

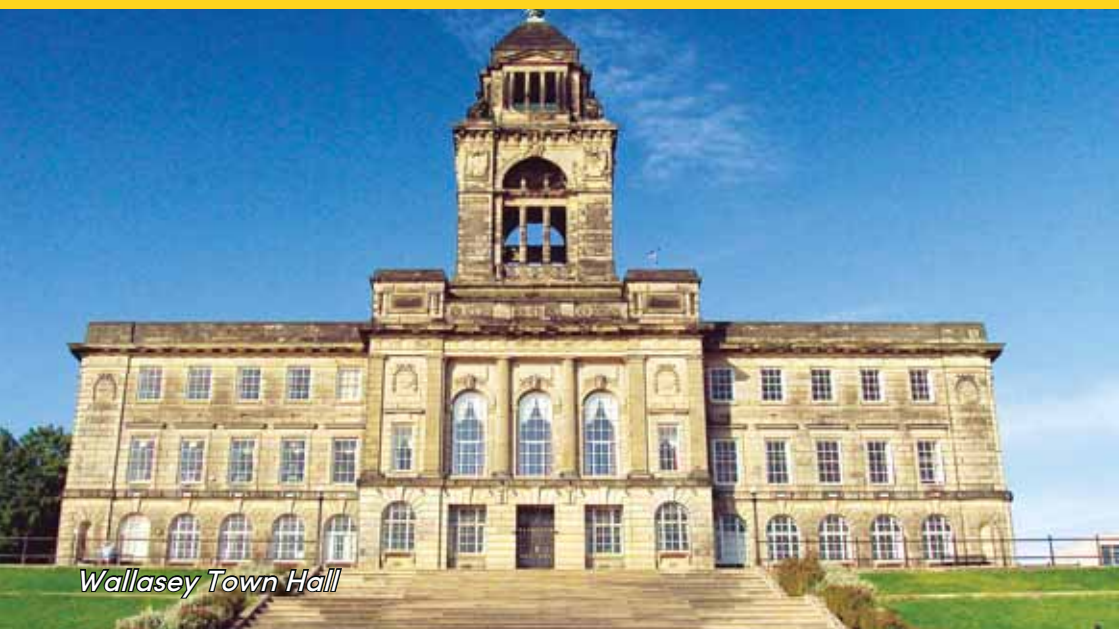
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Meetings



Travel



Games



Walks



Coffee Morning
/Afternoon Tea



Please book

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of Mersey Out & About Diary and Events Newsletter.

As I am sitting here writing this, the temperature outside is currently 31°C and set to get hotter. Hopefully by the time you receive this, things will have cooled down a little!

We have lots of things going on and don't miss out on our report back from the various activities that have already taken place.

If you haven't come along to anything just yet and feel a bit wary about meeting new people, just let us know and we will happily arrange to meet you at the door. A warm welcome is awaiting you, so don't hesitate.

We have included quite a few events that are free this time around. However, if there is something you want to do that costs money, you are more than welcome to pay in instalments, just let us know if this is something that would help you. We really appreciate how hard things are right now.

If you have any questions in relation to social events, please contact our Social Organiser, Angela Murray. Her phone number is 07912 605677 or email her at angela.murray@oddfellows.co.uk.



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Angela Jones is our Care and Welfare Officer and telephone befriender. If you ever need a friendly ear, or someone to moan to, Angela will be happy to speak to you.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Hope to see you very soon!

Margaret Hughes,

Branch Secretary

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A Message from your Social Organiser

Hello Everyone,

Well what a busy few months I have had, since joining Oddfellows back in January the time has well and truly flown! It has been wonderful to meet so many new people and welcome new members to the Mersey Oddfellows. Two of our new members have even featured in Oddfellows National marketing campaigns!

We met Ruth from the Whitechapel Centre at our Childwall group. It was really great to learn more about the amazing work that they do and how



important our fundraising activities are for them. I'm particularly looking forward to a fun packed 'Friendship Month' this September when we can all enjoy ourselves and raise lots of money for them.

