

January - June 2020



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# *out & about*

## **Derbyshire Peak**



Games



Walks



Day Trip/  
Travel



Social



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee  
Morning



Dining Out



*Church of St Mary and All Saints,  
Chesterfield*

Welcome to our latest newsletter, we had a super 2019 and we look forward to a busy and social 2020.

So far in 2019 we have had 22 new members, which is fantastic news for the continued growth of the Derbyshire Peak Branch.

The branch office has been busy promoting Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows to the local community, advertising in the local magazine 'Twist' and getting a feature article in the Derbyshire Times. All their hard work is coming into fruition.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members! The Committee and all our members look forward to meeting you at one of our next social events.

If any of our members are interested in getting more involved with the Committee or with supporting social events please do let us know. We have branch meetings every second Thursday of the month at 4pm in the branch office. You are welcome to attend a meeting to find out more

## Contact Details

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

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**OddfellowsDerbyshirePeak**

about what we do and how you can get involved!

This issue features our upcoming events, meals, walks and trips out. I hope you find something that you would like to take part in.

Finally, in June we are hoping to arrange a day trip to Scarborough, please do let Toni our Social Organiser know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. If we get enough interest the trip will be booked and will go ahead. In the past we have had to cancel day trips due to lack of interest, we want to avoid that situation this time.

Looking forward to seeing you at an event very soon!

**Alan Davies, District Chairman**

# January 2020

# February

WED  
08

## Coffee Morning and Care and Welfare Drop in Session

⌚ 10am

£ Free



Come along for a cuppa and a New Year catch up! We will also have our Care and Welfare Visitors in branch, who can provide information about the vast amount of support that is on offer to all of our members; from our national free helpline to our local branch care and welfare support. We do have a separate meeting room in the Branch office so you can also seek any help or advice in private. This event is free and refreshments will be provided. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

MON  
27

## Dining in Derbyshire at The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant

⌚ 12.30pm

£ As per  
menu



Join us for lunch at The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant. They serve great food and also have a great selection of local ales, an array of gins, and wine to suit every occasion. Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure there is a table big enough for everyone. Book by Monday 13 January. The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant, Station Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield S42 5HY. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

THURS  
06

## Hopton Hall Snow Drop Walk

⌚ 11am

£ Adult £5  
Child £2



Visit Hopton Hall's beautiful Snowdrop walk, wander through the woodlands and marvel at the first signs of Derbyshire spring. The paths are mainly hard surfaced and wood chipped, please wrap up warm and wear appropriate foot wear. Wheelchair users will find that not all areas of the grounds are possible to negotiate as some areas are steep and uneven. There is a cosy tea room inside the hall serving a selection of hot drinks, soups, sandwiches and cakes, which is on a self-serve basis. Please let Toni know if you are coming along as she will meet you there on the day. There is lots of free parking available. If anyone can offer a lift to any other members please let Toni know so this can be co-ordinated. Admission: Adults £5 and children £2. This is payable to the venue on the day. Book by Tuesday 21 January. Hopton Hall, Main Street, Hopton, Wirksworth, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 4DF. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# February

## WED 12 Coffee Morning and Tropic Party



Come along for a coffee and catch up. Joanne Jordan will be joining us to talk about 'Tropic', a multi award-winning range of skincare and beauty products. Freshly made in the UK using the most innovative, effective ingredients that nature has to offer. Tropic products contain no parabens or harmful chemicals. They use only premium quality, ethically sourced ingredients, all products are vegan friendly and cruelty free. Tropic products are suitable for all skin types and can be used on ages from 1 to 100+. Joanne just wants to talk about the company and bring products for you to try, there will be no obligation to purchase. This event is free and refreshments will be provided. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



## MON 24 Dining in Derbyshire at The Horse and Jockey, Wessington



Join us for lunch at The Horse and Jockey Wessington, where specially selected dishes use only the finest locally sourced ingredients. Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure there is a table big enough for everyone. Book by Monday 10 February. The Horse and Jockey, 6 Brackenfield Lane, Wessington, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6DW. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# March

## WED 11 Coffee Morning and Talk from Chatsworth Solo Travellers



Enjoy a cuppa whilst finding out more about travelling solo. Joanne Hallett runs Chatsworth Solo Travellers club and she arranges holidays and social events for singles who want to go on holiday with others in a group. She will share her knowledge and advice with us! 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



# March

## MON 23 Dining in Derbyshire at Thailand No1, Matlock

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for lunch at Thailand No1, Matlock. They have assembled a range of classic Thai dishes using the freshest ingredients including herbs, spices and exotic vegetables sent every week from growers in Thailand. Come along and try something new! Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure there is a table big enough for everyone. Book by Monday 9 March. Thailand No1, 43 Dale Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3LT. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# April

