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Ormskirk and Southport District Incorporating the Isle of Mona (Isle of Man)



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Lord of the Dance - Liverpool Empire, Saturday 20 July

Welcome to the April to October 2024 events diary and newsletter

It hardly seems any time at all since I was putting together the last diary. Thank you for all the suggestions for this next diary. If you've suggested something and it isn't here, just look out next time. Everything goes on 'Jude's big trip list'.

Please book early for all the events you would like to attend and note any deposits required and deadlines. If you miss giving a deposit by a deadline your place/ticket is not guaranteed. We accept cheques made payable to The Oddfellows Society or the correct amount of cash in a named envelope with the trip details written on the front. You can pay in person at any of our events or send a cheque to my address on this page. Please do not postdate cheques unless agreed beforehand.

Judith

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For information on the Isle of Mona please contact Bonita Hesketh.

Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the regular monthly events are ideal if you are attending for the first time. We promise a warm welcome.

Southport Coffee Morning (First Wednesday of the month)



3 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July,
7 August, 4 September and
2 October

Come and join us for a delicious coffee and cake at the Bijou Cinema in central Southport. Make new friends, come and find out about us, book and pay for any upcoming social events. This venue is tucked away down a little side street next to the old post office, but is well signed and fully accessible. The ideal introduction to Oddfellows. Southport Bijou Cinema, 8 Post Office Avenue, Southport PR9 0US. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



Southport Coffee Afternoon (First Thursday of the month)



4 April, 2 May, 6 June, 4 July,
1 August 5 September and
3 October

We will meet at the Central Club where we can enjoy a tea, or coffee, or a drink from the well stocked bar. All are welcome to join us for a catch up and the chance to find out about upcoming events and activities. Ideal to bring friends or family along for the first time to find out more about us. Fully accessible venue. The Central Club (The Old Conservative Club), 20 Bath Street, Southport PR9 0DA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



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

Monthly Events - Ormskirk and Southport

All of the events are ideal if you are attending for the first time.
We promise a warm welcome.

Formby Coffee Club (Second Tuesday of the month)



9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July,
13 August, 10 September and
8 October

Join us for our regular Formby coffee morning at the Toby Carvery. All welcome.
The Bay Horse, Toby Carvery, 13 Church Road, Formby L37 8BQ. Contact Judith
on 01704 545279.

Ormskirk Coffee and Chat (Second Wednesday of the month)



10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July,
14 August, 11 September and
9 October

Join us for a cuppa in this popular town centre café. All welcome. O'Brien's Tea
Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk L39 3BY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

Telephone befrienders

After we asked if any of you would like to be telephone befrienders in the last diary, we had a few members come forward. Our volunteer telephone befrienders are Pat Livingston; Phil Taylor; John Roberts and Julie Rudge. If you can't get out as much as you'd like or are feeling like you'd like to have a regular chat with someone please give Judith a call on 01704 545279 and she will arrange for someone to call you on a regular basis.



If you know of any members who might benefit from this service, please also do not hesitate to get in touch.

If any of your contact details change, please advise Bonita Hesketh, so that we can ensure you don't miss out on any communications.

April 2024

FRI-MON

12-15

Oddfellows on Tour

FULLY BOOKED
Reserve list available

Weston-Super-Mare – three nights dinner, bed and breakfast in accessible hotel with lift and some step-in showers. Includes all transport, excursions and tips.

FRI

26

Day Trip to Bury Market



Various
time



Members £12,
Guests £14



Join us on one of our favourite trips to Bury Market. Voted Market of the year 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015. Britain's Favourite Market 2019 and 2022. '... a shoppers' mecca, a retail nirvana rich with exotic bargains, a fabled bazaar, a veritable souk of the north.' Or so said Stuart Maconie in his 2007 book 'Pies and Prejudice' and we don't think we could have said it better ourselves! Various pick-up times. Book by Wednesday 10 April. Bury Market, 1 Murray Road, Bury BL9 0BJ. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

May

THURS

09

Development Afternoon



1pm



Free



Find out more about your membership by joining us in Southport to hear about the history and traditions of the Oddfellows; the benefits of your membership and how to get involved. A light buffet lunch will be provided. Please register your interest/attendance for catering purposes. Book by Friday 3 May. The Central Club (The Old Conservative Club), 20 Bath Street, Southport PR9 0DA. Contact Bonita on 01695 424149 or 07753 632433.

