
weekly. Pop along
to meet new people
and enjoy a coffee
and a chat.



Llandudno Coffee Morning



New
Every Tuesday

Come and join us for our regular
get together at the Links Hotel,
Llandudno 11am. It's a perfect
opportunity to socialise and make
new friends. If you've never been
to one of our events before, this
is a great opportunity to come
and find out what we are all
about. Please feel free to pop in,
everyone is most welcome,
contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

August

SAT 03 Midland Group Quiz - Coventry



1pm



Free



We are taking part in the regional group conference quiz, which is being held in Coventry. We can send up to two teams of four people. A buffet lunch will be served before the quiz. Please let us know if you are up for the challenge. Car share. Spectators welcome. Book by Friday 26 July. Coventry and North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Coventry CV3 1HB. To book contact Denise.

MON 12 Summer Lunch at St Davids Hotel



12.30pm



As per menu



Lunchtime get together to catch up and hopefully enjoy the sunshine at St David's Park Hotel, Ewloe. It has an extensive range of delicious food to choose from. A choice to sit outside or inside available. If the sun's out, hats out! Book by Monday 5 August. St David's Park, Ewloe CH5 3YB. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



TUES 13 Social Afternoon Craig-Y-Don



2pm



Free



Social catch up for everyone with tea and biscuits. Craig-Y-Don Community Centre, Queen's Road, Craig-Y-Don, Llandudno LL30 1TE. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

SAT 17 Bowling and Buffet at Broughton and Bretton



2pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Everyone welcome from beginners to experienced players, to come along for a bowls afternoon, followed by a buffet. Or you could enjoy the afternoon spectating. Please wear flat shoes, bowls available to borrow. Book by Monday 12 August. Broughton and Bretton Bowling Green, Main Road, Broughton CH4 0NR. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

August

MON 19 Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



Join us for fun at the races. Prizes and rosettes for the winners! Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

MON 19 Races Night



8.15pm



£3



Join us for fun at the races, winning horses win a rosette. Prizes for the winners! Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



FRI 23 Health and Wellbeing Event



12.30pm



Free



Taking care of your health and wellbeing is so important. Come along to this special event where we will have Movers Shakers Choir, Live Demonstrations of Chair Yoga, speak to Oddfellows Care Department and other partners such as Uncluttered Wales, Parkinson's, Cheshire Legal, Blood Pressures taken on the day, refreshments and much more will be announced! Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

August

WED
28

Trip up the Great Orme



10am



£10 Bus -
non-refundable



The mini bus will leave our hall in Saltney at 10am taking us to the Blue Cafe on the West shore of Llandudno. Afterwards we will go up the Great Orme either on our mini bus (free) or if people wish to take the tram (£8.10 return). Time permitting we will go to Conway for an hour or so before returning home for about 4.00pm. There will be plenty of cafes en-route. Book by Monday 5th August. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

September

Friendship Month

THURS
05

Friendship Month Coffee Club



10.30am



Free



Every Thursday at Oddfellows Hall. Starts 10.30am until 12 noon. No need to book, just pop in. Bring a friend Everyone welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

TUES
10

Llandudno Friendship Coffee Morning



11am



Free



Please come along and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee with us to celebrate our 10th Friendship Month. Please bring a friend. The Gwesty Links Hotel, 77 Conway Road, Llandudno LL30 1PN. No need to book. For more information please contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

SAT
14

Friendship Party - Celebrating 10 years of Friendship Month!



7pm



Free



We will be holding a special party event for everyone to celebrate 10 years of Friendship Month, plus we are also celebrating 21 years being in our Saltney building! Expect games and music, refreshments provided. Welcome to bring your own bottle of fizz. Book by Thursday 5 September. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

September Friendship Month

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years

MON
16

Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



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MON
16

10 Years of Friendship Month Quiz



8.15pm



Free



Celebrating 10 years of Friendship Month, join us for a special quiz! Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



THURS
19

Friendship Dine Out - Wirral



7pm



As per menu



Come and join us for a lovely meal at The Wirral Tandoori. It's Friendship Month, so ask a friend or a neighbour to come too! Book by Thursday 5 September. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



TUES
24

Llandudno Coffee Morning and Lunch



11am



As per menu



Come and join us for a special friendship get together at the Old Station, Llandudno Junction. It's a perfect opportunity to socialise and make new friends. If you've never been to one of our events before, this is a great opportunity to come and find out what we are all about, we will continue with a fabulous lunch afterwards. Book by Thursday 5 September. The Old Station Hotel, Conway Road, Llandudno Junction, Llandudno LL319NE. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

October

SAT **05** Alyn Waters Walk and Acorn Antiques Coffee Shop



10am



walk is free
the coffee is
price as per menu.



