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News & Puzzles

Ormskirk and Southport District
Incorporating the Isle of Mona



Ormskirk Market



*Southport Queen
Victoria Statue*



Laxey Wheel, Isle of Man



Welcome to the latest edition of the Ormskirk and Southport Newsletter, incorporating the Isle of Mona.

Hello everyone. I hope you are keeping well and are not crawling the walls. Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. I sometimes feel like I'm losing mine, especially when the rules change quickly and we have to cancel events that people are looking forward to. I seem to range from being wildly positive to being in the depths of despair but I know things will get better, I just don't know when. We've been working on some online events, which are good fun but I know not for everybody, but if you fancy having a go, just drop me a line (Judith on 01704 545279) and I'll do my best to help you. We'd particularly love it if members from the Isle of Man wanted to join in, especially as you seem to be almost back to normal with very few cases on the Island.

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Christmas Closure

The District Office (Bonita) is closed from Monday 21 December to Monday 4 January 2021. Emergencies only.

Welcome to the world!

Ormskirk and Southport Member Ashleigh McDonough (Edna Palmer's granddaughter) and her partner Danny welcomed new baby Nancy Grace on Friday 25 September, weighing 7lb3oz. Congratulations to you all from all

of us. Also, congratulations to Phil and Christine Taylor on the birth of their new granddaughter. Kelly and Ben welcomed their first child, Imogen Alicia Taylor-Ward, born on Wednesday 2 September at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, on the Isle of Man.



Nancy Grace



Imogen Alicia

Traditional Terms Explained

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM): District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):
District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):
District Secretary – responsible for administering Branches

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):
Immediate Past District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM): Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

Brother and Sister: Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family

Old time radio (sort of)

Brother Phil Taylor

Way back in the mid-1970s on one evening I happened to be in a friend's house whose brother happened to be listening to his radio. He was listening to a short wave band radio and tuning into the International Broadcast bands. All English speaking programmes which were destined for English listeners around the world. A bit like the BBC World service but from other countries! I was very impressed.

When I got home I had a look at the radio that we had, but disappointingly there was no short wave band! But eager to have a go at this I found an old army surplus radio in a second hand shop which the owner assured me had short wave on it... it did that's how it all started for me. I very soon heard the 'Radio Hams' dotted around the short waves and I decided that was the hobby for me. I studied for the Amateur Radio licence at Riversdale College in Liverpool for a year (one night a week) and eventually learned the Morse code which was part of the requirement for the licence at that time, and the rest is history.

Now 45 years later I still enjoy my hobby. I still listen to all kinds of stuff around the short waves and of course I have spoken to, and made friends with many thousands of individuals all around the world. I still use and enjoy Morse code as well, it's a bit dated now but I have surprised many military boys at various shows when they are talking to the public and showing them all their communications gear, and I



No Valves here, but it keeps me out of mischief!

challenge them that I can send and receive Morse code faster than they can send a text message on their phones, 27/30 words a minute without a pencil!

I have many hundreds of QSL cards from all over the world; they are cards showing their towns and cities a bit like a postcard. I have passed messages via my radio for people who have lost touch with their families out in the Pacific islands; volcanic islands; Falkland Islands etc, even spoken to a friend of mine who I am proud to say was King Hussein of Jordan, his radio call was JY1. He always called me, "My friend Phil" and I still have the 'Postcard' from our first chat!

Larry Hagman was a radio enthusiast. He played JR in the old Dallas series and we kept in touch for a long time. He was

always threatening to come and visit me when I was living on the Isle of Man.

I have chatted with many celebs over the years who have been Hams, Marlon Brando, Senator Barry Goldwater, Helen Sharman who was a shuttle Astronaut, to name but a few! I remember talking to a German Radio ham who lived in the town where the Dam Busters blew up the dam! He went off on a tangent and was quite irate and called them the 'bloody RAF!' I was lost for a polite reply!

Getting into Amateur radio nowadays is a lot easier as it is spread out into different licence

classes. You start with a foundation licence first and you don't have to learn Morse code anymore and work your way up into the Technical class 'A' licence like I have. You are never short of a chat with someone. And yes there are indeed many Oddfellows in other countries who are radio hams and you can find many of them in clubs and societies if you do an internet search.

