

October 2023 - March 2024



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# *News & Events*

## Burton-on-Trent District Branch



*Sinai Park House*



Music



Art/Crafts



Theatre



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



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## Welcome to our Burton Combined Newsletter and Diary

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Our combined Newsletter & Diary is a handy guide to keep by your phone or fridge, so you know what is happening at the Branch.

Have you celebrated a special Birthday or Wedding Anniversary? How did you celebrate this?

If you have anything else you would like including in the next copy of the newsletter, i.e. letters, photographs or anything of interest to our readers please don't hesitate to contact me, either by post, phone or email.

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

Names, addresses and a contact number of members and visitors attending will be required.

***Front cover:** Sinai Park House is a grade II\* listed building in Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England. Consisting of a central range with two wings the building is sited on a ridge of high ground near a chalybeate spring.*

## Contact Details

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

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Burton-on-Trent  
Staffordshire  
DE14 3LS

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**Care and Welfare Officers:**  
Gordon and Viv Simpson  
**Telephone:** 07984297276

# Regular Events

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

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

## Badminton

**Monday Morning and Evening  
and Wednesday Morning**

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

£ Two free sessions, then membership applies

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



## Short Mat Bowls

**Wednesday**

⌚ 2pm - 4pm

£ Two free sessions, then  
membership applies

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



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

## Singing For Pleasure

**Every Thursday**

⌚ 2pm - 3pm

£ Two free sessions, then  
membership applies

### Every Thursday, 2pm

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



# October 2023

## TUES 03 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



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

## THURS 05 Orphan's Protection Lodge



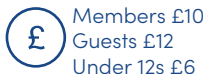
A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

## FRI 06 Cuppa and Chat



Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat with friends along with a bacon or sausage cob, or slice or two of cake, all for £3. A tombola stall will be running as well. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

## SAT 14 Skittles and Games



Join us fun with skittle and games and afternoon tea. If you don't fancy playing skittles then why not try draughts or cards. Any dietary requirements need to be requested at the time of booking. Book by Wednesday 11 October 2023. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



## WED 18 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



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

# October 2023

SUN  
29

## District Luncheon



12.30pm



£28



Guest Speaker Jane Nelson CEO/ Secretary of the Order. Menu choices: Starters: Broccoli and stilton soup or smoked salmon, beetroot salad with horseradish creme fraiche or caramelised onion and goats cheese tart and dressed salad. Mains: Roast leg of lamb or roast gammon with honey and mustard glaze and parsley sauce or fillet of sea bass served with white wine sauce. All served with a choice of potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Followed by choice of sweets and cheese and biscuits. Book by Friday 13 October 2023. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. For more information or to order your tickets, contact the Burton-on-Trent District on 01283 564056.



# November

TUES  
07

## Loyal Christian Union Lodge Remembrance Service



7pm



Free



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



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FRI  
10

## Cuppa and Chat



10.30am



£3



Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat with friends along with a bacon or sausage cob, or slice or two of cake, all for £3. A tombola stall will be running as well. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



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# November

SAT  
11

## King Charles III's Birthday Afternoon Tea



4pm



Members £7  
Guests £9



Help us celebrate King Charles III's birthday with an afternoon tea, followed by the film 'The Lost King'. Book by Wednesday 8 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED  
15

## Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



7.30pm



Free



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

# December

THURS  
07

## Orphan's Protection Lodge



7.30pm



Free



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

FRI  
15

## Christmas Coffee Morning



10.30am



£3.50



Ho Ho  
Ho! It's  
Christmas  
time.  
Join us  
for some  
festive  
cheer  
with our



Christmas themed coffee morning. Bacon or sausage cobs along with warm turkey, stuffing and cranberry cob will be available. Why not bring a friend or two to join in the Christmas Spirit, all for £3.50. Stalls: Christmas tombola, bottle in a bag, cake stall. The Christmas Grand Prize Draw (will be drawn on at the end of the coffee morning). Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# December

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

 7.30pm

 Free



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

# January 2024

## **FRI** **12** **Cuppa and Chat**

 10.30am

 £3



Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat with friends along with a bacon or sausage cob, or slice or two of cake, all for £3. A tombola stall will be running as well. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

# January 2024

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

 3pm

 Free



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

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

 7.30pm


 Free



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

## **SAT** **20** **Party Time**

 6pm

 Members £10  
Guests £12



Join in the fun of celebrating the New Year, with entertainment from G Force and a buffet. Just what you need to lift your spirits when the weather is a little disappointing. Book by Wednesday 17 January 2024. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