As you will see from this edition of Out and About, we have been really busy planning another six months' worth of events and activities for you to enjoy. I hope there is something for everyone, but don't forget if you have any other ideas please just let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Warmest wishes

Angela Murray

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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Regular Events

Third Wednesday
of the month

Wirral Get Together - Upton



1pm



Members Free
Guests £2 - first visit free



Join us for a brew, plus fun and games at our monthly meeting. Everyone welcome and feel free to bring a friend or two. Worried about going somewhere for the first time? Just contact us and we will make sure you are met at the door so you don't have to go in on your own. Cost: Free for members, £2 for guests but first meeting is free. Victory Hall, 61 Salacre Lane, Upton, Wirral CH49 0TN. Contact Angela on 07912 605677.



19 October 2022
16 November 2022

18 January 2023
15 February 2023

15 March 2023

Wirral Get Together - Wallasey



10.30am



Members Free
Guests £2 - first visit free



Join us at our regular meeting for a cuppa and a chat. We will decide what we are going to be doing going forward at these meetings, so all ideas welcome. We hope to see you there! Cost: Free for members, £2 for guests - first visit free. Heart of Egremont, Guildford Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 0BP. Contact Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777.



14 October 2022
11 November 2022

13 January 2023
10 February 2023

10 March 2023

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Regular Cuppa and Catch Up

Childwall

**Fourth Monday
of the month**

 10.30am  Members Free
Guests £2 (first visit free)

Join us for our regular monthly meeting in Childwall where you can enjoy a cuppa, make new friends and have fun in a warm and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome and activities will vary each month. Childwall Abbey Hotel, Childwall Abbey Road, Liverpool L16 5EY.



**24 October 2022
28 November 2022**

**23 January 2023
27 February 2023**

27 March 2023

Garston

**Last Wednesday
of the month**

 10.30am  Just pay for what
you eat or drink

Come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up in the coffee shop based in the old Oddfellows Hall in Garston. The entrance is on the corner of St Mary's Road and Heald Street. We look forward to seeing you there. The Coffee Vault, 78 St Mary's Road, Garston, Liverpool L19 2JG.

**26 October 2022
30 November 2022**

**25 January 2023
22 February 2023**

29 March 2023

Rainhill

**Last Friday of
the month**

 10.30am  Members Free
Guests £2 (first visit free)

Join us for our regular monthly group meeting in Rainhill where you can enjoy a cuppa, make new friends and have fun in a warm and friendly environment. Everyone is welcome and activities will vary each month. St Ann's Millennium Centre, View Road, Rainhill L35 0LE.

**28 October 2022
25 November 2022**

**27 January 2023
24 February 2023**

31 March 2023

**For further information contact Angela on 07912 605677
Email: angela.murray@oddfellows.co.uk**

October 2022

SAT
29

New Member Welcome and Half Yearly Meeting

⌚ 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £3 for the buffet



We are holding an official Welcome Meeting for new members, where you can learn more about the history and traditions of the Oddfellows and take part in the ceremony if you so wish, where you will be presented with your Oddfellows Link Badge. This will be followed by our half yearly meeting, where we update everyone on what the committee has been doing and is your chance to have your say. A buffet will be available from 1.30pm with the meeting starting at 2pm. Don't forget to let us know if you are coming so we can cater accordingly. Book by Friday 21 October 2022. SARA Hall, Rundel Road, Liverpool L17 0AQ. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777.

November

SUN
13

Woodside Market and Birkenhead Priory

⌚ 11am

£ As per menu



Woodside Market is based at Woodside ferry terminal and is open every weekend. We will meet at Birkenhead Hamilton Square railway station and walk across the road to the market. You can catch any train from Liverpool to the Wirral and it is the first stop after James Street station. From there we will walk over to Gallagher's for a pub lunch and then walk on to the historical, 870 year old Birkenhead Priory to learn all about its past.

Please let us know if you are going to join us so we can ensure we book you a seat by Friday 4 November 2022. Hamilton Square Railway Station, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead CH41 6DN. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777.



November

SAT
26

Christmas Illumination Trail at Dunham Massey



4pm



See below



We are taking a coach to see sparkling tunnels of light and dancing lakeside reflections and glistening trees drenched in jewel like colours! There will be larger than life illuminations and don't forget you might get a glimpse of Father Christmas along the way. There will be festive street food vendors, so you can have a bite to eat at the end of the trail. Tickets are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis, so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to join us. Cost: £30 for members, £25 for children, £35 for guests. Book by Saturday 12 November 2022. Dunham Massey, Altrincham WA14 4SJ. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677 as they are selling fast.

