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Issue 10



the ODDfellows SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Mid-Staffs District Branch



Izaak Walton Cottage



Travel and Trips



Walks



Talks



Social



Food with Friends



Coffee Morning



Games



We hope you can join us to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Welcome to edition 10 of our newsletter – Out and About.

Message to our members

We all know it has been a very difficult year for a lot of people, going out again has been a challenge for some, so we would like to thank you for all the support you have given to us by supporting social events and in the fundraising towards our Chairman's charities the Midlands Air Ambulance and the Owl Sanctuary.

We have recruited fourteen new members this year which is wonderful especially during these times.

Many of our new members have joined us at our social events.

We hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and social events, bring a friend or neighbour along too, everyone is welcome.

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We wish you good health
and our best wishes for 2022.

Janet and Christine

Izaak Walton's Cottage

Izaak Walton, who was born in Staffordshire on 9 August 1593, was the celebrated author of the 'Compleat Angler', one of the most-read and best-known books in the English language, owned this charming cottage (on the front cover) that nestles in the tiny hamlet of Shallowford, between Stafford and Eccleshall. His charming thatched 16th century half-timbered cottage will be of interest to anglers and non-anglers alike. It offers a marvellous insight into the history of fishing and the literary talent of Stafford's famous son.

Izaak left the cottage in his will to the people of his home town of Stafford,

and now the museum pays homage to his illustrious life. Inside we learn about Izaak Walton the Merchant, Churchman, biographer, writer, angler and Royalist. We learn of his great contribution to the genre of biography and his influence as an early conservationist.

Within the cottage the period rooms are furnished to reflect the rural trappings of the 17th Century. There are also rooms dedicated to Izaak the writer and biographer and to the history and evolution of angling.

The ground floor shop has a range of gifts, souvenirs and local arts and crafts. Nestled within the beautiful Staffordshire countryside, its tranquil environment is perfect for a calm and relaxing afternoon.

Here's to a Happy 2022

Well 2021 has been and gone

And it's the time of year, we ask ourselves what have we actually done?

Have we had a good year full of excitement and cheer?

Or are we still living cautiously and on the edge of fear?

Will anything be the same again or are we still always going to be wary?

Trying to return to our normal routine but finding things scary?

The number of daily cases of Covid continue to be high

And people still are continuing to die

So heed the simple message

Hands, Face and Space

A mask helps reduce the spread

Wash your hands on a regular basis and keep rooms well ventilated

Here's to a Happy 2022

With love and good wishes from me to you

Poem by Karen Pepper

Regular Event

Coffee Mornings

🕒 10.30am 💷 Coffee/Tea £1 ☕

For members, friends and anyone interested in joining. At these coffee mornings we can let you know more about Oddfellows over a cup of tea or coffee with a hot snack or a biscuit, the times of these will be 10.30am-11.30am.

It will be very informal and everyone is welcome, we just want to let you know what Oddfellows have to offer. You may be surprised how much that is so please join Christine and Janet on the dates in the top right.

Dates for your diaries:

**18 January,
8 and 24 February,
8 March, 3 May,
9 and 28 June,
28 July, 4 August**



Pictured seated left to right members John and Jean Wakefield, Barbara and Tom Ewart, and District Secretary Janet Lewis standing.

Cafe Links Bric-a-Brac Sale and Coffee

**Wednesday 6 April and
Wednesday 6 July, 10am - 12 noon**

New and pre-loved items available, hot drinks and snacks available. Free entry, in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance and The Owl Sanctuary at Haughton. Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2HP.



Contact Janet for further information on all events

Bring a friend, neighbour or family member to find out what the Oddfellows has to offer. People are surprised when we explain how much we have to offer in addition to our social events. It is also a good place to meet up with people and make new friends, as we have learnt over the last couple of years the importance of socialising and making new friends is very important for our wellbeing.

February

WED 16 Fish and Chips Lunch



Join us at the Oddfellows Hall for a scrumptious fish and chips lunch. While we await the arrival of the crispy cod and delicious fried chips from our local chippy, we will test your knowledge on food and drink, I'm sure you won't have a problem with the 'catch of the day' questions! We will also have a game of bingo while you let your lunch go down. Please don't forget to book by Tuesday 8 February. Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2HP. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



March

March

TUES 22 Annual Summoned Meeting



The Annual Summoned Meeting is a business meeting for members only, the meeting will start at 11am. This will show you what happens behind the scenes with the day to day running of the District. A complementary lunch will be provided after the meeting. Please let us know for catering purposes if you would like to attend. Book by Tuesday 15 March. Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2HP. Contact the office on 01785 258269.

