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Everyone Welcome - Deeside District - Croeso i Bawb







Denise Turner

Welcome message from Denise Turner, Deeside Branch Secretary

Our front cover this year shows a sunrise over the horizon and it symbolises new beginnings, where in the past we may have been a little fearful of the future, perhaps now we are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel. One thing you can be sure of, that Oddfellows are always here in dark times when you need a little light or when times are good we can celebrate our good times with friends. As always our branch of friendship is always outstretched should you need us.

Keep in touch, send in any stories, you may have that you would like printed in our next events diary and as always, stay safe.

Warmest wishes

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Monday and Tuesday 9am - 3.30pm Wednesday - Closed Thursday 9am - 3.30pm Friday 9am - 2pm (Answer phone available)

Denise Turner

A message from your Social Events Co-ordinator

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well. To keep you up to date, I want to tell you what has been working so far with our events.

As many of you already know, the Oddfellows did a tremendous job of taking many events online. Although, not quite as comfy as face to face events, being online has meant that many people still get to see a friendly face once, twice a week or as many times as you like!

At one point there was as many as 100 events running in one month all over the country, driven by many other Social Organisers with the beauty of it being online, so that you could attend from the safety of your own home.

We now have the opportunity to start some face to face events and whilst



we still have certain restrictions in place and the possibility of having to cancel at short notice means we will have to book everything in advance. Please, when you are having a look through the events this year, if you fancy coming along please pick up the phone and dial 01244 675757 or email emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk to save your spot.

Dates for your Diary

Brass Band Concert - Saturday 25 September 2021, see page 7 for details.

Annual Meeting and Buffet - Saturday 26 February 2022.

Gordon Hinett - Chairman's Dinner - Saturday 19 March 2022.

Meirion Edwards - Midland Group Presidents Dinner - Saturday 25 June 2022.

Our social events meet the current COVID-19 Secure guidelines



We're doing all we can to make our meet-ups as safe and as comfortable as possible, because staying connected matters. If you're in need of company, you're more than welcome to come along and join us in person or online.

www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

Coming back to our Branch soon......

We are hoping to resume our regular weekly meetings as soon as we are allowed to do so. In the meantime keep a look out for our online quizzes/coffee mornings throughout the booklet.

Online Games Morning with Deeside



L 10.30am £ Free

Join in with some fun games. We vary them week to week, from Countdown, Family Fortunes, beetle, cards and quizzes. It's 30 minutes of fun to start your week off with a smile. All welcome! *Check out our weekly events. Zoom



Meeting ID: 950 0863 2889*. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

Llandudno Coffee Mornings

Every Monday

(L) 11am

£) As per menu

From August every Monday you are welcome to join in the Llandudno Coffee Mornings, held at the fabulous Links Inn. We occasionally stop longer for lunch. Members and visitors are welcome. **Booking essential.** Gwesty Links Hotel, 77 Conway Road, Llandudno LL30 1PN. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.

Online Coffee and Friendly Chat with Deeside



Online

L 10.30am

Join in our regular Thursday Online Coffee Mornings, where we just check in with each other and chat about whatever comes up. Pour yourself your favourite brew! Everyone is welcome, we have regular visitors from all over the country and from abroad too, we look forward to seeing you there! Zoom Meeting ID: 949 4131 7445*. Password not required. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

£) Free

Deeside Coffee Mornings

Every Thursday

L 10.30am

) £1 for refreshments

From September coffee morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our spacious hall, which features plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen area. *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential.** 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

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*See page 16 for the online Zoom instructions.

September 2021 - Friendship Month









Join our coach trip to Holker Hall and Gardens. The coach will collect approximately



£37 per

person

8am from Oddfellows Hall and take you to Holker Hall, home of Lucy Cavendish. The hall is magnificently situated a short distance from Grange-over-Sands. You will see exceptionally beautiful countryside, with gardens that merge into parkland. Holker Hall Cafe on site or bring a packed lunch. Costs includes coach and entry. Book by Thursday 5 August. Meeting Oddfellows Hall for The Coach CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

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Friendship Coffee Morning at Deeside's Oddfellows Hall

Our first face to face Friendship Coffee Morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our spacious hall, which features

10.30am



plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen area. *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential** by Thursday 19 August. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



Friendship Games Morning with Deeside Branch







Join us for this special games morning. One hour of fun. Every Monday morning, join in with some fun games. We vary them week to week, from Countdown, Family Fortunes, Beetle, cards and quizzes. One hour of fun to start your week off with a smile. All welcome! Zoom Meeting ID: 950 0863 2889. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

September



Friendship Llandudno Coffee Morning

L 11am



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Every Monday you are welcome to join in the Llandudno Coffee Mornings, held at the fabulous Links Inn. We occasionally stop longer for lunch. Members and visitors are welcome.