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December

THURS
08

Visit to The Oddfellows Head Office, National Museum of Democracy and Christmas Markets



10am



£15 subject to numbers



Have you ever wondered what our Head Office looks like? This is your chance to find out! Come and see how it all works and ask any questions. This will be followed by a visit to the People's History Museum just down the road. This is where you can explore the development of democracy in Britain from the Peterloo Massacre of 1819, through the industrial revolution to the present day and beyond exploring the historic fights for workers' rights. There will then be free time to visit the Manchester Christmas Markets and get stocked up in time for the big day. Exact timings and price will be known once we know how many people are coming. Book by Tuesday 22 November 2022. The Oddfellows, Oddfellows House, 184-186 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WB. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.

December

FRI
09

Wirral Christmas Party

🕒 10.30am



£ Members Free, Guests £10

Who doesn't love a party? Come and join us as we enjoy some festive activities followed by a scrumptious Christmas lunch. There will be games and prizes to be won, so come and have a go. Book by Friday 2 December 2022. Heart of Egremont, Guildford Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 0BP. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777.



TUES
13

Liverpool Christmas Party

🕒 6.30pm



£ Members Free, Guests £15

Come and join us for a three course meal plus some festive fun. Please let us know if would like to come to this so we can sort out your meal choices. This is free for our members, so why not make the most of it! Book by Thursday 1 December 2022. Garston Masonic Hall, 9 Island Road South, Garston, Liverpool L19 5NT. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.



SAT
17

Rock N Roll Panto

🕒 7pm

£ Members £32, Guests £35



What's Christmas without a Panto? This year it is Robin Hood, a classic tale of social injustice, heroism and men in tights... apparently! Are you ready to Rock N Roll? Just let us know as tickets are selling fast. Everyman Theatre, Hope Street, Liverpool L1 1EL. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.



January 2023

TUES
17

Life on Board



11am



Free



Discover the moving and fascinating stories of Liverpool's seafarers and passengers. The Life on Board gallery highlights the stories of the merchant sailors who drove the city's prosperity, as well as tales of the people who sailed aboard leisure liners. Uncover the dangers, joys, cultures and community at the heart of seafaring from the 1700s to the present day and find out more about ship passengers and crews and the lives they lived on board. After touring the exhibition we can enjoy a cuppa in the cafe and will be treated to some real 'Life on Board' tales from some of our own members. Costs will be own menu choice. Just let us know you are coming so we can wait for you if you are running a little late. Book by Friday 13 January 2023. Maritime Museum, Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool L3 4AQ. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.

February

FRI
17

Pure Brilliance - The Boodles Story at Port Sunlight



11am



Free unless mini
bus required



This exhibition showcases the jewellery brand's 200 year story. See how the heritage of Liverpool's vibrant and creative jewellery industry in the late 19th century created a market for good quality jewellery and metalwork, for which Boodles soon acquired a reputation. The company's rise from city jeweller to the pinnacle of high-end jewellery design and manufacture can be seen through the breath-taking contemporary jewellery on display - each piece a unique work of art.

This is an opportunity to get close to some of the most imaginative and lavish jewellery in the world, created by a family firm which still has its flagship store in Liverpool today. There will then be time to wander around the village and have some lunch at the cafe. We plan to use public transport to save on costs; however, if members on the Liverpool side would like a minibus arranging, there will be additional costs, so please just let us know. Book by Friday 10 February 2023. Lady Lever Art Gallery, Village, Lower Road, Port Sunlight, Wirral CH62 5EQ. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.

March

SUN
05

Sudley House and Gardens



11am



As per menu



Liverpool merchant and ship owner George Holt (1825-1896) and his family moved into Sudley House in 1884. George Holt invested inherited wealth and enormous profits generated by his trade in foodstuffs into his passion for collecting art. Today, Sudley House is one of the few period homes decorated in a Victorian style that still has many of its original features. It is also the only surviving Victorian merchant art collection in Britain still hanging in its original location. After touring the house we can enjoy a cuppa or spot of lunch in the traditional Victorian Kitchen cafe - costs as per your menu choice. We plan to use public transport to save on costs; however if members on the Wirral side want us to arrange a mini bus, then additional costs will apply. Book by 24 February 2023. Sudley House, Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool L18 8BX. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.

