

July - December 2021



the **ODDfellows** SINCE 1810
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out & about

Nene and Welland District



High Street St Martin's, Stamford



Travel and Trips



Arts and Crafts



Talks



Social



Coffee Morning



Dining Out



Walk



Games



Oddfellows Brass Band – Saturday 2 October

Welcome to our new look Out and About Diary and Newsletter

Six months ago we wrote our Winter Newsletter. It included a cut out Christmas bauble to hang on your Christmas trees and in some way share friendship together, thinking of each other when we looked at it. We had high hopes that with the introduction of the jab we may soon be getting back together.

We planned some face to face events for us to enjoy. Well, there went another bright idea straight out of the window. We did not manage anything but, there is more hope for the second half of 2021. So, we have decided once again, to think positive! However, over the last year we have produced two Newsletters to keep in touch with you all. Both editions were well received and we had some lovely feedback about the content.

A large amount of the content of both these Newsletters was written by our members and we don't want that to stop. So, you will see that we have gone back to our old format of an 'Out and About' Diary, listing our events for the next six months.

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You will also see that we have cut the amount of text describing each event to allow for space to keep our 'Newsletter' format which is a lot more interesting and fun. Please do remember if you have a story, a poem, a recipe or anything you would like to share with your fellow members please do let one of us have them for our next edition.

Now to our events. First thing to do was get a gang together to ensure our Hall is once again up to the Standards of 'Covid Safe'. We have cleaned and sanitised the Hall, evicted the spiders, (who have had free run this past year) and got the whole place ready for

small number groups to start using the place. We are starting with small coffee mornings and tea and biscuit afternoons. This is so members can come along see each other once again and check all the work we have done to the Hall to ensure members safety. It is essential that for every event you book your place with the host advertised in the event information.

You will also be asked to give your details for 'Track & Trace' information or scan the premises code in the entrance hall with your phone. Also, we will continue to ask attendees to wear a face mask in the building when moving about. Tables are set so no more than six people sit at a table. We will be using disposable cups and plates. Sadly we will not bring in homemade cakes. At first, we will only have wrapped biscuits (just like you used to get on British Rail) there will be some chocolate ones as well. If everything goes to plan we will be moving on to some much larger events later in the year. Our Annual Lunch which was cancelled last year will this year be held jointly for our Chairman of 2020-2021 June Holt and our Chairman of 2021-2022 John Sargeant. Our guest speaker this year will be Mr Tony Luckett, Past Grand Master of the Order of Oddfellows.

Last year our Chairman June Holt chose to support the Exotic Pet Refuge at Deeping St James for her year of office. Of course we were not able to raise funds as we have in the past, but, with member's donations and donations from the Branch we managed to raise a total of £1,500 for

the year. We have sent the Refuge the cheque for which they were extremely grateful, as the past year has been very hard for them.

Along with the donation we managed to deliver four car loads of food and supplies to the gates of the Refuge. In March John Sargeant was installed via Zoom as our new Chairman. John decided that he would continue our support of the Refuge for his year of office. Now we know how well we do with our efforts to raise funds for the charities each year but with the Refuge they are also very grateful for donations of food and supplies. With this in mind you will find at our events this year there will be a box in which you can donate food and supplies such as, canned dog food, canned cat food, dried dog and cat food, bird seed, nuts, towels, blankets and duvets. Once we have a car load we will deliver it. This all adds to the value of our efforts.

Over the past year many of you joined us on our weekly Zoom 'Fun and Games' afternoons. We are not sure how long we will continue these but, we will let you know as time goes on. For now though we intend to zoom as many of our events at the Hall for those members who are unable to be with us or are not quite ready to move about yet. So please, if you are unable to join us in person but would like to see friends at the Hall, do join us. Just get in touch for the joining information. If you are unsure about using Zoom then we can help you. Just give Andrew 07729 519122 or Karen 01778 342006 a call.

July 2021

TUES
06

Family Fortunes and Packed Lunch



12 noon



Free



As we are not providing any food other than biscuits at the hall at the moment, how about bringing your own packed lunch? We will supply the tea and coffee (sorry in disposable cups). Enjoy lunch with friends and have some fun playing Family Fortunes. Barry and Janice will be your hosts for the afternoon. Booking is essential.



Due to our Covid Safe plan numbers are limited, so book early! Prizes for the top two scores! Book by Monday 5 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

MON
12

Quiz and Packed Lunch



12 noon



Free



If you are starting to move out and about now, how about joining friends in our Covid Safe hall? Come and join us, bring a packed lunch, we'll supply the tea and coffee. See the friends you have not seen for so long. We will have some fun with a quiz. It'll be another step on the road to normal. Booking is essential and places are limited, so get in touch soon. Book by Sunday 11 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

FRI
16

Surprise Bingo



2pm



£1 per book



Remember how it works? We play the traditional game of bingo and when you win, you get to pick a prize from the table. The only thing is, all the prizes are wrapped up, so you have no idea what you have won. That's Surprise Bingo. All this fun for only £1 per book, tea and coffee included. All the proceeds go to the Chairman's charity fund. Do remember you must book to be there. Book by Thursday 15 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

July 2021

August

WED 28 Fun and Games Haven of Happiness



2pm



Free



Join us for a light hearted afternoon in our Pinchbeck setting. Come and enjoy some games, quizzes and some very good refreshments. All this with some friendly chatter and laughs, face to face. It has been a long time since we did this. Everyone is welcome to join us as members or visitors. Do remember you must book your place to join us. We are still following Covid safety rules. Book by Tuesday 27 July. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



SUN 15 Sunday Lunch



12.30pm



£13.95

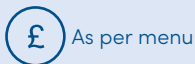


Our first venture out together for lunch. Join us as we meet together and enjoy Sunday lunch in this very well prepared Covid Safe venue. Andy who is the chef for our annual lunch offers a two course carvery lunch with a choice of three to four meats and an array of potatoes and vegetable. To finish there is a choice of delicious desserts. There is a complimentary bowl of soup to start for those who can manage three courses. All this costs £13.95 per person. Tables are a maximum of six people per table, so why not invite your family and friends? You can also enjoy a drink from the fully licensed bar. Book with Andrew and pay on the day. Book by Saturday 7 August. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

FRI 30 Fish and Chip Lunch with Quiz



12 noon



As per menu



For no other reason than we can again. Come and meet friends face to face, enjoy some very good local fish and chips, and have fun with a quiz. We are slowly moving back to normality (we hope). Everyone is welcome. If you have a friend who you think may enjoy getting out again, why not invite them along and share Oddfellowship. Order your choice of lunch when you book your place with Andrew. Book by Thursday 29 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

August

MON
23

Pork Pie Making



3pm



£12.50



Back by popular demand our visit to Melton Mowbray. Come and have a go at making your own traditional Melton Mowbray pork pie. Last time we did this it turned out to be one of our most fun events of the year. If you would like to meet and have lunch first at the on-site garden centre and perhaps do a little retail therapy, we will meet at the garden centre around 1.30pm.

