

July - December 2024



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# out & about

## Derbyshire Peak



Walks



Day Trip



Day Trip by  
coach



Social



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee  
Morning



Dining Out

## Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to our Out & About Events Guide for July – December 2024.

We have a great schedule of events for you to enjoy for the rest of the year. Our popular walks and coffee mornings continue twice each month as well as our monthly lunches, dinners and days out. We also plan to venture out into the peaks a little more to meet up with our members in and around the Buxton area.



Many of you will have already met me, but for those that haven't – I'm often described as a blunt Yorkshire man. I trained as a teacher at Matlock College but spent most of my working life in Social Services Senior Management working with children in care. I returned to live in Belper in 2010 and joined the Committee of Management at Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows soon afterwards. I have been the Chair of both the Care & Welfare and Social Sub Committees for a number of years. I am interested in most sports and am a season ticket holder at Matlock Town Football Club. My chosen charity for the forthcoming year is Treetops Hospice, who were very supportive when I was widowed in 2014.

I hope to lead the Management Committee through another successful year, providing social events and supporting the large numbers of our members who need welfare support. If you have any questions relating to your membership, benefits

## Contact Details

**District Secretary:** Lucy Halliday

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**Email:**

lucy.halliday@oddfellows.co.uk

Lucy is our Branch secretary and is responsible for the day to day running of our Branch, monthly accounts, care and welfare claims, meeting minutes and administration.



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

**Organiser:** Trudy Ford

**Telephone:**

01246 273076

**Mobile:** 07933 626720

**Email:**

trudy.ford@oddfellows.co.uk



**Address:** 126 Saltergate,  
Chesterfield S40 1NG

**Office Opening Hours:**

Our office is now open Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
9.30am – 12noon.

If you would like to visit please  
arrange this beforehand.

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or social plans please get  
in touch on the office number above.  
I hope to see you soon.  
Yours fraternally

**Peter Wilkinson**  
**(Provincial Grand Master)**  
**and The Committee of Management**

Please note that all events must be booked in advance with the Social Organiser.

# Regular Event

## Rambling On Walking Group



10.30am



Walk Free  
Pay your own meal



First Friday  
of the month

Our friendly walking group walks for roughly 60 to 90 minutes at a steady pace. We then visit a nearby café for tea and cakes or lunch if you prefer. Pay for whatever you order in the café. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076 to confirm location.

5 July  
2 August

6 September  
4 October

1 November  
6 December

## Best Foot Forwards Walking Group



10am



Walk Free  
Pay your own meal



Third Friday  
of the month

Our longer walking group walks for 2.5 to three hours before enjoying lunch or tea and cakes nearby. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076 to confirm location.

19 July  
16 August

20 September  
18 October

15 November  
20 December

## Pop-in Coffee Mornings



11am



£1.50



First Wednesday  
of the month

Come along to our Pop-in Coffee Morning. Enjoy coffee, cakes and a chat with a quiz or games or occasional charity bingo. Meet at Quaker Friends Meeting House, 27 Ashgate Road for car park entrance. No stairs entrance via the end of Brockwell Lane, Chesterfield S40 4AG. In summertime we will meet at 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG in the garden (if the weather is bad we move to Quaker Friends Meeting House, notice will be given). **Book three days in advanced.**

3 July  
7 August

4 September  
2 October

6 November

Online events you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home...  
Visit [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://oddfellows.co.uk/events) and enter 'Ayr' in the place name box

# July 2024

WED  
10

## Peak Rail Steam Train and Picnic or Chips in the Park



10.45am



£10 Train Ticket



Enjoy a nostalgic four mile steam train journey through the countryside on part of the old Midland Railway line, which closed in 1968. Bring a picnic or enjoy fish and chips outside if the weather is good. We will eat in the chip shop if the weather is bad. Take a walk around the shops or enjoy a coffee shop before returning to Matlock Station at 1.30pm to catch the 1.40pm train back to Rowsley. Option to return on the 3.40pm if you prefer as your ticket is valid for the day. There is an accessible carriage on the train and the station is accessible. Book by Friday 21 June. Meet at Rowsley South Train Station, Rowsley, Derbyshire DE4 2LF (free parking) at 10.45am to catch the 11am train to Matlock. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED  
17

