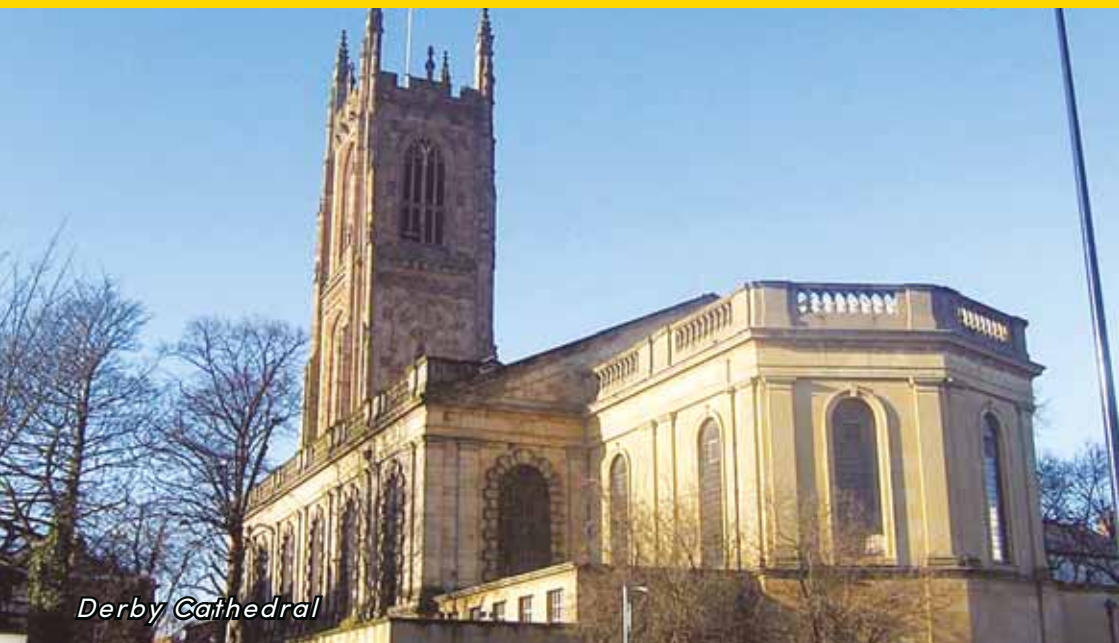


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Christmas Outing at 'Pipes in the Peaks' – Saturday 10 December 2022

Welcome all to your latest Events Diary

There are a wide range of activities, so hopefully we have something for everyone!

Our Festive Season this year starts on Saturday 12 November with our Coffee Morning Christmas Bazaar, where there will be various craft and activity stalls along with the usual chat and a cuppa.

The Christmas Coach Trip is a visit to 'Pipes in the Peaks' for a rousing performance of some festive favourites!

Just a little note to say that our Dining Out Experience has moved from a Tuesday to a Thursday, but the time remains the same.

Feedback Welcome!

We are always looking for ways to improve how we are! This covers everything we do – from the types of events we offer to how we

communicate with you all. If you have any ideas for future events, or feedback about your experiences with us, we would love to hear from you!

Volunteer!

As with all social organisations, we would not be able to function without the support of our network of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer you can be assured of a very warm welcome! A huge thank you to everyone who helps to make each of our events special – your help is greatly appreciated!

Coming Up

A key note for your diary is our Provincial Grand Master's Dinner Dance, which will be held at Derby Conference Centre on Saturday 18 February 2023.

Kindest Regards,

Carola Hartshorn
District Secretary

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.

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 £3
Guests £4

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.



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.

Contact Details

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

01332 345697

Carola Hartshorn

Email:

carola.hartshorn@oddfellows.co.uk

Penny Folds

Email:

penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk

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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.

Regular Events

Crafty Social

Monday



Come and get involved in our latest project! All ages and abilities welcome. Cost includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.



10.30am

17 October 2022

14 November 2022

12 December 2022

9 January 2023

6.30pm

3 October 2022

31 October 2022

28 November 2022

23 January 2023

Join us online...

For a catch up and some fun!

Saturday at 10.30am

Zoom Countdown with Colin

15 October 2022

12 November 2022

10 December 2022

7 January 2023

Zoom Quiz

1 October 2022

29 October 2022

26 November 2022

24 December 2022

21 January 2023

Zoom Meeting ID:

777 935 4259



For more information contact Carola on 01332 345697.