Places are limited so book early! Don't forget at the end of the afternoon you get to take home your pork pie to bake it fresh in your own oven. There is also the opportunity to buy other products from the factories list of pies and pastries. Please do remember, don't wear your best clothes. Book by Saturday 14 August. Brockleby's Bakery, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray LE14 3QU. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED

01

Friendship Lunch



12.30pm



As per menu



Let's kick off our Friendship Month celebrations with lunch together at this lovely village pub in Langtoft. To get your menu and to book your place please contact Andrew. Remember Friendship Month is all about celebrating friendship and being a member of Oddfellows. So, why not invite a friend to come with you and share the friendship you enjoy? Book by Sunday 22 August. Waggon and Horses, 1 Peterborough Road, Langtoft, Peterborough PE6 9LW. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.



September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT
04

Welcome Back Party

 2.30pm

 Free



To celebrate friendship and once again being able to meet together face to face, the Trustees of Nene and Welland of Oddfellows invite Branch members and friends to join them for a fun afternoon with buffet refreshments at the Bourne Corn Exchange to say 'Welcome Back' to everyone. Do please come and join us and celebrate our new found freedom again. Book your places with Andrew. Book by Saturday 28 August. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

TUES
07

The Life and Times of Peggy Spencer

 2pm

 £4



Remember the days of Come Dancing on the television? Remember the formation dance teams lead by the famous Peggy Spencer? Well come and hear the story of her work and life including some of the behind scenes stories as told by a family member of Peggy's, Sue Jakeman. This promises to be an informative and funny insight into the life of Peggy and her achievements in the world of ballroom dancing. You must book your seat with Andrew. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

FRI
10

Visit to Exotic Pet Refuge

 2pm

 £8



Third time lucky we hope! After cancelling due to lockdown we hope this time to visit our Chairman's charity, the Exotic Pet Refuge. This is the second year we have supported the refuge.

Do join us and see the work of the refuge and the amazing range of animals that they take care of. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy some refreshments in the cafeteria at an extra cost after the tour. It has been a very hard year for the refuge, so if you could manage a small donation of food, or bedding for the refuge, please do bring it along. There is a list of requirements in the Chairman's charity report.

Book your place with Andrew by Friday 3 September. Exotic Pet Refuge, 102 Station Road, Deeping St James, Peterborough PE6 8RH. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SUN
12

Annual Church Service



6pm



Free



For the first time in over a year we invite you to join us as we celebrate the work of the Oddfellows both nationally and locally. Also, to give thanks for the work of the Officers of the Society, especially those here in our Branch. After the service enjoy some friendship time with lovely refreshments in the church lounge. Just let Andrew know you will be joining us. Book by Sunday 5 September. Deeping Methodist Church, 64 Church Street, Deeping St James PE6 8HD. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

TUES
14

Cold Pudding Club



6.30pm



Bring a pud £1
Just to enjoy £2



Finally our famous Cold Pudding Club returns! So, get those aprons on and get the recipes out and get baking, to once again share all those wonderful tastes with friends. If eating great pudding is your thing then you are welcome to come along and just enjoy the labours of others. Whether you are baking or tasting you must book your place with David first. Book by Monday 13 September. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

SUN
19

Sunday Lunch



12.30pm



£13.95



Once again we are meeting together for lunch. Join us as we meet together and enjoy Sunday lunch in this very well prepared Covid Safe venue.

Andy, who is the chef for our annual lunch offers a two course carvery lunch with a choice of three or four meats and an array of potatoes and vegetable. To finish there is a choice of delicious desserts. There is a complimentary bowl of soup to start for those who can manage three courses. All this costs £13.95 per person. Tables are a maximum of six people per table, so why not invite your family and friends? You can also enjoy a drink from the fully licensed bar.

Book with Andrew and pay on the day. Book by Friday 10 September. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES
21

Half Yearly Meeting



10.30am



Free



Our Half Yearly Meeting will be our first committee meeting to be held in the hall for over a year. This meeting is open to all members to attend. If you wish to attend this meeting please check with Karen as to the venue, just in case we are forced to change our plans.

Book by Monday 20 September.
Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street,
Market Deeping PE6 8AN.

Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

WED
29

Afternoon Tea



2.30pm



£10



Well what a packed Friendship Month we have had. Join us to round the month off with afternoon tea in the restaurant at this wonderful garden centre. Tea will be served at 2.30pm. If you would like a wander round the centre first, please do just join us in the restaurant for tea. Bring along your friends and family and let's celebrate friendship and being back together again with as many as possible. If you have never had afternoon tea at Waterside you are missing a real treat. Book by Wednesday 22 September. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

MON
27

Visit to Burtey Fen Collection



1.30pm



£10



Come and enjoy the sounds of two mighty cinema organs, the Wurlitzer and the Compton, in this purpose built music hall, decorated in the style of a 1930s theatre. You will hear the music that includes show songs, marches, light classics and favourite sing-along tunes. There is also a vast display of music hall memorabilia to see, displayed in the hall. There will be tea and biscuits at the interval. We meet in the car park at the theatre from 1.30pm with the show starting at 2pm. To book your seat and for directions to the theatre contact Andrew. Book by Friday 17 September. Burtey Fen Collection, 3 Burtey Fen Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3SR. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

October

SAT

02

Oddfellows Brass Band



7.30pm



£7.50



Come and enjoy the sounds of the Oddfellows Brass Band in the wonderful setting of St John's Church, Spalding. The band will play a wide range of music from classical to show stoppers. Refreshments are included in the ticket price. All the profits from the evening will go to our charity. So show your supports for local charities. St John's Parish Church, Hawthorn Bank, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 1JQ. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.