## Coffee Morning with Afternoon Tea



11am



£2.50



Enjoy a light afternoon tea a little earlier than usual, with games. Book by Friday 12 July. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



FRI  
12

## Friday Night Social - The Greyhound at Higham



6pm



Pay for what you order



Enjoy an evening meal at The Greyhound. Legendary pub classics, with delightfully fresh modern twists, naughty nibbles to mighty mains. Pre-order required. Book by Friday 5 July. The Greyhound, Main Road, Old Higham Village DE55 6EF. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



# July 2024

**MON 22** Dining in Derbyshire  
- The Anglers Rest,  
Millers Dale



Let's enjoy lunch at this famous Riverside Pub in Miller's Dale. Offering home cooked food in a lovely location next to the Monsal Trail. The pub offer a two course menu for seniors for £14.95 or you can choose from the main menu. £5 deposit required. Book by Friday 12 July. The Anglers Rest, Millers Dale, Buxton SK17 8SN. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



# August

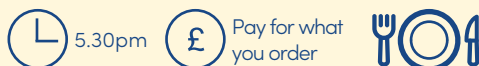
**WED 14** Coffee Morning on Tour  
- Litton Village Hall



Join us at Litton Village Hall for tea and cakes plus a natter and a game. Book by Saturday 10 August. Litton Village Hall, 3 Church Lane, Litton SK17 8RA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

# August

**FRI 09** Friday Night Social - The Orangery at St Elphins



Join us for an evening meal at The Orangery Restaurant. Set in the rural beauty of Darley Dale, the restaurant is a great location to enjoy contemporary, seasonal food in a luxurious setting. Situated in the grounds of the elegant Audley St Elphin's Park retirement village. £5 deposit and pre-order required. Book by Friday 2 August. The Orangery at St Elphins Park, Dale Road South, Darley Dale, Derbyshire DE4 2RH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.





# August

## WED 21 Coffee Morning



11am



£1.50



Join us for our larger coffee morning, with tea, cakes and quiz or game or two. Book by Saturday 17 August. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



## TUES 27 Dining in Derbyshire - The Smithy Pond



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Enjoy a tasty lunch then a drink looking out onto the pond if the weather is fine. Moved to a Tuesday due to the bank holiday. Book by Sunday 18 August. The Smithy Pond, Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6LN. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



## THURS 29 Bolsover Castle



11am



Under 60s £16,  
Over 60s £14



Visit the magnificent Stuart mansion - once the hilltop palace of a horse-mad Cavalier playboy! Enjoy the introductory exhibition in the stables, tour the garden and of course the castle itself as well as the Little Castle. Much of the grounds are accessible, except the 'Little Castle'. Visit the on site café/tea rooms afterwards. Meet in the car park. Book by Thursday 8 August. Bolsover Castle, Castle Street, Bolsover S44 6PR. Please let Trudy know if you are English Heritage Members on 01246 273076.



# September - Friendship Month

**ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER

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## **WED 04** Pop-in Coffee Morning in the Garden

🕒 11am

£ Free



Come along to our open to all coffee morning in the Branch garden. Bring a friend! Enjoy coffee, cakes, a chat



and find out more about Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows. We will move to the Quaker Friends Meeting House if the weather is bad - notice will be given. Book by Saturday 31 August. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

## **TUES 10** Chesterfield Bowl

🕒 10.45am

£ £5 per person



Let's meet up for a fun ten pin bowling session at Chesterfield Bowl. Always an enjoyable event. Meet at 10.45am



to bowl at 11am to 12 noon. Light lunch will be available in the bar area afterwards. Open to all for Friendship Month. Friends welcome to join us for Friendship Month. Book by Saturday 31 August. Chesterfield Bowl, Storforth Lane, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 2TV. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

