

October 2021 – March 2022



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News & Events

Burton-on-Trent District Branch



Market Square, Burton-on-Trent



Music



Art/Crafts



Theatre



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Burton-on-Trent Dinner Dance - Saturday 6 November 2021

Burton-on-Trent District Branch Combined Newsletter and Diary

Well after so many lockdowns, we hope to get back to some sort of normality 'Fingers Crossed'.

For Your Safety

On entry to Oddfellows Hall there is a hand sanitising station which will remain in place for your use. All toilets have anti-bacterial soap, wipes and spray along with paper towel for your use but please dispose in the bins provided.

All activities and meetings will have a one metre social distancing in place. Face coverings will be up to each individual depending on how safe and comfortable they feel at the time.

Pre-Booking is Essential at all Events!

Names, addresses and a contact number of members and visitors attending will be required for the purposes of Track and Trace.

If you have anything you would like including in the next copy of the newsletter, i.e. letters, photographs

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or anything of interest to our readers please don't hesitate to contact me, either by post, phone or email.

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

Regular Events

Members are welcome to join in with the regular weekly activities...

There is usually something happening at Oddfellows Hall for our members.
To find out more contact us on 01283 564056.

Badminton

Monday Morning and Evening

⌚ Monday Morning 9.30am - 12 noon
and Monday Evening 7pm - 9pm

£ Two free sessions, then membership applies

A chance to make new friends and get a little fitter, all you need is a racket and trainers.



Short Mat Bowls

Wednesday

⌚ 2pm - 4pm

£ Two free sessions, then membership applies

A chance to make new friends and enjoy a gentle sport - with a break for refreshments and a chat. All playing equipment is provided, all you need are flat shoes.



All Badminton and Bowls equipment will be sanitised before and after each session. Chairs will all be placed with a social distance of one meter and are not to be moved.

Singing For Pleasure

Every Thursday

⌚ 2pm - 3pm

£ Two free sessions, then membership applies

Every Thursday, 2pm

Free for the first two sessions, then joining fee applies. If you enjoy singing, Then why not come along on a Thursday from 2pm to 3pm for a jolly sing along with good friends, all welcome.



Pre-Booking is required for all activities. Names, addresses and a contact number of members attending will be required for the purposes of Track and Trace.

October 2021

TUES 05 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

L 3pm

£ Free



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

THURS 07 Orphan's Protection Lodge

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

FRI 08 Cuppa and Cake

L 10.30am

£ £3



Why not join us – for a cuppa and a slice of cake or two and chat with friends, all for £3, also



there is a tombola stall. 10.30am to 2pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED 20 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

SAT 23 Quiz Night

L 6pm

£ Members £8
Guests £10



Love a quiz? Then why not join us for freshly cooked fish and chips followed by our 'Fun Quiz'. All starts at our new time of 6pm at our hall. Licensed bar available. Any dietary requirements must be in by Wednesday 20 October 2021. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

November

TUES 02 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



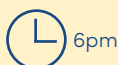
A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

THURS 04 Orphan's Protection Lodge



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

SAT 06 Burton-on-Trent Dinner Dance



A sumptuous four course dinner from Woodland Caterers with musical entertainment from 'A all the Way'. Licensed bar available.

Guest Speaker Jane Nelson
(CEO/Secretary of the Order).

Menu choice: Starters:

Cream of Mushroom Soup,
Home-made Pate or Slices of Melon with Kiwi, Orange and Strawberry with Mango Sauce. Mains: Roast Leg of Lamb, Chicken Breast in White Wine Sauce or Salmon served with Watercress Sauce. All served with a choice of potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Choice of sweets followed by Cheese and Biscuits.



For more information or to order tickets contact the Oddfellows Hall. Book by Monday 1 November 2021 along with any dietary requirements. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

November

FRI 12 Cuppa and Cake

⌚ 10.30am £ £3



Why not join us – for a cuppa and a slice of cake or two and chat with friends, all for £3, also there is a tombola stall. 10.30am to 2pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



WED 17 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

⌚ 7.30pm £ Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

SAT 20 Food from the Continents

⌚ 6pm £ Members £8 Guests £10



Love food? Then why not join us for 'Food from the Continents'. All starts at 6pm at our hall. Licensed bar available. Any dietary requirements must be made known on booking and all bookings must be in by Wednesday 17 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

