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Newport, Shropshire*



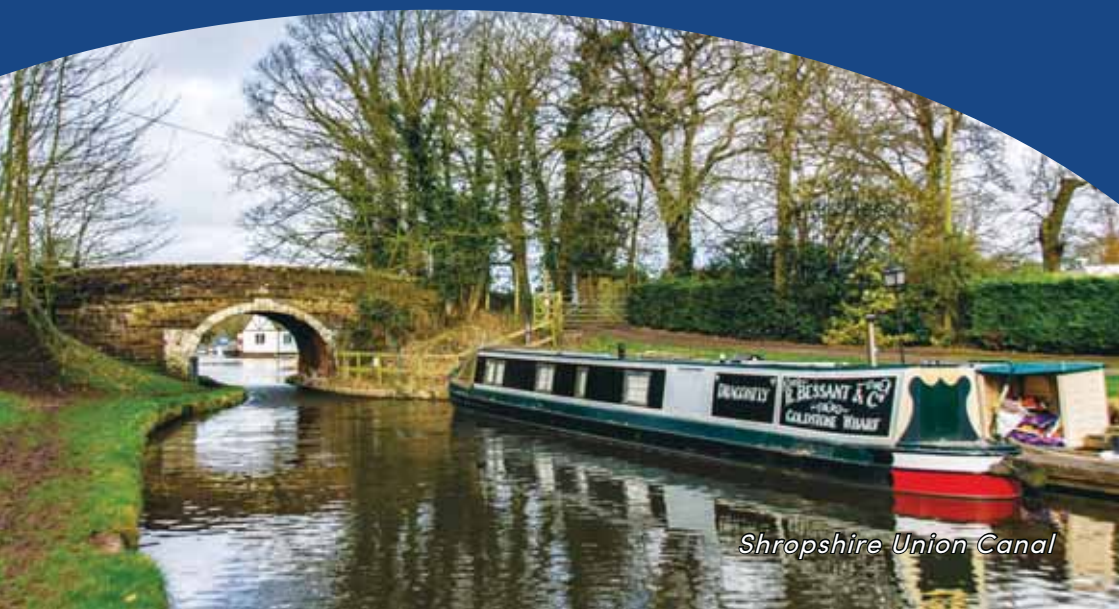
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Severn and Trent

Events Diary and Newsletter

July - December 2022



Shropshire Union Canal



Annual Dinner Dance at Down Inn, Bridgnorth - Saturday 22 October

Welcome to your combined Newsletter and Events Diary

This is your events diary and newsletter so if you have any ideas for items please send them in. Maybe you have a recipe, joke or celebration that you would like to share with other members? Why not write about a social event you've attended or send in photographs? All items will be gratefully received. We look forward to hearing from you.

Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the events diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

Contact Details

For more information or to book any events contact:

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31 Avenue Road, Newport,
Shropshire TF10 7EA

Telephone: 01952 814377

Email:
george.brotherton@oddfellows.co.uk

Dates are subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.

More contact details can be found on page 22.

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. To find out more visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

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July 2022

Saturday 2 - Parwich Wakes Week - 2-9 July

A great many events take place for both young and old during this week. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Parwich, Ashbourne DE6. Please see Parwich Blog for details or contact Bill (Whitfield) on 01335 390571.

Parwich Annual Parade

Saturday 2 July,

Coach pick-up times: 7.30am at Harlescott, 8am at Newport

Come and join us for a memorable outing to Parwich Village in Derbyshire to see their annual parade. The coach will transport you to the village where you can join the parade - which starts from the Sycamore Inn and goes all around the village calling at various residences where refreshments are given, followed by a service at the local church. For lunch, the landlady of the Sycamore Inn has kindly reserved a room where you can enjoy lunch and a chat before departing back home. Please remember this will be a very early start to ensure you get to Parwich in time for the start of the parade. **Cost:** £7 for coach, £19 for a two course lunch plus tea/coffee. If you are feeling really hungry three courses are available at £23. **Address:** Parwich, Ashbourne DE6. Contact Janet on 01952 814377 as soon as possible as places on the coach limited.



Monday 4 - Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm

Come along to our Social Branch meeting - you will be made very welcome.

Cost: Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

August

Monday 1 - Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm

Come along to our Social Branch meeting - you will be made very welcome.