## WED 08 Speaker Event: Derbyshire Holders of the Victoria Cross

L 12 noon

£ Free



Outstanding courage and bravery... Paul Newsham will help us learn more about the Derbyshire residents who were awarded this unique award. This event is free and refreshments will be provided. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



## FRI 27 Brontë Walk

L 11am

£ Walk Free  
Lunch as per menu



Come along for some fresh air and beautiful views on the 'Brontë Walk' from Hathersage. We will meet outside the George Hotel. This is a four mile walk from Hathersage up past North Lees Hall ('Thornfield' in the Jane Eyre novel), then along below Stanage Edge and down via Moorseats Hall (home of St John Rivers in the novel) to Hathersage Church (Eyre Tombs and Old Vicarage where Charlotte Brontë stayed before finishing novel, plus Little John's grave), then back down into the village.

We can have food and/or drink in the Little John Inn before returning home. For train passengers from Chesterfield take the 9.45am to Sheffield and change on to Hope Valley/Manchester train arriving 10.32am at Hathersage, or via bus to Sheffield and 272 from Sheffield at 9.40am arriving Hathersage 10.21am. For car drivers; park in Oddfellows Road Car Park (pay and display) or in the George Hotel car park (pay £1 in hotel for token to exit). Book by Friday 13 March. George Hotel, Main Road, Hope Valley S32 1BB. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



# April

THURS  
09

**Get involved! Meet the  
Derbyshire Peak Branch  
Committee of Management**



2.30pm



Free



As a fraternal Society, members supporting other members and taking an active role in everything we do is all part of being an Oddfellow. Some call this volunteering; we call this being part of a friendlier society. Giving up time to help fellow members enjoy the brighter side of life, as well as extending a friendly and supportive hand to others during difficult times, are just some of the ways our volunteer members make the difference within our not-for-profit Society. The activities and business of local Branches are coordinated and delivered by a number of elected volunteer member roles, such as our District Chairman, District Deputy Chairman, Immediate Past District Chairman and Trustees. You are invited to come along and find out more about the Derbyshire Peak Committee of Management. We will talk to you about the roles and responsibilities of the committee and will answer your questions. We are looking for new members to join the committee and you can find out if it's something for you! Afternoon tea will be provided. Register your interest with Toni as soon as possible. Book by Wednesday 18 March. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Meryl or Toni on 01246 273076.

MON  
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**Dining in Derbyshire  
at The Angel Inn,  
Holmesfield**



12.30pm



As per  
menu

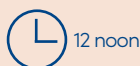


Join us for lunch at The Angel Inn, situated in the heart of Holmesfield close to Sheffield and Chesterfield on the edge of the Peak District. The Angel Inn is an independent, family owned restaurant/pub producing traditional and exciting food that is nearly all gluten free. Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure a table big enough for everyone. Book by Monday 13 April. The Angel at Holmesfield, Main Road, Holmesfield S18 7WT. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# May

WED  
13

**Games and Quizzes  
with Fish and Chips!**



12 noon



Members £3  
Guests £5



Welcome to a great afternoon of fun and socializing. Play some games if you wish, and enjoy a chippy lunch with friends. Refreshments are free, fish and chip lunch will be £3 per member, £5 for guests. Please order your fish and chips in advance with Toni. Book by Wednesday 6 May. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# May

MON  
18

## Dining in Derbyshire at The Peacock at Barlow



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Meet for lunch at The Peacock at Barlow, Derbyshire. Goodness is crammed into every generous dish on the menu. They use the best local produce the county can provide and nurture it to its fullest flavour and goodness. Uncomplicated, patriotic comfort food is their game and the chefs strive to ensure simple is always sensational. Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure a table big enough for everyone. Book by Tuesday 5 May. The Peacock at Barlow, Hackney Lane, Barlow, Dronfield S18 7TD. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

THURS  
21

## Lea Gardens, Matlock



10.30am



£6



Lea Gardens is a Rhododendron Garden just outside the village of Lea, close to Matlock in Derbyshire. Lea Gardens covers approximately three and a half acres and is situated within a woodland area, with access paths which allow visitors to see the 500 or more varieties of rhododendrons, azaleas and other plants.



The garden is open to the public for viewing and there is also a very popular Teashop. Parking is free, and well-behaved dogs (on a lead) are welcome in the garden. The gardens are situated on Long Lane in Lea, within easy reach of the M1 or the A6. Local signposts will lead you to Lea, brown and white tourist signs will take you to Lea Gardens. Alternatively, we can be reached from the other end of Long Lane, via Upper Holloway. Postcode is DE4 5NX.