## **FRI 13** Friday Night Social - The Bridge Inn at Calver

🕒 6pm

£ Pay for what you order



Enjoy an evening meal at the newly refurbished Bridge Inn. Offering a wide variety of traditional seasonal and modern food in a stunning part of the Peak District. Why not invite a friend to come along and meet us for Friendship Month! Book by Friday 6 September. The Bridge Inn, Calver Bridge, Calver S32 3XA. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



## **WED 18** Coffee Morning with the Alva De Chiro - 'Good for a Laugh'

🕒 11am

£ £1.50



Join us at our larger monthly coffee morning for coffee and cakes. Our speaker will be Alva De Chiro, returning with her talk 'Good for a Laugh'. Feel free to bring a friend for Friendship Month too! Book by Saturday 14 September. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



# September - Friendship Month

**ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**MON  
23**

## Dining in Derbyshire - The Vines at Chatsworth Garden Centre



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Set in the surroundings of the Chatsworth Estate The Vines looks out onto the garden centre and surrounding countryside. Arrive at 11.45am if you'd like to have a good browse of the lovely large garden centre and homewares store. Invite a friend or two to share this Friendship Month lunch with us. Book by Friday 13 September. The Vines at Chatsworth Garden Centre, Calton Lees, Beeley DE4 2NX. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



*THE  
Vines*  
RESTAURANT

**THURS  
26**

## Coffee and Cakes in Buxton



11am



First cuppa is free,  
pay for what you  
order



Bring a friend to find out more about the Oddfellows as we enjoy coffee and cakes or brunch at The Pavilion Kitchen in Buxton Pavillion Gardens. Part of a beautiful historic venue dating back to 1871, set within 23 acres of landscaped gardens. Your first cuppa will be on the Oddfellows. You can also enjoy the nearby retail arcade shops selling crafts, cards and gifts. Book by Thursday 19 September. The Pavilion Kitchen in Buxton Pavillion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton SK17 6BE. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

**FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT**  
Join the fun

# October

**FRI  
11**

## Friday Night Social - Desi Aroma Indian Restaurant



6pm



Pay for what  
you order



Enjoy a Friday night meal at Desi Aroma Indian Restaurant in Bolsover. It has great reviews



from our members! Book by Friday 4 October. Desi Aroma, 55 Towns End, Welbeck Road, Bolsover S44 6DT. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



# October

WED  
16

## Coffee Morning with the Dementia Friend Awareness Talk

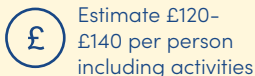


Join us at our larger monthly coffee morning for coffee and cakes. Our speaker will be Barbara from Alzheimers UK who will give us a talk on how to be a 'Dementia Friend'. Book by Saturday 12 October. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



THURS  
24

## Trip to Liverpool - Overnight



Details to be confirmed nearer the time. We hope to take the 9.21am train from Chesterfield to Liverpool Lime Street direct. Returning on the 3.51pm train on Friday 25 October. We will stay at a City Centre Hotel, not too far from Albert Docks. After taking our bags to the hotel we will enjoy a light lunch. Next we head out on a hop on – hop off city sightseeing open top bus tour. The rest of the afternoon and evening will hopefully include a visit to the Cavern Club (£5 entry not included) before or after dinner out in the city. After breakfast we can visit the 'Beatles Story' Museum next door to the hotel, with a 50 minute Mersey cruise before returning home. Approximately £48 train (may reduce nearer the date). Rooms: £55 for one person with breakfast or £67 for two people with breakfast based on the Ibis Hotel. Beatles Experience Museum, Mersey Ferry 50 minute ride and City Sightseer Bus Tour Ticket total £37. Hotel will be non-refundable if cancelled within 28 days of travel. Book by Saturday 31 August. Liverpool City Centre Break, Liverpool L1. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

