

July - December 2019  
Summer Issue



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**ODDfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## Derbyshire Peak



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Talks



Coffee  
Morning



Dining Out



*Come and join us in September for our Friendship Month*

Welcome to our latest newsletter, we have had a busy first half of 2019 and we look forward to a busy and social second half of the year!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, we look forward to meeting you at one of our next social events.

The reopening of the office and social space was a great success on the 14th March. Meryl and Toni did great work in organising the plan of restoration of the office. It was a dusty and at times a disruptive few months but it was all worth it in the end. There have already been some very successful speaker events this year, with more booked for the rest of 2019, please take a look at the list of events for more information.

Coffee mornings will now be held at the branch office at 11am, on the second Wednesday of each month. Join us for a free hot drink and chat in comfy surroundings. Please come along when you can, the kettle is always on!

If any of our members are interested in getting more involved with the

## Contact Details

**For more information or to book any event call the Social Organiser**

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Toni Siddall

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**Address:**

126 Saltergate,  
Chesterfield S40 1NG



**OddfellowsDerbyshirePeak**

Committee or with supporting social events please do let us know. We have branch meetings every second Thursday of the month at 4.30pm in the branch office, you are welcome to attend to find out more about what we do and how you can get involved!

**Alan Davies, Provincial Grand Master  
(District Chairman)**

# July 2019

TUES  
09

## Canal Trip Cromford Wharf to Leadwood Pumphouse and Return



10.45am



£4



There is space for 40 people on this private charter especially for the Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows and friends! This will be a two hour return cruise – Cromford Wharf to Leadwood Pumphouse and return.

Please make your own way there, however if there is enough interest we will look at providing transport. There will be a tour of the back cabin and history. There is also a short walk of 300 metres, to take in the views over River Derwent. Refreshments will be for sale during the trip.

Passengers must be able to embark and disembark with minimal assistance. There are two steps up and four steps down into the boat. There is a toilet on board.

Please arrived 15 minutes early to allow for boarding and a prompt departure at 11am. Cheques made payable to 'Derbyshire Peak Lodge'. Toni is currently trying to get hold of a map to see exact location for boarding.

Please let Toni know on 01246 273076 if you would like to attend, she can then send you more detailed information. Book by Wednesday 12 June. Cromford Canal, Mill Road, Cromford DE4 3RQ.

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# July 2019

WED  
**10**

## Coffee and Catch Up



11am



Free



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SUN  
**14**

## Super Summer Lunch Party!



1pm



Members £25, Guests £30



You are invited to the Ringwood Suite at the wonderful Ringwood Hall Hotel and Spa.

Welcome drinks at 12.30pm followed by three course lunch, tea and coffee.

Menu options will be sent to you for pre-order.



The Ringwood Suite, has its own bar, private toilets, and private terrace to the garden. Tea and coffee with entertainment included! If anyone wished to stay, a room can be booked at £99.50, bed and breakfast for a double room on the Saturday evening. Ticket costs £25 for members, £30 for guests. Children are welcome at a cost of £15.99.

Please book or register your interest with Toni on 01246 273076 as soon as possible. Cheques made payable to 'Derbyshire Peak Lodge'. Invitations have already been sent out to current members. All are welcome. Book by Friday 14 June. Ringwood Hall Hotel and Spa, Brimington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 1DQ.



# July 2019

**MON 22** Dining in Derbyshire -  
**The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant**



Join us for lunch at The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant. All welcome! Book by Monday 8 July. The Blue Bell Inn, Station Road, North Wingfield S42 5HY. Contact Toni on 01246 273076 to book your place, so we can ensure we have a table big enough for everyone.