SAT
18

Annual Summomed Meeting



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £5 for
the buffet



This is our formal business meeting where we update members on the work of the committee and is your chance to have your say in the running of the Branch or ask questions. Members will vote on recommendations being put forward. A light buffet lunch will be served at 1.30pm and the meeting will follow on immediately after that. Please book in advance for catering purposes.

Cost: Free for members, £5 for the guests for the buffet. Book by Friday 10 March 2023. SARA Hall, Rundel Road, Liverpool L17 0AQ. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677 or Margaret on 0151 639 2777.

Easter

Eggstravaganza

Monday 3 April 2023, 6.30pm

Childwall Abbey Hotel, Childwall
Abbey Road, Liverpool L16 5EY

Join us for another fun filled seasonal event where we celebrate all things Easter. From bonnets to bingo there will be something for everyone and it's a great chance to get all of our members together. Bonnets are not obligatory but there will be a prize for the best one! Everyone is welcome, but please book in advance for catering purposes by Friday 31 March 2023. **Cost:** £3 for members, £5 for guests. **Contact** Angela on 07912 605677.

Save the
date



Sefton Park Revisited

On 2 April we revisited Sefton Park. Having previously visited in October we thought it would be nice to see it in spring. Our Social Organiser, Angela, organised the tour and there was a quiz along the way as well.

Not to be outdone, we also revisited Birkenhead Park on the 22 April, this time taking in the two other parks in the immediate vicinity. Hannah, the Ranger, was so knowledgeable and you can now ask us to tell the difference between the trees (don't ask me though, I've not got a

clue – Ed!). Lots of daffodils were out and the whole place was vibrant with colour. There is an old Park Lodge at the edge of the park that is currently being restored and, thanks to Hannah, we were lucky enough to be able to go round this.

The day turned out to be very warm and there was also a fair in the park. We made it back in time to have ice creams all round.

Picture above: Members outside the magnificent Sefton Park Palm House.

Jubilee Celebrations

We couldn't let the fact that our lovely Queen, Elizabeth II, has now been reigning for 70 years without marking her Platinum Jubilee! We held an afternoon tea at Childwall Abbey and another at the Heart of

Egremont. Our Social Organiser, Angela, baked some scrumptious home-made scones and there were Union Flags and bunting and even plates with the Union flag on.



Cheers Your Majesty! Members at Childwall Abbey finishing their afternoon tea.



Morning coffee celebration at Heart of Egremont. (We'd finished all the food before I remembered to take a photo – Ed).



A Right Royal Tea Party at Childwall Abbey.

Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

By Margaret Hughes, Branch Secretary

In May, we had three Deputies attend the Annual Oddfellows Conference. It is called the 'Movable Conference' as it is held in a different part of the country each year. This year it was Scarborough. This is the annual general meeting for the whole of the Oddfellows nationwide and is always a good get together. New ideas are debated and discussed as well as any changes to rules and procedures.

Presentations for various awards are also made at this conference and we were thrilled to receive the Ken Hughes Silver Salver for highest percentage recruitment in 2021 with a 43.4% increase in members over the year. I was so proud to accept this on behalf of the District and was all prepared for my little speech when I went to collect it on the stage. However, the moment got the better of me and whilst I managed to blab out a thank you, my emotions took over and I couldn't say

anything else! I was all prepared to say I was going to ask Liverpool Football Club if I could jump on their Victory Parade bus, but alas words failed me, for once! Next time I'll write it down (I don't need to write anything, she said, I'll remember everything, she said ...).

As well as three days of business, there is always entertainment and Saturday night saw an 80s themed dance and everyone was encouraged to don their best outfits to reflect the era. I dressed in a typical 80s neon outfit with leg warmers and stiff short skirt and my husband, Ray, decided to go all out and dressed up as Viv from The Young Ones, even colouring his hair orange. He had terrible trouble sticking the studs on his forehead – it was so warm they kept falling off – but it was worth the effort as he won first prize. Walking back to the hotel was interesting, as everyone we saw gave us a wide birth!



Ray and Margaret Hughes in their 1980s splendour and winning outfit!



Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society) David Ogden presenting the Ken Hughes Silver Salver to Margaret Hughes at the Scarborough AMC.