WED 16 Lunch Out at the Barley Mow



Back by popular demand we are revisiting the Barley Mow. On our initial visit last October the meal, service and value for money was second to none and everyone enjoyed it. There is a selection of starters, mains as well as sweets for a very reasonable price. Please come and join us and try it for yourself. Please let us know by Tuesday 8 March so that we can book your place. Barley Mow, Milford, Staffordshire ST17 0UW. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



April

WED
06 Café Links



10am



Free



Café Links is a coffee morning combined with our Bric-a-Brac sale with pre-loved and new items to bag a bargain. 10am to 12 noon. Bring a friend, a neighbour and find out more about Oddfellows and raise funds for charity too. It is a good place to meet up with friends and make new friends. Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2HP. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



WED
20 A Visit to the Owl Sanctuary at Haughton



11am



£2.50



We visited the Owl Sanctuary in 2017, which was a real insight into the running of the sanctuary and we were lucky enough to be able to hold a few birds. The sanctuary relies on donations to keep them going. There is a tea room we can visit after for a cup of tea and a piece of cake, so come and join us and be amazed. Please contact us if you would like to join us on the visit by Wednesday 13 April. The Owl Sanctuary, Jolt Lane, Haughton ST18 9JG. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



May

WED
18

Visit to the Wolseley Centre



11am



As per menu



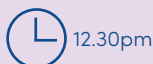
The Wolseley Centre is surrounded by 26 acres of wildlife friendly grounds free for you to explore. There is a boardwalk so you can freely walk around, wildlife and sensory gardens for you to discover. There is a cafe for us to retire to for a lovely lunch. Come and join us at 11am but don't forget to book with us by Wednesday 11 May. The Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridges, Stafford ST17 0WT. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



June

WED
01

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration



12.30pm



Members £5,
Guests £6



There will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign. Here at Mid-Staffs we will be celebrating at our hall. A buffet and drinks will be provided. If you have any

memories or photo's you would like to share with us it would be lovely to hear from you, perhaps you have met the Queen in person? Come and join us but don't forget to let us know by Tuesday 24 May. Dress code: Red, white and blue if possible. Oddfellows Hall, Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2HP. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



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WED
13

Coach Trip to Llandudno



TBC



Members £10,
Guests £15



A favourite place to visit for many of our members. Llandudno is a coastal town in north Wales. It's known for it's North Shore Beach and 19th-century Pier, with shops and a games arcade. Northwest of town, the cliffs of Great Orme headland jut into the sea. Ancient tunnels lead to a cavern at the Great Orme Mines. A 1902 tramway has an upper and lower section, and travels to the headland's summit. To the east a smaller headland the Little Orme is a nature reserve. We will again be travelling in style on a Leons coach from their depot - time to be arranged. Payment will be required on booking. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to book a seat and no later

than Tuesday 31 May. The coach goes from Leons Coach Travel, Tollgate Park, Paton Drive, Tollgate Industrial Estate Stafford, ST16 3EF. Travellers can leave their car at Leons coach park. Contact the office on 01785 258269.



Past Events

Coffee Mornings

As members felt more comfortable about coming out to socialise again the coffee mornings have become very popular.

Our hall is ideal for ensuring people feel safe and so our coffee mornings have grown in numbers over the last few months along with our membership. It is so lovely to meet up face to face especially to get to know our new members and chat over a cup of coffee, we really have enjoyed getting back together again.



Back together with our members.

Afternoon Tea September Friendship Month

On Tuesday 7 September we held our first large event in over 18 months and this coincided with the Oddfellows Friendship Month. 30 members and friends joined us for a very enjoyable and fun afternoon tea, with bingo and a raffle.



We were fortunate to have two very talented members who provided gorgeous cakes for the event - a special



thank you to Pauline and Marion. An amazing £180 was raised for our charities (Midlands Air Ambulance and the Owl Sanctuary at Haughton) and our Chairman John Wakefield thanked everyone for their generosity.