Alyn Waters is a country park with many paths and trails. We will finish off with a stop to Acorn Antiques coffee shop in Gwersyllt. Book by Friday 27 September. Alyn Waters, Mold Road, Gwyersyllt LL11 4AG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

MON **21** Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



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THURS **10** Panda Mami Dine Out



7pm



As per
menu



Globally inspired fixed priced buffet. Something for everyone. Ask a friend or a neighbour to join you, all welcome. Book by Friday 27 September. Panda Mami Restaurant, 25 Newgate Street, Chester CH1 1DE. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

MON **21** Beetle Drive Social



8.15pm



£2



Join us for games at our regular social meet up. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.

SUN **27** Sunday Lunch at Little Leigh



12 noon



As per
menu



A fabulous Sunday lunch at the Leigh Arms and there is a lovely country area for anyone that wants a walk afterwards. Book by Friday 11 October. Leigh Arms, Warrington Road, Northwich CW8 4QT. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

October

THURS
31

Halloween Coffee Club



10.30am



Members 50p
Guests £1



Special Halloween themed Coffee Morning. Spooky refreshments, prizes for the best pumpkin lantern. Oddfellows Hall. Starts 10.30am until 12 noon. No need to book, just pop in. Everyone welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.

SAT
16

Quiz Night



7pm



£2



Come and join us for a quiz evening! Refreshments on the night. You are welcome to bring your own bottle. Book by Wednesday 30 October. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



THURS
14

Veterans Day Coffee Club



10.30am



Members 50p
Guests £1



Special Coffee morning and singalong to celebrate our amazing War Veterans. Feel free to dress up if you wish. Oddfellows Hall. Starts 10.30am until 12 noon. No need to book, just pop in. Everyone welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.

MON
18

Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



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November

MON 18 Happy Memories Social



8.15pm



Free



Bring a photo and talk to us about the happy memories it gives you. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



December

THURS 05 Christmas Lunch Llandudno



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for a fabulous lunch at Home Cooking, Llandudno. Book by Thursday 7 November. Home Cookin', 139 Mostyn Street, Llandudno LL30 2PE. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



FRI 29 Christmas Fete



3pm



Free



Father Christmas, tombola and various prizes available. Bring your child to celebrate Christmas at Oddfellows. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

MON 16 Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



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December

MON
16

Christmas Social - Mince Pies and Mulled Wine



8.15pm



Members £2
Guests £3



Join us for Christmas games, mince pies and mulled wine. Book by Thursday 5 December. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



TUES
17

Father Christmas Visits Parent and Toddler Group



10am



£1 per session



Join us for a special visit from Father Christmas plus come and meet other parents and toddlers, have a chat and cup of tea and juice for the children. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.



THURS
19

Christmas Lunch



1pm



£15 2 course,
£17.50 3 course



Join us for Christmas Lunch at Beaufort Park Hotel.

Traditional two or three course festive lunch. £5 non-refundable deposit by Thursday 31 October and full payment by Thursday 28 November. Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold Road, Buckley CH7 6RQ. To book contact Emma 01244 675757.



January 2020

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01

New Years Day Walk Parkgate



12.30pm



Free



Why not start the year off on a good foot and blow off the cobwebs and join us for a walk at Parkgate. We will meet and set off at the Old Quay end of the promenade and see how far we get. Book by Thursday 19 December. Old Quay, Station Road, Parkgate, Neston CH64 6QJ. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

January 2020

THURS
09

New Year Celebrations



10.30am



Members 50p
Guests £1



Special New Year themed Coffee Morning, with seasonal refreshments at Oddfellows Hall.