WED

06

Friendship Lunch



12.30pm



As per menu



Once again we are meeting at this delightful village pub to enjoy lunch together. To get your menu and book your place please contact Andrew. We welcome visitors to join us, so please do invite you friends and family along too and show them how much fun we have just sharing time together. Book by Wednesday 29 September. Waggon and Horses, 1 Peterborough Road, Langtoft, Peterborough PE6 9LW. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.



WED

13

Craft Club



2pm



Members £2,
Guests £4



Here our Crafty Crafters return to the hall. Janice will once again lead you in making some wonderful items, especially as Christmas approaches. This month will be a Welcome Wreath. Having said all that, Craft Club also is the place to be if you enjoy having lots of fun and laughter. No matter what your skill level at craft, Janice will make you so very welcome and guide you every step of the way to producing something wonderful. Book by Monday 11 October. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

October

SUN
17

Annual District Lunch



12.30pm



£22



Join us for this unique celebration. We are having a combined lunch for this year's Chairman (John Sargeant) and last year's Chairman (June Holt). The pandemic prevented a lunch for June, so in true friendship, John and June are sharing the day together.



You are invited to bring family and friends to enjoy this wonderful afternoon of good food and excellent friendship. Our guest speaker this year will be Tony Luckett (Past Chairman of the Order of Oddfellows). Book by Saturday 2 October. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

WED
20

Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness



12.30pm



As per
menu



We have changed our venue for our Friendship lunch on this side of the District. Sadly, our last venue is going to be turned into flats. Never mind, we are meeting at this lovely village pub, which serves all the traditional pub grub we are used to. So, come and join us for a get together, enjoy good food and good company with friends. Book by Wednesday 13 October. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

FRI
22

Surprise Bingo



2pm



£1 per book



Once again join us for a fun afternoon with our Surprise Bingo. 10 games all for only £1 per book.



So, get the dobbers ready ladies and gents and its eyes down. Remember everything we raise from our bingo goes directly to the Chairman's charity. Book by Thursday 21 October. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

October

WED 27 District Officers Visit and Tea Haven of Happiness



2pm



Free



Come and enjoy home-made cakes and scones, along with a great cup of tea. We invite everyone to come along and enjoy a great afternoon out amongst friends. Visitors are most welcome to come along and find out more about what it is to join the Oddfellows. So, members please do extend an invitation to your friends so we can show them more about our Society. Book by Tuesday 26 October. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122 or Christine on 07714 096801.

November

TUES 09 Cold Pudding Club



6.30pm



£ Bring a pud £1, Just to enjoy £2

Once again David invites you to Cold Pudding Club. Just in time for Christmas to share a lovely dessert idea. So come on bring your puddings along for all to share. If tasting the puddings is what you are best at, then please do come and enjoy yourself. It is a very tasty evening all round. Book by Monday 8 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

November

SAT 06 Table Top Sale



10am



Large table £5, Small table £3



If you are clearing your cupboards out or getting rid of those unwanted items from your garage, why not turn them into cash? Remember one man's rubbish is another man's treasure. Or if you are a crafter and have items to sell, book one of our tables. We have small or large tables available from 10am to 12 noon. Make some extra cash in time for Christmas. Book by Saturday 30 October. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.



November

WED
10

Craft Club



2pm



Members £2
Guests £4



Time to get ready for Christmas. This month Janice will guide you through making a personalised card along with a Noel Christmas card. A busy but fun afternoon. A chance to learn something new to impress your friends and family with. Don't worry if you are only a beginner at crafting, Janice will guide you every step of the way. Don't be afraid come and have fun. Book by Tuesday 9 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

SUN
14

Act of Remembrance



10.30am



Free



You are invited to join with members at either Pinchbeck Memorial or Peterborough Cathedral as we join with others in our act of Remembrance. At both services our representatives will lay a wreath on behalf of the Oddfellows Society. For more information or to arrange to join a service contact either of our members representing us at these services.

Peterborough Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Peterborough PE1 1XZ.
Contact Lucy on 01733 203558.

or

St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck,
Spalding PE11 3RU.
Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



November

WED
17

Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness



12.30pm



As per
menu



Once again, we are meeting for lunch together at this lovely village roadside inn. For no other reason than enjoying good food, great company and lots of friendship. Everyone is welcome to join us, so if you know someone who you think would benefit from joining with us for an afternoon out, then please do encourage them to come along. Book by Wednesday 10 November. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

SUN
21

Sunday Lunch City Branch



1pm



As per
menu



Once again we are meeting at this Olde English Coaching Inn, to enjoy a carvery Sunday lunch. It really is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, with good food and even better friends. Bring your family and friends, we love new people to join us and try out our friendly Society. If you are on your own don't worry you won't be for long with us. Book by Friday 12 November. Falcon Hotel, London Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1BH. Contact Lucy on 01733 203558.

FRI
26

Quiz Night and Supper



7.30pm



£3



Jenny and Pete are hosting our quiz night this year for the first time. So, come and see how they intend to test our little grey cells, not too painful please! A buffet supper will be served about half way through the evening. Everyone is welcome so, bring family and friends too. Places are limited for this popular event, so book early. Book by Friday 19 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Chris on 01780 755705.



TUES
30

Surprise Bingo



2pm



£1 per book



As Christmas approaches, come and have fun playing our Christmas edition of Surprise Bingo with every prize a Christmas present, for you or for someone else. We will also have lots of homemade mince pies to share too. Book by Monday 29 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

December

WED
01

Coffee and Mince Pies



10.30am



Free



Come and start the festive season off well. Take a stroll round the wonderful displays of Christmas gifts and decorations in the garden centre.



Then join us in the restaurant for a complimentary coffee and mince pie, along with plenty of friendly chatter. Don't be afraid to come and join us if you are on your own. We guarantee you won't be for long, we love having new friends to join us. Book by Friday 26 November. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

WED
08

Craft Club



2pm



Members £2
Guests £4



Our final Craft Club of the year. Janice will show you how to make a lovely Christmas gift box. You can put that special present for that special person in it and show them how clever you are. You could go home and make more boxes for all your presents and impress all your friends and family. The one thing for certain is you will have lots of fun and laughs as you learn to make your first gift box. Book by Wednesday 1 December. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

SUN
05

Carol Service



6pm



Free



Our next step on festive season's road is to join together at the hall and enjoy our carol service. Come and sing your favourite carols and hear the Christmas story in readings from the Bible. Then, after all that singing enjoy some light refreshments and friendly chatter before heading off home again.