Lunch Out at the Barley Mow October 2021

The Barley Mow at Milford was the latest venue for our Lunchtime meal. From the moment we arrived, we were treated like VIPs. The staff were friendly and efficient and we had a separated area from the main pub which our 18 members and friends really enjoyed. There were three relatively new members who were joining us for their first venture away from the Oddfellows Hall.



The meal itself was excellent and very reasonably priced - equally as importantly the noise level increased as the meal progressed with everyone joining in the conversation and banter. As we left the big question was 'when can we come here again' which was the perfect end to an Oddfellows function.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was held at our beautifully decorated hall on Saturday 20 November.

There was a tombola with a variety of gifts generously donated by our members, a Christmas stall, Shuffleboard competition, raffle plus refreshments including bacon rolls which always prove to be very popular. Bill and Linda (below), volunteers from the Midlands Air Ambulance were also there to support the event as well as selling a range of Midlands Air Ambulance merchandise.



Bill and Linda do an amazing job going to many local events to promote the Midland Air Ambulance. We also had a selection of pre loved items for sale. We raised £591 on the day, which is such a fantastic amount of money. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

(Mid Staffs Trustees)



Christmas Festive Fun

December 2021

What a lovely afternoon we had with our 20 members and two non-members enjoying a scrumptious Christmas buffet, having fun on the tombola, guess the number of sweets in a jar, pass the parcel and a couple of games of bingo to finish off the festivities. We raised £180 for our charity, absolutely wonderful.



Midlands Air Ambulance

Our charity total for the Midlands Air Ambulance which includes a £1,000 donation from the Foresters Friendly Society and proceeds from the events we have had between September 2020 to December 2021, is a fantastic £2,337.66.

This is really amazing considering the last 18 months we have all had.



We thank the Foresters for their very generous donation and to everyone who has contributed and helped in any way.

Stoke and Newcastle Branch Dine Around



We held our first get-together for over a year on Thursday 5 August 2021. A table was booked at the Victoria in May Bank, Newcastle-Under-Lyme at 12.30pm which was a change from our usual evening meetings.

It was lovely to see everyone catching up and enjoying a nice meal together. Anyone is welcome to join us, please contact Janet for further details of our next dine around.

A Tribute to Christine Clarke (1942–2021)

It is with much sadness that we advise of the passing of one of our dedicated and much loved members. Christine was joined into the Oddfellows at a very young age by her father and remained committed to the Mid Staffs District until she was no longer able to participate due to ill health in 2017.

Christine held many positions within the District – she was Secretary of the Lady Hatherton Lodge (a small branch which met at Penkridge until it closed some years ago) and was Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) of the District on two separate occasions. Christine was also a Trustee between 2000 and 2017 and was our Welfare Officer for approximately 20 years. Together with her late husband John, Christine attended many of the Oddfellows national Annual Movable Conferences (AMCs) and other Districts social events, regularly travelling to Coventry, Burton-on-Trent and Leamington Spa.

Away from the Oddfellows, Christine was very family minded and her two children Lesley and Andrew are, of course, both members of the Oddfellows, together with their own families.

For many years Christine was a draughtswoman at English Electric and later she became a care worker which was an ideal job for someone with such



a compassionate nature. She and John enjoyed many holidays abroad, visiting the USA, embarking on a world tour, holidays in Europe and a number of cruises with their very good friends, Tom and Barbara Ewart, also members of the Mid Staffs District.

Quite an accolade to a very special lady who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

We send our condolences to Lesley, Andrew and their families.

Refer a Friend Scheme

Mid Staffs member Bev Marchant receives his Silver Membership card for five membership referrals under the 'Refer a Friend' scheme.

Bev has been a very active member since he joined the Mid Staffs District in 2018 with his partner Trish.

Well done Bev. (Pictured here with his new silver membership card).



Place names of Great Britain

Can you work out the clues below?

Answers on page 31 – no cheating though!

1. They run well here, it's the salts
2. Used for a buffet or picnic
3. Storage furniture and the Queen
4. Don't we speak to it's citizens
5. Fresh and on the left
6. One more step and your foot is wet
7. A royal bird in the water
8. A recent fortification
9. Little Jimmy?
10. Applaud 'Ye Old Oak'
11. Does this city go first?
12. Taffys swimming baths



13. A fortified drink stars a fortified naval base
14. A saintly top in Wales
15. A Yorkshire cake – how sweet
16. A fast forest
17. A young lady plus a rock
18. Saucy stuff
19. The river next to a river crossing
20. Home of custard powder

You can help seafarers all over the world by joining their amazing group of knitters!