SAT

11

Oddfellows Brass Concert



2.45pm



£8 per
ticket



Join us as our very own Oddfellows Brass Band performs exclusively for our members and friends. Concert starts promptly at 3pm and lasts no more than two hours with interval. Tickets include tea or coffee and biscuits. **All proceeds are in aid of the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (Southport's Lifeboat).** This promises to be a very popular event so please book and pay for your tickets as soon as possible. Book by Friday 3 May. Lord Street West United Church, Duke Street, Southport PR8 2BH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

May

WED
15

Ness Botanic Gardens and Gordale



Various pickups



Members £18,
Guests £21; plus
£5 extra for tour



We will stop at Gordale Nursery for refreshments or lunch (at own cost) and free time before heading to Ness Gardens for the afternoon. Ness Botanic Gardens features a diverse variety of plants and planting areas. Constantly changing, there are always new things to see at Ness, including vibrant year-round colour and outstanding collections of Rhododendrons, Camellias, Snowdrops and Sorbus, amongst others. The entrance to the visitor centre is step free via automatic doors. The admissions desk, café, gift and plant shop are all on one level with no steps. Assistance can be provided if needed and there are lots of benches around the site. There are options for a guided tour at extra cost of £5 per person. Please indicate if you would like a tour at time of booking so that we can arrange. Book by Friday 12 April. Ness Botanic Gardens, University of Liverpool, Neston Road, Ness, Cheshire CH64 4AY. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

THURS
23

Tour of The Athanaeum & Cream Tea



2pm



£35 to include guided tour and cream tea



We will travel by public transport and meet at The Athanaeum in time for our guided tour booked to begin at 2pm. (15 people per tour to a maximum of 45). There is a lift at the club and we will finish our tour with a delicious cream tea (please state any dietary requirements at time of booking). Founded in 1797, the Athenaeum is Liverpool's most prestigious members club.



The Athenaeum is a haven in the heart of Liverpool offering a distinguished setting and an atmosphere unrivalled in the city. It was founded in 1797 to provide a meeting place where ideas and information could be exchanged in pleasant surroundings. Train times from Southport will be distributed at the beginning of May. The Athenaeum is a short five minutes walk from Liverpool Central Station. Book by Friday 3 May. The Athenaeum, Church Alley, Liverpool L1 3DD. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

June

TUES
18

Briars Hall Lunch & Cabaret Afternoon



12 noon



See below



Join us for one of our favourites. Three course set lunch and tea or coffee, followed by entertainment, a bit of dancing and a couple of games of bingo. Always a good afternoon. Cost: £37 for members and £39 for guests to include transport and tips. £29 for members and £31 for guests if no transport required. Please book as soon as possible and state any dietary requirements. We will organise coach transport for those to wish to use it and pick-ups will be distributed nearer the time. Book by Friday 7 June. Briars Hall Hotel, 156 Briars Lane, Lathom L40 5TH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

THURS
27

Williamson Art Gallery & Birkenhead Priory



Various
pick up
times



Members £15, Guests £18; to include transport, tour and tips



We will visit the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum for a couple of hours then move onto Birkenhead Priory, just a short distance away. We will have a guided tour of this fascinating historical site. Birkenhead Priory has a history that includes royalty, the birth of a city and a religious life. Sitting on the banks of the Mersey, the Priory is the gateway to understanding how the Wirral grew over almost 1,000 years.



Please be aware some of the site is uneven and accessible via steps (including HMS Conway Museum). However, Chapter House, museum, grounds and toilets are all at ground level. There are cafes at both sites; or bring a packed lunch. Various pick-up times. Book by Wednesday 12 June. Birkenhead Priory, Priory Street, Birkenhead, Wirral Merseyside CH41 5JH. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

July

SAT
13

Lancashire District Bowls Competition



9.30am



TBC



Join Oddfellows from the Lancashire area for a sociable, fun and (slightly competitive) day out. Arrival from 10.30am and bowling to start at 11am. There is a buffet lunch provided plus tea or coffee. There is also a bar which will be open from lunchtime onwards. The event finishes at approximately 4.30pm! If you don't fancy bowling come along for the food and company. Transport will be provided providing we have enough members. Book by Friday 14 June. Garswood Hall Bowling & Community Club, 47 Nicol Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8LU. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