But even in this modern day, a world of transistors and hi-fi, iPads and PCs there is nothing like a real radio with valves that glow in the dark and that whistle when you tune around the short wave band.

Zoom Events

**You can access Zoom via a PC; laptop; tablet or mobile phone.
Contact Judith on
judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk for
access codes to the following:**

**Games Night
(bring a pack of cards)**

Thursday 3 December at 7.30pm

**Christmas CoronaClub Coffee
(Irish if you like!)**

Wednesday 16 December at 10.30am



There are various Oddfellows' Zoom Events happening all the time hosted by all different Districts up and down the country: Talks; Coffee Mornings; Quizzes; Games Nights etc. You are welcome to join in any of these free events. Just keep an eye on our Facebook page, or the Oddfellows' website for details.



Friendship Month - September 2020

Well, we managed four out of our seven planned events before local restrictions curtailed the last three. It was lovely to see members in Formby, Ormskirk, Churchtown and Southport. The weather was mostly kind and we had a few laughs and enjoyed being outside before the Autumn weather really set in.



Good News 2020

Bee Populations are thriving in the UK as human lifestyle changed due to pandemic, according to the Nation of Change organisation. Whilst Covid-19 has forced many to stay indoors around the world, Mother Nature has been able to work her magic.



Under lockdown, there has been less traffic, resulting in less pollution which has improved the environment globally. In the UK the bee population has been thriving.

Bonita's Top Tips

1. Two or three grains of rice in a salt pot prevent the salt getting damp.



2. Nuisance Calls works on BT only. As soon as the line is clear from the pest call dial 1572 and press option 1. This will prevent them getting through again.



3. If you ever have power cuts, prepare by buying some battery operated fairy lights cool white (NOT Warm White) and put them in a vase or bottle. Safer and a better light.



4. If you are short of freezer space, remove all packaging and put in bags, writing what's in the bag and cooking instructions with a permanent marker.



5. If you pot up plants, put a small label in the bottom of the pot before filling with compost, just in case the label you stick in the pot falls out.



If you have any useful tips please send them to Judith Catton (contact details on page 2).

Oddfellows on Tour 2021

We have tentatively rebooked our hotel and coach for our postponed Llandudno trip for Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 April 2021. Please let us know if you still would like to join us, and if your requirements have changed (no longer sharing etc).



Please also let us know if you are definitely NOT joining us. We don't require deposits or any money at this stage because we know that we are being very optimistic, but we would like to know your thoughts. We can't guarantee places for everyone but the sooner we have an idea the easier it will be for us to work out. Fingers crossed.

A word from our very own author, Fred McCann

I have five books published, the last three self-published as e-books with Amazon.

The first is *Dasher Lends a Hand*, and is set in a hotel overlooking Folkestone Harbour around 1949/50. Passengers have arrived to catch the ferry, only to find that a fishing boat had disturbed a WWII mine; (Of which 1000s were laid by both sides in that part of the world during the war). The first class passengers are transferred to the hotel to await the arrival of the Royal Navy who would deal with it. One passenger demands transport to nearby Dover so that he can continue his important journey on behalf of his bank. As he is demanding this, two uniformed police officers arrive, and Sergeant Travis informs them, that at the request of New Scotland Yard, who suspect that a jewel thief was among the passengers, all of them were to be held until they had been interviewed.

Sitting in a corner of the lounge, a gentleman who had arrived earlier for the ferry and was already aware of the delay, and having read in the local papers stop press, that the local CID were tied up dealing with a murder, and therefore no interviews could be carried out until possibly CID officers arrive from London, Detective Chief Inspector James Dasher of New Scotland Yard, who had come down to visit his late wife's grave before going on to France, offers to lend a hand.