You can define a seafarer as literally being someone who is employed to serve aboard any type of marine vessel. This usually refers to active seafaring workers, but can be used to describe a person with a long history of serving within the profession. This may sound like a simple definition, but delving further into the profession will reveal a plethora of service types and roles that individual seafarers can play in their line of work. The work that seafarers do is often under-appreciated by the majority and their working conditions vary.



On their website you can find out how you can help them as one of our members Pauline did by knitting hats for the seafarers, you can download knitting patterns off their website. The knitted items help seafarers arriving in the UK and around the world during the long,



The photo above shows Mid Staffs member Pauline Ravenscroft's handiwork – great work Pauline.

cold days and nights spent on the open seas. From woolly hats to fingerless mittens, each knitted item finds a home and the seafarers they're matched to are extremely grateful for the extra warmth!

If you would like to become a Mission to Seafarers Knitter, please send your handiwork, plus a note with your name and address to:

Freepost RUAT-JRGK-YXEB
The Mission to Seafarers
Flying Angel Cellar Club
53 Mill Dam
South Shields, Tyne and Wear
NE33 1EQ

Have you seen these on your travels?

Our District Secretary, Janet took these photographs as they caught her eye because of the name (surprise, surprise), one in Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent which also has the Oddfellows Crest above the door and the other while on holiday in Keswick in the Lake District.



I'm sure some of you may have also noticed Oddfellows Arms while visiting places around the UK, perhaps you would like to share photos and info. Please send you photos to Janet or Christine via email details on page 2.

Found on the Oddfellows website under History Odd Fact - Oddfellows pubs

Public houses were often used as the base for regular Society business. When members met, they often 'took something for the good of the house'. To secure such lucrative trade, landlords were willing to name their pubs after us. Oddfellows Arms remains a popular pub name to this day (www.oddfellows.co.uk).





Please Be Aware Stop, hang up, Call 159

Last year, criminal gangs stole £470 million by pretending to be from banks or other service providers. A new pilot scheme launched by Stop Scams UK, a group of organisations including telecoms companies and banks, aims to collect evidence to show that calling 159 helps to fight fraud.













159 is a secure number that connects you directly to your bank. It works in the same way as 101 for the police or 111 for the NHS. The advice is to call 159 when you are contacted about a financial matter, whether or not it seems suspicious, eg the caller says they are from your bank, or asks you to transfer money.

Over 70% of UK current account holders are covered by the pilot participating banks include, Barclays, Lloyds, NatWest and Santander. Other banks may join over the course of the pilot.

Almost all UK mobile and landlines are able to use 159. Participating phone companies are BT (including EE and PlusNet), O2 (including giffgaff), TalkTalk, Three, Virgin Media, Sky and Vodafone. Calling 159 costs the same as a national rate call and is usually part of the included minutes in most phone tariffs. If calling 159 doesn't work for any reason, contact your bank in the normal way, using the number on your bank card. 159 will never call you. Only a fraudster will object to you calling 159.

For more information visit <https://stopscamsuk.org.uk/159> or call the Care Department at Unity Office if you do not have internet access.

12 Tips To Save Energy At Home

1  Turn off lights when leaving a room	2  Switch to energy efficient appliances	3  Use LED lights
4  Unplug devices when not in use	5  Keep thermostat at low temperature	6  Reduce water consumption
7  Use smart automated devices	8  Switch to double glazing	9  Cook with the lid on
10  Use a smart meter to track usage	11  Wash at a cold temperature	12  Use solar powered devices

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www.greenmatch.co.uk

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.

Ref 1644

Make the most of your membership



Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

Different benefits apply to other membership categories.
Contact your local Branch Secretary for further information.

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions or call us on 0800 028 1810.

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.

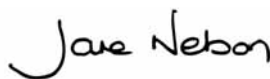
Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

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
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...

**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

Cruise with us!
Scenic summertime
Norwegian Fjords
12–20 August 2022
 (7 nights. Full board)
 From £1,149 per person

Let Oddfellows member Wendy Atkins take care of you as you experience summer in the Norwegian fjordland, taking in the seasonal sights and highlights of the region's beautiful waterways. During hours of scenic cruising, smaller ship Bolette takes you on journeys into mountain-flanked fjords, to see their summertime scenery at its best. Departs Southampton – Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

Cruise to Canada in the fall
28 September–17 October 2022
 (19 nights. Full board)
 From £3,599 per person

Members and their guests are invited to join us on this once-in-a-lifetime Fred. Olsen cruise to the stunning landscape



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

of Canada in the autumn hosted by Oddfellows member, Wendy Atkins.

