

June - December 2022



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*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## Canterbury Branch



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*Friendship Month Afternoon Tea - Thursday 22 September*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Events Diary and Newsletter for Canterbury Branch of Oddfellows.

As your local branch of a national organisation called The Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when they need them. See us like a group of friends brought together through a shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

**Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our**

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**events that takes your fancy - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.**

**We are currently looking for people to join our Committee of Management. Please see page 15.**

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

# Key

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## Folkestone

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Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA.

## Sandwich

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## Whitstable/Thanet

Contact Sammie Rayson on 07885 436025 or Rose Sanders on 07935 301194.  
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## Other Events

Contact Sammie on 01227 452517 or 07885 436025 or Rose on 07935 301194.

## Ashford

Contact Rose Sanders on 07935 301194.  
Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA.

## Zoom/Online

Contact Rose Sanders on 07935 301194.

## Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



To see what's coming up visit [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://oddfellows.co.uk/events) and enter  
'Kelso' in the place name search box

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# June 2022

## MON 13 Coffee Morning in Canterbury



10.30am



Free



Everyone is welcome for a tea or coffee and a catch up. If you'd like to bring some home-made biscuits or cakes, that would be really lovely! Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517.

## THURS 16 Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club



12 noon



As per menu



Tea/coffee and a bite to eat at the Indoor Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and to meet new people. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

## MON 20 Meet-Up in Whitstable



2.30pm



Free



Come and join us for a catchup and refreshments at the Waterloo Community Centre, formerly known as the Over 60s centre, in Whitstable. Waterloo Community Centre, Waterloo Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1BP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

## SAT 25 Zoom Games - Scattergories



10.30am



Free



Join in on Zoom for a game of Scattergories. In this game, the participants have to name an object belonging to each given category, beginning with a given letter and within a time limit. Points are awarded for each answer, unless another player has chosen the same words!

The game will last approximately 30-40 minutes. Zoom Meeting ID: 375 224 4844. Passcode: Oddfellows. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

# June 2022

THURS  
30

## Film Afternoon in Canterbury - The Duke



2pm



Members £2.50, Guests £4



We will be showing you the wonderful film 'The Duke' in our lodge room, which is a 2020 film starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. Set in 1961, this comedy/drama is based on a true story of how a man stole a painting of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in order to secure better care for the elderly. We will be providing refreshments and please feel free to bring a friend! Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517 or Rose on 07935 301194.



# July

MON  
04

## Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club



12 noon



£8



Join us for a two course meal and a tea/coffee in Sandwich, meals need to be booked with the Age Concern themselves, before 10am the previous day. Menus available on the Age Concern website or you can phone them to find out. Age Concern contact number is 01304 614237 (option 1). If unable to book with Age Concern, then please get in touch with Rose, who will deal with your booking. Age Concern, 19/21 Cattle Market, Sandwich CT13 9AP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

MON  
11

## Coffee Morning and Talk by Simon Waterfield on his cancer survival journey



11am



Free



Come to our Oddfellows Hall for a fascinating talk about Simon Waterfield's journey to recovery. Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517.



# July

THURS  
14

## Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club



12 noon



As per menu



Tea/coffee and a bite to eat at the Indoor Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and to meet new people. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

MON  
18

## Meet-Up in Whitstable



2.30pm



Free



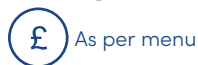
Catchup and refreshments at the Waterloo Community Centre, formerly known as the Over 60s centre, in Whitstable. Waterloo Community Centre, Waterloo Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1BP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

MON  
25

## Coffee and Chat in Birchington - Strawberry Fields Café



11am



As per menu



Join us in Birchington for a get together in the Strawberry Fields Café. If you wish, you can stay on for a light lunch. Strawberry Fields Coffee House, 8 The Square, Birchington CT7 9AB. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517 or Rose on 07935 301194.



THURS  
28

## Quiz Afternoon in Canterbury



2pm



Members £2.50, Guests £4



Come to the Oddfellows Hall for a fun afternoon involving a quiz! Refreshments provided. Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.