Cost: Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

Coach Outing and Sunday Lunch

Sunday 14 August, 10.30am

The Plough Inn, Cleobury Road,
Far Forest, Near Bewdley DY14 9TE

Some of our members have dined at the venue and recommended it as a possible for Sunday lunch, so we have arranged for a carvery lunch plus desserts and tea/coffee for you all to enjoy.

Once you have eaten your lunch, you can sit back and enjoy the ride through the lovely countryside back home. Coach pick-up times: Co-op, Church Stretton at 10.30am, Harlescott, Shrewsbury at 11am, Newport Main Car Park at 11.30am. **Cost:** £7 for coach. £2 to secure your booking, £16.95 for carvery lunch, dessert and tea/coffee. Names to Janet on 01952 814377 by Friday 15 July as only 25 places available.



September - Friendship Month

Saturday 3 - District Meeting, 2pm

Join us for our District meeting. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** The Village Hall, Parwich, Ashbounre DE6 1QL. Contact George on 01952 814377.

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**Monday 5 - Social Branch Meeting -
Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm**

Come along to our Social Branch meeting - you will be made very welcome. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

Saturday 10 - Brass Band Concert

Derby District have organised this concert and would be delighted if you were able to attend. This will be a good opportunity to meet other like-minded Oddfellows who enjoy brass bands. Refreshments available. **Cost:** £7 for coach. **Address:** Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby DE1 2LF. Names to Janet on 01952 814377 by mid August.



September - Friendship Month

Saturday 17 - Friendship Month Afternoon, 2pm

Certainly many of our newer members will agree that they had not heard of the Oddfellows until they either came as a guest or joined as a member at one of our functions. We are aiming to put this right by having an afternoon where people can come informally, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake and listen to what the Oddfellows is all about. Even for our current members, this will again be another opportunity (like the coffee mornings at Mere Park) to enjoy a chat and experience the friendship we all show each other when we meet. So, just turn up, bring a friend and let's have a very enjoyable afternoon together and hopefully make some new members along the way. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Parish Room, New Street, Newport TF10 7AX. Contact Janet on 01952 814377.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



October

Monday 3 - Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm

Come along to our Social Branch meeting - you will be made very welcome.

Cost: Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 22 October, 5.30pm

Down Inn, Ludlow Road, Bridgnorth WV16 6UA

Once again we are looking forward to enjoying a wonderful meal, good company, and a chance to have a boogie, which many of you will not have been able to do for some considerable time. Music is being provided by Dave Maiden who has enormous experience in playing to an audience that enjoys all kinds of music. Coach pick-up is 5.30pm from Newport Main Car Park. **Cost:** £7 for coach, £22.95 for three courses plus tea/coffee. Names to Janet on 01952 814377 by the beginning of September please - you will need to fill out menu requirements, so that she can let the venue know. Please also let her know if you will require coach transport.



October

Saturday 29 – Halloween Quiz and Scary Mask Competition – Parwich

Details on Parwich Blog or contact Bill Whitfield. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Parwich, Ashbounre DE6. Contact Bill on 01335 390571.



November

Monday 7 – Social Branch Meeting – Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm

Come along to our Social Branch meeting – you will be made very welcome.

Cost: Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

Day Trip to Chester

Sunday 13 November, 9am

Chester City Centre CH1 2HJ

Join us on this trip to Chester where you will be able to see many historical landmarks, walk around the walls surrounding the city or just enjoy a spot of Christmas shopping.

The day is entirely yours to do whatever you like. Coach will leave Co-op, Church Stretton at 9am, calling at Harlescott, Shrewsbury by 9.30am and pick-up at Newport Main Car Park by 10am. **Cost:** £7 for coach. Names to Janet on 01952 814377 by beginning of October so appropriate size of coach can be ordered.



Saturday 26 – District Meeting, 2pm

Join us for our District meeting. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

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.

December

Saturday 3 – Christmas Party, 8pm

Come and join us for an evening of music provided by Martin Ross, with a buffet supper for you all to enjoy. This will set you nicely on the road to an enjoyable Christmas, so get on your dancing shoes or just come for the company and make it a memorable evening.

Starts at 8pm to 11.30pm. **Cost:** £10 – which includes your musical entertainment and food. Just turn up and pay at the door. **Address:** Newport Bowling Club, 24 Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX. Contact Janet on 01952 814377.



