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Cleveland and Durham District
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Coach Holiday to Ireland - Sunday 13 to Thursday 17 May

Dear Reader

Welcome to our winter/spring 2018 Newsletter.

Christmas will soon be here and I am sure we are ready to hurtle headlong into the festive season! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Smith for all the hard work she has put in looking after the updater for the last few issues, I can honestly say having read and enjoyed previous issues of the newsletter she will be a hard act to follow.

We have a full calendar of events for you to enjoy over the coming months and some fascinating reports from past events for you to read through.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to our newsletter. Please continue to send your articles and images as without

your continued support there would be no newsletter.

Our Facebook page continues to thrive with thanks to Eileen Manners and Michael Neary. Give us a look and a like next time you are online!

We have another competition quiz with the chance to win another £25 Marks and Spencer voucher, all the answers are contained within this newsletter. The last quiz was drawn by Peter Carmody at the Marzipan Fruit making on Monday 27 November at Bowburn Community Centre and the lucky winner was Julie Neary. Congratulations!

Closing date for articles for the Spring edition is Thursday 1 March.

Nick Hubbard, Editor

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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. To find out more visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

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Sunday Strollers

January: 7, 14, 21 and 28

February: 4, 11, 18 and 25

March: 4, 11, 18 and 25

April: 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Why not join us for a Sunday Stroll. We can vary the distances depending on the fitness of the strollers.

It is more of a social, friendly outing than the number of miles we cover. We always include a coffee shop stop. If you are interested, please contact Margaret on 01429 599323 on the Saturday night prior to the walk.



For Contact details for social events and Branch staff see back page. Please use the Booking Form to book all events you wish to attend.

January 2018

Monday 8 - Branch Meeting

The Good Intent Branch meeting discusses future social events and will start at 12.30pm. This is followed by the District business meeting commencing at 1.30pm. Both of these meetings will be held in Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hart, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. All members are invited to attend

Monday 8 - Ten Pin Bowling

Please note a change of date for this month only! Why not join us for a fun afternoon at 1.30pm at Hollywood Bowl, Teesside Park, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 7BU. For further information or if attending please contact Neville or Pat on 01388 417035.

Tuesday 9 - Food with Friends

Meet at 12 noon to eat at 12.15pm in The Marine Hotel, Seaton Carew for a two course carvery for £5.95 or an a la carte choice - both of which are good value for money. Good food, good company and pleasant surrounding - what more could you wish for! Members and friends are welcome and even if you come alone, you won't be alone for long... We are a very mixed, extremely friendly group and even if you know no one, you will soon feel at home. It is imperative that you let Sue know on 01429 268760 if you are joining us because of catering arrangements although you only order food on arrival.

Wednesday 24 - Food with Friends

Why not join us for lunch? Meet at 12 noon at The Avenue, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2PT. Looking forward to seeing you there! Further details from Pat and Neville on 01388 417035.

Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh

Thursday 25 January, 6.30pm for 7pm

West Hartlepool Rugby Football Club,
Catcote Road, Hartlepool TS25 4HA

We are having a traditional Burns Night supper and dancing to a Ceilidh band. A licensed bar will be available. Dress is formal or lounge suit. Cost is £12 for members, £15 for guests. Please request vegetarian option if required prior to the event. Tickets from Margaret or Phyl.



Tuesday 30 - Table Top Treasure Hunt

We are having a table-top treasure hunt evening where you are invited to find your way from A to B via a map and cryptic clues referring to place names and with intermittent general knowledge questions. Good fun which taxes the brain just a little bit. To be held at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road, Hartlepool TS25 3LQ at 7pm. Members and friends are warmly welcomed. Contact Sue on 01429 268760, who would appreciate being forewarned if you are attending. It makes seating arrangements and catering so much easier.

February

Monday 5 - Ten Pin Bowling

Join us for a fun afternoon with bowlers of all ages and abilities. Starts at 1.30pm at Hollywood Bowl, Teesside Park, Stockton-on-Tees TS17 7BU. For further information or if attending please contact Neville or Pat on 01388 417035.



Tuesday 6 - Food with Friends

Meet at 12 noon to eat at 12.15pm in The Marine Hotel, Seaton Carew for a superb two course carvery for £5.95 or choose from the wide range on the a la carte menu. As ever please let Sue know by the Sunday before if you'll be there so a place can be booked on 01429 268760.

Monday 12 - Branch Meeting

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Bingo with Fish and Chip Supper

Saturday 24 February, 7pm

Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hartlepool TS27 3AW

Come the month of February we find that Christmas has long gone, New Year just a distant memory and all the Haggis from Burns Night has been consumed and we are ready to revert to a completely different menu. Join us for an evening of bingo followed by a traditional fish and chip supper.