# August

**WED 14** Coffee and Catch Up



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# August

**SUN 18** Southport Flower Show Trip



We will have 20 seats available the on the GeeVee coach, going to the Southport Flower Show. Tickets are for the coach ONLY and are £13.50 each. Book your place with Toni as soon as possible. Cheques made payable to 'Derbyshire Peak Lodge'. Toni can provide details on pick-up and drop-off points once booking is confirmed. Book by Thursday 27 June. Southport Flower Show, Victoria Park PR8 1RX. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# August

MON  
19

## Dining in Derbyshire The Barrel Inn



1pm



As per  
menu



The Barrel Inn, a traditional Derbyshire country inn, dates back to 1597 and stands at the head of Bretton Clough, in the heart of the Peak District. Being one of only five properties in this small hamlet, on a table of land some 1,300 feet above sea level, The Barrel Inn proudly claims to be the highest pub in Derbyshire. Its panoramic views of the majestic Hope Valley and the Peak District National Park are magnificent and on a clear day you are able to enjoy views over five counties. The pub serves a fine selection of well kept real ales and delicious, freshly cooked, mostly locally sourced food, everyday. We look forward to seeing you! Book by Thursday 1 August. The Barrel Inn, Bretton, Nr Eyam, Hope Valley S32 5QD. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

FRI  
30

## Walking in Derbyshire - Chesterfield Canal



11am



Free



Final details are to be confirmed for this walk, but please do save the date and let Toni know if you are interested in coming on a walk that will be suitable for all abilities and there will be a nice to café to visit along the way! Members and guests are all welcome. Book by Friday 16 August. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# September

WED  
04

## Our UK Counties Food and Drink



12.30pm



Free



Cheshire cheese, a pint of London Pride, the pork pie and the humble Bakewell pudding. Just some of the foods and drink that make Britain famous! Come and listen to an entertaining talk about food and drink from many UK counties! Refreshments will be provided, please book your place with Toni on 01246 273076. Book by Thursday 22 August. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG.

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years

# September

WED  
11

## Friendship Month Coffee and Cakes!



11am



Free



ODDFELLOWS  
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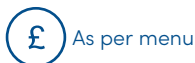
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MON  
23

## Dining in Derbyshire - The Dog Inn



1pm



As per menu



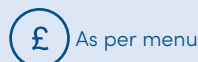
Meet for lunch at 1pm in The Dog Inn at Pentrich. The only pub in the characterful village of Pentrich, The Dog is open all day, both for quality ales and food. An upmarket feel to this pub. Comfortable bar area with wood burning stove and restaurant area to the side. It has a lovely atmosphere and excellent service. Please book your place and bring a friend! Book by Monday 9 September. The Dog Inn, Main Road, Pentrich, Near Ripley DE5 3RE. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

WED  
25

## Friendship Month - Coffee and Cake at Herberts Tea Rooms



12 noon



As per menu



Herberts Fine English Tearooms is the perfect place to relax with family and friends in the heart of the beautiful village of Tissington just four miles north of Ashbourne in Derbyshire. We are meeting at 12 noon and would love for you to come along too! Toni will be booking a table, so please do let her know if you can come along. We would love to see you! Book by Wednesday 4 September. Herberts Tea Rooms, Tissington Village, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1RA. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# October

## WED 09 Coffee and Catch Up



11am



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## MON 28 Dining in Derbyshire - The Gate Inn



1pm



As per menu



We will be meeting for lunch at 1pm. Come along to the Gate Inn Overgreen and enjoy some delicious local pub grub! We look forward to seeing you. Book by Monday 7 October. Gate Inn, Overgreen, Cutthorpe, Chesterfield S42 7BA. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



## THURS 10 Co-Op Estate Planning 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys' Talk



2pm



Free



Co-Op Estate Planning 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys'. The talk will last around 30 minutes with questions and answers lasting for 15 minutes. This free advice talk is delivered by the Co-Op as part of a Co-Op initiative to give back further to communities.

The topics covered include; Wills, LPA's, Trusts and Inheritance Tax. They try to keep the talk as light hearted and as humorous as possible, considering the subject matters and they have spoken with a number of Oddfellows groups over the years. The talk itself is not a sales pitch and we will not mention the Co-Op name or hand out any business cards or leaflets during the talk.

Refreshments will be served. The Branch night will be after this at 4.30pm. Book by Wednesday 2 October. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Please let Toni on 01246 273076 know if you are attending.