Charity Donations

Every year the new Branch Chairman/Provincial Grand Master chooses a charity that we will fundraise for through the year. This year, Brother Steve Code has chosen to support The Whitechapel Centre, which is a charity supporting the 'homeless'. Whenever you think of someone being homeless, you might automatically assume that it is someone who is sleeping rough. However, you are also classed as homeless if you are staying with friends (sofa surfing), squatting, staying in a hostel, or are in poor quality, overcrowded housing.

We will be holding regular raffles and fund raising events throughout the year to raise money to present to The Whitechapel Centre at next year's Annual Provincial Grand Master's Celebration event.

As well as one main charity for the year, we donate smaller amounts to various charities via the Annual and Half Yearly Summoned meetings. If you have a charity in mind that could benefit from a small donation, please contact the Secretary, Margaret (contact details at the front of this booklet).

Dear all at Oddfellows Mersey Branch,
Thankyou so much for your recent donation. It is incredibly kind of you to think of the hospice & it really does make a difference to our children + families.
We'd love to come and say hello sometime & find out more about what you do and catch you up on how your donation made an impact here.
(If you're up for it!) 😊
sending our best wishes either way!
kindest regards,
Lea + the team at
Claire House

Picture above:
£50 presented
to Anita from
Fareshare
Merseyside at
Hale Village Hall.



Letters of Thanks

Dear Margaret,

I am writing to thank you for the kind donation totalling £850 which you presented to us at the Annual Dinner and Dance in honour of the retiring Chairman Alex Hughes. It is very encouraging to know there are organisations like yours who support people with mental health issues. Your donation will enable us to continue supporting people across the region. May I again thank you for thinking of Wirral Mind and best wishes to you for the future.

Sandra Gilbert



Hi The Oddfellows - Mersey Branch,

I write to acknowledge and thank you all for the kind donation of £50 in support of the Trussell Trust. With your help we support a network of food banks across the UK to provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. Your generosity will help get urgent support to individuals and families facing impossible decisions and will help us to push for change that will prevent more people facing those decisions in the future.

Thank you again to everyone at The Oddfellows - Mersey Branch for your kindness and generosity.

Lisa Neaverson



To The Oddfellows
Mersey Branch

Much appreciated!

Thank you so much
for your generous
donation towards
fareshare merseyside

Anita + all at
fareshare

Dear Margaret,

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre I would like to thank the members of the Mersey Branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for your recent donation of £50.00.

We are very grateful to you for thinking of us and our clients; your donation really does make a difference. Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a 24hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

**Sandy
Clarke**





Gwydir Castle and Tweedmill

We joined forces with our neighbours at Deeside Oddfellows and visited Gwydir Castle in North Wales, stopping off at Tweedmill Outlet for some retail therapy on the way.

The brochure quotes the author, John Leland in 1536 as saying 'Gwydir lieth two bowshots above the river Conwy; it is a pretty place' and we really can't argue with that! On arrival we were met by our hosts Peter Wellford and Judy Corbett who gave us a very welcome brew before taking us on a guided tour.

The first recorded owner of Gwydir was Howell Coetmore who fought in the Hundred Years War and died at Flanders in 1388. The current owners were born in the next village along and after coming back from living in London were looking for a nice cottage to settle down in.



One of the many Peacocks on display.

However, they came across Gwydir Castle hiding behind lots of foliage and totally neglected but instantly fell in love.

Charles Wynn Carrington, later Marquis of Lincolnshire, bought Gwydir in 1895 and used it as his primary seat until he sold the castle and its contents in 1921. After a fire in the solar tower the following

year, the castle fell into dereliction and after passing through several ownerships was bought by Arthur Clegg in 1944. Restoration began, but the castle again fell into dereliction in the late 1980s.

Peter and Judy started on their heroic restoration when they bought the property. When they first moved in, there was no roof and some squatters were under the only bit of covering. However, they soon moved out when they realised that Peter and Judy were not giving up that spot!

Most significantly, in July 1998, HRH The Prince of Wales opened the newly reinstated 1640s Dining Room, the

fine panelling and carving of which was recovered from the Metropolitan Museum in New York in 1996. The room had been acquired by William Randolph Hearst, the famous newspaper magnate. The story of the quest for, and eventual repatriation of this famous room is recounted in Judy Corbett's book *Castles in the Air*. The quest for a second historic room, the Oak Parlour, also acquired by Hearst continues.