SAT
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Lord of the Dance - Liverpool Empire



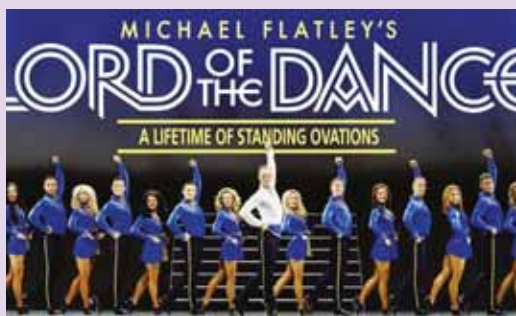
2.30pm



18 tickets at £40, 20 tickets at £30
Traveling by public transport



We have booked a limited number of tickets in the stalls for this matinee performance and we will travel by public transport. Michael Flatley's internationally renowned dance troupe returns with yet another breathtaking extravaganza. Fresh costumes, choreography, brand-new technology will come together



for yet another unforgettable show in this new tour titled 'A Lifetime of Standing Ovations'. So expect a thunderous evening as theatres across the country strengthen their stages for the one and only Lord of the Dance!

Tickets are limited to members only and we have some at £30 and others at £40. First come, first served. **Please pay £10 deposit to secure your booking.** We expect this to be a popular event so don't delay. Book by Tuesday 30 April. Liverpool Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool L1 1JE. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

July

WED 31 Lunch at The Italian Orchard, Broughton



1pm



See below



I've booked lunch at 1pm at this popular Italian restaurant – part of the San Marco group and one of our favourites! No pre-order required. Cost: £32 for two course meal, transport and tips. £37 for three courses meal, transport and tips. Various pick-ups – times will be distributed early July. Book early to avoid disappointment by Sunday 30 June. The Italian Orchard, 96 Whittingham Lane, Broughton PR3 5DB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

August

THURS-SUN 15-18 Southport Flower Show



9.30am



£18 all tickets.
U16s go free with a paying adult.



Southport Flower Show – Thursday 15 August to Sunday 18 August. Take advantage of a group rate ticket by ordering it through us. Please book and pay for any tickets by the end of July as they will be distributed at the August meetings. The tickets are for any day and you may order as many as you wish for friends and family. No tickets will be bought without upfront payment. Victoria Park, 31 Rotten Row, Southport PR8 1RX. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

August

MON 19 Party Afternoon @ The Bedford Hotel, Lytham



Arrive @ 12 noon
various pick ups



£43 to include three course meal, tips and transport



Join us for the highly recommended 'Young at Heart' Party Afternoon at this popular Lytham venue. Glass of bubbly or orange juice on arrival, followed by a delicious three course lunch and tea or coffee served in the stunning ballroom. Then an afternoon of cabaret; singing, dancing and a cash bingo. The kitchen is run by Head Chef Paul Curran, who has achieved an AA rosette; a recognition of outstanding accomplishment. Please pre-order your lunch from the menu available nearer the time. Book early to avoid disappointment. Various coach pick-ups will be distributed at the beginning of August. Members are given preference in the first instance. Book by Friday 12 July. The Bedford Hotel, 303-313 Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes FY8 1HN. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



August

WED
28 **Tour of Liverpool**
Town Hall
(Date to be confirmed)



TBC



£5 donation



Date and time to be confirmed later in the year. Liverpool Town Hall, home to The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, is the pièce de résistance amidst the surrounding grandeur of Castle Street and Exchange Flags – it's impossible to ignore the sheer splendour of this building. Join us on this guided tour around this beautiful place. We will travel by public transport and the Town Hall is a short seven minutes walk from Moorfields Station. Meet us there or meet us on the train. Limited numbers. Please book and pay by end of July. Liverpool Town Hall, High Street, Liverpool L2 3SW. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

September – Friendship Month

FRI
06 **Shakespeare North Playhouse**
Tour and Afternoon Tea



Various pick
up times



See below



ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Join us as we visit the 'Theatre Building of the Year' Winner 2023. We will split into smaller groups and have a guided tour. On our guided tour through Shakespeare North Playhouse, we will be diving deep into the heritage and the rich history of Prescot and its links to Shakespeare. We will have afternoon tea as part of our visit (please state dietary requirements at time of booking). This promises

to be a popular trip so book early to avoid disappointment. Cost: £32 for members and £35 for guests; to include guided tour, afternoon tea, transport and tips. Book by Friday 16 August. Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prospero Place, Prescot L34 3AB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