Cost: £6 per person, payable to the venue on the day. Please let Toni know if you are coming along as she will meet you there on the day. If anyone can offer a lift to any other members please let Toni know so this can be co-ordinated. Book by Thursday 7 May. Lea Gardens, Lea, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5GH. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# June

SAT  
06

## Seaside Trip to Scarborough



8am



TBC



Would you like to come on a day trip to Scarborough in June 2020? If the answer is YES please let Toni know as soon as possible. If there is enough interest Toni will organise a trip with coach transport.



Family are welcome to come along! Final details and costs will be confirmed, subject to numbers. Scarborough is a resort town on England's North Sea coast. Its two bays with sandy beaches are split by a headland bearing the 12th century Scarborough Castle. The Victorian Central Tramway funicular train links the town centre with South Bay and its harbour. The Rotunda Museum explores local coastal geology. Scarborough Sea Life Sanctuary's marine displays and the Peasholm Park Japanese gardens are behind North Bay. There is plenty to see and do! So let Toni know as soon as possible if you would like to come along.

Book by Friday 28 February. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

WED  
10

## Coffee Morning and Talk



11am



Free



Enjoy a coffee and catch up with friends. Rebecca from Wiltshire Farm Foods will talk about the products and what they do, to simply spread the word about Wiltshire Farm Foods and to increase awareness of the services that they offer. Rebecca's aim is to give you the chance to sample some of the meals and as a result of this move away from the stigma of 'meals on wheels'. Rebecca will bring plenty of goodies with her! This event is free and refreshments will be provided. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



# June

SUN

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## Summer Lunch at Lee Wood Hotel, Buxton



1pm



TBC



Enjoy a summer lunch at The Best Western Buxton Lee Wood Hotel. This fabulous hotel is one of the most perfectly positioned hotels in Buxton, right in the heart of the Peak District National Park. More details will be sent out about this event soon! Book by Thursday 7 May. Lee Wood Hotel, The Park, Park Road, Buxton SK17 6TQ. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

MON

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## Dining in Derbyshire at The White Hart Inn



12.30pm



As per menu



Come along for a lovely lunch at The White Hart Inn, sitting in the middle of stunning Derbyshire countryside, The White Hart Inn is a classic English inn given a swirl of modernity thanks to a recent renovation. Please book your place with Toni so she can ensure a table big enough for everyone. Book by Friday 12 June. The White Hart Inn, Inns Lane, Moorwood Moor, Alfreton DE55 7NU. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

## Branch Night Meetings

Held on the second Thursday of the month in the Branch Office, will now commence at 4pm. Also from 2020 there will be no meetings in January or August.



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

### Refer a friend today

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

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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 Meryl on **01246 273076** or email **[meryl.caunt@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:meryl.caunt@oddfellows.co.uk)**

## Oddfellows Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



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

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

## Care and Welfare Helpline

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

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

## Oddfellows memorial unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum

**Sixty-two Branches donated funds to establish a stunning new memorial to honour Oddfellows war heroes who died in battle. It stands in Staffordshire's National Arboretum, Britain's largest site of remembrance containing over 300 war memorials.**

The inscription on the 6ft, blue granite memorial reads: *"In memory of the many members of the Oddfellows who gave their lives in defence of their country. We will always remember them."*

*Founded in 1810, the Oddfellows has a long history of caring for its members, their families and supporting worthy causes. During the First and Second World Wars, the Society's lodges paid the contributions of the members who were fighting, so their families would continue to be looked after. The Oddfellows established the Orphan Gift Fund after the First World War to care for the children of members orphaned as a result of the conflict.*

*The Fund still exists today and is part of the Society's mission to improve lives by making friends and helping people".*

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "This memorial stands as testament to how our Society



*Reverend Bruce Nicole delivering the service to members from across the UK*

still feels incredibly indebted to those members who serve our country. Thank you to all the Branches who made this memorial a reality. Its setting at the National Arboretum makes this tribute feel even more significant, being part of a community of others who we will never forget".

If you would like to visit our memorial, it can be found near the wild meadow and Millennium shelter. There are also a number of volunteers at the Arboretum who are more than happy to help you find your way around.

To find out more, visit: [www.thenma.org.uk/](http://www.thenma.org.uk/)

# 100 years of the Orphan Gift Fund



**After WW1, members wanted to do something to help the children of those lost to the war.**

The fund was proposed at the 1918 AMC in Cheltenham, after the Grand Master William Henry Hayes wrote to Branches saying: *“The whole nation rejoices at the victorious end of a war which has entailed heavy sacrifices on the part of the whole people, and the most heroic effort by the best and bravest of our manhood, and in what worthier manner can we build a memorial as a thank-offering for victory than by undertaking responsibility for*

*the care and up-bringing of the orphans of our members?”*

Overwhelming support meant the fund received the equivalent of £232,000 in today's money, in just one year.