Book two is *Dasher Needs a Hand*. This takes place a few months later, and James Dasher, now back in New Scotland Yard, finds himself dealing with a violent gang who are targeting large houses, mostly in London. They smash their way into the houses, and are not afraid to use firearms to get what they want. James decides that the only way to bring them to task is to enlist the aid of two people he had met while assisting the police in Folkestone. WPC Helen Pickering, who has since left the police, and taken a job as PA to Brigadier Lord Mason, and Lord Mason himself. A plan will be set that will hopefully bring the gang out of their comfort zone and into a trap. But such a plan will not be without risk, and indeed it will put Helen's life in deadly danger.

Book three is *The Wrong Door*. Jayne, (Not her real name, but that will become clear as you read on) is an abused in every possible way, wife, who upon reading a

leaflet (that drops out of the Midweek Visiter newspaper as it lands on the floor of the house she shares with her abusive husband Bert), realises that there is a free course on creative writing which takes place at the local adult college on the night Bert goes straight from work to the pub to play darts. Plucking up the courage, she books her place on the course, but on arriving, mishears the instructions and opens the wrong classroom, and what she thinks is a creative writing course is in fact a course on how to commit the perfect murder. Everyone in the classroom has someone, or in one case more than one

person they want to kill. It's here that Jayne meets John (Not his real name) and John is everything Bert isn't. But as Jayne will soon find out, John too has somebody who in time will also have somebody he may have to kill in the near future. This all takes place around the Southport area, and involves a number of different ways of bumping people off. Please note: As far as I know, Southport College does not (yet) run such a course.

If anybody is interested in those three on line novels, they just go to Amazon books, and type in the title.

A bit more about The Oddfellows

Lots of you have expressed an interest in learning a bit more about our Society and the way it runs. Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows is part of a group of Districts that band together as what is



referred to as the Lancashire Group Conference (LADGC). Below is a short interview with Charles Venables, President of the LADGC.

Please tell me about a little bit about yourself and how long you have been an Oddfellows member?

My name is Charles. I'm 27 years old and I've been a member for about 10 years. I

have enjoyed meeting new and old friends in this time.

What is the LADGC? What are its aims?

The LADGC stands for Lancashire Associate District Group conference. (Regional Team) The aims are to support our local Districts when they need it, often providing speakers for events when asked.

What is your role in the LADGC? How did you get this role?

My role is the President, (Chairperson) of The Group Conference. I worked within my own area of Bury and slowly got to know people around the region. I was asked to step on to the team and got involved with the Group conference (regional team) and every year we stepped up our roles until we became the Chairperson.

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What are you most looking forward to doing in 2021?

Looking forward to having face to face events with old friends and making loads of new friends. Also making memories with all people at events.

Can you tell me about your charity and what you are doing to raise funds? How can people in Ormskirk and Southport help you?

My charity for the year is the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and I'm looking to do some sponsored walks up Rivington Pike.

I'd like to do this once a month in fancy dress (summertime mainly) to raise some funds. We also looking for other ways to raise funds. If any of the Ormskirk and Southport members have any ideas let us know. Or if you would like to get involved with our fund raising let us know.

All Districts can get involved in the events we host across the area we cover, like our dinners or annual Crown Green bowling, and lately Zoom events. All are welcome.

