

March - June 2022
Spring Issue



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Erewash Valley Branch



Music



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Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Presidents Lunch – Sunday 10 April

Welcome to the latest edition of your 'Out and About' Events Diary and Newsletter for the Erewash Valley Branch of the Oddfellows.

As a local Branch of a national membership organisation we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them. We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interests in socialising and making friends and helping people!

This issue features listings of our upcoming events from meals out to trips out, we hope there is something to interest you.

We have also included the handy listing month by month at a glance section at the end of the events diary. We hope you find it useful!

Looking forward to seeing you at an event very soon!

For more details about becoming a member and the wide range of benefits available, please call our membership team on 0800 028 1810 or visit our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

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.

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.

Lunch Time Meal

Second
Wednesday
of the month



12 noon



As per menu



Relax and enjoy a good meal in good company. Book five days before the event. The Woodend - Stonehouse, Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire NG17 2QJ. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766 or Kay on 01773 590917.

9 March
13 April

11 May
8 June



Contact Details

Secretary: Melanie Archer

For more information on any of the events or the Oddfellows, please make any enquires to Melanie: 9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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Nottinghamshire NG15 6BS

Telephone: 0115 963 8766

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March 2022

TUES 01 Coffee Morning



We'd love you to join us for coffee. Sir John Warren, Market Place, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5QB. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI 04 Speakers Corner



Come and join us for this morning guest speaker. Melanie Archer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 7650 3852. Passcode: 101330. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

THURS 10 Afternoon Quiz



Don't be shy come and join in the fun. Zoom Meeting ID: 883 2874 9777. Passcode: 946929. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



TUES 15 Coffee Morning



A virtual coffee morning full of fun and laughter. Zoom Meeting ID: 845 6867 5717. Passcode: 561487.



Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI 18 Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'Music Hall', the singers and the songs. Eastwood Conservative Club, Church Street, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 3BP. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI 25 Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'Music Hall', the singers and the songs. Book by Friday 18 March. Mansfield Central Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1NH. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

March 2022

April

MON
28

Meet and Greet

🕒 2pm

£ As per menu



A friendly get together. Book by Monday 21 March. Ciao Bella, Cattle Market House, 15 Nottingham Road, Manfield, Nottingham NG18 1BJ. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



April

FRI
01

Speakers Corner

🕒 11am

£ Free



Come and join us for this morning guest speaker. Zoom Meeting ID: 810 2019 7918. Passcode: 473674. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

TUES
05

Coffee Morning

🕒 11am

£ As per menu



Get together for a social chat over coffee. Sir John Warren, Market Place, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5QB. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

SUN
10

Presidents Lunch

🕒 10am

£ £23



The Chairman of East Anglian Group Conference, Paul Archer



would like to extend an invitation to you to join him in celebrating his year in office at the Orton Hall Hotel and Spa. Arriving at 12.15pm for a 1pm sit down. The Guest of Honour is Jane Nelson, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Order. For those needing transport, a vintage bus will be leaving Hucknall Tram Station at 10am. Menu available on request. Book by Wednesday 23 March. Orton Hall Hotel and Spa, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7DN. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

THURS
14

Afternoon Quiz

🕒 2pm

£ Free



Get social with a fun quiz. Zoom Meeting ID: 832 8678 6810. Passcode: 659403. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

April

FRI
15

Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'When music hall became variety'. Eastwood Conservative Club, Church Street, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 3BP. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



MON
25

Meet and Greet



Relax unwind and have a natter. Book by Wednesday 20 April. Ciao Bella, Cattle Market House, 15 Nottingham Road, Manfield, Nottingham NG18 1BJ. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI
29

Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'When music hall became variety'. Book by Friday 22 April. Mansfield Central Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1NH. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

May

TUES
03

Coffee Morning



An informal get together over coffee. Sir John Warren, Market Place, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5QB. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI
06

Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'Pictures in the post', treasures from my postcard collection. Zoom Meeting ID: 814 2895 1968. Passcode: 801607. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



THURS
12

Quiz



Enjoy a sociable afternoon. Zoom Meeting ID: 821 0522 4123. Passcode: 316471. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

May

TUES
17

Coffee Morning



Coffee or tea with great company.
Zoom Meeting ID: 881 2976 2512.
Passcode: 281213. Contact Melanie on
0115 963 8766.