October 2022

SAT 01 Stanhope Branch District Officers' Visit

⌚ 6.30pm £ Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and his Officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Hunters Arms, Church Street, Kilburn DE56 0LU. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Doreen on 01332 720064 if you would like to join us, for catering purposes.

TUES 04 King George IV Branch - Dominoes and Rummikub

⌚ 7.30pm £ Free



Join us for our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and a game of dominoes or Rummikub! Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



WED 05 Walking Group at Breaston

⌚ 10am £ As per menu



Meet at the Bull's Head pub car park for the five mile Breaston Coffin walk. Enjoy the undulating countryside with stiles and a railway bridge. Eating at the Bull's Head afterwards. Bull's Head, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston DE72 3EA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

THURS 13 Harvest Coffee Morning

⌚ 11am £ £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



If you have successfully grown an excess of fruit and vegetables this year and would like to sell them in aid of Derbyshire Sight Support, please get in touch with the office. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

THURS 13 Dining Out Experience at Nicco Restaurant & Bar

⌚ 6.45pm £ As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 6 October 2022. Nicco Restaurant & Bar, Wheelwright Way, Derby DE24 8SQ. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.

October 2022

WED 19 Walking Group at Hartshorne

 10am

 As per menu



Meet in the car park at Manchester Lane for a six mile walk with some hills and a few stiles. Lunch at the Bull's Head afterwards. Manchester Lane Car Park, Manchester Lane, Hartshorne DE11 7ET. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

SAT 22 Skittles Match

 2.30pm

 Members £3
Guests £4




Game On! Time to team up and get in some practice for the Inter-District match later in the month. Bar Open. Food available. Book by Friday 14 October 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.



THURS 27 Walking Group at Oddfellows Hall (Short Walk)

 10am

 £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



Join us for a short walk from Oddfellows Hall to see the Florentine Boar at Derby Arboretum, then back to the hall for a refreshing cup of tea! Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

FRI 28 Inter-District Skittles Match

 7.30pm

 £6.50



YES! This highly competitive event is making a welcome return this year. Can Derby retain their title or will Burton find their winning form? Includes supper of jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, followed by gateaux or cheesecake. Book by Friday 14 October 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

November

TUES 01 King George IV Branch - Craft Evening

 7.30pm

 Free



Join us for our monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and a craft activity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.

November

WED 02 Walking Group at Tutbury

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at the Dog & Partridge for a five mile walk – mainly flat with some stiles. Eating at the Dog & Partridge afterwards. Dog & Partridge, High Street, Tutbury DE13 9LS. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

THURS 10 Dining Out Experience at The Broadway

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday



3 November 2022. The Broadway, Duffield Road, Derby DE22 1JB. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.

MON 14 Pares Branch District Officers' Visit

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and his officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. If you would like to come you are more than welcome. Book by Monday 31 October 2022. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. To book please contact the Branch Secretary, Barbara on 0115 9465105.

WED 16 Walking Group at Allestree

 10am


 As per menu



Meet at Woodlands Road car park for a 5.5 mile walk in the area. Hilly in a couple of places, otherwise easy terrain. Lunch to be decided. Woodlands Road Car Park, Woodlands Road, Allestree DE22 2HH. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

SAT 12 Coffee Morning Christmas Bazaar

 10.30am

 £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



Have a cuppa and join in the fun of our Christmas Bazaar! Try your luck on the bottle tombola, guess the number of sweets in the jar and more! Turkey and stuffing cobs on sale. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

November

SAT
26

Cheese and Wine Evening - Best of British!



Members £3
Guests £5



Join us for an evening of sensory revelation as we sample various British wines and cheese. Free glass of house wine included in the ticket price. Book by Friday 18 November 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

WED
30

Walking Group at Shipley Country Park



As per menu



Meet at Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre (pay and display) for a five mile walk round the park. Flattish terrain, mainly on paths. Meal to be decided. Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor DE75 7GX. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

December

THURS
01

Good Intent Branch - Christmas Party



2.30pm



Free



Join us for our Christmas Party, with entertainment from Clive Allen and Lesley. Along with a possible surprise visitor! Buffet tea and raffle, with proceeds going towards the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. *Booking essential. This event is free but admission is by ticket only - available from Margaret Henchcliff from November. Book by Thursday 17 November 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062.

SAT
03

Stanhope Branch - Christmas Meal



6.30pm



TBC



Join us for some festive celebrations! Book by Friday 18 November 2022. Denby Lodge, Church Street, Denby Village, Ripley DE5 8PH. Contact Doreen on 01332 720064.