Turkey and Tinsel Trip to Eastbourne

Monday 5 to Friday 9 December

Best Western York Hotel, Eastbourne BN22 7AP

Come and join your fellow members for this exciting trip to Eastbourne and kick-start your Christmas celebrations! If you are on your own, you will not be lonely as we ensure that you are well looked after – give us a try and we are sure you will enjoy every moment of the trip. Hotel – Best Western York Hotel, Monday 5 to Friday 9 December

– entertainment every night including a visit from Father Christmas! Day trips to Brighton and Hastings. **Cost:** £370pp, £66 Single supplement, insurance £23.50. Times to be confirmed. Names to Janet on 01952 814377 as soon as possible so that rooms can be reserved.



Monday 12 – Social Branch Meeting – Fountain of Peace/Caradoc, 7.30pm

Come along to our Social Branch meeting – you will be made very welcome.

Cost: Free. **Address:** Newport Cottage Care, Upper Bar, Newport TF10 7EH. Contact George on 01952 814377.

Sunday 18 – Christmas Quiz and Annual Draw

For more details see Parwich blog or contact Bill Whitfield. **Cost:** Free. **Address:** Parwich, Ashbounre DE6. Contact Bill on 01335 390571.

Coffee Morning

**Mere Park Garden Centre off A41 in Newport,
Shropshire at 10.30am**

We have had a wonderful response to our Coffee Mornings held at the above venue with one week getting 35 members attending. Everyone has found it has been a great opportunity to



have a good chat especially after the pandemic when some people didn't see anyone for many months. We shall certainly be carrying on with these and we hope to see many more of you in the future. Remember the better weather is coming and it will be a nice opportunity for you to have a trip out and meet in with old friends.

You will be made very welcome

Dates for your diary for the forthcoming coffee mornings

7 and 21 July

1, 15 and 29 September

3 and 17 November

4 and 18 August

6 and 20 October

1 and 15 December

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events
for all to enjoy.
Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Our District Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) 2022/2023 - Gary Hughes

Brother Gary was born in Ludlow, he attended Ludlow Secondary Modern School and after leaving school he got a job as an apprentice electrician.

Gary went to college in Shrewsbury and obtained a City and Guilds and it was his job as an electrician that brought him to work in Church Stretton in 1966. He met his late wife Linda in 1969 and they had two children Abigail and Jennifer. He is a keen gardener, steam railway enthusiast and enjoys dog walking.

For many years Gary was an active member of the Church Stretton Chamber of Trade, where each year he helped to organize the annual bonfire and fireworks display; and every year for 35 years he volunteered putting up the Christmas lights around Church Stretton.

Gary was introduced to the Oddfellows by his father-in-Law and joined the Caradoc Branch in 1973, which initially was part of the Shrewsbury District. In 1997, Gary took on the temporary role of Secretary of the Caradoc Branch and 25 years later he is still Secretary. When the Shrewsbury District closed, Caradoc Branch became part of the South Shropshire District and



in later years it amalgamated with the Severn and Trent District which Gary is senior Trustee for and also is an active member of the management committee.

Gary has previously held the position of Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) for the Severn and Trent District and feels that to be elected a second time to this position is a great privilege and one he is proud to hold.

What made you want to become an Oddfellow?

Was it an article in a magazine or newspaper?

Did you hear about the Oddfellows from a friend?

Did you attend an Oddfellows meeting or social event?

Did you take part in a Zoom or internet meeting?

We sincerely hope that whatever made you want to become an Oddfellow that you have felt it has been worthwhile as our aim is always to ensure that once you have joined you are well looked after and supported.

We have received comments such as: “We didn’t realise what the Oddfellows had to offer, with support in every direction”.

“I lost my husband after 50 years of marriage and felt very alone but now I’ve joined the Oddfellows, I feel very supported and loved”.

“Every time I attend a function, even if it only a coffee morning I get a great welcome”.

“Events are put on for the members to enjoy and I certainly do that”.

Just a few of the many comments we have received and we will continue to work to our very high ideals. As long as we are giving satisfaction to our members we feel we are achieving our aims of:

Friendship, Love and Truth.

Committee of Management

**Provincial Grand Master
(District Chairman)**
Gary Hughes

Vice Grand (Deputy Chairman)
Peter Moulard

Provincial Corresponding Secretary
George Brotherton

Trustees
Gary Hughes (Senior Trustee)
John Evans
William Whitfield

Committee Members
Irene Evans
Janet Brotherton
Ron Broidy
Robert Clarke
Ian Bradshaw

The rising cost of living

Many of you will be experiencing a huge cost in your household bills and whilst we cannot stop these things from increasing the least we can do is be there for you all.