FRI
20

Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'Pictures in the post', treasures from my postcard collection. Eastwood Conservative Club, Church Street, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 3BP. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI
27

Speakers Corner



Ann Featherstone presents 'The Murder of the Blackpool Widow' Book by Friday 20 May. Mansfield Central Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1NH. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



MON
30

Meet and Greet



While away the afternoon. Book by Friday 20 May. Ciao Bella, Cattle Market House, 15 Nottingham Road, Manfield, Nottingham NG18 1BJ. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

June

TUES
07

Coffee Morning



A social gathering over morning coffee. Sir John Warren, Market Place, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5QB. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

THURS
09

Quiz



Fun and giggles. Zoom Meeting ID: 813 9642 1413. Passcode: 305100. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



June

FRI

17

Speakers Corner



11am



Free



Ann Featherstone presents 'Sand between the toes', poetry and prose about holidays. Eastwood Conservative Club, Church Street, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 3BP. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

FRI

24

Speakers Corner



11am



Free



Ann Featherstone presents 'Sand between the toes', poetry and prose about holidays. Book by Friday 17 June. Mansfield Central Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1NH. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.

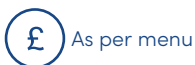
MON

27

Meet and Greet



2pm



As per menu



Come along and meet some new friends. Book by Monday 20 June. Ciao Bella, Cattle Market House, 15 Nottingham Road, Mansfield, Nottingham NG18 1BJ. Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766.



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** or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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*As per
menu*

Dine Around the World

Rakki Rakkas

Friday 25 March, 7pm

Rich and appealing Turkish food. Book by Friday 18 March. Rakki Rakkas, 575A Mansfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 2JN.

Luigi's

Friday 29 April, 7pm

Italian dishes inspire from antipasti to pizza and everything in between. Book by Friday 22 April. Luigi's, 98-100 Nottingham Road, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LF.

Water Lilly

Friday 27 May, 7pm

Indian cuisine at its best rich and spicy. Book by Friday 20 May. Water Lilly, 128 Nottingham Road, Manfield, Nottingham NG18 1BW.

Hickorys Smokehouse

Friday 24 June, 7pm

Hickorys Smoke House. Authentic American BBQ. Book by Friday 17 June. Hickorys Smokehouse, Mornington Crescent, Nuthall, Nottinghamshire NG16 1QE.

**Contact Melanie on 0115 963 8766
for more information and to book.**

Message from your Branch Secretary

So what a strange and surreal world we have been living in for the last two years!

We are pleased to say here in Erewash Valley we changed and adapted to the situation and found new methods of reaching out and entertaining not just our members but people from all over the country. We have made so many new friends and learned a lot about where they come from what they do and more.

If you are wondering how we reached out we used a computerised method call Zoom by scheduling events and sharing them on the events website and joining in we were all communicating with each other.

We had guest speakers, games afternoons' coffee mornings we even ate out while staying in together.

In December 2020 we held our legendary Erewash Christmas Party via Zoom with a visit from Santa, guest speaker, games and duo streaming live, over 50 people joined in with the fun. We sent letters, cards, puzzle books and volunteers rang our members.

As many of you know we have started face to face meetings and going forward we intended to have a mixture of both out and about and computerised socials so a wide variety of people can get involved.

Don't just enjoy looking at your events diary come along and be part of the fun.

Melanie Archer

Message from Alison



Hi I am Alison and I am a volunteer for Erewash Valley Branch as an events host in the Ilkeston area.

I had seen articles about volunteering in the local events diary and newsletter and In 2017 I decided to dive in and not just be a sit at home member moaning about being bored.

I love my role and I get to meet lots of people from a diverse range of backgrounds so there is lots to talk about. I'm so glad I got involved I have a great social life.

If you don't feel ready to volunteer that's ok just come and join in and make some new and exciting friends at one of our events.

Friendship Month September 2021

This year we celebrated Friendship Month with afternoon tea and everybody had a wonderful time. Our chairman Kay Adkin and her husband Brian presented a cheque for £350 to a member of the Alzheimer's Research UK team.