# February

## THURS 01 Orphan's Protection Lodge

🕒 7.30pm

£ Free



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

## TUES 06 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

🕒 3pm

£ Free



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## FRI 16 Cuppa and Chat

🕒 10.30am

£ £3



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## WED 21 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

🕒 7.30pm

£ Free



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

## SAT 24 Quiz Night

🕒 6pm

£ Members £10  
Guests £12



Love a Quiz? Then join us for freshly cooked 'Fish and Chips' followed by our family fun quiz night. Book by Wednesday 21 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



# March

## TUES 05 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



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

## FRI 08 Cuppa and Chat



Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat with friends along with a bacon or sausage cob, or slice or two of cake, all for £3. A tombola stall will be running as well. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



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## SAT 16 District Annual Summoned Meeting



An Annual General Meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District Lodge (No. 10008) will take place on Saturday 16 March 2024 at Oddfellows Hall, commencing at 11am for the purpose of transacting important business that will affect the District. If you wish to attend please contact the Office by Wednesday 13 March 2024 as refreshments will be provided, also any dietary requirements should be requested at that time. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

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



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

## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of booking for all events - by Wednesday of the week of the event - 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.

# March

SAT  
**23**

## Easter Bingo



6pm



Members £10  
Guests £12



Eyes Down for a fun filled bingo evening with our resident caller, she's always a good laugh. Supper and dessert are all included in the price. Any dietary requirements need to be booked in advance. Book by Wednesday 20 March 2024. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



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## Annual Movable Conference (AMC) Eastbourne 2023

*Saturday Evening Burton-on-Trent Deputies and visitor Sister Vivien Simpson*

**This year's Conference was held at Eastbourne Floral Hall, Winter Gardens. The AMC week was held from Saturday 20 May through to Friday 26 May with Conference commencing on Monday morning and concluding Wednesday afternoon.**

The AMC is where decisions about the future of the Society are made and where the Grand Master of the Order is elected. This year Sister Barbara Needham from Vale of York District was elected as Grand Master of the Order and installed at end of Conference on the Wednesday afternoon.

During the week, besides the business of Conference, there was time to catch up with old friends from Districts far and wide. Saturday night the entertainment was Dancing to DJ Kevin and live music from Stevie Bart and the Rockin' Ambassadors. Sunday 21 May the Unity Church Service took place in Congress Theatre, Devonshire Park followed by the traditional Wreath laying at the War Memorial. In the afternoon Oddfellows Brass gave a free concert in The Congress



*Brother Mervyn Eaton at the mic.*

Theatre. The farewell dance took place on Wednesday Night in the Floral Hall, Winter Gardens with live music from the Pink Champagne Band.



***Deputies for Eastbourne AMC were from left to right:***

*Brother MJ Eaton Prov CS, PPGM, PP (MGC),  
Sister A C Norbury-Mountford, PPGM, PP (MGC),  
Sister C B Mills Provincial Grand Master,  
Brother G C Simpson, Provincial Deputy  
Grand Master,  
Brother B Line, PPGM, PP (MGC)*

# District Annual Summoned Meeting

**Saturday 18 March 2023, we held our Annual Summoned Meeting at Oddfellows Hall. This is where we make decisions on important business that will affect the District and its members.**

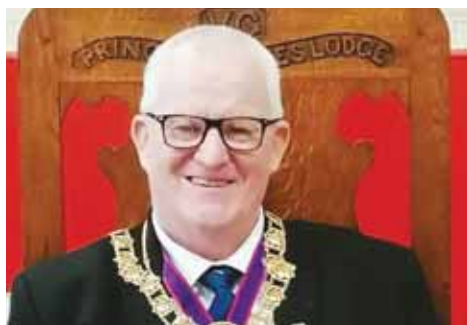
Before Brother Terry Elks retired as Provincial Grand Master he presented Parkinson's UK with a cheque for £6,250 which had been raised during his 18 months in Office. At this meeting Sister

Caroline Mills was installed as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) for the next two years. In her address Sister Caroline informed the meeting that her charity for the next 12 months would be Tilly's Voice for Mental Health and Wellness.

Brother Gordon Simpson was installed as Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Deputy Chairman) and Brother Terry Elks as Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past Chairman).



*Sister Caroline Mills.*



*Brother Gordon Simpson.*



*Brother Terry Elks presenting the cheque to Parkinson's UK.*

# Member-only offers from Unity Mutual

Unity Mutual is the Society's financial services brand and they've created a dedicated section on their website to share special deals and rates that are only available to Oddfellows members.

Unity Mutual's current member-only deal, launched in spring 2022, is a 5 Year Guaranteed Investment Bond with a special fixed rate of 1.75% annual interest, which equates to 9.06% over the full term. It also offers a guaranteed return on your savings and 100% capital protection. The minimum single investment per member is £1,000.