September – Friendship Month

Coffee Mornings Dates for your diary

Southport Coffee Morning
Wednesday 4, 10.30am

Southport Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 5, 1.30pm

Formby Coffee Club
Tuesday 10, 10.30am

Ormskirk Coffee and Chat
Wednesday 11, 10.30am



Contact Judith on **01704 545279**,
see pages 2 and 3 for more details

WEDS 11 Friendship Month lunch @O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Ormskirk



Please pre-order from menu available
and prepay by Sunday 11 August.
£22 for three courses; £19.50 for two.
Transport available from Churchtown
via Southport if requested. Contact
Judith on 01704 545279.

TUES 17 Day Trip to Croxteth Hall



Croxteth Hall sits in a traditional beautiful country park and is one of Liverpool's most important heritage sites. Formerly the home of the Earls of Sefton, this stunning building is preserved in time. When you enter Croxteth Hall you step back in time as the house is frozen in the Edwardian age. Outside on the grounds of the country park is the Victorian Walled Garden, all set in over 500 acres of historic parkland. Surrounding the hall is a beautiful woodland, pasture, and nature reserve – all of which are open to the public. Price includes transport and entry to the hall. Book by Friday 16 August. Croxteth Hall & Country Park, Croxteth Hall Lane, Liverpool L12 0HB. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



October

FRI
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Beatles Tour & Carvery Lunch

(Repeated trip for those who couldn't make the last date)



10am

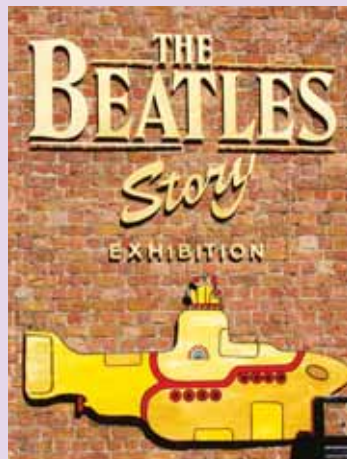


Members £32, Guests £35; to include two course lunch



We will travel by coach via Ormskirk to Liverpool and be joined by presenter and producer at BBC Radio Merseyside and Blue Badge Guide, Paul Beesley. We will undertake a two hour Beatles Tour, which will take us into the suburbs of Liverpool to visit their homes, schools, colleges and places made famous by their songs, like Penny Lane and Strawberry Field.

In addition, after hearing about the history of the club where they played on almost 300 occasions, the tour finishes with a visit to the Cavern Club, the most famous club in the world. Lively, interesting and entertaining commentary combines with the music that is still as popular today as it ever was. We will combine this tour with carvery lunch in nearby Otterspool and include in the price. Please state dietary requirements at time of booking. As this is a repeated trip we will need to reach a minimum number for it to go ahead. Please book early by Wednesday 11 September. Beatles Tour, Liverpool L1. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



MON
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Boundary Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mills



Various pickups



Members £14
Guests £17
Coach only

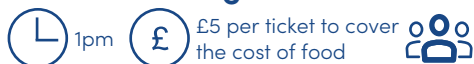


Join us for a day of mooching and shopping at these two popular shopping venues. Fashion; Cosmetics; Homewares; Garden Centre and eateries in both venues. Pick-up times will be distributed the month before. Book by Friday 13 September. Boundary Mill Stores, Vivary Way, Colne BB8 9NW. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.



October

SAT 26 Melodic Mingle and Hotpot: Half Yearly Meeting



Join us for this Saturday afternoon of Oddfellowship. We will have a short business meeting, followed by a fun social afternoon including home-made hotpot lunch and apple pie. Live music from Pete Rimmer and The Wand'rers. The bar will be open and we may even throw in a quiz if you're feeling competitive! Please book for catering purposes and state any dietary requirements. Book by Wednesday 9 October. The Central Club (The Old Conservative Club), 20 Bath Street, Southport PR9 0DA. Contact Judith on 01704 545279.

For Dental and Optical Claims

If you are entitled to claim optical and dental benefits as part of your membership, please do not send in any receipts to Bonita without the correct claim form. If it is your first claim please phone Bonita for a form. If you have claimed previously your cheque will arrive attached to a form. Please keep this safe as it contains useful information that will speed up any subsequent claims. Claims cannot be processed without a form. Please also note that the date of treatment must fall under the following claim period.