December

TUES 06 King George IV Branch - Christmas Party Night

 7.30pm  Call for details 

Join us for our annual Christmas get together. Book by Tuesday 22 November 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Maureen on 01332 739538 for details.

THURS 08 Dining Out Experience at The Golden Dragon

 6.45pm  As per menu 

Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 1 December 2022. The Golden Dragon, London Road, Shardlow DE72 2HN. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.



FRI 09 Christmas Coffee Morning

 11am  £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits 

Jingle bells at the ready! Come and join us for a festive cuppa and a mince pie. *Christmas Hat Competition*. Get crafting and spruce up your hairdo with a home-made Christmas Hat! Free to enter - entries will be judged on the day. All hats must be decorated prior to arrival. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

MON 12 Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Buffet

 11am  Call for details 

Join us for our Christmas Celebration! Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Please contact Margaret on 01332 771964 for further details.

SAT 10 Christmas Outing at 'Pipes in the Peaks'

 12.45pm  Members £20
Guests £23 

Enjoy an afternoon out at 'Pipes in the Peaks' to hear a selection of favourite festive tunes! Ticket price includes a glass of sherry and a mince pie! Booking Essential. Coach departs and returns to Oddfellows Hall. Book by Friday 18 November 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.



December

MON
12

Pares Branch Christmas Social



7.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our Christmas Social! Book by Monday 28 November 2022. Please call to confirm venue and time with the Branch Secretary, Barbara on 0115 9465105.

WED
14

Walking Group at Whatstandwell



10am



As per menu



Walk the Cromford canal. Meet at Whatstandwell railway station car park (pay and display) for a six mile walk. Eat at Cromford before returning to Whatstandwell. Flat tow path. Whatstandwell Car Park, Whatstandwell DE4 5EE. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

WED
14

Derwent Valley Branch District Officers' Visit



7pm



Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and his officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. We will also be drawing the Chairman's Christmas raffle. Book by Wednesday 30 November 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.

SAT
24

Zoom Christmas Eve Quiz



10.30am



Free



Test your grey matter with us for fun and have a catch up. Zoom Meeting ID: 777 935 4259. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

WED
28

Short Walk After Christmas at Darley Park



10am



Free



Beat the Post Christmas Blues! Join us for a short (2 ½ mile) walk round Darley Park. See the new bridge (if they have put it up). Bring the family - pushchair friendly. Park at Old Chester Road Car Park, 106 Old Chester Road, Little Chester Derby DE1 3SA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

January 2023

WED
11

Walking Group at Chester Green



10am



As per menu



Meet at Old Chester Road car park for a five mile walk from Chester Green to Pride Park and return along the Derwent. Flat terrain, paths, no stiles. Pub lunch, venue to be decided. Old Chester Road Car Park, 106 Old Chester Road, Little Chester, Derby DE1 3SA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

January 2023

THURS
12

Coffee Morning - Guest Speaker



11am



£1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



We are delighted to have a guest speaker from Medical Detection Dogs. Come along, bring a friend, find



out about this amazing charity and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will also be a raffle and bric-a-brac stall. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

THURS
12

Dining Out Experience at The Crewe & Harpur



6.45pm



As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 5 January 2023. The Crewe & Harpur, Swarkestone DE73 7JA. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.



SAT
14

Musical Movie Afternoon



2.30pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and watch a musical with friends (and maybe sing along too). Which one will it be? You decide! Followed by soup and a roll, with a Danish pastry for dessert. Voting to take place during December. Book by Friday 6 January 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Carola on 01332 345697.

WED
25

Walking Group at Alvaston



10am



As per menu



Meet at Alvaston car park (by the BMX track) for a walk along the Derby Canal to Borrowash, returning along the river Derwent. 5 ½ miles, flat, mostly paths, one flight of stairs. Pub lunch - venue to be decided. Alvaston Car Park, Meadow Lane, Alvaston DE24 8QQ. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

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 7pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

2022: 12 October (Summoned Meeting), 9 November, 14 December (District Officers' Visit)
2023: 11 January

Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne on 01332 739538

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

2022: 4 October, 1 November, 6 December. 2023: 3 January

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.

2022: 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. 2023: 9 January

Loyal Good Intent

Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062

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

2022: 6 October, 3 November, 1 December. 2023: 5 January

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.

2022: 10 October, 14 November (District Officers' Visit), 12 December
2023: 9 January

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.