# October

MON  
28

## Dining in Derbyshire - The Wheatsheaf Inn at Baslow



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Proper authentic pub food in a welcoming countryside location. Choose from the main menu, light lunch menu with two courses for £15.75, or sandwich menu. Book by Friday 18 October. The Wheatsheaf Inn, Netherends, Baslow DE45 1SR. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



# November

FRI  
08

## Friday Night Social - Nonnas Chesterfield



6pm



Pay for what  
you order



Enjoy an authentic Italian meal experience at Nonnas. Freshly made bread, hand made pasta, stone-baked pizza plus traditional Italian dishes. £10 deposit and pre-order required. Book by Friday 1 November. Nonnas, 131 Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield S40 2AH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON  
18

## Dining in Derbyshire - Christmas Trees and The Pig & Pump



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Our yearly trip to see the wonderful Christmas Tree display in St Marys - The Crooked Spire - Church (free). Followed by a delicious pub lunch at The Pig & Pump. Pre-order required. Meet at the church from 11.30am then over the road to the pub by 12.30pm. Book by Thursday 7 November. The Pig & Pump, 16 St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield S41 7TJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



## Booking and cancellations

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

# November

## **WED** **20** Coffee Morning with the 'True Crime Investigators'

 11am

 £1.50



Join us at our larger monthly coffee morning for coffee and cakes. Our speakers will be the 'True Crime Investigators' with the story of the Pottery Cottage Murder in Chesterfield. Book by Saturday 16 November. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

## **SUN** **24** Christmas Lunch at Santo's

 12.30pm

 TBC



Join us for our annual festive lunch, return to Santo's Higham Farm. Enjoy a welcome drink before seating for a three course lunch followed by coffee and mince pies. There will be a raffle for Treetops Hospice plus a table quiz with prizes for the winning table. Menu available nearer the time. Book by Friday 1 November. Santo's Higham Farm Hotel, Main Road, Higham DE55 6EH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



## **THURS** **28** Coffee Morning on Tour - Pavilion Kitchen, Buxton

 11am

 Pay for what  
you order



Enjoy coffee and cakes together at The Pavilion Kitchen in Buxton Pavillion Gardens. Part of a beautiful historic venue



dating back to 1871, set within 23 acres of landscaped gardens. Your first cuppa will be on the Oddfellows. You can also enjoy the nearby retail arcade shops selling crafts, cards and gifts. Book by Thursday 21 November. The Pavilion Kitchen in Buxton Pavillion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton SK17 6BE. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

# December

## **WED** **04** Coffee Morning with 'ThunderRoadz'

 11am

 £1.50



Join us at for a festive coffee morning with entertainment from 'ThunderRoadz'. This popular band returns to share their comedy stories and Christmas tunes. Book by Saturday 30 November. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

# December

TUES  
10

## Festive Visit to Thornbridge Hall



11.30am



Approximately  
£17 entry



Thornbridge Hall is a Grade II listed stately home nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Peak District. Set in 80 acres of stunning parkland, it is the family residence and private home of Jim and Emma Harrison. The hall and its 10 acres of formal gardens have been lovingly restored and is now recognised as one of the most beautiful, quirky stately homes in the UK. We will enjoy a tour of the house all prepared for Christmas before visiting the Quackers Café for lunch or tea and cakes. Please type Thornbridge Estate into your maps, not the postcode as it may not direct you correctly. Book by Saturday 30 November. Thornbridge Hall, Baslow Road, Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire DE. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI  
13

## Friday Night Social - The Olde House



6pm



Pay for what  
you order



Enjoy a festive evening meal at this large Marstons pub with a varied menu. Book by Friday 13 December. The Olde House, Loundsley Green Road, Newbold, Chesterfield S40 4RN. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED  
18

## Christmas Coffee Morning with Light Lunch



11am



£1.50



Join us at our early festive light lunch. Plus a festive quiz or two. Members are invited to bring along a small plate to share if they would like to. Book by Saturday 14 December. Club Chesterfield, Chester Street, off Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 1DL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