Christmas in Erewash 2021

We were all ready to party at Christmas it was so exciting to get together face to face with old friends and new. There was a fabulous meal followed by a disco and raffle and we are pleased to say this year's party is all booked for Saturday 3 December 2022.

Chairman of the Fraternal Board David Ogden is pictured right with young Freddy, who had made himself a chain of office to wear and David ask for the honour of wearing Freddy's chain which he eagerly agreed to. We also held a Christmas lunch, 30 members attended



Freddy and David Ogden

from all across the district and we are pleased to say that a number of new members came along to enjoy the fun.

Give someone a great start in life **for only £10!**



**It's never too early to start
making friends for life.**

We laugh as we learn together and give each other a helping hand through the ups and downs of growing up. That's what being a Young Oddfellow is all about.

If you have a family member aged 17 or under, and would like them to experience the friendship and support of the Oddfellows, we'd love to welcome them.

There are lots of great reasons* to join Young Oddfellows – to find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows

**As a parent, grandparent or guardian,
you can join them online or ask your
Branch Secretary for an application form.**



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Oddfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

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Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions**

A message from Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows CEO

Dear friends

For me, two things really stood out in 2021 – how resilient everyone has been, and how well we've adapted to so much change.

It's been a tough 12 months on top of a previous tough nine months, and who knows how many more? However, as Oddfellows, you've looked out for one another, stayed open to doing things differently, and it's getting us through. Your actions have made an amazing difference to so many of our members' lives.

Gratitude

I want to thank you all for everything you have done. When speaking with our members and volunteers, and working alongside our Branches and staff in Manchester and Liverpool, I have felt immense pride – about our Society, everyone involved, and in Oddfellowship. By working together, we've shown that Oddfellows do what we say we do, no matter what challenges are thrown at us.

“Being there for our members continues to be our priority.”



At the start of 2021, we had hoped that by the end of the year things would feel a little brighter. We've made huge strides in our understanding of Covid, but the landscape is still very unpredictable. And when faced with uncertainty over a sustained period, it can make us feel overwhelmed and anxious.

One thing I've been doing to try and manage these feelings is to focus on what I can control, and acknowledging what I cannot. It's not always easy, but it really has helped. Sitting with your thoughts or worries and working out what you can influence is time well spent. You can then identify the bits you can take action to change, which puts you in a more positive frame of mind. Covid is here to stay and the challenge for us all now is learning to live alongside it.

If you've needed support from us, I hope we've been able to help you where we can. Being there for our members continues to be our priority.

Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

We sadly lost many people we cared about in 2021. To those that passed, we will always remember you. Our condolences go out to family and friends, and rest assured they'll always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

We are having to cope with higher levels of uncertainty and worry at the moment, so we must make sure we rest well, smile as often as we can and be kind to ourselves and others. These are all totally within our control.

On behalf of the Society and my family, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe and well. Yours always in friendship

Jane Nelson

Jane Nelson
CEO, the Oddfellows

Lupus research team skills up for the future

In November we visited Guy's Hospital to see members of the Lupus Trust research team who have been the recipients of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund since 2019. Lockdown had the unintended consequence of sending the research in a new direction.

The restrictions meant they had to abandon the laboratory to work from home but this gave them time to focus on learning how to analyse big data, a skill that will benefit the research well into the future.

Pictured is the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Ogden handing over a cheque of £29,000



to Professor Jo Spencer and PHD student Bekki Velounias.

The donation marks the final instalment of a major three-year funding partnership, which totalled £85,000.

Oddfellows Travel – travel with confidence and in great company in 2022

We can't wait to get members and guests together for an exciting range of holidays in 2022. There's such a selection, something is sure to float your boat. Here's what's on offer...

London Theatre Weekend

17–19 June 2022

(2 nights. Bed and breakfast)

£245 per person



For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

We kick off the season with a trip to London to enjoy restaurants, shopping and musical theatre. We couldn't get closer to the buzzing West End than the 3* St Giles Hotel, located just yards from Oxford Street and Leicester Square. Join us for welcome drinks on Friday with our host, member Debra Haley. On Saturday, we head to the Victoria Apollo Theatre to see highly acclaimed musical, **Wicked**. On Sunday, we will make the most of the location with a shopping trip, ending our weekend with lunch before the journey home.