Cost: Tickets are £5 to include supper, tea and coffee (vegetarian option is available). You may bring a drink of choice. To book contact Margaret or Phyl.



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February

Keith Robson, Artist



Tuesday 27 February, 7pm

Owton Manor Community Centre,
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool TS25 3LQ.

Our guest speaker for the evening is Keith Robson, a local artist who once worked for Disney and as a comic illustrator (members will remember the comics from their youth). Keith will be bringing along examples of his work for us to see. Members and friends are warmly welcomed.

Please contact Sue on 01429 268760 if you are attending.

Wednesday 28 - Food with Friends

Why not join us for lunch? We meet at 12 noon at The Avenue, High Shincliffe, Durham DH12PT. Looking forward to seeing you there! Further details from Pat and Neville on 01388 417035.

March

Monday 5 - Ten Pin Bowling

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Annual Summoned Meeting

Monday 12 March, 2pm

The Annual Summoned Meeting will be held at Hart Village Hall, Front Street, Hartlepool TS27 3AW. All members are invited to attend.

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Visit to Leeds

Tuesday 20 March

The coach will leave Hartlepool Historic car park at 8.15am, Blackfords Garden Centre at 8.25am and Swan Hotel Billingham at 8.35am



Join us for a day out in Leeds. The morning will feature a visit to The Marks in Time Exhibition, celebrating 130 years of the role Marks and Spencer plays in people's lives.

After free time in Leeds, where you can enjoy a wide range of shops including Europe's largest indoor market, afternoon tea, including a glass of prosecco will be served in the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in their 13th floor Sky Lounge, offering stunning panoramic views of the surrounding city. Cost: £25 per person. To book please contact Margaret or Phyl.

Tuesday 27 - Reverend Peter Ellis

Our speaker will be the Reverend Peter Ellis, who will talk about his work for The Mission for Seamen, which is situated on the Seal Sands Road. Starts at 7pm at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road, Hartlepool TS25 3LQ. Members and friends are warmly welcomed. Contact Sue on 01429 268760, would appreciate being forewarned if you are attending. It makes seating arrangements so much easier.

April

Tuesday 3 - Food with Friends

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Tuesday 24 - Peter Barron

Peter Barron, who used to be the editor of a local newspaper before setting up his own media business will be telling us about his life and work. Starts at 7pm at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road, Hartlepool TS25 3LQ. Members and friends are warmly welcomed. Please contact Sue on 01429 268760 to confirm attendance.

Wednesday 25 - Food with Friends

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Thursday 26 - Harrogate Spring Flower Show

We are once more visiting by coach what is rated Britain's top gardening event. Featuring beautiful show gardens, live entertainment, great shopping and the biggest exhibition by florists and flower arrangers in the country. More details in the next events diary and from Margaret and Phyl.

Dates for your Diary

Coach Holiday to Ireland

Sunday 13 to Thursday 17 May

A five days, four nights break to include all travel. Visiting the Titanic exhibition in Belfast, The Giants Causeway and time in Dublin. Cost: £380 per person, sharing twin or double, single supplement applies. It includes bed and breakfast and dinner daily. A deposit cheque of £50 made payable to 'Cairngorm Travel' to secure your booking.

Contact Margaret or Phyl at the earliest opportunity as high demand is anticipated.





WWI Battlefield Tour

Thursday 2 August

2018 is the centenary year of the end of world war one. We have arranged a coach holiday with Cairngorm Travel to the battlefields and museums in Northern France and Belgium and also some free time in Lille. This will last six days and five nights via Euro Tunnel, staying at the Novotel, Lille Centre. The cost is £459 per person sharing a twin or double room (single supplement of £25 per person per night applies). A £50 deposit is required with cheques made payable to 'Cairngorm Travel' by the first week of January.

Please contact Margaret or Phyl.

Friendship and Social activities across the UK



At Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows we put on a range social activities each month for us to enjoy together in friendship. We always welcome new people to come along and give us a try...

No longer living in the Cleveland and Durham District Area? Why not check out the social activities being put on by the Branch nearest to where you are living...

Visit the Oddfellows Website (www.oddfellows.co.uk) and click on the events tab to search for local events. Alternatively, contact us, (details on page 3) and we can request that your local secretary gets in touch and sends you a copy of their Events Diary.

Durham Cathedral Remembrance Service

Saturday night was something different. Before entering the main part of the Cathedral, David Smith was presented with a certificate for all the work he does for the forces charity.