Date for your diary

Christmas Lunch, Tues 26 November
Rivington Hall Barn



Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



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

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Past Events

Here are some photos from the last six months. Hope you enjoy them



Bootle Town Hall tour



Bootle Town Hall



Xmas lunch



Chatsworth House



Lodge Xmas lunch



Frodsham Market



Gibbon Bridge



Gibbon Bridge



Gibbon Bridge



Ormskirk Xmas lunch

Friendship Month 2023

- Thanks for your friendship....





ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



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 Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Bonita Hesketh

01695 424149
07753 632433



Julie Rudge

07728 685811



Isle of Man Carole Murren

01624 890010 or 07624 419570



Judith Catton

01704 545279



Pauline Fairclough

07787 121520



Peter Rimmer

07973 623210

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 member of the Welfare team 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@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

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/

Society-funded cancer research on track

The Centre for Cancer Immunology, current beneficiaries of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund, recently received its second donation instalment.

The Centre, based at the University of Southampton, was chosen as the recipient of the £100,000 grant, split over three years, in 2022. The money is sponsoring the PhD studies of Nur Zainal, who is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

Nur's first year

The first year of Nur's studies has been spent preparing for the execution of her PhD project over the next three years. She has been learning appropriate techniques, skills and procedures, as well as being introduced to theories and connecting with relevant research groups.

Nur, who travelled to the UK from Malaysia with her family to undertake the PhD, said: "I believe the invaluable experiences and knowledge I have acquired over the past year have equipped me to be a more productive and capable student."



Nur updating AMC last year

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Oddfellows for their support in making my studies possible."

On the right path

Some of Nur's work on 3D cell culture – growing cancer cells in a way that more closely resembles the environment they experience in our bodies than traditional 2D cell culture – is included in a manuscript which will be published in a major international journal, for which she will be listed as a co-author.

Dr Tim Fenton, Associate Professor in Cancer Biology, says Nur has "excelled during her first year", adding: "We hope that Nur's studies will lead to improvements in the design of cancer



Dr Tim Fenton

vaccines, which is a key theme in the work being undertaken at the Centre for Cancer Immunology here in Southampton."

HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The Fund provides financial support to UK-based medical research projects or organisations. For more information about the Fund, and how you can donate, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews

Striving for a greener future

The Oddfellows is committed to being as green as possible. That's why we've been calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint since 1 April 2020.

Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, 106.38 tonnes of CO₂e was recorded as being produced through the operations of our Liverpool and Manchester offices and associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

Although this figure is up 5.4% on the previous year, benchmarked against employee numbers, carbon emissions have remained almost constant (up 0.2%).



The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Our focus is to keep learning through our assessments and to make incremental changes to the way we operate so we can bring our greenhouse gas emissions down and play our part in tackling climate change."

The Society's aim is to be Net Zero, where our carbon emissions are as low as possible. As a last resort, we have offset our 2022-23 carbon footprint by funding carbon dioxide-saving initiatives, including in Eritrea, Cambodia, Brazil, Bulgaria and India.

Jane added: "Climate change is real. It's the greatest environmental challenge we've ever faced. But there is hope, because we can all do something about it."

Investing in futures

Unity Mutual discovered a genuine interest in its children's savings accounts – a topic many grandparents and parents hadn't considered before – while at the 2023 Baby and Toddler Show in Manchester.

The Junior ISA (JISA), offered in partnership with Mini First Aid to include a free paediatric first aid course*, turned heads, especially when parents realised once they'd set it up, anyone could contribute.



Unity Mutual at the Baby and Toddler show

Unity Mutual's Head of Sales and Marketing, Abi Jones, said: "No more brainstorming gift ideas for that first birthday or Christmas – a shared investment in a secure future sparked enthusiasm. Because, sometimes, the best gifts are the ones that grow over time."

*T&Cs apply.

Our fantastic four

Congratulations to 2023's First Degree Course Educational Awards winners. George, Benedict, Jamie and Charlotte will each receive £3,600 over the next four years of their respective university courses to help ease the financial pressures of student life and create opportunities.