The Orphan Gift Fund continues to help children thrive, and is available as a benefit of membership from day one, open to any child who loses one or both parents through death or desertion, if either the child or one of the parents are members at the time of the loss or desertion. Currently, there are over 50 recipients, and in 2018, the Fund made grants totalling £36,604.

## Would you like to donate to the Orphan Gift Fund?

Contributions can be made by cheque or electronic bank transfer. To make a donation, please contact the Finance team on 0161 832 9361.

## Can you spot a Society Star?



On the next page, you'll see a nomination form for our annual Making a Difference Awards. These awards have been designed to recognise members who go above and beyond for individual members, their Branch, or the Society as a whole, and truly embody the spirit of the Oddfellows. If you know a member worthy of nomination, simply fill in the form opposite, cut it out and pass to your Branch Secretary. Make sure you have a read of the categories first though! And if you need another form, to nominate someone for a different category, simply download from [www.oddfellows.com/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.com/makingadifference) or ask your Branch Secretary.





# Member Nomination Card

My name is: .....

I would like to nominate *(insert the member's name and Branch they belong to)*

.....

Category *(please tick as appropriate – descriptions on reverse of card)*:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enriching lives socially           | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving something back |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working in the spirit of mutuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving a helping hand |

In less than 50 words, please explain why this member should be shortlisted for this award:

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Once you have filled in your member nomination, please return this form to your Branch Secretary.



## Making a Difference Award



### 1. *Enriching lives socially*

This member loves contributing to social activity, whether as a frontline organiser or backroom support. Whatever they do, they can always be relied on to get everything together for the get-togethers and without their input your events just wouldn't be as good as they are.

### 3. *Working in the spirit of mutuality*

This member's passion lies in the running of the Branch and Society as a whole. Typically they will have held one or a number of formal roles and worked collaboratively with their management committee to make positive things happen.

### 2. *Giving something back*

The focus of this member is to raise as much money as possible for worthy causes. They may be involved in organising or participating in fundraising activities or events and will use every opportunity to help raise money or 'in kind' charitable support.

### 4. *Giving a helping hand*

Looking after other members is what this member loves best. They are likely to be a Welfare Visitor or other caring volunteer who goes out of their way to look after the wellbeing of members – whether phoning, writing or visiting, they can always be counted on when it matters or in times of need.





# Travel places with Friendly Faces

With group holidays, short breaks, exclusive discounts, travel offers and the opportunity to get to know other Oddfellows travellers, the Active Travel Club has something for everyone to enjoy.



## **Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines**

10% off your  
first booking  
over and above  
offers currently  
in the market.



## **Haven Holidays**

Save up to 10%  
on top of Haven's  
best prices  
through exclusive  
member benefits.



## **Warner Leisure Holidays**

Save up to 10%  
on top of Haven's  
best prices through  
exclusive member  
benefits.



## **Travel Insurance\***

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JustTravelcover.com  
insurance policies.

Check out the latest holidays at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)  
Contact **0161 832 9361** or email [active@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:active@oddfellows.co.uk)

**All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply.**

**Please ask for further details before booking.**

**Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests.**

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# At a glance

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<b>Mon 27</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant	12.30pm

## February

<b>Thurs 6</b>	Hopton Hall Snow Drop Walk	11am
<b>Wed 12</b>	Coffee Morning and Tropic Party	11am
<b>Mon 24</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at The Horse and Jockey, Wessington	12.30pm

## March

<b>Wed 11</b>	Coffee Morning and Talk from Chatsworth Solo Travellers	11am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at Thailand No1, Matlock	12.30pm
<b>Fri 27</b>	Brontë Walk	11am

## April

<b>Wed 8</b>	Speaker Event: Derbyshire Holders of the Victoria Cross	12 noon
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Get involved! Meet the Derbyshire Peak Branch Committee of Management	2.30pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at The Angel Inn, Holmesfield	12.30pm

## May

<b>Wed 13</b>	Games and Quizzes with Fish and Chips!	12 noon
<b>Mon 18</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at The Peacock at Barlow	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Lea Gardens, Matlock	10.30am

## June

<b>Sat 6</b>	Seaside Trip to Scarborough	8am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Coffee Morning and Talk	11am
<b>Sun 14</b>	Summer Lunch at Lee Wood Hotel, Buxton	1pm
<b>Mon 29</b>	Dining in Derbyshire at The White Hart Inn	12.30pm

## 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.