Just as the leaves are turning, your ship arrives on the shores of Canada where you can delight in the stunning scenery of one of the world's most striking countries. We'll be sailing from one area of natural beauty to the next, including a three day discovery of Quebec province with its National Parks and Reserves, and a day in classical Quebec City itself.

The cruise doesn't stop there. We visit charming and picturesque Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, stopping at Belfast in Northern Ireland on our return to Liverpool.



Canada's autumnal beauty

**Shropshire Discovery Tour –
Church Stretton (HF Holidays)
19–23 September 2022
(4 nights. Full board)
From £655 per person.
Limited single rooms with
no additional supplement**

Join us as we explore Shropshire, famous for the beauty of its hills, picturesque market towns and fascinating history.

Our Discovery Tours, operated by the award-winning HF Holidays, are a highlight of the year where members and their guests come from all corners of the country to explore a beautiful region.

We will be staying at Longmynd House Country Hotel in Church Stretton with its sweeping views across the Shropshire Hills. Along with our Oddfellows member host, John Galligan, our HF Holidays guide will lead us on our journey around this “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” with its historic castles and mesmerising scenery.



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

**“We met as strangers
and left as friends.”**

**– a member who enjoyed last
year's HF Holiday.**



*The famous Iron Bridge in Ironbridge Gorge, known as the birthplace of the
Industrial Revolution*



Nomination Card

Once completed, please hand or send this nomination card to your Branch Secretary.

My name is:

I'd like to nominate (please provide member name(s) and the name of their Branch):

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For the following award...

For a team of two/couples only: Achieving Together Award ☐

For individuals only: Enriching Lives Socially Award ☐ Giving Something Back Award ☐

Giving a Helping Hand Award ☐ Working in the Spirit of Mutuality Award ☐

In the space provided below, please briefly tell us why you think they should win this award?



Award descriptions



1. **Achieving together:** Working as a team, these members work together to achieve so much more than they could alone. They significantly improve the lives of members or help to make their Branch and Society the best they can be. Together their efforts make a significant difference and their dedication deserves equal recognition.
2. **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. **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. **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.
5. **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.



Looking for a venue?

- Parties
- Conferences
- Weddings
- Meetings
- Exhibitions
- Christenings
- Activity Groups

Oddfellows Hall

Our venue and function room can accommodate all kinds of occasions

Licensed bar, kitchen facilities, disabled facilities, and central location



For details of hire charges and facilities please contact Janet or Christine on **01785 258269** or email us at janet.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk
christine.elliott@oddfellows.co.uk



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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 Janet on **01785 258269** or email **janet.lewis@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**

Place names of Great Britain on page 15 Here are the answers, how did you do?

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| 1. Epsom | 6. Lands Ends | 11. Leeds | 16. Fleetwood |
| 2. Sandwich | 7. Swansea | 12. Welshpool | 17. Maidstone |
| 3. Chester | 8. Newcastle | 13. Portsmouth | 18. Worester |
| 4. Coventry | 9. Clitheroe | 14. Holyhead | 19. Cambridge |
| 5. Newport | 10. Clapham | 15. Pontefract | 20. Birmingham |



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 'Online' 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

At a glance

Please note all future events are subject to the government guidelines and therefore they are only provisional at the time of printing. Please contact the office in advance to check if the event will go ahead.

February 2022

Tues 8	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 16	Fish and Chips Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 24	Coffee Morning	10.30am

March

Tues 8	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 16	Lunch Out at the Barley Mow	12.30pm
Tues 22	Annual Summoned Meeting	11am

April

Wed 6	Café Links	10am
Wed 20	A Visit to the Owl Sanctuary at Houghton	11am

May

Tues 3	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 18	Visit to Wolseley Centre	11am

June

Wed 1	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	12.30pm
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 28	Coffee Morning	10.30am

July

Wed 6	Café Links	10am
Wed 13	Coach Trip Llandudno	TBC
Thurs 28	Coffee Morning	10.30am

August

Thurs 4	Coffee Morning	10.30am
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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.

Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

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