Starts 10.30am until 12 noon. No need to book, just pop in. Everyone welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.



THURS
16

Chinese Wirral Dine Out



7pm



As per menu



A belated New Years celebration, Chinese style. The Summer Palace is authentic Chinese food. Book by Thursday 9 January 2020. Summer Palace, 51 Oxtan Road, Birkenhead CH41 2QQ. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



MON
20

Branch Meeting



7.15pm



Free



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MON
20

New Year Celebration Quiz



8.15pm



Free



Join in our 'What Year' quiz. Refreshments available. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG.



TUES
28

Llandudno Social Afternoon



12 noon



Free



Join in some social fun, games and prizes. Craig-Y-Don Community Centre, Queen's Road, Craig-Y-Don, Llandudno LL30 1TE. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

To book call 01244 675757 or email denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

Share the friendship – enjoy the rewards!

Refer a Friend

Did you know that the Society runs a Refer a Friend scheme?

When the first friend you've recommended has joined, we'll send you a £10 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you. There are different reward levels, so you'd receive your next reward – £60 in Love2Shop vouchers – after recruiting five friends in total.*



www.oddfellows.co.uk

To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or fill in a Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary.

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Annual Dinner and Dance

Saturday 16 March was our Annual Dinner and Dance which was held at Farfield Hall in Connah's Quay. As usual this was our first big event of the year and was held in honour of our newly installed Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Kevin Blackler. The chief guest for the evening was our CEO Jane Nelson, together with her husband, Graham.

The event was attended by some 60 members and guests and music was provided by our now regular organist and singer, Allan Murray. Kevin's chosen charity for the year is the RSPCA Bryn y Maen Animal Centre where they cater for not only cats and dogs but also for rabbits, ferrets and other small animals. The centre is based in the Colwyn Bay area.



Bryn y Maen Animal Centre

The total raised for the charity on the night was £110 and Kevin, together with his wife, Sandra, will be busy fund raising throughout his year in office.

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Coffee Club Celebrations

Our Coffee mornings in Saltney are becoming ever more popular with many of them having a special theme as we go through the year. We kicked off with Valentine's Day in February with everyone wearing red. We had iced cakes and silver heart brooches.

This was quickly followed in March by Pancake Day with member Paul Turner, slaving over a hot frying pan for most of the morning and doing an excellent job.

Our Easter celebrations began with a Bunny themed Beetle drive following on from the monthly meeting and was won by Tony Hodge.

The Easter theme continued with hot cross buns and other goodies at our regular Thursday morning Coffee Club a few days later.



Showing the love

Several members took up the challenge to make and parade an Easter Bonnet and everyone received a round of applause for their efforts.

In the end there were four prizes handed out, the lucky recipients being Olwen Bellis, Tony Hodge (the only man in the parade) Jean Campbell and Barbara Hobbs.

Annual Conference in a nutshell

By Rose Cugley

This year's Annual Conference was held at Southport and was presided over by Bill Henchliff, Grand Master of the Order.

Attending the conference as a visitor one might think of it as a sort of holiday - far from it. Arriving on the Saturday, settling into the hotel and immediately after the evening meal we get dressed up and attend the Grand Master's welcome dance. It has now become a tradition that this event is fancy dress and the theme this year was the 1960's. There was an excellent display of costumes ranging from mini skirts to flower power with lots of big earrings and chunky jewellery.

The following morning we set off to the Conference Centre for the church service and, following a quick lunch, we were able to sit and relax a little for the afternoon concert performed by our own Oddfellows Brass.

Monday morning saw the opening of Conference with speakers ranging from the Grand Master to visiting dignitaries from America, this was followed by the start of business on the Agenda. Tuesday was



voting day and I, as one of the appointed scrutineers, was closeted in a small room with 11 other members waiting for the voting papers to come in. Two of our members were standing for Unity Committees and I was particularly pleased to learn that both had been successful. Denise Turner, our Branch Secretary, was elected to the Unity Benevolence Committee and Meirion Edwards to The Unity Investigation Committee.