George LeBon

Heart of Norfolk
Branch member

George began his studies at the University of Southampton in September 2023 – a four-year course in Computer Science with Cybersecurity.



His dream job is to become a “white hat hacker”, which he explained is someone who is “hired by companies to try and hack into their databases and report back the vulnerabilities”.

He says he and his family were overjoyed to discover he'd be receiving the funding and has thanked the Society, adding: “It will go towards buying textbooks so I can enhance my knowledge further and better understand the industry that I want to work in.”

Benedict Weis

Leodis Branch member

Benedict hasn't yet decided what his ideal future job role might be. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at Queen's University Belfast and hopes a career path might become clearer over the next few years.

Since starting in September 2023, Benedict has joined the University's rowing club and the money will help him pay for training camps and trips, which he says will allow him to study more effectively without worrying as much about his finances.



“I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the award and just to say how grateful I am for it,” he said.

Jamie Messett

Loyal Lord Byron
Branch member

Jamie started his first of four years of Chemistry at the University of Oxford's Balliol College in October 2023, and will put the money towards learning materials. He would like his future to be in the pharmaceutical industry, but a PhD and a career in research is also a potential avenue.

He said: "Nobody should underestimate how valuable funding can be towards determining how well a student performs.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in helping me with this award, and also everyone involved with providing the funding."

**Charlotte Stevenson,**

Pride of Woolwich
Branch member

Charlotte started her four-year course in Physics and Philosophy at the University of Oxford's Brasenose College in October 2023.

She is hoping to do a PhD in astrophysics and then continue researching within the field beyond that.

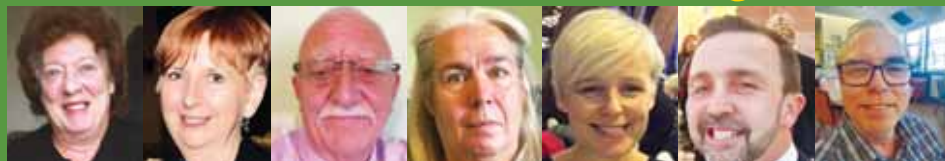
The funding will allow her to take part in unpaid research programmes during university holidays, covering the cost of travel, accommodation and food, as well as contributing to the cost of textbooks and other resources. She said: "This award will be an immense help throughout my degree and I'm so, so grateful to have received it."



Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, said: "Ordinarily, we hand out three First Degree Course Educational Awards each year, but such was the strength of the applications of this year's winners that we felt they all deserved the financial boost. "I'm delighted for all four of them, and I wish them every success over the next few years at university and beyond."

For more information and T&Cs, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Your Committee of Management



Picture left to right: Bonita Hesketh, Sheila Martland, Phil Taylor, Christine Taylor, Judith Catton, Paul White and John Roberts.

If you are interesting in finding out about getting involved on our Committee of Management, please contact Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149.

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Please find below the dates and venues of our Social Branch meetings (sometimes referred to as 'Lodges'). You are welcome to join any of the below meetings to hear the latest news from the Society and any training opportunities/other events. Just contact the relevant Secretary beforehand.

Ormskirk and Southport District

Central Club, Bath Street, Southport

Half Yearly Meeting on **Saturday 26 October** at 1pm with social/food/entertainment. All members welcome.

Secretary: Bonita Hesketh **Telephone:** 01695 424149

Mobile: 07753 632433 1 Royal Oak, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Ormskirk L39 0EF

Fleetwood

Meets at Bijou Cinema, Southport and various social venues (please check before attending) on the second Monday of the month at 1pm (meet at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm)

Contact: David Ogden **Telephone:** 07754 057590:

8 April: Lunch at The Windmill

13 May: Bijou Cinema

10 June: Lunch at The Mount Pleasant

8 July: Bijou Cinema

12 August: Lunch at The Imperial

9 September: Bijou Cinema

14 October: Lunch at The Thatch & Thistle

Social Branch Contact Details and Meetings

Rose of England

Meets on last Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30am at the Hop Vine, Burscough.