# December

MON  
23

## Dining in Derbyshire - The Three Cottages



12.30pm



Pay for what  
you order



Let's enjoy a last festive meal before Christmas at The Three Cottages in Winsick. Choose from their pub classics or festive menu. £5 deposit required if ordering from festive menu. Pre-order required. Book by Monday 9 December. The Three Cottages, 229 Mansfield Road, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0JJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

## Traditional Terms

**Grand Master (GM):** Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master**

**(Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Deputy Grand Master**

**(Prov DGM):**

District Deputy Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding**

**Secretary (Prov CS):**

District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

**Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):**

Immediate Past District Chairman

**Past Provincial Grand Master**

**(PPGM):** Past District Chairman

**Lodge:** Branch

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

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit Friendly Society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as support our members through a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810 to speak to one of our team.



# Nottingham Trent Events

Why not try a Nottingham Trent event?

Our neighbours at Nottingham Trent Oddfellows offer many great events which aren't too far away from us. You're always welcome to join them.

You can see all of their events on the Oddfellows website or for more info ask Trudy. Here are just a few examples...

## Thursday 11 July, 9am – Peak Sightseer Open Top Bus Tour

This tour has been highly recommended. Sit back and enjoy the scenery from a grandstand view as the open top bus takes you to some of the Peak District National Park's most popular destinations including Chatsworth House, Bakewell and Hassop Station for the Monsal Trail. You can hop on and hop off as many times as you'd like for a jam-packed day exploring the Derbyshire Peaks. Start the journey at Chesterfield Train Station around 9am. Cost: Adult day tickets £6/ ENCTS card day tickets £4/ Group day tickets of five people, cost £15. Book by Monday 1 July.



## Saturday 3 August, 10.30am – Skylarks Nature Reserve loop from Holme Pierrepont

Join us for a beautiful 2.9 mile walk around the Skylarks Nature Reserve at Holme Pierrepont. Park in the car park. We shall take lunch in a nearby pub or restaurant following the walk. Holme Pierrepont Visitor Car Park, Adbolton Lane, Nottingham NG12 2LU.



## Saturday 10 August, 11am – National Justice Museum

Over 60s £10.95, we have booked a guided tour which takes around 60 minutes taking you around the Gaol. Meet amazing, costumed characters from Nottingham's history in the Grade II listed Shire Hall. Explore the Victorian Courtroom, Georgian Gaol and ancient cells – all spread over five fascinating floors. Be inspired by exhibitions on themes of social justice and discover our captivating collection. Experience justice and the law like never before. There are performances throughout the day. We will take lunch in a nearby hostelry following the visit. Book by Thursday 1 August. The National Justice Museum, High Pavement, Nottingham NG1 1HN.



# Committee of Management

## Member Profile

### Barbara Lupton PPGM

**Barbara is a long term and valued member of our Committee of Management. She was introduced to the Oddfellows by her husband Ken and joined the Derbyshire Peak Lodge in 1999 as a national member.**



In 2004 Barbara took her Purple Degree and became an assistant Lodge Secretary, looking after the Fraternal Lodge 'Mysterious of the Peak' at Tideswell and at that time joined the Derbyshire Peak District Committee of Management.

She was elected Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 2006 and Provincial Grand Master of the Derbyshire Peak District in 2007.

Barbara attended her first AMC in Llandudno in 2018 and has since represented the District at subsequent AMCs. She is looking forward to representing the District again at the Llandudno 2024 AMC. Her other duties

on the committee are Safeguarding Lead and District Delegate to the Midland Group Conference.

Outside of Oddfellowship, Barbara is an active member of her local WI, Booking Secretary and Committee of Management member at the local village hall, and is a member of her local wildlife group dealing with biodiversity. She loves walking and has taken part in numerous sponsored walks. Her greatest achievements have been climbing Ben Nevis, summiting Scafell Pike and walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. She also loves gardening and has recently altered her garden to include two larger vegetable beds.