We do not want to hear of any of our members getting into difficulties when we (your Committee) are here to help.

You can contact us either by phone, email or letter and ask for any help that you feel you may need in these difficult times.

Please do not be too proud to ask, this is the first step to being able to get you the help you need.

Please remember we are a huge organisation with many outlets for support.

Everything will be treated confidentially with only those people who need to know your problem.

Please remember: Communicate, communicate, communicate - we cannot help if we don't know about your circumstances.

Deceased Members 2021/2022

Harold Robinson, Dennington

Roy Bayley, Crewe

Keith Barnet, Wistanswick

Marjorie Morris, Market Drayton

Eric Allsopp, Parwich

Joan Bayley, Crewe

Dennis Evans, Parwich

At the Oddfellows Social Branch meeting in May, Margaret Woodcock, Vice Chairman of the Newport X-Ray Appeal, thanked members for their support as she received a £1,000 cheque towards the fundraising, to upgrade the local X-Ray unit which she said should be up and running in July.

Welcome to our New Members

Wendy Cocker

Louise Clayton

Andrew Dean

Delma Linney

Adam Hawkins

Julia Parkhouse

Stephen Conway

Junior Members

Archie Dean

Alexandria Burn

James Sutton

Olivia Sutton

Annabella Sutton

Parwich News for 2022

Charity Night

This event took place on Saturday 29 January at the Parwich Legion Club, where some 80 people turned up which included 40 Oddfellow

members. The event was a huge success and raised £2,500 for the Parwich Independent Welfare Fund.

Charity Fun Evening



THE Oddfellows
making friends, meeting needs

Saturday 29th January 2022
At Parwich Legion from 6 pm

Hosted by the Oddfellows to raise money for
Parwich Independent Welfare Fund



Events include:

Guess the name of the teddy bear

Draw to win a 4.5 litre bottle of Grouse Whiskey

BBQ from 6.00 – 7.30 pm

Quiz and Play your cards right

Mr and Mistress – a spin on the popular Mr and Mrs!

Prize draw raffle and Auction

Tickets* £10 per person and include:

Raffle Prize Draw with ticket, 2 drinks (2 pints (Carling or beer) or 2 medium wines) and a burger or sausage cob

(all proceeds to Parwich Independent Welfare Fund)

Local Oddfellows Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II - Platinum Jubilee

Recently 40 members came along to a tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This event was held in the Parish Rooms, Newport, which had been suitably decorated beforehand, in red, white and blue.

Irene Evans welcomed people on arrival and after being seated, George and Janet Brotherton poured out a much appreciated cups of tea.

When members had settled Irene read a poem entitled 'Elizabeth, our Queen II', written by Mick Judson and followed with another 'Friendship' by Isaac Bradbourne, (both local authors, sadly no longer with us).

Janet continued with 'A Lancashire Story', John then said grace before everyone tucked into a splendid tea, enjoyed by all.



During the tea George was the raffle ticket seller and Janet kept the tea cups topped up.

After tea, Irene read the fairly well known 'We are survivors', (for those born before 1940) by Mr Bridge, which members found hilarious. This was followed by the successful raffle thanks to George with many members being 'lucky' winners.

The afternoon was rounded off with three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen.



Sunday Lunch at The Bickerton Poacher



The week prior to the Sunday was horrendous with two storms which brought flooding and very high winds and we wondered if the trip would go ahead, but we were very lucky, although it absolutely poured down and the roads were flooded in many places, the wind had subsided somewhat and we were able to make the journey.

Some of our members had not been out for many months, particularly the members from the Heart of the Village and it was lovely to see them again and lots of conversation took place amongst the members as you can imagine.

Members who attended stated that although the weather had been poor, it had been nice to get out and have a chat (which a lot of members do not always have the chance to do if they live on their own and especially on a Sunday).

At least we had a good driver of the coach from Newport and we all arrived home safely. Thank you again Caradoc Coaches.

A night at the race track

It was off to Monmore Green in Wolverhampton for our March event, very popular with many of our members.

A coach left Newport early evening with some members travelling direct from the South Shropshire area by car.