2022: 1 October (District Officers' Visit), 5 November, 3 December
2023: 7 January

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Need help to attend an online event? Just give your local Social Organiser
or Branch Secretary a call or email events@oddfellows.co.uk

At a glance

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Mon 10	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 10	Pares Branch Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 12	Derwent Valley Branch Summoned Meeting	7pm
Thurs 13	Harvest Coffee Morning	11am
Thurs 13	Dining Out Experience at Nicco Restaurant & Bar	6.45pm
Sat 15	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Mon 17	Crafty Social	10.30am
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Sat 29	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Mon 31	Crafty Social	6.30pm

November

Tues 1	King George IV Branch - Craft Evening	7.30pm
Wed 2	Walking Group at Tutbury	10am
Thurs 3	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 5	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
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Thurs 10	Dining Out Experience at The Broadway	6.45pm
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December

Thurs 1	Good Intent Branch - Christmas Party	2.30pm
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Tues 6	King George IV Branch - Christmas Party Night	7.30pm
Thurs 8	Dining Out Experience at The Golden Dragon	6.45pm
Fri 9	Christmas Coffee Morning	11am
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January 2023

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Refer a friend today

To refer someone you know and make their day, either call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary.

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Provincial Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This is the 200th Anniversary of the formation of Derby District. We had many more Lodges then, of course, but the Lodges we have now are all meeting monthly, have good attendance, and are keeping their members up to date with everything that's happening in the District.

We have welcomed a new Secretary, Carola Hartshorn and at the time of writing, Carola has travelled up to Manchester for three days training on the Dynamics accounting system, learning more about Oddfellowship

and meeting staff members at Unity Office. Some important decisions are having to be made regarding Derby District, but it will not affect your membership and I hope that you continue to enjoy your Oddfellowship and look forward to meeting you at future meetings and events.

In finishing I would like to thank you for your support of my chosen charity, Derbyshire Sight Support.

Yours fraternally,

Bill Henchliff, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman)



Welcoming Carola



Hello! My name is Carola Hartshorn and I am the new District Secretary.

Like many people I had no knowledge of the Oddfellows prior to applying for the position of District Secretary,

so I have travelled up a bit of a steep learning curve over the past six weeks. What a marvellous journey though!

In today's world where we are bombarded with messages from businesses and organisations that make unsustainable promises, Oddfellows hit it right off the bat - they really are a friendly society.

Having now looked into the history of the Oddfellows I have learned that a big part of what we do is to look after our community of members. As I am based at Charnwood Street I have been fortunate to witness this in action.

I could not be more proud to be a part of such a wonderful community and look forward to a long association with this wonderful society.

Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM): District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM): District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS): District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM): Past District Chairman

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM): Immediate Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

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

My Second Year at the University of Nottingham



My second year at University was a huge improvement on my first year, given that the majority of lectures were reverted to in-person lectures, and all Uni societies and groups were allowed.

During my second year, I studied nine different modules. My favourite modules were 'Tourism and the Environment; Conflict or Consensus' and 'Technology and Organisation'. I found the tourism module interesting because it allowed me to learn about the impact tourism has on various locations across the world, as well as the systems in place to mitigate it. In the Technology module, I learned about new and existing workplace technology. I also had a group project for this class where we had to investigate and present how we might technologically enhance an existing company. My group selected the Nottingham Tram network, and I enjoyed studying innovative ways that technology might be utilised to improve the service, such as how to optimise the ticketing system. My research was beneficial since it helped me gain a summer internship as a transport planning intern at Midlands Connect.

In addition to my course, I was a member of the University of Nottingham Philharmonic Orchestra and Sinfonia Orchestra. The Sinfonia Orchestra was a student-run orchestra that rehearsed once a week, whereas the Philharmonic Orchestra was led by an external conductor. We had three weeks of three-day intensive rehearsals and a performance at the end. I found it difficult to balance all of the rehearsals with my studying, but I thoroughly enjoyed the final concert, in which we performed Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite No 1, Kodaly's Dances of Galanta and Brahms' Symphony No 2.



Fran is seen on the right of the rock climbing wall

In the rest of my free time, I joined the University's badminton club and played three times a week, which was really fun and allowed me to make lots of new friends. I also made use of the climbing wall in the sports centre, and I am planning on taking a climbing course in my third year, so I will be able to climb unsupervised.

Overall, I really enjoyed my second year at University and I achieved a first in all my modules! I travelled to Nepal in June (which I will write about in a future article), and have just begun a six - eight week internship as a transport planning intern in Birmingham, which has been really interesting so far.