They're only accepting a limited number of applications, however, so this product will be offered to Oddfellows members on a first-come, first-served basis.

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To find out more, or view their full range of savings, investment and protection products, call **0161 214 4628** or go to **[www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows)**



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## Traditional Terms

**Grand Master (GM):** Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM):** District Chairman

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

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

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

**Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM):** Past District Chairman

**Lodge:** Branch

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



# Young Oddfellows

What have you been doing during the year?

Why not write to me tell me what you have been doing and send a picture, we would love to hear from you.

## Young Rugby Player in the making

Hi my name is Luke and during the summer holidays I have been training with Leicester Tigers at their rugby training camp in Lichfield. That is where I met a new signing and England player Olly Hassel Collins.



**Hello I am Olivia Canner, aged 10, I have been a Junior member of Burton-on-Trent Oddfellows for the last two years.**

I enjoy dancing with the Burton Albion Community Trust Dance Group. I am pictured here at Pirelli Stadium where the Group performed at the football match, Burton Albion vs Accrington Stanley. I am also involved with Girlguiding and gained a Gold Award for badges at Stretton Brownies. I also play netball at William Shrewsbury School.

I love going to events at the Burton Oddfellows with Grandma Christine and Grandad Phillip especially if there is a raffle! The annual pantomime trip is a favourite!





# Young Oddfellows Birthdays

## October 2023

Anna Boulton  
Emily De Oliveira-Golding  
Rose Shakeshaft  
Alex Mitchell Richardson  
Finley Gassor

## November

Clara Shilton  
Dakota J Perry  
Ivor Elkin  
Jasper Martin

## December

Aurora Basten  
Isla Wigston-Coleman  
Jasmine Wilkes  
Christopher Cheneler  
William Smout

## January 2024

Effie Bowman  
India Bowman  
Danny Barratt  
Daniel Leigh  
Thomas Rees

## February

Evie Allen  
Elleri Reid-Compson  
Anwen Elkin  
Libby Faulks  
Eleanor Swain  
Leonard Shilton

## March

Liza Crofts  
Evalin Plevy  
Isla Weston  
Arthur Gillen  
Rupert Reid-Compson  
Finley Stamp  
Jacob Wilkes  
Maxwell Swain

# Beetle Drive

On Saturday 8th July we held a Beetle Drive - this was our first for a very long time! Lots of dice rolling went ahead. Participants who scored the highest and lowest after each game would move to the next table and another game would commence. A

lot of fun was had with 96 being the eventual highest score. Well done to the winner - Bro Paul Walker-Bucknell. A lovely meal of Ham Salad and hot new potatoes followed by home-made cupcakes all went down rather well.



## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Mandy by phone on 01283 564056 or email [mandy.mountford@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mandy.mountford@oddfellows.co.uk)

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Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

## Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/login](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/login)

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# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

## **Local Care and Welfare Support**

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Mervyn on **01283 564056** or email **mervyn.eaton@oddfellows.co.uk**.

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

\*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

## **Care and Welfare Helpline**

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**



## Annual conference returns to Eastbourne



*Conducting important business in Eastbourne.*

The May sun shone on the south coast as members from up and down the UK converged on the seaside town for the Society's annual conference. A highlight in the Oddfellows' calendar, the Annual Movable Conference (AMC) is a chance for members to catch up, reflect on the previous year, and discuss and vote on how the Society is run, as well as welcome the new Grand Master (Chairman) – Vale of York's Barbara Needham.

Hosted by Brighton and Sussex Oddfellows, there were a number of social activities in the schedule too. Before business got underway, members and the public were treated to another fantastic performance by Oddfellows Brass – a high point for many each year. Other events held throughout the week included the black and white-themed welcome evening, a church service where remembrance wreaths were laid, a day trip to Rye, a bowls tournament, and the Farewell Dance.



*Members enjoyed the Roy Harmer Bowls Tournament.*

## Apprenticeship Educational Award Winner

**Kerry Luckett, from Coventry Godiva Oddfellows, has been chosen as the latest recipient of an Oddfellows Apprenticeship Educational Award.**



*Kerry Luckett.*

Kerry, who says she is “very honoured” to have received the award, will use the money to buy a new laptop to help with

the classroom elements of her Optical Assistant course with Specsavers.

The Oddfellows has been backing its members who choose to undertake an apprenticeship since 2017 by providing selected applicants with a £250 non-refundable grant to go towards their studies.