December

THURS 02 Orphan's Protection Lodge

⌚ 7.30pm £ Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

December

TUES 07 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

FRI 10 Christmas Coffee Morning



Ho Ho Ho! It's Christmas time. Join us for some festive cheer with our Christmas themed coffee morning. Why not bring a friend or two to join in the Christmas spirit, all for just £3. Christmas raffle stall and other goodies will be on sale along with our Christmas Grand Prize Draw (to be drawn on Saturday 18 December 2021). Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



SAT 18 Christmas Film and Winter Warming Buffet



Just what you need after all the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. Relax and enjoy the winter warming buffet and the film of 'Last Christmas', a romantic/comedy. Booking and any dietary requirements need to be book by Wednesday 15 December 2021. All starts at the new time of 4pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

January 2022

TUES 04 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

January 2022

THURS
06

Orphan's Protection Lodge

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED
19

Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

L 7.30pm

£ Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

SAT
15

Party Time

L 6pm

£ Members £8
Guests £10



Join in the fun of celebrating the New Year, with a wonderful buffet all prepared by our Social Committee with our 'Home-made Disco', all for the price of £8 for members or £10 for guests. Just what you need to lift your spirits if the weather is a little disappointing. Please book by Wednesday 12 January 2022 along with any dietary requirements. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

FRI
28

Cuppa and Cake

L 10.30am

£ £3



Why not join us - for a cuppa and a slice of cake or two and chat with friends, all for £3, also there is a tombola stall. 10.30am to 2pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

February

TUES
01

Christian Union Lodge Meeting

L 3pm

£ Free



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

February

THURS 03 Orphan's Protection Lodge

 7.30pm

 Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED 16 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

 7.30pm

 Free



A meeting of the District Lodge with ritual, where the business of the Society and District are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn on 01283 564056.

SAT 19 An Afternoon of Romance

 4pm

 Members £8
Guests £10



A romantic afternoon for all. A heart warming meal followed by a romantic film for you lovers out there! Booking is essential along with any dietary requirements by the Wednesday 16 February 2022. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

FRI 25 Cuppa and Cake

 10.30am

 £3



Why not join us - for a cuppa and a slice of cake or two and chat with friends, all for £3, also there is a tombola stall. 10.30am to 2pm. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

March

TUES 01 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

 3pm

 Free



A Lodge meeting, where the matters of the Society are discussed. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

THURS 03 Orphan's Protection Lodge

 7.30pm

 Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. Cock Inn, Hanbury Hill, Hanbury, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TD. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

March

FRI
11

Cuppa and Cake



10.30am



£3



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WED
16

Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



7.30pm



Free



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SAT
26

Night at the Races



6pm



Members £8
Guests £10



Do you like a little flutter? Then why not come along and place your bets at our 'Race Night'. Sure to be a winner. Supper and dessert all included in the price. Tickets need to be booked by Wednesday 23 March 2022 along with any dietary requirements. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are here to stay



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

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District Annual Summoned Meeting

Saturday 26 June 2021, we held the postponed (from March) Annual Summoned Meeting at Oddfellows Hall, this is where we make decisions on important business that will affect the District and its members. Also, at this meeting Brother Terry Elks was installed as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) for the next 18 months.

In his address Brother Terry informed the meeting that his charity for his time in office would be Parkinson's UK. Sister Caroline Mills was also installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Deputy Chairman) and Sister Glenda Elks as Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past Chairman).



Brother Terry Elks



Sister Caroline Mills

Have you celebrated a special Birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the lockdown period? How did you celebrate this?

Was there anything you discovered or rediscovered that you could do during this period. If you have anything else you would like including in the next copy of the

newsletter, i.e. letters, photographs or anything of interest to our readers please don't hesitate to contact me, either by post, phone or email.

Traditional Terms

Lodge: Branch

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

Chairman's Charity

From June 2021 to March 2023

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

In 1969 Mali Jenkins founded the Parkinson's Disease Society - now Parkinson's UK.

Mali's sister, Sarah Jenkins, had been living with Parkinson's for some years and was cared for at the family home.

Mali looked for patient associations to help people affected by Parkinson's, but searches of local libraries showed that no such thing existed.

Frustrated to find no literature in layman's terms about her sister's condition, Mali decided to find out what she could about Parkinson's.

She placed adverts in the personal columns of a couple of newspapers asking people

to come forward who were interested in forming an exploratory steering group. Mali chaired the committee and her sister Eryl was secretary. Other friends and family were asked to help.