# August

THURS  
04

## Coffee and Light Lunch in Ashford



11am



As per menu



We are trying out Macknades in Ashford as a possible meeting place. Please join us for a catch-up and refreshments. Macknades Ashford, Elwick Place, Elwick Road, Ashford TN23 1AX. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



MON  
08

## Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club



12 noon



£8



Join us for a two course meal and a tea/coffee in Sandwich, meals need to be booked with the Age Concern themselves, before 10am the previous day. Menus available on the Age Concern website or you can phone them to find out. Age Concern contact number is 01304 614237 (option 1). If unable to book with Age Concern, then please get in touch with Rose, who will deal with your booking. Age Concern, 19/21 Cattle Market, Sandwich CT13 9AP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

MON  
15

## Coffee Morning and Talk by Silvertime Legal



11am



Free



Silvertime Legal, who specialise in estate planning services, have agreed to come and give us a talk. Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Rose on 07935 301194 or Sammie on 01227 452517.



THURS  
18

## Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club



12 noon



As per menu



We would love to see you for a bite to eat at the Indoor Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and to meet new people. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



# August

MON

22

## Elham Circular Walk plus Lunch



11am



Walk Free, Meal as per menu



If you enjoy a good walk around Kent's beautiful countryside, then why not join us! This circular walk near Canterbury will take around one hour and 32 minutes to complete, and is a 3.8 mile loop. The route takes us across the Elham Valley, starting at Elham's medieval church. There are a few hills and stiles, and this walk is not suitable if you have mobility restrictions. Meet at 11am in Elham Square. Lunch in The King's Arms after we finish the walk. Elham Square, The Square CT4 6TJ. Contact Rose on 07935 301194 or Sammie on 01227 452517.



THURS

25

## Film Afternoon in Canterbury - Casablanca



2pm



Members £2.50  
Guests £4



We will be showing the classic film Casablanca at our Oddfellows Hall in Canterbury. This 1942 Drama/Romance, set in WWII, tells the story of Rick Blaine, who runs a nightclub which doubles as a safe haven for refugees to obtain letters permitting them to escape to America. We will provide refreshments and please feel free to bring a friend! Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

FRI

26

## Games Evening - Family Fortunes



7pm



Free



Join in the fun, a game of Family Fortunes. In this game, players have to guess the answers



to a question previously given in a survey: If your answers match the most popular survey answers, you win points! Zoom Meeting ID: 375 224 4844. Passcode: Oddfellows. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



# September

THURS  
01

## Trip on the Kent and East Sussex Railway



10.15am



Members £18, Guests £19



Friendship Month will start this year with an exciting trip on the Kent and East Sussex Railway and a picnic in the gardens of Bodiam Castle. Itinerary is as follows: 10.20am: Arrive in Tenterden and grab a coffee and a snack from the cafe.

10.40am: Train leaves. 11.25am: Train arrives at Bodiam. 11.40am: 10 minutes walk to Bodiam Castle. 12.30pm: Picnic lunch or lunch in the cafe in the castle grounds, National Trust members can visit inside the castle free of charge. Entry with no membership is £11. 1.50pm: Walk back to the station. 2.15pm: Train leaves Bodiam. 3:10pm: Train arrives back in Tenterden. Please be aware that this trip is more suited to members who are able to walk some distance, as the castle is a good 10 minutes walk from the station. Please bring your own picnic. Book by Thursday 25 August. Tenterden Town Station, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE. Contact Rose on 07935 301194 or Sammie on 01227 452517.