Book by Saturday 4 December. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

December

WED 15 **Friendship Lunch** Haven of Happiness



12.30pm



As per
menu



Our Christmas friendship lunch will be our last get together meal of 2021, so please do come and join us as we wish each other Merry Christmas and enjoy a lovely lunch together and look forward to meeting up again in the New Year. Book by Wednesday 8 December. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

TUES 21 **Surprise Bingo**



2pm



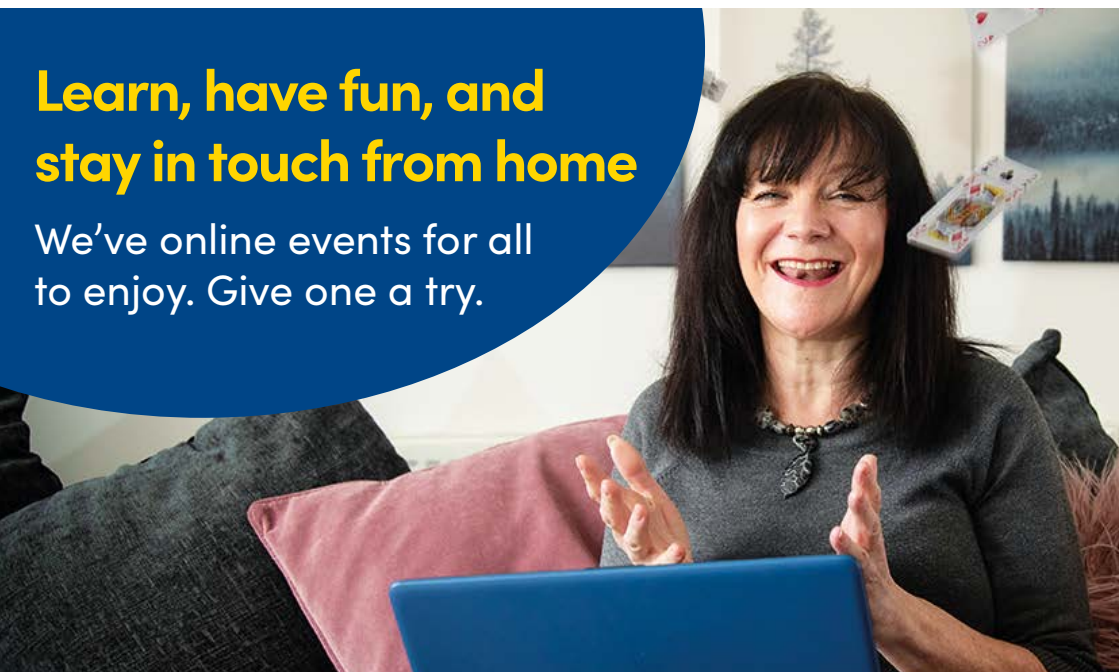
£1 per book



Our last get together in the hall, so come and have a fun afternoon playing the great game whilst boosting the Chairman's charity fund. Try and win our last surprise prizes of the year. You never know what's in them. Enjoy some refreshments before we all head off for the festive season. Book by Monday 20 December. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

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 'online' in the place name search box

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A Warm Welcome from your Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman)

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well. I would like to welcome you to our Summer News Letter and Events Diary. As restrictions continue to ease, our Social Co-ordinator and the Social Committee have been busy arranging some events to coax you out of you homes and come along for some friendly chatter and fun. We have taken baby steps for a start and kept the larger events for later in the year so that you are all able to feel more comfortable about mixing and get used to coming out again after so long. We appreciate that some of you will not want to venture out initially but it is planned that where possible you will be able to join the events via zoom and be part of it from your own home, so please don't feel left out and/or lonely.

The past eighteen months have been difficult for us all but more so for some than others, so I hope the friendships you have built through Oddfellowship have helped to sustain you and keep you going through it all. For some of us the changes we have encountered are life changing,

as I know from personal experience, but always remember the Oddfellows are here to help you if we can, give us a ring if you need us. As we now hope for continued lifting of restrictions along with better weather so we can get out in the fresh air and enjoy each other's company, we should remember our blessings and the things we can be grateful for including being an Oddfellow.

I am honoured and delighted to have been elected as your District Chairman, a position I never thought I would be doing again, and would like to thank you for your support. I hope during the course of my year that I will be able to meet as many of you as possible at events across the District, so please come along and join us whenever you can.

Please look after yourselves, take care and stay safe until we meet again.

Yours in friendship

John Sargeant

Forthcoming Events

Look out for our events for the New Year: Second Wednesday of the month will be Craft Club 12 January, making Notelets from napkins. Third Wednesday of the month Friendship Lunch at the Crown Hotel. Happy New Year.

A Napkin Flower

Once again Janice has come up with another craft idea to keep you busy and use up some of those napkins floating around the cupboards.



Cut a napkin in to quarters along the fold lines

Place the four pieces on top of each other



Keeping the four pieces together, Concertina them in to a fan



Crease the fan well then tie a piece of thread tightly around the middle



Round of the corners at each end



Starting on one side of the fan separate the two layers of each piece of napkin and gently pull apart towards the centre. Repeat this on the other side.



Arrange the layers to form the flower.

The Lockdown by Karen Earth

Following our family's close call with a contact who tested positive for Covid-19, we were all relieved to suffer no symptoms and tested negative when, conveniently during our isolation period we were first visited by the team from The Office for National Statistics studying the pandemic.



Cut four leaves and stick onto the back of the Flower or tape onto a stick with the leaves.



The completed flower



To display in a vase.

As per usual for the previous months, working from the home office continued throughout the November lockdown and carried on throughout the disruption to the Christmas festivities of many. I would say that the most difficult experience of working during the pandemic came during Lockdown number three as we entered gingerly into the New Year. Usually a period of heightened intensity with the inevitability of handling the Annual Year End Accounts. January and February 2021 were made particularly arduous alongside navigating all the new restrictions. I have still been escaping the house weekly to check in on the office and run errands such as checking the post and meeting maintenance professionals.

We look forward to the coming months bringing some long awaited freedoms as my family received their first vaccination doses in March, lateral flow tests provide regular reassurance and my daughter looks forward to living the real university experience when she begins her studies in Edinburgh this September.