# November

WED

13

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FRI

22

## Renishaw Hall Guided Tour



1pm



£12.50



We are looking at organising a trip to Renishaw Hall, with a guided tour, museum and garden entry. Final details are to be confirmed for this. If you are interested in coming, please let Toni know as soon as possible. Book by Friday 1 November. Renishaw Hall and Gardens, Eckington, Derbyshire S21 3WB. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



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MON

25

## Dining in Derbyshire - The Horse and Jockey



1pm



As per menu



The Horse and Jockey is a contemporary Gastro Pub and Hotel in Wessington, Alfreton, Derbyshire. Located in a recently refurbished historical pub building, in the heart of the village. They are focused on providing friendly service in a wonderful setting, whilst serving innovative, high quality food created from locally sourced produce to ensure the freshest of flavours. Please bring a friend along, all are welcome! Book by Monday 11 November. The Horse and Jockey, Brackenfield Lane, Wessington, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6DW. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# December

THURS

05

## A Christmas Quiz with a difference!



12 noon



Free



A quirky quiz lasting an hour on a variety of topical traditions. The presenter, Paul Newsham, pits his wits against you as a floor... No pen and paper required! Please let Toni know if you can make it, so we can make sure there are enough. Festive refreshments will be available! Book by Wednesday 20 November. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# December

Put this  
date in  
your diary!

SAT

07

## Annual Christmas Dinner



7pm



TBC



This year we are having a Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows Christmas Dinner! The final details are yet to be confirmed but please make sure you put the date in your diary now! Toni will be sending out invitations and more details soon. It promises to be a night of festive fun! Book by Wednesday 6 November. Proact Stadium, 1866 Sheffield Road, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield S41 8NZ. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.



WED

11

## Festive Coffee and Catch Up



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MON

23

## Festive Dining in Derbyshire - The Crispin Inn



1pm



As per menu



Meet for lunch in the unspoilt, attractive village of Great Longstone near Bakewell. The Crispin Inn, is a popular Peak District village local pub with award-winning cellar and good pub food served daily. Well behaved dogs welcome. Open fires. Large car park. Locally sourced foods where possible. Perfect for a festive lunch with friends. See you there at 1pm! Please let Toni know if you can attend, so we can book the correct table at this busy time of year. Book by Monday 2 December. Crispin Inn, Great Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1TZ. Contact Toni on 01246 273076.

# Walking works! Walking is for everyone

## It's free, simple and gentle on the body

**At Derbyshire Dales Walking for Health we provide over 60 walks per month walk led by 40 qualified volunteer Walk Leaders all over the district and it's all free! The walks are very inclusive and welcoming and many of them finish with a cup of tea and slice of something good in a café.**

We have several different lengths of walks depending on your ability and fitness ranging from 30 minutes to two hours. Details of all our walks can be found at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/walkingforhealth](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/walkingforhealth) including descriptions of walk difficulties.

You don't need to book, you can just turn up at the specified meeting point and look out for the group of walkers who will welcome you with open arms. Just make sure you have decent sturdy footwear, preferably with a bit of ankle support

and clothes appropriate to the weather and a bit of money for a drink at the end if you want one.

Walking is good for the body, mind and soul - there will always be someone to talk to and walk with and always beautiful surroundings in the Derbyshire Dales.

You can always contact Helen Milton on 01629 761194 of [helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) for more information.

**Helen Milton**  
**Walking for Health Coordinator**  
**Derbyshire Dales District Council**



## Live Life Better Derbyshire

**Did you know there is a FREE healthy lifestyle service that helps you:**

Stop Smoking  
Manage your weight  
Get more active

Identify your health and well-being needs (falls prevention, housing and financial help, mental health, alcohol awareness)

You can take part in the Live Life Better Derbyshire Service if you: are a Derbyshire county resident; work in Derbyshire county; are registered with a Derbyshire county GP practice.