The Festival of Remembrance concert was great and we were very grateful for being asked to attend. The music reflected the forces and the wars that were fought but most of all, to those that had fallen in the two wars and there were performances from many of the forces bands.

I am sure that some tears were shed when the St Johns School and Lord Lieutenant's cadets recited the

Postcard Project. Then the group did a piece called Home Fires, The Call and songs performed by the DMTC about the wars.

The Blessing was given by the Dean of Durham and then the poppies came fluttering down from the roof, there was not a sound from the congregation and I had to use my hanky then.

Being members of the Halifax District we enjoyed the night very much, thank you for letting us join in your celebrations and for the privilege of being your guests.

Richard Varley



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Social Reports from Wynyard Road Community Centre

By Sue Davies



Barbara Beveridge showcases some of her homemade preserves.

In September, we had a delightful, quite hilarious evening with Barbara Beveridge, a farmer's wife.

She told us about her training in dairy work at a local agricultural college where she subsequently met her husband, a dairy farmer. Then an insight into her work with the Milk Marketing Board and then her life on various farms until they settled down in West Auckland with three children and a dairy herd and the horrors of foot and mouth disease.

At one time, they had lived on a farm on the Pennine Way, where Barbara catered for bed and breakfast guests to eke out their income.

Barbara now makes and sells preserves and brought along samples for us to taste as well as jars of jam, lemon curd, marmalade and various chutneys for us to buy. At the end of the evening, her sales table was virtually empty. She is coming again next September!

In October, we were entertained by local historian, Frances Wilson, again. This time she told us about Georgian Hartlepool (the Headland) and the poor in the late 1870s, until the railways came in 1841 bringing prosperity and the Irish navvies.

In Georgian times, the Headland was virtually cut off by the sea and resembled Jersey on a smaller scale, populated mainly by just six families, all involved in fishing.



Barbara Beveridge and members enjoying a tasting session.

Images courtesy of E Manners

Fruit making with marzipan

With Pat and Neville Hind



Members enjoying an interesting afternoon.

The afternoon kicked off at 2pm, everyone was in good form and Pat introduced us to the basics of buying the marzipan and colourant for the various fruit; red, green, yellow and brown were the main ones.

Our first project was a banana, this raised a few laughs and a lot of banter as to the size and shape of some of the specimens on offer. In all though, the standard of work was really impressive. Even the most outlandish efforts were recognizable as some form of fruit!

We then progressed on to lemons, apples, oranges and strawberries. We were let into some secret tricks (devised by Neville) to add the finishing

touches to our masterpieces. A clove stem was used to trim the orange, a cheese grater gave texture to the orange skin, rolling in sugar finished off the strawberry perfectly and finally a little pea sized piece of green marzipan was squashed and pressed on to the strawberry and trimmed with a toothpick to form the leaves. Terrific!

It was amazing what we managed to produce with some very basic tools: A toothpick, a cheese grater, a bowl of sugar and a glass of Vodka (we had to make do with water today).

After all the blood sweat and tears, we broke for tea and biscuits and inspected everyone else's work, then the raffle



Good enough to eat.

was drawn and a lot of catching up of news and chit chat, which is the highlight of all our Oddie's outings.

Women and Crime - Murderers

On Wednesday 13 September, Bruce Burn, a retired police officer, came to Bowburn Community Centre to speak with us about women and crime, more specifically the grisly topic of murderers.

The talk was humorous and it was noted, that the women present outnumbered the men!

Bruce advised the men to check that their wives had not taken out a huge life insurance policy on them, as we looked at the life of the infamous Mary Ann Cotton and other crimes committed by women.

What could have been a dark subject was delivered in an interesting, entertaining and humorous style.

Phyl Hubbard

Finally, Phil thanked Pat and Neville for a very pleasant and instructive afternoon. Pat responded with big thank you for our support, as all the money that was raised from her work was given to the church.

Thanks to everyone for a very pleasant afternoon and a Merry Christmas to all.

**Christina Clelland and
Pete Carmody**

Images courtesy of P Hubbard

A life Behind Bars

On Wednesday 4 October, we travelled to Bowburn Community Centre, Durham to listen to a talk given by Mike Donne.

Mike spoke about 'Life Behind Bars', not as a prisoner but his life spent working within the prison service. After leaving the army, he became a prison officer, serving at institutions all over the country during his long career spanning 28 years before becoming a prison governor.

Following his talk, Mike had a lively questions and answers session doing his best to answer all questions fully.

Now retired, Mike is the Chairman of the Durham branch of Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association.

An interesting evening which I am sure everyone enjoyed.

John Hubbard

Bowburn Celebration Dinner

We drove up to Bowburn on a nice sunny day, looking forward to a fun night at Bowburn Hall Hotel, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Cleveland and Durham Branch.