Easy recipes to try

Gluten Free Cheese Scones

Pre heat oven to 200 ° c Gas 6 |

Makes 7-9 Scones

Ingredients

6oz gluten free self raising flour
1oz margarine or butter
3oz grated cheese (2oz for mixture
1oz for topping)
Generous pinch of English
mustard powder
Small pinch salt
1 egg
2 tbsp milk
½ tsp baking powder

Method

1. Mix flour mustard powder and salt together in a bowl. Gently rub in butter through your fingers to make a bread crumb consistence. Add 2oz grated cheese and mix. Beat egg and milk together. Add approx. ¾ egg and milk and mix with your hand to form a dough ball
2. Flour worktop and rolling pin roll out the dough ball (Don't turn the dough over only roll on one side). To approx. ¾ to 1 inch thickness rolling the dough constantly through 90 degrees on a well floured surface. Cut the scones with a pastry cutter.
3. Place scones on a baking tray and brush tops with remaining egg and milk mixture. Cover the tops with the remaining cheese. Bake on centre shelf of oven for 10-12 minutes until golden.

Malt Loaf

Ingredients

375g/13oz sultanas
50g/2oz butter
350ml/ 12 fl oz boiling/hot water
375g/13oz self raising flour
½ tsp bi-carb
250g/9oz granulated sugar
2 eggs beaten

Method

1. Put sultanas, butter and water in a pan, bring to the boil and simmer for 4 minutes. Remove from heat, leave to cool for approx. 20 minutes or whilst you weigh rest of ingredients.
2. Mix flour, bi-carb and sugar together in a large bowl. Add the cooled fruit mixture to the flour mixture. Mix together, electric hand mixer can be used.
3. Mix in the beaten egg. Grease and line 2 x 1lb loaf tins. Share the mixture between the two tins and level the tops.
4. Bake in centre of oven, Gas 5, 375 ° f, 190c for about 1 hour or until skewer comes out clean from the centre of the loaf.

Tip

1. Cover tops with baking paper after 30 minutes to stop burning.
2. Leave to cool in tins for 15 minutes then turn out on to wire rack.
3. When cool slice and serve with lashings of butter. Keeps for 2-3 weeks. Freezes well.

At last, Sporting Hand U12 Blues can wear their Oddfellows Matchday Kit Again!

The Oddfellows kindly sponsored a new kit for the Sporting Hand U12 Blues in late 2019, but due to the pandemic they have not managed to wear their match day attire as much as they would have liked. Hopefully that will change now as grassroots football starts up again!

The Peterborough & District Junior Alliance leagues started back for the new season in September 2020 but, in line with Government guidelines, was suspended again in December when the latest lockdown commenced. All of the boys were desperately disappointed to stop playing, as were the coaches and parents, although one slight bonus was not standing on the side-line in wintery conditions!

Training started again at the end of March 2020 with matches commencing in April. As there is not enough time to complete the season, the FA ruled the league null and void, cancelling all remaining fixtures. In its place mini cup competitions have been scheduled which started last weekend with the Blues playing Whittlesey. Despite being in the lead for most of the game a late equalizer and subsequent last-minute winner from Whittlesey saw the boys lose their first match back. They were very unlucky and are hoping for some wins over the next few games. As well as some Peterborough teams, the boys will also have to travel to Spalding and Boston to play a couple of fixtures. The team are so happy and excited to be back playing football again and a few wins will be the icing on the cake!



Poets corner

Poems found and shared by Brian Gale

I have a little satnav,
It sits there in my car,
A satnav is a driver's friend,
It tells you where you are.

I have a little satnav,
I've had it all my life,
It does more than the normal one,
My satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions,
On exactly how to drive,
"It's thirty miles an hour" it says,
"And you're doing thirty five".

It tells me when to stop and start,
And when to use the brake,
And tells me that it's never ever,
Safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red,
And when it goes to green,

It seems to know instinctively,
Just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front,
It lists those to the rear,
And taking this into account,
It specifies my gear,
I'm sure no other driver,
Has so helpful a device.

For when we leave and lock the car,
It still gives its advice,
It fill me up with counselling,
Each journey's pretty fraught,
So why don't I exchange it.

And get a quieter sort?
Ah well you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things,
And – Keeps me warm in bed!

The computer swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes honestly it's true,
She pressed 'control' and 'Enter',
And disappeared from view,
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.

She must have caught a virus,
Or been eaten by a worm,
I've searched through the 'recycle bin',
And 'files' of every kind;
I've even used the internet,

But nothing did I find,
In desperation I asked Jeeves,
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So if inside your 'inbox',
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'copy', 'scan' and 'paste' her,
And send her back to me.

Anon.

Museum Update

Since our last Newsletter our new museum has progressed further with the addition of the wall display cabinets. These cabinets are lit to show the displays at their best with some very useful storage cabinets below.

Our carpenter Angus, is now on to the last project making the tables and chairs for the room. There will be a movable book rest in the middle of the tables for ease of studying some of the large old registers and documents of our Branches. As we near the finishing of the fitting out of our museum, we hope that as lockdown eases we can get into the hall and start deciding on what will feature in our first displays.

Along with this we will then put into the storage units the items for our



Wall and base units fitted in the museum

future displays, thus always keeping the museum interesting with new items to look at. One of the nicest things at the moment, is when you open the door into the museum there is the most wonderful smell of fresh wood.



**Lockdown
Freedom**
**"Your reading is getting
better Granddad!"**



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If anyone would like to find out more and join Christine (07714 096801) and Barry (07852 282776) in celebrating our history, please contact them for more details and register your interest.

Free loan of mobility scooter to Oddfellows member

Here at Nene & Welland District Branch of the Oddfellows we have available a mobility scooter for the use by any of our members who find getting about difficult and would benefit by having this aid.

The scooter is fully serviced and checked and ready for immediate loan. All we ask of you is that you have somewhere secure to store the scooter and that you have the correct insurance for its use and any accidental damage.

If you feel that the scooter could help improve your life then please contact Karen Earth 01778 342006 or Christine Sargeant 07714 096801.



What's been happening in the Sargeant household

What have John and I been up to since I told you our story in the last newsletter, well as you will have seen one thing is that John has been elected as Provincial Grand Master and of course I am proud of him for doing it after what he's been through, and I think you should tell yourselves if John can do it so can I because there are always people there to help and guide me.