Booking essential. Gwesty Links Hotel, 77 Conway Road, Llandudno LL30 1PN. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530.



Join our coach trip to Llanfair Steam Railway. The coach will collect approximately 8am



from Oddfellows Hall and take you to Llanfair Railway, set in amazing Welsh countryside. You will be taken to the fabulous Stumble Inn where you will enjoy a lovely two course meal. Costs includes steam train trip, meal and coach. Book by Thursday 12 August. Meet at Oddfellows Hall for the coach. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER

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Morning at Deeside's

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L)10.30am



Oddfellows Hall



Friendship Coffee Morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our



spacious hall, which features plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen area. *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential** by Thursday 19 August. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



Branch Meeting and Social

L 7.30pm



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Keep up to date with Branch meetings. We follow a standard agenda, all welcome to observe or participate. Followed by a social event and light refreshments. **Booking essential** by Thursday 2 September. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise on 01244 675757.

Oddfellows Brass Band *in concert*

Saturday 25 September - 2pm to 4pm

Ewloe Social Club, Old Mold Road, Ewloe, Deeside, Flintshire CH5 3AU

Tickets: £5 members, £7 guests

Refreshments included

Come along to enjoy popular classics – everyone welcome.

Contact Emma on 01244 675757 or 07938 204592 emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk



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October

Ribble Valley Sightseeing and Two Course Meal







Join our coach trip to the stunning Ribble Valley. The coach will collect approximately 8am from Oddfellows Hall and take you sightseeing around the Ribble Valley and then onto a lovely meal at The Calf's Head. The Calf's Head is nestled in the Ribble Valley village of Worston and has



stunning gardens and offers stunning views of Pendle Hill. Costs includes sightseeing coach and meal. Book by Thursday 26 August. Meet at Oddfellows Hall for the coach. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

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Wepre Park is an ancient woodland rich in wildlife and beauty. 160 acres of beautiful wild spaces with many walks. Visit the Old Hall gardens, Rosie pond, red rocks, cafe, waterfall or castle, there is much to see! Book by Thursday 16 September. Wepre Park, Connah's Quay CH5 4HL. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

Branch Meeting and Social



Keep up to date with Branch meetings. We follow a standard agenda, all welcome to observe or participate. Followed by a social event and light refreshments. **Booking essential** by Thursday 30 September. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise on 01244 675757.

October



Halloween Coffee Morning at Deeside's Oddfellows Hall

Halloween coffee morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our spacious hall,

10.30am

£

£1

which features plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen area. Wear something spooky! *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential.** Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

November

November



Guy Fawkes Coffee Morning at Deeside's Oddfellows Hall

L) 10.30am

£1

Guy Fawkes coffee morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our



, spacious hall, which features plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen area. Come dress with sparkle. *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential.** Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.



Keswick is a market town in North West England, located within the stunning Lake District National Park surrounded by mountains. The coach will drop you off and let you explore at your leisure. Costs includes coach. Book by Thursday 26 August. Meet at Oddfellows Hall for the coach. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

November



Panda Mami - Dine Out

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At Panda Mami, you will find delicious international food to excite your senses. We invite you to take a gastronomic journey



through different countries and cultures, so you can discover the most authentic flavours of the world. We will meet at the venue at 7pm. **Booking essential** by Thursday 28 October. Panda Mami Restaurant, 25 Newgate Street, Chester CH1 1DE. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

December



Branch Meeting and Social

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(L) 7.30pm (£



Keep up to date with Branch meetings. We follow a standard agenda, all welcome to observe or participate. Followed by a social event and light refreshments. **Booking essential** by Thursday 4 November. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise on 01244 675757.