Fran Chatto
Good Samaritan Branch

June Coffee Morning

At the June Coffee Morning, Bill Henchliff, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), had arranged for Martin Wilson, Chairman of Sight Support Derbyshire, to come along to give us a talk.

Before his talk our own Maralynn Wilson, spoke to us about living with sight loss. Marilynn has been registered blind all her life and is also colour blind. At the age of nine she went to boarding school where there were children all with similar problems. She excelled at music and dancing and achieved Grade 5 in music. When she returned home she enjoyed all the things everyone else has and has always tried to make the best of life. Her brother bought her an organ and then her husband, Barrie, said she needed a piano and there was a music teacher over the road from them, who soon brought her back to Grade 5 again and then Grade 6 by a few marks. She said she has had an interesting life and does what she can. She enjoys helping Barrie in the garden, but she cannot tell weeds from flowers! Barrie has really looked after her well over the years. Another of her passions is Derby County Football Club, she loves going with her binoculars and enjoys the atmosphere. She thanked Bill for choosing Sight Support Derbyshire and hoped everyone would support him.

Martin Wilson (no relation) explained that Sight Support was started in 1914 originally being called Derby Association for the Blind changing it's name about 10 years ago. It was primarily started to support children, but with men coming back from the First World War suffering sight loss due to gassing, the need increased.

There is an eye clinic liaison office at the Royal Derby Hospital which helps people be aware of what is available to them after the dreadful diagnosis.

They will also visit people at home to see what they can help and assist with to ensure that people can remain in their home. They help rehabilitate people to make the most of their environment.

They are mainly funded by Derby County Council for the bulk of their funds and they have to produce monthly reports. They also rely on donations and collections.

VIP (Visionally Impaired People) sight days are organised where lots of organisations, guide dogs, equipment engineers etc come together to show people just what is available and those days are vital to people.

Social events have been difficult over the last couple of years, but they are now getting back to normal, recently having a visit to the Theatre. The most important work is with the 6-18 year olds and they arrange residential

adventure weekends which are very beneficial to those attending.

Visionally impaired people are very resilient and he urged us to look on the internet for Chris Fisher who is a talented wood turner who lost his sight almost overnight; and he does all his work just by touch.

The charity has a staff of 23 part timers who work a four day week, with a large number of volunteers - around 80.

Martin started his volunteering after retiring from Rolls Royce, when his wife saw a request for volunteer drivers. This progressed to the Board, and now Chairman. He thanked us for choosing Sight Support Services as our charity for the year.

If anyone would like to make a donation: cheques to be made payable to: The Provincial Grand Master's Charity. Bill will be very grateful.

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 Citizens Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: **oddfellows@manchestercab.org**

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

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Champagne Breakfast



This is always one of our most popular events and usually has a waiting list to attend - apologies to those who didn't make it.

This time it was to celebrate our wonderful Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have four members turning 70 this year and they were invited along as our special guests - Christine Shelton, Ellen Morton, Jane Cripwell and Bob Rodgers.

The usual full English breakfast was served and many thanks to those who came along to cook and serve it.

We will have to think of something else to celebrate next - any ideas?



The AMC (Annual Movable Conference)

This year to Conference was held at Scarborough and walking around you could not fail to hear the noise around the Grand Hotel.

The Hotel is huge being completed in 1867 when it was one of the largest hotels in the World. The four towers represent the seasons, the 12 floors represent the months, 52 chimneys represent the weeks and originally the 365 rooms represented the days of the year.

To get back to the incredible noise around the Hotel. It would seem that every ledge, nook and cranny around the outside of the building was occupied by nesting Kitty Wakes. What it was like for the guests around 4am for the dawn chorus I cannot imagine.



**Good friends help you,
to find important things,
when you have lost them....
your smile, your hope,
and your courage.**



Square Appeal

This is the first finished blanket following the square appeal; many thanks if you have donated squares. Sadly, there will always be homeless, refugees or others in need.

As the nights begin to get longer you may find you have more time to knit or crochet some squares and as soon as there are enough (60) I will put them

together and donate them to a good cause on behalf of the Oddfellows.

Knitting - Double knit
4mm needles
34 stitches and 62 rows

Crochet - Double knit
4mm hook
Granny stitch, 6 rounds.

Thanking you, Margaret Henchcliff.



National Arboretum

On Friday 6 May a coach had been arranged to take members to the National Arboretum. Luckily the weather was fine and after a short journey we arrived to be met by one of the staff to give us a little chat for those who had not been before. We were surprised when she told us we had booked 11 seats for the train ride around the site, but it turned out that these seats had been booked by members of the Cleveland and Durham District. Margaret and Bill Henchcliff had a lovely catch up with members they had met when Cleveland and Durham District had invited Bill to attend one of their events, when he was Grand Master.