For more information visit [www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk](http://www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk) or call 0800 085 2299 (Freephone) or 01629 538200 (local rate).  
Email [llbd.info@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:llbd.info@derbyshire.gov.uk)



## Dignitaries cut ribbon on Saltergate's new social space

**A £35,000 refurbishment and repurposing of local friendship society, Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows' former administrative offices has resulted in the creation of a new social space for Chesterfield town centre, found at 126 Saltergate. On Thursday 14 March, Society staff, members and guests were joined by The Mayor of Chesterfield Councillor Stuart Brittain, Mayoress Anne Brittain, and the Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson (all pictured), to officially open the new meeting place and welcome its first visitors through the doors.**

At the launch event, Meryl Caunt, Secretary for the Oddfellows Derbyshire Peak District Branch, shared how the re-fit will mean so much more to the community than just four walls to meet within. She explained: "To keep communities connected, you need to give them safe, accessible and welcome spaces that are fit for friendships to form, as well as interesting activities that spark conversation.



It's what we've been doing as a society for more than 200 years." Meryl added "Previously, our group could only meet out and about, so it's wonderful to now have a permanent home for us to get together in and enjoy. It also allows us to literally do what we do best – open our doors and extend a warm welcome to anyone looking to meet other friendly, everyday folk in the Chesterfield area. There's no need to become a member first, you can just come and give an activity a try."

Thank you to everyone who supported Meryl and Toni with the refurbishment



and who came and supported the launch event.

Mr Tracy Cox, Builder and Joiner and his daughter Sarah did outstanding job on the branch office renovations. There was a lot of work do to inside and outside the



building and the end result is wonderful! They are a small Wingerworth based firm established over 10 years and provide free estimates. All forms of building work are undertaken. No job to small. Contact Tracy on 01246 236201 or 07974 953403.

## Changes to Pension Credit entitlement for 'mixed age' couples

**Pension Credit is money that can be paid to people of state pension age (and their partners if they have them), if the household's income is below a certain threshold and there isn't a large amount of savings or investments. Pension Credit payments are a little more generous than benefits for working age people and are well worth looking into. This information deals with changes to the claiming rules for couples.**

For most couples there is a period where they are considered a 'mixed age couple' meaning that one partner is working age and the other has reached State Pension age. Until now the older person, once they had reached state pension age, was able to

make a claim for Pension Credit on behalf of both partners. The claim would include money for the younger partner, too, paid at the more generous Pension Credit rate. For couples in receipt of Pension Credit there is no requirement to try to find paid work.

From 15 May 2019 the government is changing the rules for couples who are making a new claim for benefits. Please, note that there will be no change to payments for couples who are already getting Pension Credit (or pension age Housing Benefit).

However, where a mixed age couple wants to claim benefits after 15 May 2019 it is

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the younger partner who needs to make the claim. Where the age difference means that the younger partner is still of working age they have to apply for working age benefits and in many cases that will be Universal Credit. This change means that money for both partners, including the older pension age person, will be paid at the less generous working age benefit rate. The younger partner may also be required to try to find employment, although this condition should be tailored to their individual circumstances.

Only once the younger partner reaches pension age can the couple receive Pension Credit instead and neither partner needs to look for paid work.

As Pension Credit can in certain cases include money for a period of up to three months before the claim was made (called backdating) some mixed age couples may still be able to make a successful claim for a short period after the 15/05/2019 deadline up to 14/08/2019.

Mixed age couples on low income should seek advice quickly so they don't miss out on money they are entitled to. Members can contact the Oddfellows Adviceline (see page 15 for contact).

Non-members can use the checker on the Citizens Advice website to find contact details for their local bureau (they need to select England, Wales or Scotland from the drop-down menu at the top left of the home page) [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk). Alternatively, they can call the Age UK Advice Line on 0800 169 6565 for information on local Age UK advice services or call the Independent Age Advice Line on 0800 319 6789.

If appropriate claims for Pension Credit can be made by calling the Pension Service on 0800 99 1234.

Need to check if the new Pension Credit rules affect you?  
Call the member-only Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line (see page 15 for contacts).