**Find out more about the Educational Awards by visiting**  
[www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

# Five stars shone at the 2023 Making a Difference Awards

This year we were privileged to recognise five of our wonderful members with a Making a Difference Award during a ceremony at our annual conference.



## Sue Davies Cleveland and Durham Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

This award recognises Sue's embodiment of the ethos of the Society. She joined the Oddfellows after her husband died in 2004, and within just three months of becoming a member she had already volunteered to write the Branch's newsletter.



Sue went on to organise a popular luncheon club and has helped out at a variety of other social events and on the Committee of Management.

"Oddfellows has been a lifeline to me because I have made so many new friends since joining. I have had so many new experiences and learned so much," said Sue.

"With the Oddfellows, you are never alone for long. You are made welcome at any event."

## Keith and Margaret Glanville Derby Derwent Valley Achieving Together

With more than 120 years of membership between them, husband and wife, Keith



and Margaret Glanville, topped the 'Achieving Together' category for their team effort to significantly improve the lives of other members and make their Branch and the Society the best they can be.

Both have served in various roles at the Derby Derwent Valley Branch, from volunteering to both becoming Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) – Keith twice!

Margaret described how they enjoy what they do and they were both in "absolute disbelief" when they found out. Keith added: "I've been around the block a bit and I wouldn't have missed Oddfellowship for the world."



## Karen Dyke Thames and Kennet Giving a Helping Hand

Branch Secretary at Thames and Kennet, Karen frequently goes way beyond the role's expectations. She is also a welfare visitor, providing a friendly face while checking in on fellow members, often in her own time.

She is also known to give members lifts to appointments and hospital visits, and is always just a phone call away if she is needed.

Karen described working for the Oddfellows as "more than just a job", adding: "You can do a nine-to-five but for me it's more than that. It's about making my members happy and being there when they need me."



## Marilyn Hayward Thames and Kennet Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Marilyn's contributions to the running of Thames and Kennet Branch's social events.



Marilyn moved to Reading from Sidcup to be closer to her son when her husband died, which she described as a "big step to make".

After trying a number of social groups without much success, she then discovered the Oddfellows.

She said: "I've tried to make people feel welcome and let them know that we want to see them again. That often doesn't happen at other places. You feel like you belong here."

**CEO of the Oddfellows, Jane Nelson, said: "Congratulations to all this year's winners – each of you are shining examples to us all and we are lucky to have you. The contributions you have made are invaluable to the Society and our members."**

**Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2024 awards. To find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).**

# Members updated on HA Andrews Memorial Fund project



*Left to right: Professor Edd James, the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson, Nur Zainal, and Immediate Past Grand Master (Past Chairman) David Ogden.*

**The recipients of the HA Andrews Memorial Fund have described the honour they feel and explained how the Oddfellows' backing is fundamental to what they do.**

Nur Zainal, a PhD student at the University of Southampton whose studies are being sponsored by the Fund, and one of the leaders of the research, Professor Edd James, came to the Society's annual conference in Eastbourne in May to discuss their project's progress.

The first year has been spent teaching Nur the skills she will need to carry out the research. She described the funding as "essential" and said she was honoured to receive the Oddfellows' backing.

Edd added: "Funding is shrinking, so the Oddfellows' ability to have this funding means that we can do these projects.

"This could be a step to going into clinical trials and getting much bigger sources of

funding to then take what Nur identifies and finds out during her PhD to patients and clinics in the future."

In 2022 the Centre for Cancer Immunology was awarded £100,000, which will be split over three years. The research team is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine. If successful, this could profoundly change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head and neck, oesophageal and bladder cancers.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund was created in 1971 to honour a remarkable Society Secretary, Herbert Arthur Andrews. It provides financial support over a two or three year period to a UK project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research. To date, thanks to generosity of individuals and Branches, it has donated £1,214,000.



*Nur Zainal addresses AMC.*

**Find out more about the HA Andrews Memorial Fund at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews)**

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## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members.

For more information visit **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

# At a glance

## October 2023

<b>Tues 3</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sat 14</b>	Skittles and Games	4pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sun 29</b>	District Luncheon	12.30pm

## November

<b>Tues 7</b>	Loyal Christian Union Lodge Remembrance Service	7pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sat 11</b>	King Charles III's Birthday Afternoon Tea	4pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm

## December

<b>Thurs 7</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Wed 20</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm

## January 2024

<b>Tues 2</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 20</b>	Party Time	6pm

## February

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 24</b>	Quiz Night	6pm

## March

<b>Tues 5</b>	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
<b>Sat 16</b>	District Annual Summoned Meeting	11am
<b>Wed 20</b>	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sat 23</b>	Easter Bingo	6pm