On arriving, we all met up and were taken to our tables set aside for us for the evening overlooking the race track giving a great view point for everybody,

it wasn't long before the racing started with members placing their bets some being lucky whilst others weren't so lucky, giving everyone a chance to mix with one another and sharing some humorous banter. By the end of the night everyone went home happy.

During the night, a three course meal was served by friendly staff to our members and the food served can only be described as excellent.

Skittles/Fish and Chips Supper at Newport Bowling Club



As usual we received a very warm welcome from members of the Newport Bowling Club and the evening started off with George and Gill carrying out the draw for the two teams which were going to take part in the skittles.

Off we set and at first it was neck and neck with the scoring, but eventually Gills team managed to creep in front. After two games it was time for the fish and chips supper, delivered on time by the local chips shop and which everyone really enjoyed. So that

people could let their food go down, a free raffle took place for prizes donated by the members and these seemed to be won evenly amongst everyone.

A further game of skittles took place amongst much banter but eventually Gills team won, so each member of the team was awarded a £1 for their efforts. Everyone who attended stated that they had really enjoyed the evening and it has made such a change to be able to go out again.



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

Members Visit to Joules Brewery

After being cancelled due to the Corona Virus in 2021, this visit finally took place in February, when a party of members from our Church Stretton and Newport Branches travelled to a local brewery in Market Drayton.

On arriving we were welcomed to the brewery by the manager, who gave an insight to the origins of this brewery going back over a century, the first brewery being built in Stone not a million miles away from our District.

A tour then took place showing our party how the beers are created from the very beginning to the final product.

The building itself is three storeys high with a lot of stairs to climb but the tour was very interesting with some of the members asking questions about the brewing techniques used.

Once the tour was over the members made their way into the adjoining pub, where members had the chance to pull their own pints with one or two taking up the challenge of sampling quite a few beers that they had on tap, whilst other members tried to find hidden wooded mice spread around the room in the wall panelling and roof beams.

Before leaving for home the party enjoyed pork baps with apple sauce and stuffing.



Our Branches raised a magnificent £151,000 for charitable causes in 2021!

Congratulations to our Branches and their members for a tremendous fundraising achievement in 2021. Helping struggling communities and those in need is something the Oddfellows has been doing for over two centuries. And despite the pandemic, last year was no exception.

Branches and their members raised over £151,000 to support causes close to their hearts, a figure up on 2020's already significant total of £145,700. Fifth generation Oddfellow, Society historian and South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Branch member, Paul Eyre,



West London Branch

reflects on the tradition of local giving. He said: "For many years, it has been fairly common practice for the Provincial Grand Master of a District to choose a charity to support during their year of office, with funds being raised by raffles, donations or other fundraising activities."

Oddfellows CEO, Jane Nelson, added: "It always astounds me when we look at the collective yearly fundraising figure. The generosity of our members and Branches, especially at such times where household budgets are becoming increasingly tight and unpredictable, is incredible.



South East Lancashire Branch

“I feel immensely proud to represent such a caring bunch of people, those who don’t hesitate to help a neighbour in need.

“For those who receive support, it’s not just about the financial help, it’s knowing that their situation is acknowledged and that there are people out there who care and listen.”



Concord Branch

Fundraising for Ukraine

The Society is collecting donations to support the work the Red Cross is doing in Ukraine. The Red Cross is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response.

In some areas in Ukraine, water, electricity, and phone connectivity have been affected. Many people are taking cover from the shelling in basements and bomb shelters, but are going without the most basic supplies, like food and water.

Any donations will be used to reach people in urgent need, If you would like to contribute,



cheques should be made payable to “The Oddfellows”, and sent to:

**Ukraine Support
The Oddfellows
Oddfellows House
184-186 Deansgate
Manchester, M3 3WB**

The Society has already pledged £10,000 from central Funds in support of this appeal.

Access to expert legal help

From day one of membership, all members have access to the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme.*

We hope it's something you never have to call on, but if you do it gives you access to the expert help of our appointed solicitors should you need to make a claim for medical negligence, a personal injury, or an employment dispute which is at pre or tribunal stage. It also covers your family members for personal injury and medical negligence cases.

Help with a medical negligence claim

Medical negligence is when a healthcare provider – NHS or private – has failed in their duty to take care of you and you have suffered an injury. This could be, for example, that you've been given a wrong drug, they've made a mistake during a treatment, or failed to diagnose your condition, or made a wrong one.