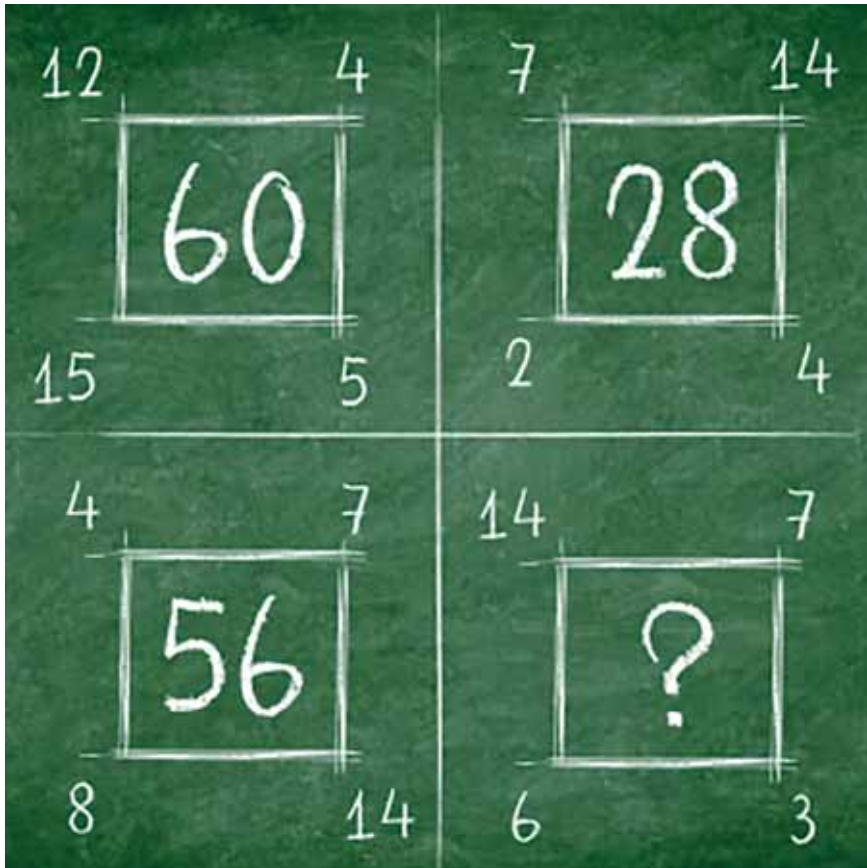
Brainteasers

Answers on page 19

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billie was born on 28 December, yet her birthday always falls in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In British Columbia you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
9. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The yolk of the egg are white?"
10. A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?

Math Question

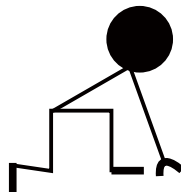
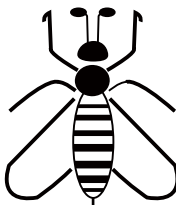
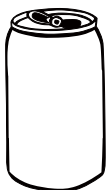
Try to fill in the missing number on the bottom right. Try to add, subtract, divide or multiply across, down or diagonally to find the answer. Answer on page 19



Translate this into words...

Let's see who is smart

Answers on page 19



2020 Quiz

1. How many rings are on the Olympic flag?
2. Who discovered Penicillin?
3. What does an acrophobic fear?
4. From which part of its body does a cow sweat?
5. Which French town has a reputation for miracle cures?
6. What name is given to a person that stuffs animals?
7. Who is the patron saint of lovers?
8. In which year did Prince Charles and Camilla marry?
9. Which is the worlds longest mountain range?
10. In which month is VE Day?
11. Who played Rick Blaine in the film Casablanca?
12. How many strings does a ukulele have?
13. Which vegetable is also known as an egg plant?
14. In what year did Margaret Thatcher become PM?
15. What is the coloured part of the eye called?
16. What is a village without a church called?
17. To whom is the most mail addressed?
18. Who was Britain's first Labour PM?
19. What is the official language of Austria?
20. Where is the Ceremony of the Keys held every evening?
21. What colour is vermilion a shade of?
22. What is the opposite of a concave lens?
23. Who was Anne Hathaway married to?
24. What type of fruit is a cantaloupe?
25. In bingo calls what number is two fat ladies?
26. Who was Sherlock Holmes housekeeper?
27. What are artist LS Lowry's first names?



28. What is the 16th letter of the alphabet?
29. How old is Prince Charles?
30. How many shillings in an old pound?
31. The Oddfellows' motto FLT, what does this stand for?
32. Who hosted the first Play Your Cards Right gameshow?
33. What are Prince William and Kate's children called?
34. Which childhood disease is also known as Rubella?
35. What can be a sleep or how fabric lies?