Christmas Lunch at the Beaufort Park Hotel

–)12.30pm (£) As per menu

Get ready to pull those crackers in this years Christmas lunch in the Regent Suite of the Beaufort Park Hotel! Fabulous food and fabulous company! Choose from two or three courses. **Booking essential** by



Thursday 4 November. Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold Road, New Brighton CH7 6RQ. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

December



Christmas Meal at the Down Inn plus Entertainment and Morton Garden Centre Trip



Luxury two course meal at the Down Inn plus entertainment, stopping off at the Morton Garden Centre on the return. Costs includes coach, two course meal and entertainment. Book by Thursday 23 September. The Down Inn & Christmas Entertainment. Meet at Oddfellows Hall



for the coach. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

HURS 16 Christmas Coffee Morning at Deeside's Oddfellows Hall

L) 10.30am (£) £1

£1



Christmas coffee morning at Oddfellows Hall. We welcome you to our spacious hall, which features plenty of seating, high beams and large kitchen



area. Why not be super Christmassy and wear a Christmas jumper! *Restrictions may apply with numbers. **Booking essential.** Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Emma on 01244 675757.

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Llandudno Christmas Lunch

L 12.30pm £ As per menu



Join us for a Christmas meal at Home Cooking – home style British food. Great fun and company. **Booking essential** by Thursday 4 November. Home Cooking, 139 Mostyn Street, Llandudno LL302PE. Contact Gordon on 01492 515530, or Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.



December



7.30pm

Christmas Branch Meeting and Social

Keep up to date with Branch meetings, third Monday of the month. We follow a standard agenda, all welcome to observe or participate. Tonight join us for some Christmas mince pies and mulled wine. **Booking essential** by Thursday 2 September. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise or Emma on 01244 675757.

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Winter Warmer Branch Meeting and Social

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Keep up to date with Branch meetings, third Monday of the month. We follow a standard agenda, all welcome to observe or participate. This will be followed by our Winter Warmer social afterwards. Please feel free to bring something baked to share. **Booking essential** by Thursday 6 January 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG. Contact Denise on 01244 675757.

January 2022



New Years Day Walk - Parkgate





A fresh new year and a fresh start. Pop along on our New Years Day walk. Meeting at the Old Quay end of the promenade and stroll until we feel like it. Book by Thursday 16 December. The Parade – Parkgate CH64 6SA. Contact Denise on 01244 675757.



Bird Watching

Pour yourself your favourite brew! at Oddfellows Hall* or join us online

Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney, Nr Chester, Flintshire CH4 8SG or Zoom ID: 949 4131 7445 at 10.30am

Thursday 20 January 2022

This week we will give everyone a sheet to fill out for bird watching and catch up next week 'Bird Watching Week 2' to talk about our discoveries.

Thursday 27 January 2022

To coincide with RSPB week bird watching. People will be asked to bring their bird watching sheet from week one to discuss our little birdie discoveries.

Everyone is welcome.

If you are attending at Oddfellows Hall it will be £1 for refreshments.

*Restrictions may apply with numbers. Booking essential.

Call Emma for more information on 01244 675757 or email emma.leighton@oddfellows.co.uk

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Triple Celebrations

Congratulations to three of our Deeside District members: Denise Turner, Meirion Edwards and Tracey Edwards

Congratulations to Meirion Edwards and Denise Turner who have both been re-elected onto a Unity Committee.

There are two main Unity Committees they are the Investigation Committee and the Benevolence Committee these are made up of a group of members nominated by their Branches and then elected by the Deputies at our Annual Conference. The Investigation Committee takes a look into the workings of the Board and the Society in general. The Benevolence Committee decide on cases of benevolence due to illness or hardship where the Branch has helped a member through grants, but further assistance may be necessary.

Tracey Edwards was also nominated by our Branch and elected at Annual Conference to be a Unity Arbitrator. The Arbitrators are a panel of members who mediate on Oddfellows business if required.

Never too late to Zoom!

Welcome to our new members and a reminder for those members who have been with us for some time! It's never too late to get on Zoom.

We are on hand to give training to those who may need it, you will need wifi to attend a training session, but please get in touch if this is something you would like to do. Being able to talk to people online is so helpful, especially if you are feeling a bit fed up, lonely or just want a friendly face to talk to. Especially, in winter, you may just find a regular event a lifeline to not going out so much or darker winter nights, so learning how to do it now, would set you in great stead for the future, whatever it may bring.

Member News!