The gardens have been restored and they are stunning. We have never seen so many peacocks in one place and all the male ones were displaying their beautiful feathers just for us.

Annual Dinner Dance

There was a great turnout for Alex Hughes, Branch Chairman's (Provincial Grand Master) celebration. Charles Venables, Immediate Past President of the Lancashire and District Group Conference (LADGC) and his consort, Anne Slater were the guests of honour. This was held at Woolton Golf Club where we were treated to a lovely carvery. This was followed by dancing to the Woolton Golf Club DJ.

After the speeches were made, we were very pleased to present a cheque to the value of £850 to Wirral Mind, which had been raised throughout the previous 12 months. Mental health has been at the forefront a lot recently, due to everyone feeling it to some degree by the



Sandra Gilbert from Wirral MIND being presented with £850 by Alex Hughes, District Chairman.

lockdowns, so thank you to everyone for all your support.

Puzzle Time!

Name the singer and the song title

Bonus point if you can answer any of the questions! Answers on page 26

1. What did I ask the stars, up above, each night?
 2. Why do we never get an answer when we're knocking at the door?
 3. What do you get when you fall in love?
 4. Why do birds suddenly appear, every time you are near?
 5. Is there life on Mars?
 6. Who finds the money, when you pay the rent?
 7. Why do fools fall in love?
 8. How do you do what you do to me?
 9. Is there anybody going to listen to my story?
 10. Should I stay or should I go?
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General Knowledge Quiz

With thanks to Les and Paul Fitton from London. The answers on page 26

1. RSC Anderlecht is a football team in which country?
2. Who ensures that MPs attend important votes?
3. In the Harry Potter books and films, what is Professor Dumbledore's first name?
4. Prince William and Kate Middleton got engaged in which country?
5. In which part of the body is a bone known as the stapes?
6. US actress and model Jerry Hall on 2 July 2022 filed for divorce from tycoon Rupert Murdoch this week. How many times has she been married?
7. Read and look away! Spell chrysanthemum.
8. With which bandleader do you associate the following songs? Moonlight Serenade, Chattanooga Choo Choo and Pennsylvania 6-5000.
9. Who has won the Academy Award for Best Actor twice, once for One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) and once for As Good as It Gets (1997)?
10. Which Scottish city is the third highest populated?

Autumn Winter Wordsearch

Answers on page 28



February

Foggy

Jumper

Sledge

Baubles

Ghosts

Leaves

Snow

Bonfire

Gloves

New Year

Snowman

Christmas Tree

Halloween

November

Trees

December

Holly

October

Fireside

Ivy

Scarves

Fireworks

January

Shivering

Story Time

(with thanks to
Robina White)

Once upon a time – something
to consider!

When Windows were just square
holes in a room and Application was
something written on a paper.

When Keyboard was a Piano and
Mouse just an animal.

When File was an important office
material and Hard Drive just an
uncomfortable road trip.

When Cut was done with a knife and
Paste with glue.

When Web was a spider's home and
Virus was flu.

When Apple and Blackberry were
just fruits – that's when we had a lot
of time for family and friends.

Vagaries of the English Language

If money doesn't grow on trees, how
come Banks have Branches?

How do you get off a non-
stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship
called CARgo and those sent by
truck SHIPment?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine?
Are they having practice at the cost of
the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when
traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when
there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go
on a vacation?

Did you know that if you have What,
When and Where and then replace
the W's with T's the question has
been answered.

**How many words of 3 or more letters can you make
out of Exhale?**

Give yourself 1 point for each letter.

Targets: 37 points and 16 words.

Excellent if 30 Average 25.

Back to school with less than 15.

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Members were delighted to finally get together at the first face-to-face AMC in three years in May this year. The three-day annual conference returned to Scarborough and kicked off with an 80s disco, a stunning firework display and a fantastically well-received concert from Oddfellows Brass.



Grand Master David Ogden (right) with the Mayor of Scarborough



A spectacular opening night firework display

At the conference, the Making a Difference Awards winners from 2020 to 2022 were presented with their trophies by Past Grand Master David Randall.

This year, the AMC saw the installation of three new Member Non-Executive Directors: Debbie Jex from Reading Branch, Karen Rose from Tunbridge Wells Branch and Alex Walker from North Gloucestershire Branch.