Barbara has three grown up children and six grandchildren. Her biggest adventure to date was visiting the two youngest grandchildren in Port Macquarie NSW.

She was trained as a baker/confectioner at Hollings College in Manchester and over the years has made countless birthday and wedding cakes both commercially and for friends and family.

Before retirement Barbara's last job for 10 years was as part of the audit team at Waitrose in Buxton. She was for 12 years the Senior Booking Clerk, a voluntary post, at Kingsley and Froghall Station on the Churnet Valley Railway.

# Welcome to our new members

It is always a pleasure to welcome new faces to our Branch. We love to meet new people and expand our social group. We are looking forward to our annual Friendship Month in September and hoping that lots of visitors will pop into our events to find out more about the Oddfellows. If you have a friend that would like to come along, please encourage them to do so.

## Receiving the Oddfellows Welcome

**Many of our members received the official Oddfellows welcome over the last few months. These include:**

Arthur Martin, Alan Askin, Peter Staley, Mick Palmer, Trudy Ford, Marek Payne, Rolna Worrall, Mary Pollard, Reg Nelson, Jacqui Wilson, Eileen Clifton, Sue Fenwick, Val Garner, Vandra Wood, James Flack, Kathryn Flack, Pam Attwater, Brenda Martin, Glenis Askin, Jean Nelson.

We have now ordered their Three Links badges, representing our motto of Friendship, Love and Truth. The welcome is one of the historical ceremonies associated with the long story of the Oddfellows and we're happy to keep this element of Oddfellowship alive.

If the welcome ceremony is of interest to any of our other members please let the Branch know and we will arrange another welcome session during one of our coffee mornings. It's as simple as a few spoken words and an answer. Once 'welcomed' you can also choose to listen to a series of short lectures, culminating in the Oddfellows Purple Lecture – something that enables members to become office

holders on the Branch Management Committee should they ever choose to do so. These short lectures are informative and interesting and explain the values of the Oddfellows Society so it's worth considering hearing them for that reason too. Let Trudy know if you would like to do this.



# Our charity fundraising

**Over the course of the last year we are very proud to have raised £700 for The Brain Charity. The charity sent us a letter of thanks for our fundraising and the final amount was announced during our pop-in coffee morning in June.**

Our charity for the year ahead is Treetops Hospice. Treetops provides nursing care and emotional support for adults and their families in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. All of their services are provided free of charge and not means-tested. Their additional services include a wellbeing space, hospice at home service, therapeutic services, wellbeing at home, support and information, support for professionals, care home



support, a befriending service plus their Compassionate Communities Project. The hospice is a registered charity and it costs 4.3million each year to run. They have to self-fundraise £70% of this, £8300 per day through voluntary donations, our charity shops, fundraising events, lottery memberships and gifts in wills.

If you have any fundraising ideas please let Trudy know. For more information about the hospice you can visit [www.treetopshospice.org.uk](http://www.treetopshospice.org.uk).

## New Provincial Grand Master & Deputy Provincial Grand Master

At our AGM in March our Committee of Management officers were elected. Our Provincial Grand Master is now Peter Wilkinson and the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master is

Corinne Hoban. Here's to another great year! If you're interested in finding out more about joining the Committee of Management please speak to Trudy or Lucy.



# Getting to know our members

## Kathryn & James Flack



Kathryn & James relocated from Kent and transferred to Derbyshire Peak Branch in 2023. They are now very active with our social events and settled into our area quite nicely!

Remarkably, James has been an Oddfellow since 1951 as he was enrolled by a Great Aunt when he was born. Kathryn also became a member in 1975 when she met James and also rented an Oddfellows property in Sidcup.

Kathryn likes reading, quizzes and walking her lovely dog and of course of socialising. James likes computer games and most sports including football, golf, snooker & cricket. Together they love a good cruise holiday!