Ray, who was featured in our 'Meet the Members' article last year runs a radio show every Thursday evening from 6pm to 8pm and you can listen in on www.vintageradio.org.uk

Dementia Awareness Accreditation

34.5 million of us know someone living with dementia in the UK. Together we can bring change. One in three of us born in the UK today will go on to develop dementia in our lifetime, and there will be one million people living with dementia by 2025 making dementia care one of the greatest challenges facing our society. With few existing treatments, it's social care, not the NHS that people affected by Dementia rely on.

People with dementia represent the majority of social care users. This being said, Deeside Oddfellows have decided to help and apply for accreditation for



Dementia Awareness, so we have assigned Emma Leighton as our Dementia Lead. We are putting Dementia-friendly signs throughout our hall, have assigned a dedicated quiet room, plus we will be attending Dementia training sessions.

We are in the press!

Look out for our press releases and posts, we have at the time of writing this been in the newspapers eight times this year! Fabulous to let others know about our society and spread the word about how we can help people! So please if you see an article share them with your friends and family, the more people who know about Oddfellows the more we can help.

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

Refer a friend today

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

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

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How to join a Zoom event for the first time

You will need a device that is connected to the internet with a camera and microphone (most computers, laptops, smart phones and tablets have them). Don't worry if you don't have these, you can still join an event using your landline phone – you'll be able to hear and speak to everyone but not see them. Here's some simple steps to help get you started.

1. Connecting to Zoom via an app or website

You can download the free Zoom app from your app store – once you've 'signed in' and set up a password you'll be ready to start. Alternatively you can connect to Zoom via www.zoom.us – just click on 'Join a Meeting' and enter the 'Meeting ID'.

2. Using the 'Meeting ID' to join an event

The 'Meeting ID' is a unique set of numbers listed with the event information in this leaflet - you need to enter these once you've logged onto Zoom (either via the app or website). For some events you may have to preregister with the event organiser and/ or enter a 'Passcode'.



3. Getting your audio and video settings right

When prompted, make sure your video and audio is on – if you see a red line through the microphone and/ or camera icons, click on them to activate otherwise you won't be seen or heard!

4. Joining an event with a landline phone

You can use your landline to phone into an event – there is a charge, (please check your operator for details), but the standard rate number is 0330 0885830. You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID number followed by # and may also be asked for a Passcode followed by #.

For additional information on how to join meetings, here's a few useful links:

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/ articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bp-assets/ globalassets/trafford/how-to-use-zoom-forthe-first-time.pdf

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Answers on page 21.

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Weightlifting Wrestling

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Riddle Time Answers on page 20.

- It's shorter than the rest, but when you're happy, you raise it up like it's the best. What is it?
- You can carry it everywhere you go, and it does not get heavy. What is it?
- 3. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
- 4. A word I know, six letters it contains, remove one letter, and twelve remains. What am I?
- 5. You see a boat filled with people. You look again, but this time you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?
- 6. What word of five letters has only one left when two letters are removed?
- 7. A bus driver goes the wrong way on a one-way street. He passes the cops but they don't stop him. Why?

- 8. What is at the end of a rainbow?
- 9. How many bricks does it take to complete a building made of bricks?
- 10. A rooster lays an egg at the very top of a slanted roof. Which side is the egg going to roll off on?
- 11. Where can you finish a book without finishing a sentence?
- 12. What is as big as an elephant, but weighs nothing at all?
- 13. Name a 7 letter word, from which if you take out 4 letters, you will have 1 left?
- 14. When you need me, you throw me away. When you don't need me, you bring me back. What am I?
- **15.** What can you hold in your left hand but not your right?

General Knowledge Answers Quiz on page 20

- **1.** The blue whale
- 2. France
- Twice in 2013 against Novak Djokovic and in 2016 against Milos Raonic
- **4.** 1869
- 5. Reykjavík
- 6. Forrest Gump (1994), Catch Me If You Can (2002), The Terminal (2004), Bridge of Spies (2015)
- **7.** 1.6km
- 8. Hazelnut
- 9. David Jason

- 10. Netherlands
- 11. The Dalai Lama
- **12.** First: Alabama. Last: Wyoming
- 13. Margate
- 14. Leonardo Da Vinci
- 15. Coco Chanel
- **16.** Four the mitral, tricuspid, aortic and pulmonic valves
- **17.** A kit
- **18.** The masseter the main jaw muscle
- 19. Mercury
- 20. Russia

Hard Logic Image Pattern Puzzle

Find the logic in the figure given and find out the missing one. Answer on page 21.

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Sudoku

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How Many Balls?

Can you count the number of balls in the picture below?