Anyway moving on, obviously like most of you we have been home alone for what seems like an eternity, John had to shield to the end of March but even now we've only really been out when we have to. The garden is looking fairly good though with the rain recently the lawn is growing like mad but I'm managing to stay on top of it. I have dug the vegetable garden, moved some fruit bushes and got that area ready to lawn as I am trying to make the garden easier for me to manage on my own now, I shall be sowing the seed as soon as the forget-me-nots have finished flowering. I am planning to bring the fuchsias etc out of the greenhouse this week now that the frosts have finally finished then I can put tomato, cucumber and pepper plants in the greenhouse.

My four dogs are loving it now we can leave the back door open and they can come and go as they like (subject to rain of course) and the fact that my friend Helen who dog sits for me has been able to come for coffee in the garden a few times now,

as they really missed her as we did. The strange thing about lockdown was that my dogs could go to be clipped but I couldn't get a haircut, I did ask Tessa who does the dogs to do mine as well, she thought better of it (lol). But never mind I've managed to have it done twice now (I go every four weeks). John hasn't been since last year but says he quite likes it longer lol. John's godson is getting married in the summer and I'm reading a lesson during the service of course I have to look posh so have booked my nails to be done by a friend who has her own salon but have yet to find an outfit.

I am now in week three of taking my niece's boys to school after not being able to see them or take them to school for nearly a year, it's lovely, she drops them off with me just before eight and we chatter about all sorts before the walk to school at about 8.35, it's so nice to have that bit of normality back.

We have some Mallard ducks that come into the garden daily to be fed and no we don't live next to the river, they fly in. Two of them have been coming for three or four years now and I swear if I didn't see them come she would come and knock on the conservatory door, when I go out to feed them she runs to me to see what I've got lol. We also have a younger pair but they're not very tame and finally we have a solitary male who will stay while

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I'm outside but keeps his distance. We also feed the birds so at the moment have just started getting the adults bringing their offspring in the garden for food, it's lovely to watch them.

Well I'd better stop, I could go on all day, but I hope you're able to make the most of your surroundings whilst staying well and safe. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Love to you all.

Chris Sargeant

Oundle Community First Responders Supporting our Community during Covid



Many of you will remember that when Christine Sargeant was our Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) 2019-2020 we sponsored one of our local First Responder Groups by way of paying towards their new car. Below is an update from the group of how this past year has been for them.

When Covid first came to our shores we were responding as usual, unaware of the devastating effect that this virus would have. We did not at that stage have much in the way of PPE, and little was known

about Covid other than the most common symptoms. However, it wasn't long before we would all feel its impact.

When the first lockdown was announced it was suggested that we should not respond due to lack of PPE, knowledge about the spread of the virus, and concerns for personal safety. However, by mid-April 2020 we were beginning to provide some cover, having completed online training on the correct use of PPE (and receiving supplies). Some of our responders were not able to offer shifts at this time either due to personal health concerns or because they live with family who were vulnerable. Those of us who were able to commit to responding had to come to terms with new protocols, particularly when responding to patients in Cardiac Arrest where we were instructed that we are not allowed to manage their airway because of the risks: since that time we have only been able to provide chest compressions, connect to a defibrillator, and put a normal oxygen mask on the patient because all airway management procedures require a higher level of PPE than we carry. This has been

hard to come to terms with, but we have to comply with the protocols.

As the lockdown continued, we realised that many of our usual fundraising events and opportunities would be lost. We would usually be present at various events in and around Oundle, providing First Aid cover for a small fee and displaying our donations buckets, which were always generously filled by members of our community. This was a concern, not least because we would still have the car lease to pay and several of the businesses who had agreed to sponsor us had financial difficulties themselves due to the pandemic. We put out a plea in the Oundle Advertiser for donations, and were completely overwhelmed with the support offered from many people and groups.

In May 2020, we were approached by the East Midlands Ambulance Service to help with the distribution of PPE to their front-line crews. We were tasked with collecting a van full of PPE from Wellingborough ambulance station and driving around 5 ambulance stations in the northern half of the county to restock and wipe down all ambulances and fast response vehicles that were on site. As this was done on a daily basis we helped on a rota alongside colleagues from other areas, taking four or five hours at a time to complete the task. This continued until the end of July, when the pressures on PPE equipment became less and stations could manage their own supply.

By June 2020 most of our responders were once again fully active, although we were not knowingly sent to Covid cases. The number of calls received were fewer than usual because

people were more reluctant to go to hospital or to call out the emergency services because of the pressure they were under. We were able to complete our face to face monthly meetings sometimes when regulations allowed, but continued to meet electronically when they didn't, so that all responders were kept up to date on all fronts. We also shared online training with other local groups.

When the brilliant news about a viable vaccine was announced, we were contacted again to ask for our support with the vaccine programme. Several of our responders were trained in administering vaccines, and completed hours of online training courses in all aspects of immunisation and for the specific vaccines that are being used in the UK. Some of us helped to vaccinate from that very first day in December 2020 in Northampton General Hospital, then moved on to do the same at Kettering General Hospital. Others have supported the mass vaccination centre at Moulton Park, and this is ongoing. This is of course over and above our shifts as Community First Responders! One of the benefits of assisting with the vaccination programme is that we were ourselves vaccinated at an early stage. This has meant that we are now attending all calls required, regardless of whether they are Covid related.

We are now looking forward to being able to join events and group activities as the 'Roadmap' continues, and to renewing our liaisons with all those who have supported us throughout a difficult time. We wish all of the Oddfellows good health and happiness going forward, and will be very pleased to see you all again.

Puzzles and Quizzes (Answers on page 31)

Paul is standing in a line of children. He is the 3rd child from the front and 5th from the back. How many children are there in the line?

Mum's pizza is cut into 12 equal slices. Mum eats four slices and her two children eat three slices each. What is left of the pizza expressed as a fraction?