## June Gibbs

June is a long term member who truly does live in the Derbyshire Peaks, in the village of Tideswell. June and her friend Beryl often join our



events over in their direction and it's always lovely to see them. June was a member of the Oddfellows as a small child when her family enrolled her. She rejoined as an adult and has since been a member for 30 years!

## John Dick



John is a keen fundraiser and member of many community groups in and around his home area of Ashbourne. He sings with the Bluecoat Singers, Nottingham who each year donate funds raised from their concerts. This year Chairman of the Bluecoat Singers Phil Hurt presented



Dennis Tulley of Emmanuel House with £1000. The charity support homeless people in Nottingham. Well done for your part in the great fundraising John.

## Geoffrey Sheldon



*Geoff (right) with his brother Henry.*

Many of you will have met Geoff at our social events, often along with his brother Henry. Geoff has a mammoth history with the Oddfellows and has held many positions within the Society, including President of the East Anglian Group Conference, which our local Branches were once part of. He has a wealth of knowledge about the history of our Branch and it's always a pleasure when he is able to attend our events. Geoff celebrated his 90th birthday in May and we hope he thoroughly enjoyed it!

Geoff told us "I was an Oddfellow from birth – my Father was the secretary of the Baslow Invincible Junior Lodge at the time.

As an adult I was automatically passed to Baslow Invincible Senior Lodge. The only time I haven't been active in the Oddfellows is when I was in the Royal Air Force. My brother Henry has been a member for his whole life too and we have been to many great events together and made many new friends. We were very proud to be in the Oddfellows. We had a huge banner which needed six people to hold for parades.

It's now in the People's Museum in Manchester. At one time there were 15 different district lodges in Chesterfield alone! Our meetings would attract up to 75 people."

Geoff has been awarded several Oddfellows medals and jewels, including the Meritorious Service Jewel. He has been Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire Peak Lodge (and it's predecessor) several times.

I asked Geoff why the Oddfellows has been so important to him. He said "I have lived a better life because of the Oddfellows. I have met so many great people from all over the country. I would complete a 250 mile round trip sometimes to attend group conferences, returning home after midnight, but I loved it.

You needed to be a member of some kind of friendship or mutual society in the past, otherwise you wouldn't be able to see a doctor before the NHS. It was because of groups like ours that the NHS was founded."

# Lunch at Chesterfield FC

In February we attended the Senior Spireite Lunch at Chestefield Football Club. Our visit coincided with Chesterfield being crowned champions

of the National League, with promotion for next season. Each of us were able to hold the trophy and a great time was had by all!



# The Mayor came for tea

The Mayor of Chesterfield, Councillor Mick Brady, visited our coffee morning in February – and again in March! Along with Mayor's chaplain Stephen Wright and their trusty driver Tony they enjoyed chatting to the group and finding out what the Oddfellows is all about.



## Christmas at Santos

We had a wonderful festive meal at Santo's Higham Farm last year. Everyone enjoyed the food and great service. We plan to return this year on the 24th November and hope that you are able to join us for a Christmas celebration.





# Care & Welfare

Our Care and Welfare team, Peter Wilkinson and Corinne Hoban, have recently increased their 'ringaround' service. Between them they now speak to 23 members on the telephone, for a good chat and to check on their wellbeing. For more information about our Care & Welfare benefits please contact Lucy.

## Walking Groups



*'Rambling On' Walking Group takes place on the First Friday each month. Our more active walkers take on a 120 – 180 minutes walk at a brisker pace with some uneven terrain. This is followed by lunch or tea and cake at a nearby pub or café. Please contact Trudy for details of the location for each walk.*



*Our 'Best Foot Forwards' Walking Group takes place on the third Friday each month. We enjoy a 60 – 90 minutes walk, suitable for most members, followed by lunch or tea and cake at a nearby pub or café. Please contact Trudy for details of the location for each walk.*

## Society-funded cancer research on track

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



*Nur updating AMC last year*

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

### Nur's first year

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

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

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

### On the right path

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

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



*Dr Tim Fenton*

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

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund

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



## Our fantastic four

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

### George LeBon

Heart of Norfolk  
Branch member

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



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

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

### Benedict Weis

Leodis Branch member

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

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



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

**Jamie Messett**

Loyal Lord Byron  
Branch member

Jamie started his first of four years of Chemistry at the University of Oxford's Balliol College in October 2023, and will put the money towards



learning materials. He would like his future to be in the pharmaceutical industry, but a PhD and a career in research is also a potential avenue.