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON  
05

## Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club



12 noon



£8



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THURS  
08

## Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club



12 noon



As per menu



Tea/coffee and a bite to eat at the Indoor Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity

to catch up with friends and to meet new people. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



# September

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



### MON 12 Coffee Morning and Talk on Community Safety



11am



Free



An officer from the community safety unit of the Kent Police will be giving us a fascinating talk on the work he does. Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



### MON 19 Meet-Up in Whitstable



2.30pm



Free



Come and join us for a catchup and refreshments at the Waterloo Community Centre, formerly known as the Over 60s centre, in Whitstable. Waterloo Community Centre, Waterloo Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1BP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

### SAT 17 Sunset Boulevard at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone



2.30pm



£16



Come along to the Tower Theatre in Folkestone to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's award winning musical, Sunset Boulevard. Limited spaces available, so be sure to book early! Final costs to be confirmed, but please get in touch to find out more! Costs: £16, cost to be confirmed nearer the time. Book by Monday 19 August. The Tower Theatre, North Road, Folkestone CT20 3HL. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

# September

THURS  
22

## Friendship Month Afternoon Tea

🕒 2.30pm



£ Members £17, Guests £18



Join us for an afternoon tea to celebrate Friendship Month! Limited spaces available, early booking is advised by Thursday 15 September. Tower House, Westgate Gardens, Canterbury CT1 2DB. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

THURS  
29

## Quiz Afternoon in Canterbury

🕒 2pm

£ Members £2.50  
Guests £4



Come to the Oddfellows Hall for a fun afternoon involving a quiz! Refreshments provided. Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

# October

MON  
03

## Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club

🕒 12 noon

£ £8



Join us for a two course meal and a tea/coffee in Sandwich, meals need to be booked with the Age Concern themselves, before 10am the previous day. Menus available on the Age Concern website or you can phone them to find out. Age Concern contact number is 01304 614237 (option 1). If unable to book with Age Concern, then please get in touch with Rose, who will deal with your booking. Age Concern, 19/21 Cattle Market, Sandwich CT13 9AP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



THURS  
06

## Coffee Morning/Light Lunch on the Isle of Sheppey

🕒 11am



£ As per menu



It's been a while since the Oddfellows have had a get together in Sheppey. Please come and join us and hopefully we'll be able to meet up more regularly. Location to be confirmed. Isle of Sheppey ME12. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517.

# October

## MON 10 Coffee Morning in Canterbury

 10.30am  Free



Come and join us for a tea or coffee and a catch up. If you'd like to bring some home-made biscuits or cakes, that would be much appreciated! Oddfellows Hall, 15 Orange Street, Canterbury CT1 2JA. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517.

## THURS 13 Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club

 12 noon  As per menu



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## MON 17 Coffee and Chat in Birchington - Strawberry Fields Café

 11am  As per menu



Join us in Birchington for a get together in the Strawberry Fields Café. If you wish, you can stay on for a light lunch. Strawberry Fields Coffee House, 8 The Square, Birchington CT7 9AB. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517 or Rose on 07935 301194.

## SAT 29 Online Pointless!

 10.30am  Free



Zoom in for a game of Pointless. In this game, you - the players have to choose what they think as the least obvious answer to a question. Zoom Meeting: ID 375 224 4844. Passcode: Oddfellows. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



# November

## MON 07 Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club

 12 noon  £8



Join us for a two course meal and a tea/coffee in Sandwich, meals need to be booked with the Age Concern themselves, before 10am the previous day. Menus available on the Age Concern website or you can phone them to find out. Age Concern contact number is 01304 614237 (option 1). If unable to book with Age Concern, then please get in touch with Rose, who will deal with your booking. Age Concern, 19/21 Cattle Market, Sandwich CT13 9AP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

# November

## THURS 17 Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club



12 noon



As per menu



Tea/coffee and a bite to eat at the Indoor Bowls Club. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and to meet new people. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

## MON 21 Meet-Up in Whitstable



2.30pm



Free



Come and join us for a catchup and refreshments at the Waterloo Community Centre, formerly known as the Over 60s centre, in Whitstable. Waterloo Community Centre, Waterloo Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1BP. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.