The site was lovely as ever and members enjoyed either walking around the site or a train ride. Many made a beeline for the Oddfellows own memorial and Bill Henchcliff had come prepared to give it a bit of a clean.

It's not far away from the Derby District tree, so some of us had a walk there. It's 10 years since it was dedicated by Maureen Burgoyne when she was Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and is considerably bigger than the 'twig' it was. There are always new memorials and this year the 'Shiny Sheff' was new to see, dedicated two days before we visited, to those who lost their lives whilst serving on HMS Sheffield in the Falklands War. £15,000 was raised by the veterans of the ship in time to install the memorial on the 40th anniversary of the loss of the destroyer. Artist Peter Naylor had designed the stainless steel bow of the warship, suitably engraved and set in a cast stainless steel dark, rough sea.

Everyone enjoyed the day, particularly those who hadn't visited previously.



Oddfellows Hall, Edinburgh

Adam McCready has recently been working on a production at the Edinburgh Fringe events. Whilst walking around this building caught his eye.

This listed building was built in 1873 on Forrest Road and was the central gathering point for local members of the Oddfellows Order. It has two galleried halls, lecture/committee rooms, function rooms and even dormitories. Since then it has been divided into stores, apparently not very sympathetically, been a concert venue, theatre, cinema and boxing arena. Sean Connery worked there as a bouncer in it's jazz club days.

It has now been refurbished and is a cocktail bar.



May Coffee Morning

It was a busy morning with the usual raffle and bric a brac stall plus a display of wonderful paintings by our very talented artist Barrie Wilson. Barrie had bought a number of paintings for sale with all proceeds to the Provincial Grand Master's charity.

It was a win, win situation, members will have a lovely original painting adorning their walls and Barrie's wife, Maralynne has more room in their spare bedroom.

Thanks to everyone who made the morning a success.



Fisherman's Friend



The first film show of the year wasn't without it's problems!

Firstly our laptop and projector had been stolen when we were burgled. Polly Cunningham came to the rescue by borrowing one, but on setting up discovered it hadn't got a place for the DVD.

Bill Henchliff was despatched home for another laptop, but unfortunately this laptop wouldn't recognise the DVD. At this point the volunteers in the kitchen decided to give all our very patiently waiting members a cup of tea and set about cooking the Cornish pasties.

An SOS phone call to Maureen Burgoyne resulted in her arrival at the Hall with the third laptop. There was some success we could hear the film, but not see it. Another telephone call to Kim Parry Burgoyne for her IT expertise and hurray the problem was sorted.

Members, after eating their refreshments then enjoyed this lovely film and went happily on their way home.

A huge thanks to everyone who played a part in bringing the afternoon together and especially to members for their patience. I am sure everything will have been sorted to make our next film show run smoothly.

Inter Lodge Quiz

This took a different format - all bar one were happy to see the back of the buzzers. The other difference was all the teams answered all the questions, so there was no thought that any teams questions were easier than others.

The biggest problem was sorting the teams in the first place. Seven people down to play couldn't make it and others turned up who were not expected. In the end it finished up whichever table you were sat at, that was your team.

Bob Rodgers (right) and Grant Wright (left) had put together 10 rounds and three picture rounds. The rounds were very varied and I must admit that the team I was in



was languishing at the bottom, but after the Food and Drink, Christmas and the Chocolate Bar rounds, we quickly climbed to second, obviously we are the ones that over eat at Christmas!

Congratulations to the winning team, Anne Taylor, Bill Henchliff, Jane Allen and Roger Doughty and many thanks to Bob and Grant.

The new format is here to stay, so if you were one of the ones who feared the buzzers, come and join us next time, it was much more fun.

Submitted by Margaret Henchliff

King George IV Branch Barbeque



On Sunday 3 July members of The King George IV Branch held a BBQ at Polly's home. Due to the BBQ being out of gas, the food was cooked in the oven. It was lovely for members to get together face to face and enjoy being outside. There was a little concern that it would rain but we managed to stay dry. Our thanks go to Polly for cooking and letting us use her garden.

Bessie the youngest member of the Branch entertained members by rolling around on the floor, (I might add Bessie is eight months). During the BBQ it was pointed out that there were four generation of King George IV Branch members present and it would be a perfect opportunity for a family picture. Top of picture is Doreen, Maureen, Kim and junior member Bessie.