Many congratulations to them both. Tuesday evening was Grand Lodge where qualified members are able to take their Past Provincial Grand Masters Degree. Wednesday saw the final business of Conference dealt with and this was followed by the traditional closing ceremony. On Wednesday evening we attended the Grand Master's farewell dance and Thursday morning we took part in a bowls match. The teams were made up of members from varying Districts and once again Deeside District shone through with Denise Turner being on the winning team. On Friday, there was a planned coach trip to Liverpool and Port Sunlight which was enjoyed by those who went on it.





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 Denise on **01244 675757** or email **denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line: Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number), Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org

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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

Simple Quiz (Just for Fun)

Find a word which relates to each pair of words below

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lock - Piano | 5. River - Money | 9. Plumber |
| 2. Ship - Cards | 6. Bed - Paper | 10. Egyptian - Mother |
| 3. School - Eye | 7. Army - Water | |
| 4. Pillow - Court | 8. Tennis - Noise | |

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Answers on back cover

Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!

To celebrate our wonderful members and their contributions to the Society as a whole, we launched the first official Making a Difference Awards late last year, and after careful consideration from the judges, we're ready to reveal the winners!

The judges had a hard time selecting this year's winners, with many worthy nominations received across the awards' categories. But after much deliberation, four fabulous members were announced at this year's annual conference.

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "So many of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and get support. It's important that we reward those who go above and beyond for their Branch when we can and the Making a Difference Awards is the perfect way to do this.

"Huge congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated, and doesn't go unnoticed."

Member nominations for 2020 are now open. Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, fundraising, caring for other members, or doing their very best for the Branch? Download a member nomination form from www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference or contact your Branch Secretary.



Bill, Vivienne, David and Faye with Grand Master Bill Henchcliff after being presented with their awards.

2019 Making a Difference Award Winners

FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Vivienne Simpson

Burton-on-Trent District

FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

Bill Rainsbury

North West Kent District

FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

David Smith

Cleveland and Durham District

FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

Faye Chadwick

Huddersfield District

Valuable Oddfellows artefact rescued “just in time”!

Clearing out a home often unearths surprises, as members Harold and Jackie Houghton found when they were collecting a pile of discarded items from a relative’s home in Manchester.

“We checked to make sure there wasn’t anything important left in the pile. Jackie spotted a watch in one of the boxes and she knew I would be interested in taking a look,” explained Harold. Having realised they might have an interesting (time)piece of history on their hands, Harold and Jackie visited a horologist (a clock maker), to service the watch.

Harold said: “It wasn’t until we moved to Llandudno that I heard any mention of the Oddfellows again. I spotted an advert for a local meeting in Deganwy, so we went along to find out what it was about. We actually joined whilst we were there!” Our resident Oddfellows historian,



Paul Eyre, commented: “The watch is an example of the type of presentation made to a past officer or secretary, usually to mark long service, in the first half of the 19th century. These would have been individually produced and painted by a local craftsman of the time, so this pocket watch is truly a unique piece.”

Harold wanted to return the watch to its roots, so he and Jackie visited Manchester’s central office to hand-deliver the watch to the CEO and Secretary of the Order, Jane Nelson.

Jane said, “It’s wonderful that this watch has brought Harold and his wife to the Oddfellows. We love it when our members share their history with us, and we’ll be displaying Harold’s kind donation alongside some of our other important historical artefacts.”

Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference takes place in Sunny Southport

For 2019, our Annual Movable Conference (AMC) returned to Southport and we really did have the weather on our side! Each year our members get together to catch up, celebrate the past 12 months, vote on important Society matters, and of course, welcome the new Grand Master (Society Chairman).

With a jam-packed schedule mixing business with pleasure, AMC is a great opportunity for members to learn about the business side of the Society and our traditions, as well as meet and mingle with other Branches.



Oddfellows members enjoyed the annual bowls competition



Business began by paying tribute to some of our late Past Grand Masters: Sydney Bolton, Andrew Porter, and Keith Adamson



Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday



A 60s themed dance kicked off the celebrations at the Grand Master's Welcome Party

At our conference, Deputies vote on decisions that will impact the Society's business focus moving forward. For example, this year it was decided that our H A Andrews Memorial Fund would support Lupus Trust with a donation of £85,000 over three years. Plus, to celebrate our growing membership, we presented a number of Branches with our annual recruitment awards.