# December

## FRI 02 Online Christmas Quiz



7pm



Free



Join for a festive quiz! Zoom Meeting ID: 375 224 4844. Passcode: Oddfellows. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

## THURS 15 Christmas Lunch



12 noon



£18



Our annual Christmas lunch will be held this year in the Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club. We are hoping to have a group of carol singers entertain us before the meal starts. Please arrive at 12 noon and you can order yourselves drinks at the bar. The three course meal will start at 1pm. The Indoor Bowls Club benefits from easy access, whether you're coming by train, bus or car. Don't forget to book before the deadline and always feel free to bring a friend! Book by Thursday 1 December. Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5JU. Contact Sammie on 01227 452517 or Rose on 07935 301194.

# December

SAT

17

## Cinderella Panto at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone



2pm



TBC



Come along to this pantomime which is guaranteed to please all age groups. For this reason, we invite you to bring your grandchildren. Please book in advance. Costs to be confirmed in June, so please be in touch with Rose to find out more! Book by Friday 18 November. The Tower Theatre, North Road, Folkestone CT20 3HL. Contact Rose on 07935 301194.

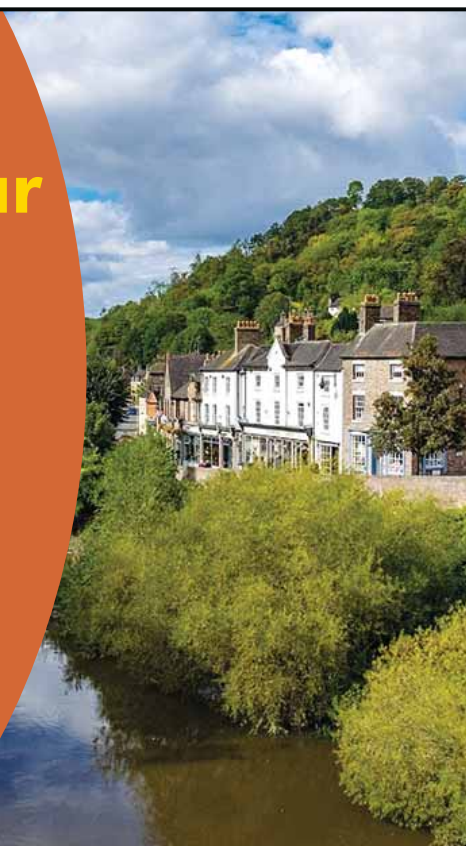
## Shropshire Discovery Tour Church Stretton

19–23 September 2022  
(4 nights)

From £655 per person  
(Full board)

Rooms for solo travellers available

Join us as we explore Shropshire, famous for the beauty of its hills, picturesque market towns and fascinating history.



For further information and to book contact Mike Hall  
**0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) [travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk)**





# Want to get involved?

## Just let us know

### **Our Society is run by members for members**

**At Canterbury Branch we're always looking for help with social events, care support, and the running of the Branch.**

This can just be as a one off or regular help such as friendly face to welcome at the evening or afternoon events, help preparing teas/coffees, welcoming speakers. Or even being a part of our social committee and Committee of Management helping with organising events and activities for us and running the Branch.

### **Can you help us by?**

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at the evening or afternoon hall events
- Helping preparing teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at the pub meals and other external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Preparing a class or activity for us
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor
- **Joining the Committee of Management**

### **Is there an activity you want to do with friends we are not currently running?**

We encourage all members to put on events for other members and friends to join them on. Would you like to help run a new event like a book club, singing group, dancing or cinema group or a one off walk in the country or coffee morning?

All volunteers will be helped and supported by the office team to help put on and promote the events.

If you are interested in helping us as a volunteer, or just would like more information on getting more involved, call Sammie on **01227 452517**, or email **sammie.rayson@oddfellows.co.uk** or simply pop in to the office.