Thanks go to all who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses and to those working behind the scenes who made the conference such a success.



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

The Oddfellows is known for the kindness and generosity of its members and we take the opportunity every year to celebrate the efforts of members who've been nominated for going the extra mile in our Making a Difference Awards.

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

This year, we introduced a new category, the 'Achieving Together' award. It was created to celebrate two people who have worked together to achieve more than they could alone, and whose partnership has significantly improved the lives of members, their Branch or the Society.

Our congratulations go to this year's Making a Difference Award winners...

Julie Webster, from St Helens and Warrington Oddfellows, for Enriching Lives Socially

Julie said: “Being a Social Organiser is really hard work sometimes, but it's very rewarding. Seeing people, especially people on their own, some of whom don't have family or friends close by, really enjoying themselves and laughing so much they have tears rolling down their faces, makes it all worthwhile. We're there for each other, one big family. I think the pandemic highlighted this more than anything.”



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

Shirley Walton, from South East Lancashire Oddfellows, for Giving Something Back

Shirley said: “We can all give something back, even if it's just a kind word or a smile. In the Oddfellows, we all give back, through care and welfare, running events and making sure people get together. But we receive so much just by being a member. We are what we say, a friendly society run by members for members.”



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

Sylvia Alcorn, from Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows, for Giving a Helping Hand

Sylvia said: "It's just nice to be a friend to someone. Even if they have family, they can have a completely different conversation with me and I just love it. They're so pleased to see you when you come through the door."



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

Doug and Phyllis Austin, from Leeds Oddfellows, for Achieving Together

Husband and wife, Doug and Phyllis Austin, were awarded the Society's inaugural Making a Difference Award for 'Achieving Together'

in recognition of the kindness they have shown to fellow Leeds members over more than 30 years.

We are saddened to share that Doug died in March this year aged 93. Phyllis was also unable to attend the ceremony in Scarborough due to ill health. Their daughter, Pat Perkins, and her husband Noel, attended the awards ceremony at the Oddfellows' annual conference to accept her parents' awards on their behalf.



Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our Society is full of members like this who have a natural drive to do good and the Oddfellows simply wouldn't be the same without them. Our winners fully deserve this recognition."

Know a member who goes above and beyond at your local Branch? Nominate now for the 2023 awards.

Download a member nomination form from oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your local Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The new recipient of our UK medical research fund, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, was agreed at this year's annual conference.



From 2022 to 2024, we're supporting the Centre for Cancer Immunology based at the University of Southampton. £100,000 in funding has been granted to enable the Centre's study of a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

The ultimate goal is to create a vaccine that could fundamentally change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head, neck oesophageal and bladder cancers. The research is led by Dr Tim Fenton and Professor Edd James who will also be supervising a full-time PHD student funded by the Oddfellows.



We look forward to hearing how the Centre's research is progressing and sharing some insights with you when the Board makes its first visit later in the year.

Find out more about how the Oddfellows gives back at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

We have a wonderful Care and Welfare Department who can help you out with convalescence or help at home after a stay in hospital, but if you are feeling lonely, don't forget that we have a local Care and Welfare Visitor, Angela, who is more than happy to phone you and have a chat. Just let Margaret know on **0151 639 2777** or email **margaret.hughes@oddfellows.co.uk** your phone number and she will sort it out for you.

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**

Name the singer and the song title on page 18

1. Marty Wilde, Why must I be a Teenager in Love?
 2. The Moody Blues, Question.
 3. Bobbie Gentry, I'll never fall in love again. You get another guy to burst your bubble.
 4. The Carpenters, (Just long to be) Close to You.
 5. David Bowie, Life on Mars. Yes and no are both acceptable answers!
 6. The Beatles, Lady Madonna.
 7. Frankie Lymon. Why do fools fall in love?
 8. Gerry and the Pacemakers, How do you do what you do to me?
 9. The Beatles, Girl.
 10. The Clash, Should I stay or should I go?
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General Knowledge Quiz on page 18

1. Belgium
2. Whips
3. Albus
4. Kenya
5. Ear. The stapes is the smallest bone in the body.
6. Despite relationships with Mick Jagger, with whom she has four children and Brian Ferry, Jerry Hall has only married once, to Rupert Murdoch.
7. Chrysanthemum
8. Glenn Miller and his orchestra
9. Jack Nicholson. He has been nominated for an Oscar more times than any other actor (12). He also won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for Terms of Endearment (1983).
10. Aberdeen, with a population of 183,790. The most populated Scottish cities are Glasgow (610,268) and Edinburgh (435,791).