The first meeting took place at Westminster Hospital and 16 people attended.

It was from this that the idea of starting a charity grew. And on 26 February 1969 Mali Jenkins founded the Parkinson's Disease Society - now Parkinson's UK.

The Society had 3 aims:

- To help patients and their relatives with the problems arising from Parkinson's
- To collect and disseminate information on Parkinson's
- To encourage and provide funds for research into Parkinson's

Today we focus on research as well as information and support.

Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

Refer a friend today

To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary



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

Ref 1644

Young Oddfellow

What have you been doing during the lockdown period?

Why not write to me tell me what you have been doing and send a picture, we would love to hear from you.

We have received this letter from our Young Oddfellow Lucas Shilton

Hello,

My name is Lucas and I am nearly 3 years old. I live with my Mummy and Daddy. My Mummy looks after me at home, and we have done lots of different activities in lockdown.

We've got a lovely big garden and I have enjoyed digging, helping Mummy and Daddy do landscaping, watering plants, and playing with water outside when the weather was nice. Mummy built me a wigwam last year on the lawn, but I suspect it was more for herself really.

I like drawing and we do a lot of drawing outside with chalks. I love bubbles too; I like to pop them and stamp on them. When we were allowed to start going to the playground again, Mummy took

bubbles to play with there too. Again, I think this was more for herself.

I've discovered that I am an expert baker, and I have made lots of cakes, biscuits, and scones.

The very best thing I have done in lockdown is PUDDLES. I just love puddles. Mummy says I have a puddle radar. I like to splash in them and make as much mess (and laundry) as possible.

I also really, really loved the snow. It snowed lots last year and I enjoyed just walking around our estate, making piles of snow and throwing snow at Mummy and Daddy. I would be happy if it snowed every day.

Now lockdown is over I'm really looking forward to seeing my family again, and being able to meet my friends. I am going to try and persuade all of them to jump in puddles with me.

Here are some photos of what I've done during lockdown.

From Lucas Shilton



Young Talented Oddfellow



Here is an update of Effie's progress, we can now report that she has, at long last, taken receipt of her new Harp which so many of the Oddfellows so generously and kindly donated towards.

From the photograph you will see it is a beautiful piece of Welsh craftsmanship.

The acquisition of this new instrument has enabled Effie to become part of the National Children's Orchestra GB and if you would like to see the Orchestra in action on the following Link:
<https://youtu.be/N1peB46QMkg>

Finally, a message from Effie's mum:

Effie was part of the National Children's Orchestra of GB this year. Here is the final 'online performance'. This was only made possible because of Effie having her new Harp - so 'thank you' everyone for your funding.

And a personal thank you from us too – a very proud District!

For further interest Effie, together with her younger brother, Seth, have also played in a worldwide virtual orchestra- started during lockdown!

This time talented Effie plays both the Harp and French Horn whilst Seth shows his talents on the Trombone.

These are the three links below!

Dynamite: https://youtu.be/8hVFE_zJu_Q

In the middle: <https://youtu.be/RtCgzVS2qvc>

Fireflies: <https://youtu.be/a4yNwRgYxco>



Young Oddfellows Birthdays

June 2021

Jamie Orton
Alex Walker-Bucknell
Mikel Charles
Cara Denham
Theodore Basten
Seth Bowman
Thomas Robinson
Lucas Shilton

July

Oliver Mason
William Stone
Caitlyn Mitchell-Richardson
Elana Elkin
Holly Pratt-Thompson
Thomas Hollis

August

Lucy Elks
Harry Wigston-Coleman
Thomas Gillen
Jason Warner

September

Fynn Barratt
Samuel Barratt
George Hollis
Thea Plevy

October

Anna Boulton
Rose Shakeshaft

November

Ivor Elkin
Theo Ellison
Clara Shilton
Sam Stone
Dakota J Perry

December

Aurora Basten
Molly Robinson
Jasmine Wilkes
Aleah Denham
William Smout

January 2022

Danny Barratt
Effie Bowman
Miya Charles
Daniel Leigh

February

Evie Allen
Elleri Reid-Compson
Anwen Elkin
Libby Faulks
Eleanor Swain
Leonard Shilton
Maxwell Swain

March

Evalin Plevy
Isla Weston
Arthur Gillen
Rupert Reid-Compson
Charlie Wigston-Coleman
Jacobs Wilkes



Reverend Brother Les Rees



Reverend Brother Les Rees.