95% get this wrong. Answer on page 21.

General Knowledge

Answers on page 18

- 1. What's the biggest animal in the world?
- 2. Which country is brie cheese originally from?
- How many times has Andy Murray won Wimbledon playing singles?
- 4. What year was Heinz established?
- 5. What is the capital of Iceland?
- 6. Put these Tom Hanks films in chronological order: Catch Me If You Can, Forrest Gump, The Terminal, Bridge of Spies?
- 7. To a single decimal point, many kilometres in a mile?
- 8. What nut is in the middle of a Ferrero Rocher?
- **9.** Who plays Del Boy Trotter in Only Fools And Horses?
- 10. Who came second in the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019?

- **11.** Who is the highest spiritual leader of Tibet?
- 12. For two points, if all of the states of America were placed in alphabetical order, what would be first and last?
- 13. Where in England would you find the theme park Dreamland?
- 14. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- **15.** Which fashion designer reportedly had a relationship with Winston Churchill?
- **16.** How many valves does the heart have?
- 17. What's a baby rabbit called?
- **18.** Typically, what's the strongest muscle in the human body?
- **19.** Which planet is closest to the sun?
- **20.** What is the largest country in the world?

Riddle Time Answers on page 18

- 1. A thumb
- 2. Your name
- 3. Fingerprints
- 4. Dozens
- 5. The boat has not sunk. All the people on the boat are married.
- 6. Stone
- 7. He was walking

- 8. The letter W
- 9. One brick complete a building
- **10.** Neither, roosters don't lay eggs
- 11. Prison.
- **12.** The shadow of an elephant
- 13. Someone
- 14. An anchor
- 15. Your right elbow

Sports Wordsearch on page 17

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Sudoku on page 19

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Hard Logic Image pattern Puzzle on page 19

Every single symbol is associated with each another's position. If you look closely, you will find out that the upside-down club symbol is always used on the left of a rightside-up heart.

How Many Balls on page 19

30 (16+9+4+1).



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 Denise on **01244 675757** or email **denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk.**

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm **Email:** oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm **Email:** care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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The Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

As much as we were all hoping for the opportunity to get together and host our 2021 AMC in person, the global pandemic had other plans and so we saw the conference held virtually over Zoom, and broadcast live via YouTube.

This is only the second time since 1944 that there hasn't been an in-person Annual Movable Conference. The AMC is usually a three-day conference which gives our network of 115 Branches a chance to have their say in the way the Society is run, celebrate its successes and developments over the past 12 months, and enjoy a catch-up with other Branches over dinner. This year however, the Directors gathered in the Unity Office Boardroom whilst everyone else stayed at home and Deputies logged in via Zoom to listen in and make their contributions to conference.

Despite the distance between us all, the AMC was its usual hive of activity, and thanks go to all the Deputies who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses. We would also like to extend our thanks to the incredible IT team who worked tirelessly to ensure all Deputies were able to log in successfully, the conference was broadcast seamlessly, and everything ran as it should.

Welcoming our newest Grand Master, David Ogden

One of the key elements of AMC is the installation of the new Grand Master, or Chairman of the Society. This is one of the most prestigious and respected roles in the Society, and requires a considerable commitment. As Grand Masters they need to have progressed through the ceremonial side of the Society and usually will have served for at least four years as a Director, before being nominated to be Grand Master.

Our Immediate Past Grand Master, David Randall, spent two years in the role, instead of the usual one, due to the coronavirus pandemic, and has this year welcomed his successor, David Ogden. Despite there being no live audience, the ceremony featuring his installation as Grand



Master was streamed on YouTube.

The Society would like to thank David Randall for his hard work during his time as Grand Master, and wish David Ogden all the best for his term. Keep an eye out for our interview with the new Grand Master in the next edition of Society News!

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners!

Each year, we recognise and celebrate the efforts of members who have gone above and beyond for their local Branch, fellow members, and the Society as a whole. Without these individuals (and there are many!), the Oddfellows wouldn't be the warm and welcoming organisation it is today.

This year, faced with a global pandemic and numerous lockdowns which left many members isolated, the kindness and dedication of our Making a Difference Award nominees truly shone through. Our judges were blown away by the way Oddfellows communities rallied together to help each other through such a difficult year, and so choosing the winners was more difficult than ever. Without further ado, our 2021 Making a Difference Award winners are...