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

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

**Charlotte Stevenson,**

Pride of Woolwich  
Branch member

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

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



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

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

For more information and T&Cs, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

## Striving for a greener future

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

Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, 106.38 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e was recorded as being produced through the operations of our Liverpool and Manchester offices and associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

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



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

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

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

## Investing in futures

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

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



*Unity Mutual at the Baby and Toddler show*

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

\*T&Cs apply.

# At a glance

Please note that all events must be booked in advance with the Social Organiser.

## July 2024

<b>Wed 3</b>	Pop-in Coffee Morning in the Garden	11am
<b>Fri 5</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Peak Rail Steam Train and Picnic or Chips in the Park	10.45am
<b>Fri 12</b>	Friday Night Social - The Greyhound at Higham	6pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Coffee Morning with Afternoon Tea	11am
<b>Fri 19</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Mon 22</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Anglers Rest, Millers Dale	12.30pm

## August

<b>Fri 2</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Wed 7</b>	Pop-in Coffee Morning in the Garden	11am
<b>Fri 9</b>	Friday Night Social - The Orangery at St Elphins	5.30pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Coffee Morning on Tour - Litton Village Hall	11am
<b>Fri 16</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Tues 27</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Smithy Pond	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Bolsover Castle	11am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Wed 4</b>	Friendship Month - Pop-in Coffee Morning in the Garden	11am
<b>Fri 6</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Chesterfield Bowl	10.45am
<b>Fri 13</b>	Friday Night Social - The Bridge Inn at Calver	6pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Coffee Morning with the Alva De Chiro - 'Good for a Laugh'	11am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Vines at Chatsworth Garden Centre	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Friendship Month Coffee and Cakes in Buxton	11am

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## October

<b>Wed 2</b>	Pop-in Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Fri 4</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Fri 11</b>	Friday Night Social - Desi Aroma Indian Restaurant	6pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Coffee Morning with the Dementia Friend Awareness Talk	11am
<b>Fri 18</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Trip to Liverpool - Overnight	9am
<b>Mon 28</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Wheatsheaf Inn at Baslow	12.30pm

## November

<b>Fri 1</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Wed 6</b>	Pop-in Coffee Morning with Charity Bingo	11am
<b>Fri 8</b>	Friday Night Social - Nonnas Chesterfield	6pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Mon 18</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - Christmas Trees and The Pig & Pump	12.30pm
<b>Wed 20</b>	Coffee Morning with the 'True Crime Investigators'	11am
<b>Sun 24</b>	Christmas Lunch at Santo's	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Coffee Morning on Tour - Pavilion Kitchen, Buxton	11am

## December

<b>Wed 4</b>	Coffee Morning with 'ThunderRoadz'	11am
<b>Fri 6</b>	Rambling On Walking Group	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Festive Visit to Thornbridge Hall	11.30am
<b>Fri 13</b>	Friday Night Social - The Olde House	6pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Christmas Coffee Morning with Light Lunch	11am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Best Foot Forwards Walking Group	10am
<b>Mon 23</b>	Dining in Derbyshire - The Three Cottages	12.30pm

### Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at  **OddfellowsDerbyshirePeak**  **OddfellowsUK**



# Make the most of your membership



## Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

**Standard £25 a year membership\* gives you access to...**

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

**£35 a year membership\* provides you with additional benefits of...**

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

For more information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits).

\*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.









# 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 Lucy on **01246 273076** or email **lucy.halliday@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@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)



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**