Quiz

1. Complete the title of the Alan Rickman film. Truly, MadlyWhat?
2. A nocturne is usually played on which musical instrument?
3. In the US Bazooka Joe is the mascot for what kind of confectionery?
4. The Frankensteiner is a move in what sport?
A. Gymnastics. B. Snowboarding. C. Wrestling
5. How many minutes does it take for the international space station to orbit the earth. A. 90 minutes. B. 120 minutes. C. 150 minutes.
6. In Germany what is the cartoon character Andy Capp known as?
A. Dick Tingle B. Helmut Schmaker C. Willie Wakker

Missing word from famous phrases

7. can't be choosers
8. Take the by the horns
9. To ere is human to forgive is
10. Deal with the of others as gently as with your own
11. To ere is human to really fowl things up takes a
12. The last broke the camel's back
13. Praise without profit puts little in the
14. There are many paths to the top of the mountain but the is always the same
15. That's the way the crumbles
16. A paints a thousand words

Lockdown woodturning with Roly Scotney

Roly Scotney one of our Trustees here at Nene & Welland, not only looks after many of the building repairs and updates to our Oddfellows Hall but, he is also an accomplished wood turner. He takes a piece of wood and can see something many of us would miss in it. He disappears into his workshop and spends hours turning a nothing piece of wood in to a thing of beauty.

During lockdown Roly has spent hours in his workshop doing just this. The thing

then is, what to do with them? Roly is a big supporter of his local 'First Responders Group'. He decided it might be a good idea to sell his works to help boost the funds of the group. You may have read the article from the First Responders in our Newsletter, which we as a Branch already support. We are hoping that Roly will bring some of his work to the Hall so members can purchase them. If anyone is interested in acquiring a piece of Roly's work you can contact him on 07926 882048 Here are just a few pictures of the pieces Roly has made.



The Triffids move back in

Remember we showed you our Hall car park last year when the weeds (Triffids) had taken over. Chris and Myra Briance took on the task of clearing them out. They spent a full day fighting the weeds, making the car park look fantastic and ready for use. This was all part of our hopes to open up our hall at the end of lockdown 2020. Well we all know what happened next we had lockdown again. So, guess what, the Triffids moved back in. Undeterred Chris

and Myra returned this month to the hall and set about evicting these pests again.

You will see from the pictures just how much they had to remove. Chris told me some of the Triffids had put down some very strong roots and put up a good fight to stay. However, if they refused to leave in a sack Chris got them with his spray gun. As he said, "If it was green, it got sprayed". Once again thanks to Chris and Myra for their hard work.



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The concept of happiness

A story used in school assembly by retired Head Teacher Alan Holt

One morning a teacher was talking to her class of seven year old children about the concept of happiness.

Where do we find it? How do we achieve it?

To illustrate her personal opinion, she gave each of them an inflated balloon and a felt tipped pen. "Now", she said, "Write your name clearly on the balloon."

She then walked the class into the school hall and asked them to release their balloons anywhere around the hall. The teacher mixed them all up and then returned to the classroom with the children.

Five minutes later, they all returned to the school hall and she instructed them to find their 'own' balloon. The children started to

look. They were finding this difficult and frustrating, so the teacher said:

"Everybody stand still. Just pick up the balloon nearest to you. Read the name on it and take it to that person."

There was a ripple of excitement as all the children complied. This time, the balloons very quickly found their way back to their rightful owners. There were grateful smiles all around - from those who received their balloons - but more so from those who returned them.

The point was made. Sometimes happiness comes when you least expect it. When instead of seeking it for yourself - you do something for somebody else which makes them happy. That way, we achieve real happiness!

Puzzle and Quizzes Answers on page 28

Line of children: 7

Mum's pizza: $\frac{1}{6}$

Quiz

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| 1. Deeply | 7. Beggars |
| 2. Piano | 8. Bull |
| 3. Bubble Gum | 9. Divine |
| 4. Wrestling | 10. Faults |
| 5. 90 minutes | 11. Computer |
| 6. Willie Wakker | 12. Straw |
| | 13. Pot |
| | 14. View |
| | 15. Cookie |
| | 16. Picture |

Meet your Nene and Welland Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Barry Bedford
Near Bourne,
Lincolnshire

Telephone:
07852 282776



John Sargeant
Near Spalding,
Lincolnshire

Telephone:
01775 769487



Christine Sargeant
Near Spalding,
Lincolnshire

Telephone:
01775 769487
07714 096801

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

To arrange for a Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Karen Earth on **01778 342006** or email **karen.earth@oddfellows.co.uk**.

National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

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 areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.

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, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our '**Looking After You**' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/

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Branches raise over £145,000 for good causes in 2020

A big part of the Oddfellows is about giving back. We're run by our members, for our members, and that means providing them with the support they, their friends, family and communities may need.

The societal impact of the worldwide pandemic and nationwide lockdowns truly showed us the importance of coming together as a community. And despite many facing funding and resource crises themselves, charitable organisations stepped up to play a huge part in helping people to get through the struggles of last year.

To show our continued support, our UK Branches raised £145,742.59 for good causes in 2020.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "In one way or another, we've all needed somebody to lean on at various points during the pandemic, so it's wonderful to see how our Branches and members have been helping their local communities and good causes."

Oddfellows Branches and members also made significant contributions to Society fundraising initiatives during the past year, such as our Coronavirus Emergency

Appeal, in which £19,210 was raised to split between The Silver Line and the National Emergencies Trust.

Our 115 UK Branches regularly donate to a long list of local organisations and charities. From supporting homeless shelters through to funding public defibrillators, they work tirelessly to help make their towns great places to live for people of all ages, from all walks of life. Here are a few examples...

Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Sponsored a local mum with £550 who was raising money for the Children with Cancer charity by running a marathon across town. Every day, 12 families are given the heartbreaking news that their child has cancer, and CWC funds over 60 research projects which all work towards giving children the very best chance of survival.



Mid-Staffordshire Oddfellows

donated £1,000 to Midland Air Ambulance Charity, which has air bases in Staffordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, and provides emergency care in hard-to-reach places.



North Gloucestershire Oddfellows

donated £6,000 to Merton House Hotel to get it back on its feet after early closures in 2020 due to government restrictions. Merton House Hotel offers respite and convalescence care to a number of Oddfellows members.

The Great Berkhamstead District

donated £2,000 to a local school last year that runs a charity called "No Child Without". Many children were left at a disadvantage following school closures, due to a lack of access to tablets and laptops at home. No Child Without makes sure that every child has the basic necessities to learn, no matter their background.

Nene and Welland Oddfellows

raised £1,000, plus £400 worth of food and bedding for the Exotic Pet Refuge, which runs entirely on public donations to support its menagerie of wolves, snakes, monkeys and meerkats – to name a few!