# A Message from your Social Organiser

**Dear members,**

It has been a real pleasure putting on events, as well as attending them and getting to meet some of you! These past few months have been full of our regular events in Sandwich, Folkestone and Canterbury, and also we had a delightful punting trip along the river Stour. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the trip to Doddington Place Gardens, as I was busy getting married! The next six months are packed with new events in

Whitstable, Ashford and even Sheppey. During our friendship month, we will be going on a railway trip, we will be watching a musical at the theatre, and there will also be an afternoon tea. I hope to meet some of you at these events, and I always look forwards to seeing those of you who turn up regularly!

Yours in friendship,

**Rose**

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# A Message from your Secretary

**Hello Everyone**

Well it is now officially Summer-time and I hope that everyone has had a lovely start to the year? I has been really encouraging to see a lot of you coming to our events this year, so far, and I hope the successes of our previously held events together edition of our Out & About will bring a smile to your face and make you want you to come along to some more.

Even if you are new to us and may not have even joined the Society, please do think about coming along to something as everyone is welcome and you will find it easy to make friends with us and you will always have someone to talk to. We love trying new if things and so f there is something you would like us to try or do then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Love reading, cooking, gardening, crafts or anything like that? Please bring along your favourite book/recipe/tips to one of our popular coffee mornings and maybe get inspired by someone else's and see where this goes.

As you may know, there is so much to being a member and I am more than happy to explain all the benefits to you and perhaps you may even want to get even more involved at some point.

I look forward to meeting and seeing each and every one of you one day.

Yours in friendship, love and truth

**Sammie**

# Past Events in Canterbury

Canterbury Punting Trip was such fun. A beautiful day and so interesting. We will definitely be doing this one again.



Cheers to another successful outing! Wonderful day at the Shepherd Neame Brewery in Faversham.



**Doddington Gardens was a stunning place to visit and certainly recommend it and hope to go back.**



# New to the Oddfellows?



**Join us at one of our online new member welcome events**

Tues 12 July, 7pm

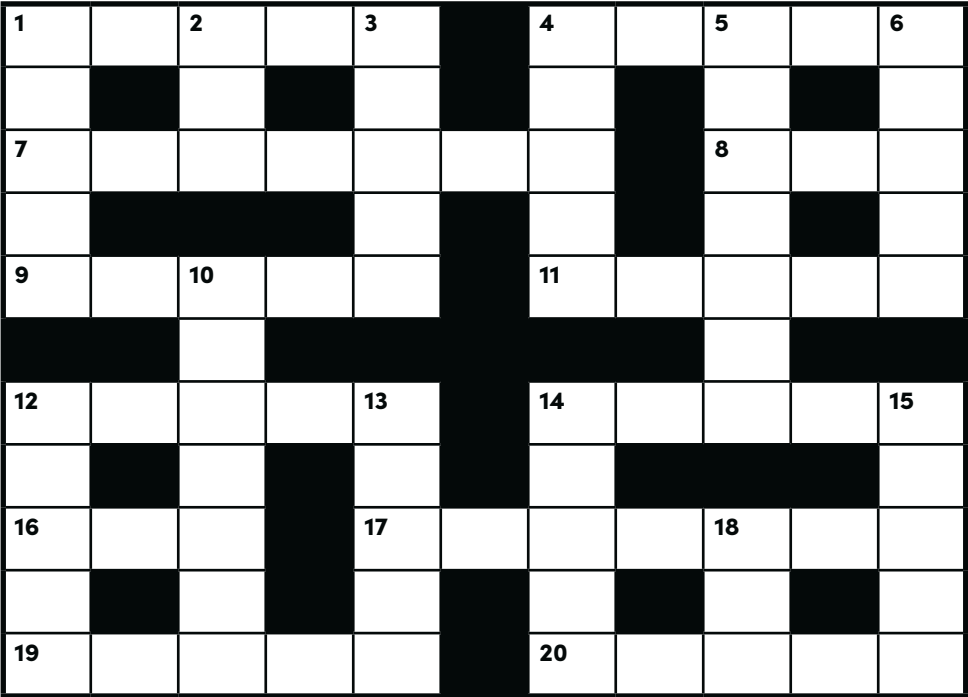
Tues 18 October, 7pm

Wed 13 July, 1.30pm

Wed 19 October, 1.30pm

For further information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome)