Brother Les Rees (Reverend) joined the Oddfellows, Burton on Trent District on the 1st June 2016. This was after we had held our annual church service for the first time at St Werburgh's Parish Church, Hanbury on Sunday 9 August 2015, where he was Priest in charge.

Brother Les had read up on the Oddfellows, what we were about beforehand and liked our ethos and charitable works, which rang a bell with him. It also helped that our Society was started and based in Manchester.

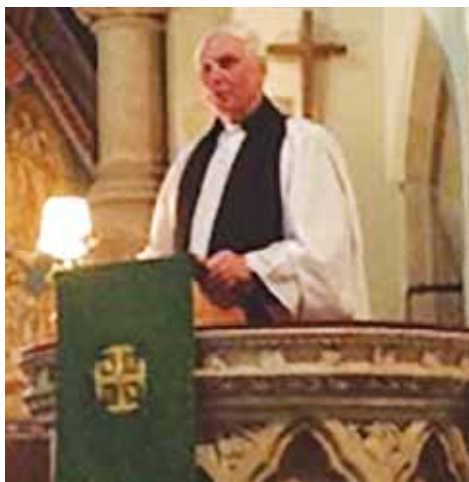
Why?

Brother Les was born and raised in Manchester, where he gained a Law Degree at Leeds University and attended Law college at Guildford. Les joined the Greater Manchester Police Force based in Salford, where Les got promoted to Moss Side that was during the riots, Les also made a name for himself over

27 years, including in the Police Policy Unit in the setting up of New Policy for recording of interviewing suspects, which was implemented nationwide and Les was also assigned to the Civil Litigation Team this is where he finished his Police years. Les was awarded the Long Service and Exemplary Conduct Medal for his services.

After retirement Brother Les continued his association with the Police- being a member of the Christian Police Association, retired Police Officers Association and was Chaplain for Staffordshire Police.

Before his retirement from the Police in 2004, Les started training for Ordination and was given a placement at Salford Royal Hospital. During his time at Holyrood Swinton, Les met the former Archbishop of York Dr Sentamu and former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan



Rev Brother Les in the pulpit at St Werburgh's.



Williams. In 2009 Les applied to be assistant Minister of Draycott, Hanbury, Newborough, Tutbury and Rangemore, subsequently becoming Priest in Charge and Vicar of the newly reorganised Benefice of his churches at Hanbury, Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore.

Brother Les has also met Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby at Burton in typical Les style just sidled up to him for a selfie.

Brother Les was a caring person, being a member of various organisations such as Royal British Legion, Gustav Mahler Society, RSPB, National Trust to name a few and of course The Oddfellows. Brother Les and his wife Wendy who is also a member, attended the Orphan's Protection Lodge, Hanbury. They have also been to a Welcoming Ceremony and attended the Annual Summoned Meeting and Social events especially the Christmas Luncheon's and the Dedication of the Oddfellows Memorial at the National Arboretum.

When Brother Les' father passed away, he found a Jewel amongst his possessions – but he had no idea what it was until his association with the Oddfellows. Les

found out that the Jewel was a Past Noble Grands Jewel which had been presented to his dad Brother S Rees in 1936 from his Lodge the Loyal Joseph Berry Lodge, No 7710, Swinton in the Manchester District which met every fourth Friday in the Month at the White Swan Hotel, Worsley Road – a fact that Les was very proud of!

Sadly, Les passed away on the 15 June 2021 after a long battle with cancer. Due to the current restrictions, Les' funeral was by invitation only, which Brother Mervyn Eaton District Secretary and Sister Amanda Norbury-Mountford Past Chairman were invited. Brother Mervyn formed part of the Guard of Honour with other representation from the Police and other organisations that Les was a part of.

Brother Les will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Such a kind and caring human being.

Rest in Peace Brother Les.



Les celebrating his 70th Birthday with Wendy and members of the Orphans Protection Lodge.

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Mervyn on **01283 564056** or email **mervyn.eaton@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

Peak District Discovery Tour

September's Peak District Discovery Tour was our first Oddfellows Travel group holiday since the pandemic began. We teamed up with HF Holidays, who provided a knowledgeable guide to some of Derbyshire's most stunning locations. Holiday-making members and their guests explored Bakewell and the Chatsworth estate, (Chatsworth House and Edensor Village), Tideswell, Castleton, Derwent, Hathersage and Eyam.