Submitted by Maureen Burgoyne, Secretary



Summer Coffee Morning

Everyone came dressed for summer, but none made more of an effort than Brian Smith. As you can see from the photo he dressed for the beach in the style of the 50s complete with handkerchief on his head. It certainly amused everyone and brought back memories of ruched cotton bathers and the 'knitted' trunks our Dads wore which were considerably larger when Dad came out of the sea than when he went in. Ice cream was also on sale.



Polly's Open Garden



Christine Shelton with her grandson, Wilfred

On a very hot day in mid July, Polly, opened her garden in aid of the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity, but it wasn't the garden everyone was interested in, two volunteers of the Derby Blood Bikes came along on the bike we helped to purchase, complete with the Oddfellows logo.

It was very impressive and many of us had a sit on it to get the

feel of the wonderful machine. I think it made us feel extremely proud, especially Polly, on what we achieved, particularly during the Covid pandemic.

As well as refreshments a raffle was held and £100 was raised. In the end it was decided to share the proceeds, so £50 was donated to Blood Bikes as we know they are feeling the huge rise in fuel costs. It was a lovely morning of friendship.

Another visit from Ashley Franklin

At the August Coffee Morning it was nice to again welcome Ashley Franklin along to give his light hearted journey through Derbyshire. After working for Radio Derby he left to try and earn his living through photography and worked for Derbyshire Life. Each month he focused on one village and researched and photographed it and if one of his photographs were chosen for the front cover he was paid extra, something he told us jokingly, several times. Not surprisingly one of his wonderful photographs often appeared on the front cover.

The talk took us through the seasons and the autumn photographs were particularly stunning. Derbyshire may be a county furthest from the sea, but we have lots

of water with rivers, lakes, pools, waterfalls, weirs and canals and Ashley has photographed them all, including Willington Marina which is the largest inland marina in Europe. Also photographed were interesting bridges, crosses, well dressings, thatched cottages, mill workers cottages, public houses (where he has done much of his research), castles, churches and he finished, shall we say with a bang - the Darley Abbey firework display.

Ashley has a pictorial book coming out in the autumn with many of his favourite photographs. Bill Henchcliff, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) thanked him for his very interesting talk saying that the walking group have passed many of the sights on their fortnightly walks.

Oddfellowship Promotion

Some members of the Social Committee have been very busy over the last few weeks attending local fetes to promote Derby District Oddfellows.

The first one was The Big One at Chaddesden where they spent the day giving out goodie bags, selling crafts and generally talking to people and four new members were made.

The second one, at Horsley Woodhouse, was much the same, the weather was lovely and they

were visited by the Mayor. Polly Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past District Chairman) very much suffered from chain envy as her chain has not yet been replaced following the burglary. Hopefully it will not be too long before this is rectified.

They were also visited by Dale Hopkins who plays solo horn with the Oddfellows Brass Band. He said he is very much looking forward to playing for us in September at Landau Forte during Friendship Month.



Staggered Membership Fees

With the cost of living on the increase some practical measures have been taken.

As from Monday 1 August 2022 both standard and benefit members will be able to pay their contribution fee in two consecutive instalments by Direct Debit. There will be no administrative fee charged. Standard members will pay 2 x £12.50 and Benefit members 2 x £17.50. This is a permanent change.

Please note that any member paying for their membership by instalments will not be able to make any claims until their membership fee has been paid in full.

Two things to make your day better
- Don't watch the news
- Stay off the bathroom scales.



Having Trouble Shopping?

Whilst talking to members our Welfare Co-ordinator, Alice Smyth, has heard that some members have a bit of trouble getting their shopping. She has done a bit of research and found that it is possible to telephone your shopping order to Morrisons.

The number to ring is: 0345 611 611. Then it goes through some options, you pick option 5 first, then option 1. This takes you through to a member of staff who will take your order. There is a minimum of five items for an order and the delivery is always the next day between the hours of 10am and 6pm. They are open

seven days a week to order and deliver, but you can only order between 8am and 5.30pm.

The delivery drivers aren't meant to enter your houses, but it depends who you get and if you need help carrying the shopping. You pay for your shopping at the door with card only.

Alice really hopes this helps the few members who can't always get out and haven't got access to the internet.

Thank you Alice.

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Members were delighted to finally get together at the first face-to-face AMC in three years in May this year. The three-day annual conference returned to Scarborough and kicked off with an 80s disco, a stunning firework display and a fantastically well-received concert from Oddfellows Brass.