# Crossword (Answers on page 25)

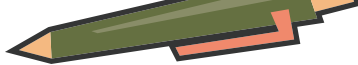


**Across**

- 1. Black bird (5)
- 4. Striped cat (5)
- 7. Dressing for a wound (7)
- 8. Lip (3)
- 9. Exhales audibly (5)
- 11. Witty remark (5)
- 12. Secreting organ in animals (5)
- 14. Ampoules (5)
- 16. Put a stop to (3)
- 17. Inner whorl of petals in a flower (7)
- 19. Ringo \_\_\_\_\_, former Beatle (5)
- 20. Deserving of a scratch (5)

**Down**

- 1. Picture puzzle (5)
- 2. Type of vehicle (3)
- 3. Draws nigh (5)
- 4. Time of life between the ages of 13 and 19 (5)
- 5. Largest anthropoid ape (7)
- 6. Card game (5)
- 10. Mother's mother (7)
- 12. Conjecture (5)
- 13. Interior furnishings (5)
- 14. Italian operatic composer (1813-1901) (5)
- 15. Covered with lather (5)
- 18. Resin-like substance secreted by certain insects (3)

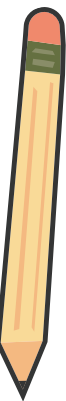


# Maths Quiz – No Cheating!

Answers on page 25.

1. How many months are there in twelve years?
2. The Roman numeral XXIV is how many?
3. A dress has a thirty percent discount applied and is on sale for £63. What was the original price of the dress before the reduction?
4. Geoff thinks of a number. He deducts five from it and then divides the result by three. His answer is 25. What number did he start with?
5. How many seconds are there in 12 minutes?
6. If Carl buys a bottle of wine for £6.59 and two bottles of beer for £1.29 each, how much change does he get from a £10 note?
7. Fred's car holds 12 gallons of petrol. On one full tank of petrol he drove four trips to London and back. London is 45 miles from his house. How many miles to the gallon did Fred get from his car?
8. If a train leaves its destination at 23:07 and arrives at 07:42 the next morning, how long does the journey take?
9. How many feet are there in a fathom?
10. St Paul's Cathedral is 365 feet tall. How tall is it in metres?
11. Joy starts watching TV at 5.25pm and watches three shows; one lasting 45 minutes, one lasting 28 minutes and one lasting just 8 minutes. Assuming that the shows run back to back with no adverts, what time does her last show finish?
12. Megan is six years older than Sam and Dennis is 27 years younger than Sam. If Megan is 52, how old is Dennis?
13. What is the Roman numeral for 2013?
14. If you buy two items with an original price of £10 each but with 20% off each one and another item with an original price of £20 but with 30% off, how much do you spend in total?
15. If Frank got 18 out of 20 in his maths test, what percentage would he have?
16. How many faces does a cube have?
17. What is half a sphere called?
18. What term describes half of the diameter of a circle?
19. If it takes 3 men 2 hours to dig a hole, how long will it theoretically take one man?
20.  $6 - 3 \times 2 + 2 = ?$

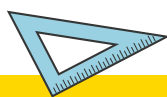
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## Our Branches raised a magnificent £151,000 for charitable causes in 2021!

**Congratulations to our Branches and their members for a tremendous fundraising achievement in 2021. Helping struggling communities and those in need is something the Oddfellows has been doing for over two centuries. And despite the pandemic, last year was no exception.**

Branches and their members raised over £151,000 to support causes close to their hearts, a figure up on 2020's already significant total of £145,700. Fifth generation Oddfellow, Society historian and South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Branch member, Paul Eyre,



*West London Branch*

reflects on the tradition of local giving. He said: "For many years, it has been fairly common practice for the Provincial Grand Master of a District to choose a charity to support during their year of office, with funds being raised by raffles, donations or other fundraising activities."