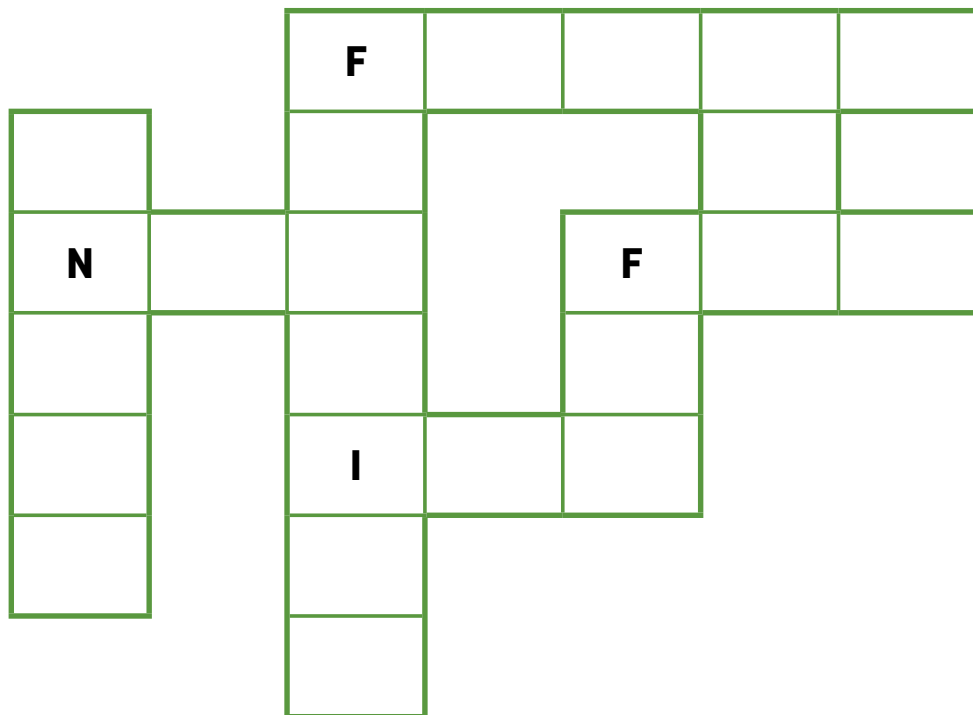


Answers on page 20

Crossword

Using the word 'FUNNILY' can you find eight words in our crossword puzzle!

Answers on page 19



Popular Food Dish Anagrams

Answers on page 20

1. as angel (7)	
2. on us simon peter (10-4)	
3. iced drip gun (4-7)	
4. enthrall sociopath (10-6)	
5. find his chaps (4-3-4)	
6. punch moll has gun (10-5)	
7. scrub host son (3-5-4)	
8. sunrise new cocked hat (5-3-4-7)	
9. her sheep dips (9-3)	
10. shaggiest noble poet (9-9)	
11. evil bean food (4-8)	
12. snug shrimp addict (9-7)	
13. tie coat peg (7-3)	
14. job has long arm (4-5-4)	
15. amok as us (8)	
16. bad man gnashers (7-3-4)	
17. skeptic todd (7-4)	
18. filter (6)	
19. manic khaki salt cake (7-5-6)	
20. naked basque bulb (6-3-6)	

Unscabble

Unscabble the letters to find the word. Answers on page 21.

1. NEDDEWSAY

2. CACHETOLO

3. EGOSIMTNH

4. SURGEONAD

5. SCALENIUM

6. LIARSATUA

7. TONCANSON

8. SNAPPISHE

9. FAUTEUILB

10. VUNDERATE

11. BRAIDEROF

12. CILIATEDN

13. MASTICSHR

14. WEEKLONGD

15. GLARIERRU

16. TURRETSKU

17. GUIDONNAB

18. UNICOATED

19. KROONIPVG

20. NOTTURNII

21. TROUNCENG

22. FENUNCLEI

23. LINTOLUPO

24. RACHITISN

25. ARMONICAC

26. REFUNDLOW

27. BEAGLEVET

28. EVICTEDJA

29. PININSERTED

30. MAINTTROP

Soap Quiz 2020

Eastenders

1. By what pet name did Den Watts call his daughter?
2. Michael French played which character?
3. Eastenders first aired in the UK during which year?
4. Who is Bianca Jackson's mother?
5. Who killed Eddie Royle?
6. Who was Sharon's first husband?
7. Michelle Collins played which character?
8. What is the postal code for Walford?
9. Which couple got married in 2004?
10. Who killed Barry Evans?