A spectacular opening night firework display

At the conference, the Making a Difference Awards winners from 2020 to 2022 were presented with their trophies by Past Grand Master David Randall.

This year, the AMC saw the installation of three new Member Non-Executive Directors: Debbie Jex from Reading

Branch, Karen Rose from Tunbridge Wells Branch and Alex Walker from North Gloucestershire Branch.

Thanks go to all who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses and to those working behind the scenes who made the conference such a success.



Oddfellows Brass on fine form



Grand Master David Ogden (right) with the Mayor of Scarborough

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund



The new recipient of our UK medical research fund, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, was agreed at this year's annual conference.

From 2022 to 2024, we're supporting the Centre for Cancer Immunology based at the University of Southampton. £100,000 in funding has been granted

to enable the Centre's study of a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

The ultimate goal is to create a vaccine that could fundamentally change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head, neck oesophageal and bladder cancers. The research is led by Dr Tim Fenton and Professor Edd James who will also be supervising a full-time PHD student funded by the Oddfellows.

We look forward to hearing how the Centre's research is progressing and



sharing some insights with you when the Board makes its first visit later in the year.

Find out more about how the Oddfellows gives back at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

The Oddfellows is known for the kindness and generosity of its members and we take the opportunity every year to celebrate the efforts of members who've been nominated for going the extra mile in our Making a Difference Awards.

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

This year, we introduced a new category, the 'Achieving Together' award. It was created to celebrate two people who have worked together to achieve more than they could alone, and whose partnership has significantly improved the lives of members, their Branch or the Society.

Our congratulations go to this year's Making a Difference Award winners...



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

Shirley Walton, from South East Lancashire Oddfellows, for Giving Something Back

Shirley said: “We can all give something back, even if it's just a kind word or a smile. In the Oddfellows, we all give back, through care and welfare, running events and making sure people get together. But we receive so much just by being a member. We are what we say, a friendly society run by members for members.”



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

Doug and Phyllis Austin, from Leeds Oddfellows, for Achieving Together

Husband and wife, Doug and Phyllis Austin, were awarded the Society's inaugural Making a Difference Award for 'Achieving Together' in recognition of the kindness they have shown to fellow Leeds members over more than 30 years.

We are saddened to share that Doug died in March this year aged 93. Phyllis was also unable to attend the ceremony in Scarborough due to ill health. Their daughter, Pat Perkins, and her husband Noel, attended the awards ceremony at the Oddfellows' annual conference to accept her parents' awards on their behalf.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: “Our Society is full of members like this who have a natural drive to do good and the Oddfellows simply wouldn't be the same without them. Our winners fully deserve this recognition.”



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*

Julie Webster, from St Helens and Warrington Oddfellows, for Enriching Lives Socially

Julie said: “Being a Social Organiser is really hard work sometimes, but it's very rewarding. Seeing people, especially people on their own, some of whom don't have family or friends close by, really enjoying themselves and laughing so much they have tears rolling down their faces, makes it all worthwhile. We're there for each other, one big family. I think the pandemic highlighted this more than anything.”



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

Sylvia Alcorn, from Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows, for Giving a Helping Hand

Sylvia said: “It's just nice to be a friend to someone. Even if they have family, they can have a completely different conversation with me and I just love it. They're so pleased to see you when you come through the door.”



Know a member who goes above and beyond at your local Branch? Nominate now for the 2023 awards.

Download a member nomination form from oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your local Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ellen** and **Tony Morton** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June.



Also congratulations to all our **younger members** who have been receiving their exam results in August. We hope you got the news you wanted and would love to hear from you.

Oddfellows Hall



A huge thank you to **Carole Oliver** and **Terry Spinks** for the floral display at Oddfellows Hall, it's looking amazing.

They had retired from creating this lovely addition to our Hall, but stepped in again when the District needed them.

Thanks again and also to our Secretaries for watering.

Note

1. All fungi are edible.
2. Some fungi are only edible once.

Terry Pratchett



Obituaries

May Wright, Good Samaritan Branch

Gerry Fisher, King George IV Branch

Chris Boyland, Pares Branch

John Smith, Good Intent Branch

"You can shed tears that they have gone
Or you can smile because they have lived
You can close your eyes and pray that
they will come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all
that they have left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them
Or you can be full of the love that you shared"



Questions for pensioners!

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime? **Answer:** Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? **Answer:** Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called seniors? **Answer:** The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire? **Answer:** Tied shoes.



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