An unforgettable cruise exploring Norway and the Arctic Circle

22 June–7 July 2022

(15 nights. Full board)

From £2,899 per person

All aboard the Fred. Olsen cruise ship Balmoral on this exploration of Norway's northernmost reaches – an unforgettable journey of a lifetime. Setting off from Newcastle, join Oddfellows host Wendy Atkins as we journey to the Arctic Circle to the famous island of Spitsbergen, just 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. We will experience the remote beauty and eerie silence of distant towns situated in the stunning Arctic landscape. Our magical journey continues to the Norwegian mainland, to the 'top of Europe', the North Cape plateau and Tromsø, taking in stunning sights of lakes, mountains and glaciers on a journey that's unforgettable.



For more information, contact host Wendy Atkins at wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk or call 01437 251 867

Oddfellows Summer Holiday 4–8 July 2022

(4 nights. Half board)

Warner Leisure Hotel's Nidd Hall, Harrogate. From £351 per person for a Standard room or £381 per person for a Signature room

Treat yourself to a break in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in the Yorkshire countryside on our annual hosted summer getaway. Oddfellows Travel summer holidays are legendary and this year promises to be no exception. Set in 45 acres of award-winning gardens in the North Yorkshire countryside, we will be staying at Nidd Hall Hotel – where rumour has it Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party.

For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

Unwind with friends

The group holiday, which will be hosted by David Ogden, our Grand Master, is open to any members and their guests from across the UK. Together we'll be enjoying drinks, mouth-watering meals and superb live evening entertainment. You'll be free to choose how to spend your day – exploring the stunning location, sharing a game of bowls in the glorious gardens or relaxing in the swimming pool and spa. There's a host of activities to entertain you. Join us – bring a friend – and enjoy this beautiful 18th century mansion near Harrogate.



The spectacular grounds at Nidd Hall, Harrogate

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 Melanie on **0115 963 8766** (9.30am to 4.30pm) or email **melanie.archer@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



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

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
for care and welfare information**

At a glance

March 2022

Tues 1	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 4	Speakers Corner	11am
Wed 9	Lunch Time Meal	12 noon
Thurs 10	Afternoon Quiz	2pm
Tues 15	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 18	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 25	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 25	Dine Around the World at Rakki Rakkas	7pm
Mon 28	Meet and Greet	2pm

April

Fri 1	Speakers Corner	11am
Tues 5	Coffee Morning	11am
Sun 10	Presidents Lunch	10am
Wed 13	Lunch Time Meal	12 noon
Thurs 14	Afternoon Quiz	2pm
Fri 15	Speakers Corner	11am
Mon 25	Meet and Greet	2pm
Fri 29	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 29	Dine Around the World at Luigi's	7pm

May

Tues 3	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 6	Speakers Corner	11am
Wed 11	Lunch Time Meal	12 noon
Thurs 12	Quiz	2pm
Tues 17	Coffee Morning	11am
Fri 20	Speakers Corner	11am

At a glance

May

Fri 27	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 27	Dine Around the World at Water Lilly	7pm
Mon 30	Meet and Greet	2pm

June

Tues 7	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 8	Lunch Time Meal	12 noon
Thurs 9	Quiz	2pm
Fri 17	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 24	Speakers Corner	11am
Fri 24	Dine Around the World at Hickorys Smokehouse	7pm
Mon 27	Meet and Greet	2pm

New to the Oddfellows?

Join us at one of our new member welcome events

Weds 16 March, 7pm

Tues 12 July, 7pm

Tues 18 October, 7pm

Thurs 17 March, 1.30pm

Weds 13 July, 1.30pm

Weds 19 October, 1.30pm



For further information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome



Online events you can enjoy
from the comfort of your own home...

**Talks, coffee mornings, exercise classes,
quizzes, fun & games and much more**

**Visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'Kelso' in the place name box**

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

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