Emmerdale

1. Who is the show's longest serving character?
2. True or False, the show was originally broadcast in the afternoons?
3. What is the occupation of Marlon Dingle?
4. In which year did the show change its name from Emmerdale Farm to Emmerdale?
5. Which county is the show set in?
6. Where was Belle Dingle born?
7. How many biological children does Charity have?
8. Who plays Mandy Dingle?
9. Stan Richards played which iconic character, known for his moustache?
10. Which character did Bob Hope marry twice?



Coronation Street

• CORONATION ST. •

1. How many times has Rita Tanner been married?
2. What happened to the Rovers Return in 1979?
3. Who did Fizz's husband John Stape have an affair with in 2007?
4. How many children does Eileen Grimshaw have?
5. What is the name of the Moroccan Deirdre married?
6. The only remaining character who appeared on the very first show was?
7. What are the names of Jim and Liz's twins called?
8. What was Chesney's Great Dane dog called?
9. Who was the first landlady of the Rovers Return?
10. Who was Gail's first husband in Coronation Street?



Answers on page 21

General Knowledge Quiz

Answers on page 19

1. What flavour is the liqueur cassis?
2. What was Tom Jones' first UK number one single?
3. In which country was ex-England cricket captain Tony Greig born?
4. Who wrote the novel, Treasure Island?
5. What does OPEC stand for?
6. Who was the first man in space?
7. What is Fred Flintstone's favourite sport?
8. What do Americans call a pack of playing cards?
9. Which famous musical opens up with an auction underneath a Paris theatre?
10. Who was the first footballer to be knighted?
11. What term describes the period between the Stone Age and the Iron Age?
12. What is $9 + 7 + 8 - 5$?

Number Blocks

Try to fill in the missing numbers. The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9. The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the bottom right.

Answers on back page.

Number Block 1

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8	2			4	9		6	8		63
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			9	1	1		9	4	5	52
53	38	54	63	49	33	49	55	51	58	52

Number Block 2

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2	5		6			3	1		4	24
3	5		7		6	1		0	7	37
	4				8	4		9	3	56
6	3		4	3	2					36
6		1	5	0	8			8		44
	2	9						9		43
53	37	43	49	28	49	30	40	38	43	45

Brainteasers Answers on page 10

1. Johnny.
2. Meat.
3. Mt Everest. It just wasn't discovered yet.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly (except when it is spelled incorrecctly).
6. Billie lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
7. You can't take a picture with a wooden leg. You need a camera (or iPad or cell phone) to take a picture.
8. You would be in 2nd place. You passed the person in second place, not first.
9. Neither. Egg yolks are yellow.
10. One. If he combines all his haystacks, they all become one big stack.

General Knowledge Quiz on page 17

1. Blackcurrant
2. It's Not Unusual
3. South Africa
4. Robert Louis Stevenson
5. Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
6. Yuri Gagarin
7. Ten pin bowling
8. Deck
9. Phantom of the Opera
10. Sir Stanley Mathews
11. Bronze Age
12. 19

Math Answer on page 11

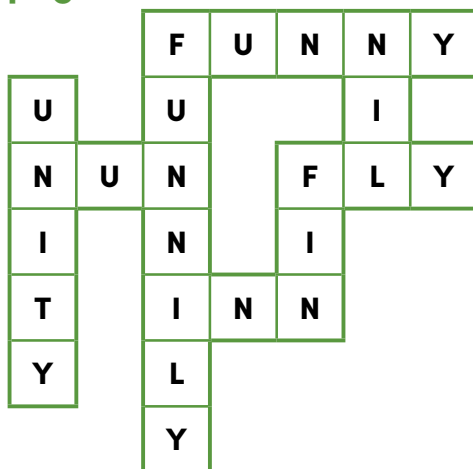
$$14 \times 3 = 42 \text{ and } 6 \times 7 = 42$$

Translate this into words...