## **Share the love – Help your friends get more out of life...**

**Why not invite them to become an Oddfellow? The more you refer that join, the greater rewards you'll receive – starting with a £10 Love2shop voucher.\***

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

### **Terms and conditions apply\***

The Refer a Friend offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other membership offer. For full terms and conditions, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers).



# 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 Meryl on **01246 273076** or email **meryl.caunt@oddfellows.co.uk**

## Oddfellows 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care) for care and welfare information**

## 184,000 reasons why we LOVE our members...

**Our Branches work tirelessly to fundraise for some fantastic causes. Whether it's a bake sale to fund cancer research, or a coffee morning to purchase some much-needed equipment for their local hospital, every single penny counts.**

In 2018, Oddfellows Branches raised over £184,000 for good causes – all of which could not have been achieved without the support of our members and wider community! Every cupcake sold, each raffle ticket purchased, they all add up to make real, tangible differences to people's lives across the country.

Congratulations to everybody involved in any and all fundraising activities. Please continue to keep up the good work and dig deep wherever you can! If you can't spare a little bit of cash, maybe you could help in different ways?

There's always a need for an extra pair of hands, whether you're rounding up the troops, baking some delicious goodies, or tidying up after an event – your time is just as valuable to charity fundraisers as any money you're able to donate.



*North Gloucestershire District Branch present Cheltenham hospital with £6,6440.*



*HA Andrews Memorial Fund presents University of Bradford with £29,000*



*Oddfellows raise £2532 for the British Heart Foundation*



*Ormskirk & Southport District Branch present Southport Offshore Rescue Trust with £775*

# Oddfellows Brass: Music to our ears!



**The Oddfellows Brass band has been a huge part of our identity for 38 years, after it was first established as 'Unity Brass' in 1981.**

Founded by the personable and talented Rob Boulter, the band has members of all ages and musical tastes! They perform a huge range of music, from traditional tunes and film scores to chart toppers and original pieces, arranged and composed by the players.

Each year, they put on eight astounding performances for the Oddfellows, travelling up and down the country to ensure members and the public have the opportunity to enjoy the music. This year, Oddfellows Brass will be performing at the following locations:

## **Southport – Sunday 26 May**

**Hosted by:** Ormskirk & Southport District Branch

**Location:** Southport Floral Theatre & Convention Centre, Promenade, Southport PR9 0DZ

Call **01695 424149** or email

**bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Liverpool – Saturday 29 June**

**Hosted by:** Mersey District Branch

**Location:** Childwall Sports and Science Academy, Queens Road, Liverpool L15 6XZ

Call **0151 639 2777** or email

**margaret.hughes@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Leamington Spa – Saturday 3 August**

**Hosted by:** Heart of England District Branch

More details to follow

## **Oldham – Saturday 7 September**

**Hosted by:** South East Lancashire

District Branch

**Location:** King William IV, Saddleworth Parish Council Civic Hall, Uppermill,

Lee Street OL3 6AE

Call **01457 876 870** or email

**sheila.kendall@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Bourne – Saturday 21 September**

**Hosted by:** Nene and Welland

District Branch

**Location:** Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9EF

Email **andrew.spencer@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Norfolk – Saturday 12 October**

**Hosted by:** Trafalgar Branch

**Location:** St Nicholas Church, Market Place, North Walsham, Norfolk NR28 9BT

Call **01692 407852** or email

**angela.batson@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Hartlepool – Saturday 26 October**

**Hosted by:** Cleveland and Durham District

**Location:** St Hilda's Church, Church Close, Hartlepool TS24 0PW

Call **01642 655685** or email

**david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk**

**If you'd like to see Oddfellows Brass performing in a location near you, let your Branch Secretary know!**

## Valuable Oddfellows artefact rescued “just in time”!

**Clearing out a home often unearths surprises, as members Harold and Jackie Houghton found when they were collecting a pile of discarded items from a relative’s home in Manchester.**

“We checked to make sure there wasn’t anything important left in the pile. Jackie spotted a watch in one of the boxes and she knew I would be interested in taking a look,” explained Harold. Having realised they might have an interesting (time)piece of history on their hands, Harold and Jackie visited a horologist (a clock maker), to service the watch.