At a glance

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

October 2022

Fri 14	Wirral Get Together - Wallasey	10.30am
Wed 19	Wirral Get Together - Upton	1pm
Mon 24	Cuppa and Catch Up - Childwall	10.30am
Wed 26	Cuppa and Catch Up - Garston	10.30am
Fri 28	Cuppa and Catch Up - Rainhill	10.30am
Sat 29	New Member Welcome and Half Yearly Meeting	1.30pm

November

Fri 11	Wirral Get Together - Wallasey	10.30am
Sun 13	Woodside Market and Birkenhead Priory	11am
Wed 16	Wirral Get Together - Upton	1pm
Fri 25	Cuppa and Catch Up - Rainhill	10.30am
Sat 26	Christmas Illumination Trail at Dunham Massey	4pm
Mon 28	Cuppa and Catch Up - Childwall	10.30am
Wed 30	Cuppa and Catch Up - Garston	10.30am

December

Thurs 8	Visit to The Oddfellows Head Office, National Museum of Democracy and Christmas Markets	10am
Fri 9	Wirral Christmas Party - Wallasey	10.30am
Tues 13	Liverpool Christmas Party - Garston Masonic Hall	6.30pm
Sat 17	Rock N Roll Panto	7pm

January 2023

Fri 13	Wirral Get Together - Wallasey	10.30am
Tues 17	Life on Board - Maritime Museum	11am
Wed 18	Wirral Get Together - Upton	1pm
Mon 23	Cuppa and Catch Up - Childwall	10.30am
Wed 25	Cuppa and Catch Up - Garston	10.30am
Fri 27	Cuppa and Catch Up - Rainhill	10.30am

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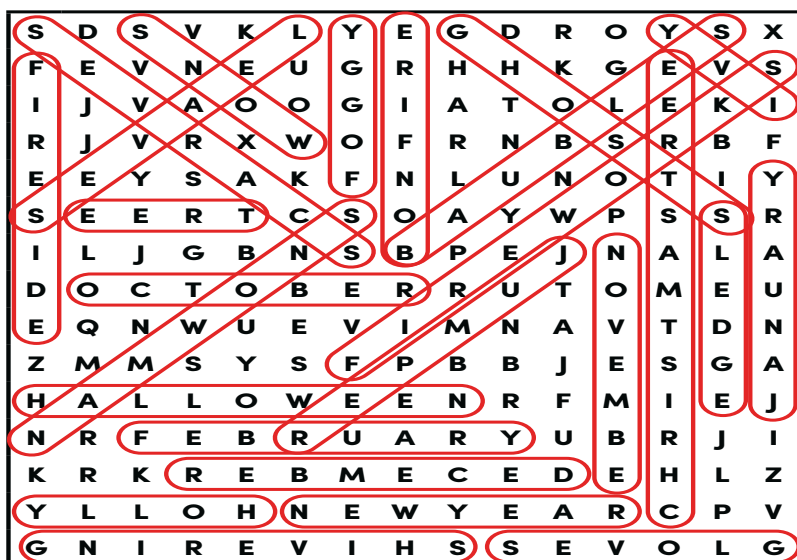
February

Fri 10	Wirral Get Together - Wallasey	10.30am
Wed 15	Wirral Get Together - Upton	1pm
Fri 17	Pure Brilliance - The Boodles Story at Port Sunlight	11am
Wed 22	Cuppa and Catch Up - Garston	10.30am
Fri 24	Cuppa and Catch Up - Rainhill	10.30am
Mon 27	Cuppa and Catch Up - Childwall	10.30am

March

Sun 5	Sudley House and Gardens	11am
Fri 10	Wirral Get Together - Wallasey	10.30am
Wed 15	Wirral Get Together - Upton	1pm
Sat 18	Annual Summoned Meeting - Liverpool	1.30pm
Mon 27	Cuppa and Catch Up - Childwall	10.30am
Wed 29	Cuppa and Catch Up - Garston	10.30am
Fri 31	Cuppa and Catch Up - Rainhill	10.30am

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