The group replaced their cars for the comfort of a coach for the duration of the three-night trip, and were in a safe pair of hands as the driver took the strain of navigating narrow lanes and busy car parks so they could relax and enjoy the views. He also pointed out features that only a local driver would know. Sightseers travelled from far and wide. One lady from Grenada had been visiting family when travel restrictions forced her to stay in England, so she made the most of her time here by joining the group as a guest!

It didn't matter if people didn't know anyone else on the trip, as Oddfellows Travel's on-board host, Mike Hall, was a friendly face and helped people to feel comfortable and included. It was fantastic to see complete strangers leave as friends. Oddfellows Travel is busy preparing its holiday programme for 2022, so keep checking our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, call Mike on 0161 832 9361, or email him on mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk.



*Dam Busters film location
– Derwent Dam.*



The adventurous group.



HF Holiday Guide Alistair and guests.

Bringing friends back together

After 18 difficult months of repeated lockdowns and social restrictions, where so many of us were held back from spending time with each other in person, it has been incredible to finally reunite.

And what better an excuse than Friendship Month this September! It was a great chance to catch up with old friends, re-build any lost social confidence and show newcomers all the benefits of Oddfellows membership. Jane Nelson our CEO, said: "It's been fantastic to see so many members and new faces come together to celebrate Friendship Month. Thank you to all our Branches and member volunteers who have worked tremendously hard to host hundreds of online and in-person taster events this year."

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



*Fun for all ages
 - Brighton and Sussex Branch*



*Bringing folk together on the Isle of
 Mona - Ormskirk and Southport Branch*



*Walking in great company
 - Nottingham Trent Branch*



*Sharing a laugh
 - Heart of England Branch*



*The warmest of welcomes
 - Bradford Branch*

Apply now for a 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award

If you're an apprentice, or soon to become one, take a look at our Apprenticeship Educational Awards.

Each year, the Society grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 a year for the duration (a maximum three years) of a member's apprenticeship.

Oddfellows Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, said: "We were thrilled to grant awards to three young members last year and support their apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing and manufacturing engineering.

Establishing yourself in a trade has significant investments, such as starting to build up your own set of tools or buying training resources, so we're always happy to help where we can."



Eligibility and how to apply

You need five years' continuous Oddfellows membership to apply, which can include Young Oddfellows membership.

To apply, speak to your Branch Secretary. The deadline for Branches to submit applications for consideration is 31 December 2021 and judging takes place in February 2022. Good luck!

Shaun Wallace

We were delighted to have Shaun Wallace ('The Dark Destroyer' from ITV quiz show 'The Chase') support Friendship Month this year! You can listen to his special message on our UK Facebook channel. He also joined our CEO, Jane Nelson, on 19 regional radio interviews.



As a team, they aired the importance of friendship and talked about our recent survey into friendship and the pandemic. You can find out more about the survey at www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Oddfellows in conversation

Do you enjoy a podcast? In our latest 'Oddfellows in conversation' recording, presenter and podcaster, Dom Burch, chatted with CEO, Jane Nelson, about all things Friendship.

It's the second in the series with the first being a conversation with our new Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, about his appointment to the role. You can listen to them on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/Oddfellows



We're also proud to be sponsoring national magazine The People's Friend's latest round of 'Reading Between the Lines' podcasts, which feature recordings of Oddfellows members from across the UK.



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October 2021

Tues 5	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 7	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Fri 8	Cuppa and Cake	10.30am
Wed 20	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 23	Quiz Night	6pm

November

Tues 2	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	7pm
Thurs 4	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Sat 6	Burton-on-Trent Dinner Dance	6pm
Fri 12	Cuppa and Cake	10.30am
Wed 17	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 20	Food from the Continents	6pm

December

Thurs 2	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Tues 7	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Fri 10	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 18	Christmas Film and Winter Warming Buffet	4pm

January 2022

Tues 4	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 6	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Sat 15	Party Time	6pm
Wed 19	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 28	Cuppa and Cake	10.30am

February

Tues 1	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 3	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Wed 16	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 19	An Afternoon of Romance	4pm
Fri 25	Cuppa and Cake	10.30am

March

Tues 1	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 3	Orphan's Protection Lodge	7.30pm
Fri 11	Cuppa and Cake	10.30am
Wed 16	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 26	Night at the Races	6pm

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