Matthew Heap, a Solicitor and Partner at CL Medilaw (www.clmedilaw.co.uk), which is one of the Society's approved solicitors, further explained: "Some people get in touch with us and they know the exact point at which they feel they've been failed. For others, it's less clear-cut, but they know that somewhere along the line, the care they've received has fallen short of medically-acceptable standards.

"Knowing how to raise your case, and to be heard, can be daunting when you don't know the process, have the contacts, or legal knowledge.

"But the support that's available through the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme can help you to get the answers you need and, hopefully, the compensation you deserve."

Who can make a claim?

You can bring the legal action yourself or, as the executor or next of kin, on behalf of someone who has died because of medical negligence, or on behalf of a family member if that person is unable to take action themselves because they don't have capacity.

Oddfellows members and their family can receive Legal Aid Scheme support as long as the accident, incident or issue happened while you were a member and you have remained a member since that time.

You must start your legal claim within three years from the date that you either realised you'd been injured or when the incident occurred. For children, this three-year time limit doesn't start until the child's 18th birthday.

If you're looking to make a claim on behalf of someone close to you because they don't have capacity, such as they're unable to manage their own affairs or have a mental disability, then the three-year time limit doesn't apply, unless they recover from this incapacity.

"Taking legal action for compensation is a way to try and secure the support that you now need and deserve – financial or medical. The Oddfellows and CL Medilaw will have your back every step of the way," added Matthew.

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How to apply for the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme

The first step is to call the Care and Welfare Helpline for a non-committal conversation. If you wish to move forward, you'll need to fill in an Oddfellows Legal Aid application form. The Care and Welfare Helpline number can be found on your membership card or by calling **0800 028 1810**.

Further information

Read this article in full at:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-to-make-a-claim-for-medical-negligence

The Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/legal-aid-scheme

*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Read the full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions at www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-fcs or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

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.

*T&Cs apply.



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**



*To view Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bond terms and conditions, go to **www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows/gib**. If you're in any doubt about whether any Unity Mutual product is right for you, it's a good idea to talk to an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA). You can find a local financial advisor by visiting **www.unbiased.co.uk**. You may need to pay for a financial advisor's help, so make sure you ask them about their fees first.

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 George on **01952 814377** or email **george.brotherton@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**

branch meetings

Social Branch Meetings for The Fountain of Peace/ Caradoc Branches

Monday 4 July
Monday 1 August

Monday 5 September
Monday 3 October

Monday 7 November
Monday 12 December

All these meetings are held in Newport Cottage Care Centre, Station Road, Newport, Shropshire, starting at 7.30pm. Please come along, you will be made very welcome.

District Meeting Dates 2022

Saturday 3 September - Parwich Village Hall, Parwich, Derbyshire.
Commencing at 2pm.

Saturday 26 November - Newport Cottage Care Centre, Station, Road, Newport, Shropshire. Commencing at 2pm.

Contact Details

Please remember we are here to help

Caradoc/Hamilton Branch

Gary Hughes

Telephone: 01694 723169

Hope of the Village Branch

Audrey Poole

Telephone: 01270 875471

Fountain of Peace - Provincial Corresponding Secretary

George Brotherton

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Loyal Cavendish Branch

Jackie Wilton

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Janet Brotherton

Telephone: 01952 814377

At a glance

July 2022

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Sat 2	Annual Parade	TBC
Mon 4	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 21	Coffee Morning	10.30am

August

Mon 1	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sun 14	Coach Outing and Sunday Lunch	10.30am
Thurs 18	Coffee Morning	10.30am

September - Friendship Month

Thurs 1	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 3	District Meeting	2pm
Mon 5	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm
Sat 10	Brass Band Concert	TBC
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 17	Friendship Month Afternoon	2pm
Thurs 29	Coffee Morning	10.30am

October

Mon 3	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm
Thurs 6	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 22	Annual Dinner Dance	5.30pm
Sat 29	Halloween Quiz and Scary Mask Competition - Parwich	TBC

November

Thurs 3	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 7	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm

At a glance

November

Sun 13	Day Trip to Chester	9am
Thurs 17	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 26	District Meeting	2pm

December

Thurs 1	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 3	Christmas Party	8pm
Mon 5	Turkey and Tinsel Trip to Eastbourne Monday 5 to Friday 9 December	TBC
Mon 12	Social Branch Meeting - Fountain of Peace/Caradoc	7.30pm
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sun 18	Christmas Quiz and Annual Draw	TBC

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