Tuesday 30 April

Tuesday 21 May

Tuesday 18 June – Meal at midday venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 30 July

Tuesday 20 August –no meeting – midday lunch at The Hop Vine

Tuesday 24 September

Tuesday 29 October

Contact: Sheila Martland

Telephone: 01704 892393

Calmont, Bleak Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk L40 4BP



Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

Contact: Bonita Hesketh on 01695 424149

Earl of Sefton – Lunch and Chat at 12 noon at O'Brien's Tea Rooms, Ormskirk

Friday 5 April – Prince Albert Evening Meal, 6pm for 6.30pm

Friday 3 May

Friday 5 July

Friday 6 September

Lord Skelmersdale – Tea and Chat at 10am at Trinity Church

Monday 6 May

Ritual Scarlet Degree ,10.30am

Monday 8 July

Ritual Gold Degree, 10.30am

Monday 9 September – Quiz

Joint Earl of Sefton and Lord Skelmersdale

12 noon at O'Brien's Tea Rooms – Lunch and Chat

Friday 7 June

Friday 2 August

Friday 4 October

Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

April 2024

Wed 3	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 4	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 9	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 10	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Fri 12	Oddfellows on Tour	-
Fri 26	Day Trip to Bury Market	Various pick ups

May

Wed 1	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 2	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Wed 8	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Thurs 9	Development Afternoon	1pm
Sat 11	Oddfellows Brass Concert	2.45pm
Tues 14	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 15	Ness Botanic Gardens and Gordale	Various pick ups
Thurs 23	Tour of The Athanaeum and Cream Tea	2pm

June

Wed 5	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 11	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 12	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Tues 18	Briars Hall Lunch and Cabaret Afternoon	12 noon
Thurs 27	Birkenhead Priory and Williamson Art Gallery	Various pick ups

July

Wed 3	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 4	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Tues 9	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 10	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Sat 13	Lancashire District Bowls Competition	9.30am

Ormskirk and Southport at a glance

July

Sat 20	Lord of the Dance – Liverpool Empire	2.30pm
Wed 31	Lunch at The Italian Orchard, Broughton	1pm

August

Thurs 1	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Wed 7	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 13	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 14	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Thurs 15 – Sun 18	Southport Flower Show	9.30am
Mon 19	Party Afternoon at The Bedford Hotel, Lytham	Various pick ups
Wed 28	Tour of Liverpool Town Hall – Date TBC	Various pick ups

September – Friendship Month

Wed 4	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 5	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 6	Shakespeare North Playhouse Tour and Afternoon Tea	Various pickups
Tues 10	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 11	Friendship Lunch @O’Brien’s	12.30pm
Wed 11	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Tues 17	Day Trip to Croxteth Hall	Various pickups

October

Wed 2	Southport Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3	Southport Coffee Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 4	Lunch and Beatles Tour in Liverpool – Trip 2	10am
Tues 8	Formby Coffee Club	10.30am
Wed 9	Ormskirk Coffee and Chat	10.30am
Mon 14	Boundary Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mills	Various pickups
Sat 26	Melodic Mingle and Hotpot: Half Yearly Meeting	1pm

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Ormskirk and Southport Booking Form

Please reserve me a space on the following trip/s. Places are not guaranteed until confirmed by Judith.

Name:

Telephone No:

Any special requirements:

April 2024

☐ **Fri 26** Day Trip to Bury Market

May

☐ **Thurs 9** Development Afternoon

☐ **Sat 11** Oddfellows Brass Concert

☐ **Wed 15** Ness Botanic Gardens and Gordale

☐ **Thurs 23** Tour of The Athanaeum and Cream Tea

June

☐ **Tues 18** Briars Hall Lunch and Cabaret Afternoon

☐ **Thurs 27** Birkenhead Priory and Williamson Art Gallery

July

☐ **Sat 13** Crown Green Bowling Event

☐ **Sat 20** Lord of the Dance - Liverpool Empire

☐ **Wed 31** Lunch at The Italian Orchard, Broughton

August

☐ **Thurs 15 - Sun 18** Southport Flower Show

☐ **Mon 19** Party Afternoon at The Bedford Hotel, Lytham

☐ **Wed 28** Tour of Liverpool Town Hall - Date TBC

September - Friendship Month

☐ **Fri 6** Shakespeare North Playhouse - Tour and Afternoon Tea

☐ **Wed 11** Friendship Lunch O'Brien's

☐ **Tues 17** Day Trip to Croxteth Hall

October

☐ **Fri 4** Lunch and Beatles Tour in Liverpool - Trip 2

☐ **Mon 14** Boundary Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mills

☐ **Sat 26** Melodic Mingle and Hotpot: With Half Yearly Meeting

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