Harold said: “It wasn’t until we moved to Llandudno that I heard any mention of the Oddfellows again. I spotted an advert for a local meeting in Deganwy, so we went along to find out what it was about. We actually joined whilst we were there!” Our resident Oddfellows historian,



Paul Eyre, commented: “The watch is an example of the type of presentation made to a past officer or secretary, usually to mark long service, in the first half of the 19th century. These would have been individually produced and painted by a local craftsman of the time, so this pocket watch is truly a unique piece.”

Harold wanted to return the watch to its roots, so he and Jackie visited Manchester’s central office to hand-deliver the watch to the CEO and Secretary of the Order, Jane Nelson.

Jane said, “It’s wonderful that this watch has brought Harold and his wife to the Oddfellows. We love when our members share their history with us, and we’ll be displaying Harold’s kind donation alongside some of our other important historical artefacts.”



# Sharing is caring

**Who do you know who'd love to share the benefits of Oddfellows membership? From fun and friendly events through to care and welfare support, you're more than just a number with the Oddfellows – you're part of our family.**

Last year, over 700 members joined the Oddfellows after being referred by one of their friends. Sharing the experiences you've had with the Oddfellows could truly make a big difference to somebody else's life? When you refer a friend, not only will they receive the amazing care and support from our community, but they'd have the chance to make some great new friends. If you have somebody in mind, bring them along to the next Branch event, so they can enjoy the benefits of membership for themselves!

When you refer your first friend, we'll send you a £10 Love2shop voucher as a thank you – perfect for buying your pal a coffee, or grabbing a bite to eat. As you encourage more of your friends to join, you'll move



up through our Bronze, Silver and Gold referrer levels. And once you've referred 40 friends, we'll send you a whopping £250 in Love2shop vouchers, which could pay for a much-needed break away!

So if you'd like to share your Oddfellows membership with some of your nearest and dearest, or anyone you think could benefit, pick up one of our new Refer a Friend leaflets from your local Branch, or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

\*T&Cs apply, please see our website for details: [www.oddfellows.co.uk / terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions)

## Barry Bedford becomes our FIRST-EVER Platinum-Plus member

It's no secret that Barry Bedford, from Nene and Welland District is our most successful current member when it comes to recruitment. To thank Barry for all his hard work, we're rewarding him with £10 worth of Love2shop vouchers for every new member he introduces to the Oddfellows moving forward. Well done, Barry!

# At a glance

## July 2019

<b>Tues 9</b>	Canal Trip Cromford Wharf to Leadwood Pumphouse and Return	10.45am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Coffee and Catch Up	11am
<b>Sun 14</b>	Super Summer Lunch Party!	1pm
<b>Mon 22</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Blue Bell Inn and Chantry Restaurant	1pm

## August

<b>Wed 14</b>	Coffee and Catch Up	11am
<b>Sun 18</b>	Southport Flower Show Trip	8am
<b>Mon 19</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Barrel Inn	1pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Walking in Derbyshire - Chesterfield Canal	11am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Wed 4</b>	Our UK Counties Food and Drink	12.30pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Friendship Month Coffee and Cakes!	11am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Dog Inn	1pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Friendship Month - Coffee and Cake at Herberts Tea Rooms, Tissington	12 noon

## October

<b>Wed 9</b>	Coffee and Catch Up	11am
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Co-Op Estate Planning 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys' Talk	2pm
<b>Mon 28</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Gate Inn	1pm

## November

<b>Wed 13</b>	Coffee and Catch Up	11am
<b>Fri 22</b>	Renishaw Hall - Guided Tour	1pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Horse and Jockey	1pm

## December

<b>Thurs 5</b>	A Christmas Quiz with a difference!	12 noon
<b>Sat 7</b>	Annual Christmas Dinner	7pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Festive Coffee and Catch Up	11am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Festive Dining in Derbyshire - The Crispin Inn	1pm

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