Answer on page 11

Can You Be Ready At 5 O'Clock

Crossword Answers on page 13



2020 Quiz Answers on pages 12 and 13

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Five | 14. 1979 | 25. 88 |
| 2. Alexander Fleming (1928) | 15. Iris | 26. Mrs Hudson |
| 3. Heights | 16. A hamlet | 27. Laurence Stephen |
| 4. Nose | 17. Father Christmas/ Santa Claus | 28. P |
| 5. Lourdes | 18. Ramsey MacDonald | 29. 71 (14 November 1948) |
| 6. Taxidermist | 19. German | 30. £20 |
| 7. St Valentine | 20. Tower Of London | 31. Friendship, Love and Truth |
| 8. 2005 (9 April) | 21. Red | 32. Bruce Forsyth |
| 9. Andes | 22. Convex | 33. George, Charlotte and Louis |
| 10. May | 23. William Shakespeare | 34. Measles |
| 11. Humphrey Bogart | 24. Melon | 35. Nap |
| 12. Four | | |
| 13. Aubergine | | |

Popular Food Dish Anagrams on page 14

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Lasagne | 11. Beef Vindaloo |
| 2. Minestrone Soup | 12. Christmas Pudding |
| 3. Rice Pudding | 13. Cottage Pie |
| 4. Lancashire Hotpot | 14. Lamb Rogan Josh |
| 5. Fish and Chips | 15. Moussaka |
| 6. Ploughman's Lunch | 16. Bangers and Mash |
| 7. Hot Cross Bun | 17. Spotted Dick |
| 8. Sweet and Sour Chicken | 18. Trifle |
| 9. Shepherds Pie | 19. Chicken Tikka Masala |
| 10. Spaghetti Bolognese | 20. Bubble and Squeak |

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Unscramble Answers on page 15

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Wednesday | 11. Fireboard | 21. Congruent |
| 2. Chocolate | 12. Identical | 22. Influence |
| 3. Something | 13. Christmas | 23. Pollution |
| 4. Dangerous | 14. Knowledge | 24. Christian |
| 5. Masculine | 15. Irregular | 25. Macaronic |
| 6. Australia | 16. Structure | 26. Wonderful |
| 7. Consonant | 17. Abounding | 27. Vegetable |
| 8. Happiness | 18. Education | 28. Adjective |
| 9. Beautiful | 19. Provoking | 29. President |
| 10. Adventure | 20. Nutrition | 30. Important |

Soap Quiz 2020 Answers on pages 16 and 17

Eastenders

1. Princess
2. David Wicks
3. 1985
4. Carol
5. Nick Cotton
6. Grant Mitchell
7. Cindy Beale
8. E20
9. Martin and Sonia
10. Janine

Emmerdale

1. Eric Pollard
2. True
3. Chef
4. 1989
5. Yorkshire

6. A Pig Sty
7. Four – Ryan, Noah, Moses and Debbie
8. Lisa Riley
9. Seth Armstrong
10. Viv

Coronation Street

1. Three
2. A lorry crashed into it
3. Rosie Webster
4. Two – Todd and Jason Grimshaw
5. Samir Rashid
6. Ken Barlow
7. Steve and Andy McDonald
8. Schmeichel
9. Annie Walker
10. Brian Tilsley

Meet your Ormskirk and Southport District Care Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



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



Bonita Hesketh
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Barry Cooper
01704 509993
07963 223385



Julie Rudge
07728 685811

Isle of Man



Judith Catton
01704 545279



Pauline Fairclough
07787 121520



Carole Murren
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07624 419570

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings and would like a visit for a cup of tea and a chat?

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!

All our Welfare Visitors 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 when they visit.

To arrange for a Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Bonita Hesketh on **01695 424149** or email **bonita.hesketh@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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Number Block 1

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2	6	4	7	3	1	5	0	7	9	44
5	4	3	5	4	5	6	4	6	7	49
3	6	9	7	3	8	1	6	3	4	50
3	2	6	6	5	2	3	5	2	4	38
9	4	7	7	7	2	4	9	1	9	59
9	2	5	5	7	0	1	4	8	9	50
4	4	7	1	7	1	8	7	7	0	46
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8	7	1	9	1	1	7	9	4	5	52
53	38	54	63	49	33	49	55	51	58	52

Number Block 2

30

9	5	7	2	2	3	3	1	0	3	35
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8	4	6	0	6	8	4	8	9	3	56
6	3	2	4	3	2	4	3	4	5	36
6	2	1	5	0	8	3	8	8	3	44
2	2	9	9	7	2	2	0	9	1	43
53	37	43	49	28	49	30	40	38	43	45

Who looks after what in our District?