Wendy Atkins, from Ipswich Oddfellows, for Working in the spirit of mutuality

Wendy said: "It was a big surprise and I feel honoured to have won. I've done all sorts for the Ipswich Oddfellows over the years, but I enjoy my role as social organiser most of all. Since we've started running online events, I've had to think outside the box and see how our in-person events can translate onto Zoom, which has been a fun challenge.



I've extended the hand of friendship to other Branches to offer help and support with their online meetings."

Paul, from South London Oddfellows

Paul Fitton, from South London Oddfellows, for Enriching lives socially

Paul said: "It was a lovely surprise when I found out I'd won. Organising social events for my local group is more than just a job for me, it's fun and fulfilling. Helping people meet and make new friends in the area is wonderful."



Janice Tomlin, from Reading Oddfellows, for Giving a helping hand

Janice said: "I had no idea I'd even been nominated, so it was a shock when I was told I'd won the award, but I was incredibly pleased! I know how it feels to be on your own a lot, so being a listening ear for other members during such a difficult year has been a tonic for me as well, in many ways."



Janice, from Reading Oddfellows

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our members are at the heart of everything we do as a Society, and it's people like Paul, Wendy and Janice who keep the wheels turning.

"As much-loved members of their local Branches and the Society as a whole, these Awards are truly well-deserved."

Working together to Make a Difference for 2022

We are excited to introduce a new 'Achieving Together' category for our Making a Difference Awards.

Members nominated for the Achieving Together Award should be a team of two, and could be married, partners, family relations, or good friends who collaborate with, and support each other, to achieve more than they could alone.



Have your say!

If you know a Society star who goes above and beyond, or a duo whose combined efforts make your Branch a warm and welcoming place for all, download a Member Nomination form from www.oddfellows. co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

Face-to-face get-togethers are back, but online events are here to stay

Many members have been missing that wonderful feeling of seeing and socialising with friends in a group setting, and we're pleased to let you know that our Branches have restarted their face-to-face events, or are getting ready to restart them again very soon.

So whether you're feeling up to a walk in the great outdoors, or you're keen to get back to your local coffee morning, our Branches are beavering away behind the scenes to make sure their events are COVID-secure, and our members are safe.

Not feeling up to getting together yet? That's fine too. Lots of people will still feel anxious about mixing with groups indoors or outdoors, and we know it will take a while for things to feel "normal" again. But we don't want you to miss out, which is why our online events are here to stay.





From local guest talks streamed live from your Branch, to our weekly national coffee mornings, online events will continue for as long as our members would like them to.

Help is available to get you set up to access the online events, should you need it. Call our membership team on **0800 028 1810**, or email **events@oddfellows.co.uk** to receive a how-to guide for using Zoom video conferencing.

If you'd like to join in with one of our events, in-person or online, find out what's coming up by visiting our website: **www.oddfellows.co.uk/events** or speak to your local Branch Secretary to request a local events diary.

Various sized rooms for hire

Rooms available for hire at Oddfellows Hall, 65 High Street, Saltney.

Monday to Sunday 8am to 10pm

For further information please contact **Denise Turner on** 01244 675757 denise.turner@oddfellows.co.uk

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are here to stay

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

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Deeside and Llandudno Events - at a glance

For full details of our regular events see page 4

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October

Wed 6	Ribble Valley Sightseeing and Two Course Meal	7.45am
Sat 16	Wepre Park Walk	10.30am
Mon 18	Branch Meeting and Social	7.30pm
Thurs 28	Halloween Coffee Morning	10.30am

November

Tues 2	Day Out in Keswick	7.45am
Thurs 4	Guy Fawkes Coffee Morning	10.30am

November

Thurs 18	Panda Mami - Dine Out	7pm
Mon 22	Branch Meeting and Social	7.30pm

December

Thurs 9	Christmas Lunch at the Beaufort Park Hotel	12.30pm
Wed 15	Christmas Meal at the Down Inn plus Entertainment and Morton Garden Centre Trip	7.45am
Thurs 16	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 20	Llandudno Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Mon 20	Christmas Branch Meeting and Social	7.30pm

January 2022

Sat 1	New Years Day Walk - Parkgate	10am
Mon 17	Winter Warmer Branch Meeting and Social	7.30pm
Thurs 20 & Thurs 27	Bird Watching (Week 1 and 2) Coffee Morning at Deeside's Oddfellows Hall and on Zoom	10.30am

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