Oddfellows CEO, Jane Nelson, added: "It always astounds me when we look at the collective yearly fundraising figure. The generosity of our members and Branches, especially at such times where household budgets are becoming increasingly tight and unpredictable, is incredible.



*South East Lancashire Branch*

"I feel immensely proud to represent such a caring bunch of people, those who don't hesitate to help a neighbour in need.

"For those who receive support, it's not just about the financial help, it's knowing that their situation is acknowledged and that there are people out there who care and listen."



*Concord Branch*

## Fundraising for Ukraine

**The Society is collecting donations to support the work the Red Cross is doing in Ukraine. The Red Cross is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response.**

In some areas in Ukraine, water, electricity, and phone connectivity have been affected. Many people are taking cover from the shelling in basements and bomb shelters, but are going without the most basic supplies, like food and water.

Any donations will be used to reach people in urgent need, If you would like to contribute,



cheques should be made payable to "The Oddfellows", and sent to:

**Ukraine Support  
The Oddfellows  
Oddfellows House  
184-186 Deansgate  
Manchester, M3 3WB**

The Society has already pledged £10,000 from central Funds in support of this appeal.

# Access to expert legal help

**From day one of membership, all members have access to the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme.\***

We hope it's something you never have to call on, but if you do it gives you access to the expert help of our appointed solicitors should you need to make a claim for medical negligence, a personal injury, or an employment dispute which is at pre or tribunal stage. It also covers your family members for personal injury and medical negligence cases.

## Help with a medical negligence claim

Medical negligence is when a healthcare provider – NHS or private – has failed in their duty to take care of you and you have suffered an injury. This could be, for example, that you've been given a wrong drug, they've made a mistake during a treatment, or failed to diagnose your condition, or made a wrong one.

Matthew Heap, a Solicitor and Partner at CL Medilaw ([www.clmedilaw.co.uk](http://www.clmedilaw.co.uk)), which is one of the Society's approved solicitors, further explained: "Some people get in touch with us and they know the exact point at which they feel they've been failed. For others, it's less clear-cut, but they know that somewhere along the line, the care they've received has fallen short of medically-acceptable standards.

"Knowing how to raise your case, and to be heard, can be daunting when you don't know the process, have the contacts, or legal knowledge.

"But the support that's available through the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme can help you to get the answers you need and, hopefully, the compensation you deserve."

## Who can make a claim?

You can bring the legal action yourself or, as the executor or next of kin, on behalf of someone who has died because of medical negligence, or on behalf of a family member if that person is unable to take action themselves because they don't have capacity.

Oddfellows members and their family can receive Legal Aid Scheme support as long as the accident, incident or issue happened while you were a member and you have remained a member since that time.

You must start your legal claim within three years from the date that you either realised you'd been injured or when the incident occurred. For children, this three-year time limit doesn't start until the child's 18th birthday.

If you're looking to make a claim on behalf of someone close to you because they don't have capacity, such as they're unable to manage their own affairs or have a mental disability, then the three-year time limit doesn't apply, unless they recover from this incapacity.

"Taking legal action for compensation is a way to try and secure the support that you now need and deserve – financial or medical. The Oddfellows and CL Medilaw will have your back every step of the way," added Matthew.

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## How to apply for the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme

The first step is to call the Care and Welfare Helpline for a non-committal conversation. If you wish to move forward, you'll need to fill in an Oddfellows Legal Aid application form. The Care and Welfare Helpline number can be found on your membership card or by calling **0800 028 1810**.

## Further information

Read this article in full at:

**[www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-to-make-a-claim-for-medical-negligence](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-to-make-a-claim-for-medical-negligence)**

The Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme:

**[www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/legal-aid-scheme](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/legal-aid-scheme)**

\*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Read the full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-fcs](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-fcs) or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

# Member-only offers from Unity Mutual

**Unity Mutual is the Society's financial services brand and they've created a dedicated section on their website to share special deals and rates that are only available to Oddfellows members.**

Unity Mutual's current member-only deal, launched in spring 2022, is a 5 Year Guaranteed Investment Bond with a special fixed rate of 1.75% annual interest, which equates to 9.06% over the full term. It also offers a guaranteed return on your savings and 100% capital protection. The minimum single investment per member is £1,000.