After a good meal, the Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon wished to thank the District for her invitation to the dinner and praised them for their charity work.

A toast to the Queen was given by Audrey Newton, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past District Chairman). A short speech was given from the Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), John Collins, welcoming us all to the function and we toasted the Oddfellows.

A response was made by the Chief Executive and Secretary of the Order, Jane Nelson, who gave a rundown of the charities that the District supported, this included the Armed Forces charity. A toast was given to the visitors and guests from many parts of the country by the Deputy Grand Master (Deputy District Chairman), Michael Neary, with



Members and guests at the celebration dinner - left to right: Graham Nelson, Sue Snowdon, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Jane Nelson CEO of the Oddfellows, David Smith, District Secretary, Cleveland and Durham, Major Eric Ingram MBE DL. Image courtesy E Manners.

a response from Major Eric Ingram MBE DL retired.

After formalities, we were entertained by a singer from Selby, Paula Marie, singing songs from World War I, through to the 1960s including many from the World War II, there was some comedy that was instigated from the floor by Richard Varley from the Halifax



Members attending the celebration dinner. Image courtesy of E Manners.



Eileen Manners accepting her raffle prize. Image courtesy of M Neary.



Grace selling raffle tickets. Image courtesy of P Hubbard.



Sue Snowdon, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham with John Collins, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Michael Neary, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Deputy District Chairman) and David Smith, District Secretary. Image courtesy of M Neary.

District and John Hubbard a local member. Paula didn't mind much, in fact she seemed to enjoy the banter we had with her.

During the interval, the raffle was held before Paula ended the night with her second spot and there was an encore demanded as she was a great singer.

Richard Varley

Maggie Moore

On Thursday 19 October, Maggie Moore, an artist and retired Blackpool landlady, who paints in her own unique style, entertained us in Hart Village Hall, Hartlepool over tea and mince pies.

Maggie painted a picture while telling jokes and humorous stories, which had us all rolling about laughing. A selection of lovely Christmas themed gifts for sale were also available, including hand painted bottles of wine, candle holders, pictures and even jars of marmalade to name but a few.

Maggie kindly donates part of the proceeds to the 'Dogs Trust' charity and also was kind enough to donate the picture she painted that afternoon to be raffled.

A fun afternoon enjoyed by all!

Phyl Hubbard



Maggie Moore demonstrating her skills to members.

Halloween

Halloween came early for members and friends of Oddfellows this year.

On the evening of Saturday 28 October, we saw 56 witches, ghosts, brides of Frankenstein and red devils descend on Hart Village Hall, to celebrate the ritual of Halloween (adopted from our American cousins).

A few years ago we would have had difficulties persuading a small group to dress up and join in the fun, fast forward to October 2017 and everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion, no pun intended.

Members and friends had gone to extreme lengths with their costumes. They were so impressive, they would not have been out of place in a Disney movie!

The night kicked off with a welcome drink for everyone with Pink Poison, Wicked White or Blood Red (all wines of course) on offer along with Pumpkin Orange for the designated drivers.



A coven of witches

Following a lot of admiration for each others costumes a Halloween quiz was circulated which produced a lot of debate before the spooky supper, a delicious stew concoction with huge chunks of fresh bread was served to our hungry souls. A dessert of cupcakes handmade and decorated by Phyl literally flew off the plates.

The evening closed following a game of bingo plus the traditional Oddfellows raffle which enabled the Daisy Chain charity for autistic children to benefit from £118.50 raised.



Members entering into the 'spirit' of the event.



Maureen, Joyce and Lynne enjoying a drink.

Margaret Moore's painting was won by a delighted Joyce Grieves.

goes a long way to making our events well supported.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the hall and work behind the scenes which is much appreciated and

Margaret Wells
Images courtesy of E Manners



Dr Death holding court.



Members dressed up for the occasion.

Friendship isn't just for Friendship Month...

Can you help?

As Oddfellows we know that friendship isn't just about the good times, but is also about supporting each other when things aren't so easy.

Become a Welfare Visitor

Oddfellows Welfare Visitors keep in touch with members who can no longer get to meetings, are unwell, or would otherwise benefit from a friendly phone call or visit.

Could you spare a bit of your time for this rewarding and valuable role making occasional calls or visits to members?

You just need to be a friendly, caring person and a good listener (as well as an Oddfellows member). Training and support will be given.

To find out more please contact:

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43 Landseer Drive, Billingham TS233GF.