Leigh and Bolton Oddfellows

donated £500 to Bolton Hospice, which offers local support for people with life-limiting or terminal illnesses. The hospice costs £4 million per year to provide its specialist care.

If there's a cause close to your heart which you'd like to support, have a chat with your local Branch Secretary, and share some of your fundraising ideas with them.

Apprenticeship Educational Awards 2020

Each year, we offer members who are undertaking an apprenticeship the opportunity to apply for a financial grant to help them with their training. Applications are open from March each year, until 31 December, and of those who apply, three members are selected by our Fraternal Board to receive £250 for every year of their studies.

Meet our 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award Winners!

Fenton Gaymer, 16, is completing a plumbing apprenticeship at Gayges Ltd in Swanley, Kent, through Bexley College.

He says: "I'm really excited to start my career in plumbing. It's an essential service and I feel that there will always be a need for plumbers. An apprenticeship is a great way to begin a career, as it offers the opportunity to earn a wage whilst learning a skill, meaning that when I'm fully qualified, I'll be able to get started straight away."

Jack Lockwood, 18, is completing an apprenticeship in Carpentry with Alan Bender Ltd in Colchester, through the Colchester Institute.

He says: "I'm hoping to put as much of it as I can towards a van and some tools to help me get set up in the trade."



Fenton, Jack and Rhianna

My Grandad was a carpenter, but I really got into woodwork at school. It's always satisfying to see a project from start to finish, and feel proud that you've created it yourself."

Rhianna Lees, 17, is completing an apprenticeship in Manufacturing Engineering at Rolls Royce in Derby, through the University of Sheffield.

She says: "I'm extremely grateful for the award. It will go a long way in helping me to purchase essential course textbooks. My mum's always encouraged me and my twin brother to dream big and go for what we want. She's really made me who I am today."

We also offer Educational Awards for members who are undertaking their first University Degree. If you'd like to be considered for our First Degree Course Educational Awards, contact your Branch Secretary for an application form. The deadline is 31 August each year, and member eligibility applies.

Peak District Friendship Tour

Oddfellows Travel is hosting a special three night guided tour of the Peak District. All members and their guests are invited.



Staying at HF Holiday's Peveril of the Peak Country House Hotel, in Dovedale. You'll get the chance to explore some of the Peak District's signature attractions.

For further information
contact tour host Mike Hall:
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Business Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month, 10.30am

Our monthly business meetings are open for all members to attend. If you would like to know more about the running of the Branch, ask questions regarding the Branch, or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please do join us. These meetings will continue on Zoom until September when we hope to meet face to face again as a committee. If you would like to attend the meeting on Zoom please contact Andrew for the joining details. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07729 519122.

13 July
10 August

12 October
9 November

14 December

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Tuesday 20 July
Monday 26 July
Tuesday 3 August

Wednesday 11 August
Tuesday 17 August
Wednesday 25 August

Events at a glance

July 2021

Tues 6	Family Fortunes and Packed Lunch	12 noon
Mon 12	Quiz and Packed Lunch	12 noon
Tues 13	Business Meeting	10.30am
Fri 16	Surprise Bingo	2pm
Tues 20	History and Traditions	2pm
Mon 26	History and Traditions	2pm
Wed 28	Fun and Games (Haven of Happiness)	2pm
Fri 30	Fish and Chip Lunch with Quiz	12 noon

August

Tues 3	History and Traditions	2pm
Tues 10	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 11	History and Traditions	2pm
Sun 15	Sunday Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 17	History and Traditions	2pm
Mon 23	Pork Pie Making	3pm
Wed 25	History and Traditions	2pm

September - Friendship Month

Wed 1	Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 4	Welcome Back Party	2.30pm
Tues 7	The Life and Times of Peggy Spencer	2pm
Fri 10	Visit to Exotic Pet Refuge	2pm
Sun 12	Annual Church Service	6pm
Tues 14	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Sun 19	Sunday Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 21	Half Yearly Meeting	10.30am
Mon 27	Visit to Burtey Fen Collection	1.30pm
Wed 29	Afternoon Tea	2.30pm

Events at a glance

October

Sat 2	Oddfellows Brass Band	7.30pm
Wed 6	Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 12	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 13	Craft Club	2pm
Sun 17	Annual District Lunch	12.30pm
Wed 20	Friendship Lunch (Haven of Happiness)	12.30pm
Fri 22	Surprise Bingo	2pm
Wed 27	District Officers Visit and Tea (Haven of Happiness)	2pm

November

Sat 6	Table Top Sale	10am
Tues 9	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 9	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 10	Craft Club	2pm
Sun 14	Act of Remembrance	10.30am
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Wed 17	Friendship Lunch (Haven of Happiness)	12.30pm
Sun 21	Sunday Lunch City Branch	1pm
Fri 26	Quiz Night and Supper	7.30pm
Tues 30	Surprise Bingo	2pm

December

Wed 1	Coffee and Mince Pies	10.30am
Sun 5	Carol Service	6pm
Wed 8	Craft Club	2pm
Tues 14	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 15	Friendship Lunch (Haven of Happiness)	12.30pm
Tues 21	Surprise Bingo	2pm

Nene and Welland Annual District Lunch

**Sunday 17 October, 12.30pm for 1pm
Bourne Corn Exchange**

Menu

Starter

Home-made Vegetable Soup with Roll and Butter
Chef's Choice Pâté on a Bed of Crisp Salad with a side of Chutney
Prawn Cocktail with Brown Bread and Butter

Main Course

Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
Baked Cod Mornay
Chicken Chasseur
Brie, Mushroom and Cranberry Wellington (V)

Dessert

Eaton Mess
Warm French Apple Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea, Coffee and Mints

£22 per head

**Bookings, menu choices and payment to
Andrew Spencer by Saturday 2 October 2021**

District Event Booking Form

Event: Annual District Lunch

Date: Sunday 17 October 2021, 12.30pm for 1pm

Name:

Telephone/Email:

Number of tickets Cheque total enclosed £22 per head
payable to I.O.O.F.M.U.F.S. Nene & Welland Oddfellows.

Send completed form to: Andrew Spencer, Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street,
Market Deeping PE8 6AN.

Name of guest and menu choices below

Name	Starter	Main Course	Dessert

Bookings to be made by Saturday 2 October 2021.