Bonita Hesketh

- All membership queries and renewals (including change of details).
- Optical and Dental claims
- Convalescence
- Benevolence



Judith Catton

- All social event queries
- Bookings
- Social Payments
- General care and welfare issues



Join the conversation @ OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Check for updates, photos from our events and the latest local information. Search for Ormskirk and Southport Facebook, or Isle of Mona Facebook.



Our Making a Difference 2020 Award winners!

Our annual Making a Difference Awards identify and celebrate the people who make the Oddfellows the warm and welcoming Society we know and love.

We would normally present the winners with a trophy at our annual AMC, but unfortunately lockdown meant we've had to reschedule the presentation until 2021. Regardless, these four fabulous members deserve every ounce of recognition, and so we're pleased to announce this year's winners in their respective categories.

Jane Nelson, CEO, says: "All of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and provide support, but we also believe it's important to recognise when somebody goes above and beyond for their Branch. A huge congratulations to this year's winners, and of course thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed, and we hope to see you nominated again next year."

Member nominations for 2021 are now open, so if you know somebody who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, raising money, checking in on other members, or doing their very best for the Branch, fill in the member nomination form overleaf and hand it to your Branch Secretary. Additional nomination forms and further information can also be found at www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.



Winners have been sent a certificate to mark their achievement (for now!) but are invited to the AMC 2021 to be presented with their specially engraved award.

2020 Making a Difference Award Winners

FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Bruce Nicole

Concord Branch

FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

Barry Bedford

Nene and Welland Branch

FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

Effie Bowman

Burton-on-Trent Branch

FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

Margaret Wells

Cleveland and Durham Branch

Explore the UK with the National Trust

As the National Trust starts to slowly reopen some of its historic sites, Oddfellows Travel takes a look at five landmarks now open to pre-book.

Bodiam Castle, East Sussex

Explore the grounds of this 14th century castle which comes complete with a moat. This fine example of medieval splendour is a quintessentially English castle with turrets and a gatehouse. Take a picnic with you and sit by the moat, before taking a stroll around the lush green castle grounds.



Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire

Explore over 3,800 acres at Clumber Park. Once the estate of the Dukes of Newcastle and although the house is no longer there, the estate has a stunning lake, mature parklands and calming woodlands – perfect for a picnic.

Fell Foot, Cumbria

Fell Foot is located at the southern end of Lake Windermere and has magnificent mountain views. In summer, ornamental flower meadows are in full bloom and provide the perfect habitat for local wildlife. Take a gentle stroll around the lake, followed by a flask of hot coffee (or tea if you prefer!) on the lawn.

Corfe Castle, Devon

As a survivor of the English Civil War, the iconic castle offers breath-taking views across the 1,000 hectares of Purbeck lowland heaths, home to some of the region's indigenous wildlife including the Dartford warbler and the sand lizard.



Sutton Hoo, Suffolk

Take a walk around the estate at Sutton Hoo and marvel at the Royal Burial Ground, a breath-taking and ancient Anglo-Saxon burial site. There are also sweeping views across to the River Deben, a haven for wildlife. For the latest site openings and to pre-book prior to any visit, go to the National Trust website.



Looking for inspiration for your next holiday? Oddfellows Travel is working on a brand-new line-up of short breaks, longer trips and cruises for 2021. Take a look at what's coming up in the Travel section of our website.



the **Oddfellows**
SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people



Member Nomination Card

My name is:

I would like to nominate *(insert the member's name and Branch they belong to)*
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Category *(please tick as appropriate – descriptions on reverse of card):*

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

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

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

Making a Difference Award



1. *Enriching lives socially*

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

3. *Working in the spirit of mutuality*

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

2. *Giving something back*

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

4. *Giving a helping hand*

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