They're only accepting a limited number of applications, however, so this product will be offered to Oddfellows members on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*T&Cs apply.



To find out more, or view their full range of savings, investment and protection products, call **0161 214 4628** or go to **[www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows)**



\*To view Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bond terms and conditions, go to **[www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows/gib](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows/gib)**. If you're in any doubt about whether any Unity Mutual product is right for you, it's a good idea to talk to an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA). You can find a local financial advisor by visiting **[www.unbiased.co.uk](http://www.unbiased.co.uk)**. You may need to pay for a financial advisor's help, so make sure you ask them about their fees first.

# Crossword Answers on page 19

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## Maths Quiz – No Cheating! on page 20

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. 144                            | 12. 19   |
| 2. 24                             | 13. MMXIII   |
| 3. £90                            | 14. £30  |
| 4. 80                             | 15. 90%  |
| 5. 720                            | 16. 6  |
| 6. 83 pence                       | 17. Hemisphere   |
| 7. 30                             | 18. Radius   |
| 8. 8 hours and 35 minutes         | 19. 6 hours  |
| 9. 6                              | 20. 2 (Multiplication must always be done before addition and subtraction) |
| 10. 111 (Accept answers within 3) |  |
| 11. 6.46pm                        |  |

# 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 Amanda on **07707 960067** or email **[amanda.weaving@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:amanda.weaving@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**



# Social Events At a glance

## June 2022

<b>Mon 13</b>	Coffee Morning in Canterbury	10.30am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 20</b>	Meet-Up in Whitstable	2.30pm
<b>Sat 25</b>	Zoom Games - Scattergories	10.30am
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Film Afternoon in Canterbury - The Duke	2pm

## July

<b>Mon 4</b>	Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 11</b>	Coffee Morning and Talk by Simon Waterfield on his cancer survival journey	11am
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 18</b>	Meet-Up in Whitstable	2.30pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	Coffee and Chat in Birchington - Strawberry Fields Café	11am
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Quiz Afternoon in Canterbury	2pm

## August

<b>Thurs 4</b>	Coffee and Light Lunch in Ashford	11am
<b>Mon 8</b>	Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 15</b>	Coffee Morning and Talk by Silvertime Legal	11am
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 22</b>	Elham Circular Walk plus Lunch	11am
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Film Afternoon in Canterbury - Casablanca	2pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Games Evening - Family Fortunes	7pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Trip on the Kent and East Sussex Railway	10.15am
<b>Mon 5</b>	Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club	12 noon

# Social Events At a glance

## September – Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 8</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 12</b>	Coffee Morning and Talk on Community Safety	11am
<b>Sat 17</b>	Sunset Boulevard at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone	2.30pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	Meet-Up in Whitstable	2.30pm
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Friendship Month Afternoon Tea	2.30pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Quiz Afternoon in Canterbury	2pm

## October

<b>Mon 3</b>	Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club	12 noon
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Coffee Morning/Light Lunch on the Isle of Sheppey	11am
<b>Mon 10</b>	Coffee Morning in Canterbury	10.30am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 17</b>	Coffee and Chat in Birchington – Strawberry Fields Café	11am
<b>Sat 29</b>	Online Pointless!	10.30am

## November

<b>Mon 7</b>	Sandwich Age Concern Lunch Club	12 noon
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Lunch in Folkestone Bowls Club	12 noon
<b>Mon 21</b>	Meet-Up in Whitstable	2.30pm

## December

<b>Fri 2</b>	Online Christmas Quiz	7pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Christmas Lunch	12 noon
<b>Sat 17</b>	Cinderella Panto at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone	2pm