These include the Ken Hughes Silver Salver Award, won this year by Pride of Woolwich Branch, and the Lillian Ogden Recruitment trophy, awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch. Members can help their Branches to win awards too, as we also present the Refer a Friend Awards, to recognise Branches which have a great network of strong member advocates.



An array of Oddfellows merchandise was available for members to purchase



The "Refer a Friend" Award for the highest number of member advocates was awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch, with 31 members recruiting a new member in 2018

Thank you Bill Henchliff

A huge thank you as always to our now Immediate Past Grand Master Bill Henchliff, who says:

"It has been a great honour to be Grand Master of the Order. I couldn't possibly choose a favourite moment from the past year, but meeting all the members across the country, especially the two Centurions from Hartlepool and Derby, has been quite special. The support and advice I have received from my colleagues on the Board, from the CEO and Insurance Director, and the External Non-Executive Directors has been invaluable."

Bill has some sound words of advice to welcome the new Grand Master, David Randall: "Be yourself and enjoy the year, it goes very quickly!"



If you have a business head, or a passion for organisation, why not get involved with your Branch's Committee of Management? And if you'd be interested in becoming a Deputy at a future AMC, you can find out how by visiting our website, or speaking to your Branch Secretary.

Rooms available for hire at Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney. Here are some of our fabulous hirers.



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Llandudno events – at a glance

In addition to our Llandudno Coffee Morning every Tuesday
(for more information see page 3)

Tues 13 Aug 2019	Social Afternoon – Craig-Y-Don	2pm
Tues 10 Sept 2019	Friendship Month Llandudno Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 24 Sept 2019	Llandudno Coffee Morning and Lunch	11am
Thurs 5 Dec 2019	Christmas Lunch Llandudno	12.30pm
Tues 28 Jan 2020	Llandudno Social Afternoon	12 noon

Answers from Simple Quiz page 17

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| 1. Key | 6. Sheet |
| 2. Deck | 7. Tank |
| 3. Pupil | 8. Racket (Racquet) |
| 4. Case | 9. Pipe |
| 5. Bank | 10. Mummy |

Office Opening Hours

Monday and Tuesday 9am – 4pm

Wednesday – Closed

Thursday 9am – 4pm

Friday 9am – 2pm

(Answer phone available)

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Contact Denise for Friendship Month
events this September, as we celebrate
10 years of Friendship Month.

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.

Deeside events - at a glance

In addition to our weekly Thursday Coffee Mornings, Weekly Tuesday Scrabble and Weekly Baby and Toddler Group (for more information see page 3)

August 2019

Sat 3	Quiz - Coventry	1pm
Mon 12	Summer Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 17	Bowls and Buffet	2pm
Mon 19	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 19	Races Night	8.15pm
Fri 23	Health Event	12.30pm
Wed 28	Great Orme Trip	10am

September Friendship Month

Thurs 5	Coffee Club	10.30am
Tues 10	Coffee Morning	11am
Sat 14	Friendship Party	7pm
Mon 16	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 16	Friendship Quiz	8.15pm
Thurs 19	Dine Out Wirral	7pm
Tues 24	Coffee and Lunch	11am

October

Sat 5	Walk and Coffee	10am
Thurs 10	Panda Mami	7pm
Mon 21	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 21	Beetle Drive Social	8.15pm

October

Sun 27	Sunday Lunch	12 noon
Thurs 31	Halloween Coffee Club	10.30am

November

Thurs 14	Veterans Day	10.30am
Sat 16	Quiz Night	7pm
Mon 18	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 18	Happy Memories Social	8.15pm
Fri 29	Christmas Fete	3pm

December

Mon 16	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 16	Christmas Social	8.15pm
Tues 17	Christmas Toddlers Group	10am
Thurs 19	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm

January 2020

Wed 1	Walk Parkgate	12.30pm
Thurs 9	New Year Celebrations	10.30am
Thurs 16	Dine Out Wirral	7pm
Mon 20	Branch Meeting	7.15pm
Mon 20	New Year Quiz	8.15pm