Telephone: 01642 655685 Email: david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk

Harrogate Autumn Flower Show

Friday 15 September 2017

Following the spring visit to the Harrogate Flower Show, we all wanted to go back in the autumn, to explore the delights again. This was booked and arranged by our intrepid social organisers, Margaret and Phyl.

So, the day dawned and we arrived eager to start our travels. Cold but dry, we awaited our coach, which was, unfortunately, late but that did not stop us. After a comfortable journey, fortified by sweets from Margaret, we arrived, eager to start our explorations.

Everyone went off to look at different things but bumped into other Oddfellows throughout the day. The weather was cool but dry and we enjoyed exploring the stalls outside. A wide variety of plants, bulbs, gardening equipment and gifts was eagerly perused and purchased.

With food and drink stops at regular intervals, the halls were explored. The flowers and displays were spectacular.



Members out and about enjoying the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show.

The vegetables were unbelievable, the size of pumpkins and marrows were amazing. The food halls - scrumptious with lots of free samples to try.

The day passed quickly and before we knew it we had to head back to the coach. A happy band of Oddfellows, chatting and laughing about the lovely trip as we journeyed home. Thanks you everyone for a super day.

Sue Connell

Images courtesy of E Manners



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Monday 9 April 2018 will be held at Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn DH6 5AT.

Eagle-eye Autumn Quiz Answers

1. Sue Snowdon
2. Ethiopia
3. £5.50
4. 20th Anniversary of Cleveland and Durham District Branch
5. 1.30pm
6. Daisy Chain and Fishburn Junior Brass Band
7. £500
8. Peebles Hydro Hotel
9. Leith
10. Henry VIII

New Members

Philip Smith

Paul Sunday Nnamchi

Angela Walls

Members Remembered

Sadly, Gordon William Brace passed away on Friday 25 August 2017. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Join the conversation
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To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact.



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Phyl Hubbard

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Care and Welfare Volunteers



Audrey Newton



John Hubbard

Oddfellows Advice Line

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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.

****Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.***

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

Monday to Thursday, 9am - 5pm, Friday, 9am - 4pm
(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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.

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Eagle-eye Winter Quiz

There will be a £25 Marks and Spencer voucher* for the winner of the Eagle-Eye winter quiz. All you need to do is find the 10 answers to the questions below, they can all be found in this newsletter. Start reading and the answers will be there.

Send your answers, along with your name, address and contact number to nicholas.hubbard@oddfellows.co.uk by Wednesday 31 January. You can also enter by post: Nicholas Hubbard, 88 Hart Lane, Hartlepool TS26 0LA. Good luck!

Questions:

1. In Georgian times, how many families populated the Headland?
2. How many years did Mike Donne serve within the prison service?
3. Who entertained guests with songs from World War 1 through to the 60's at the Bowburn Celebration Dinner?
4. Who gave an arty display with tea and mince pies at Hart Village Hall?
5. Which infamous Victorian poisoner did Bruce Burn feature in his talk?
6. How many witches, ghosts and brides of Frankenstein came to the Halloween event?
7. What did Margaret fortify travellers with on the journey to Harrogate?
8. What organisation was Mike Donne chairman of?
9. Name the Lord Lieutenant whose initials are SS
10. Who gave a response to the toast by Brother Michael Neary?

*Competition terms and conditions

- This competition is open to Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows members only.
- Only one entry per person.
- No cash alternative is available.
- The competition is managed and fulfilled by Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows Branch (the Promoter).
- The competition will close on Wednesday 31 January at 23.59 hours. The draw will take place at a future event.
- The winner will be notified by email or phone within four weeks of the close of the competition.
- We will not share your details with any other party.
- The decision of the Promoter on any matter relating to these rules shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winner may be expected to have their photograph taken for press or promotional purposes and their name published in Oddfellows newsletters and Facebook page.
- The name of the prize winner will be available by sending a SAE to: 43 Landseer Drive, Billingham TS23 3GF.
- Entry to the competition is automatic on submission of the required information and will be considered acceptance of these terms and conditions.

From 1 January 2018

National membership has changed...

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- ✓ Direct Debit option of two consecutive monthly payments of £18.50



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Events Booking Form - Winter/Spring 2018

Please identify the events you wish to attend and the number of member tickets and guest tickets for each event.

Event	Date	Cost of ticket	Member tickets	Guest tickets	Special requirements dietary/ wheelchair etc.	Name
Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh	Thursday 25 January	£12 members £15 non-member				
Bingo with Fish and Chip Supper	Saturday 24 February	£5				Date
Visit to Leeds	Tuesday 20 March	£25 per person				Amount Enclosed
Coach Holiday to Ireland	Sunday 13 to Thursday 17 May	£380 per person (sharing)				Email Address
WW1 Battlefield Tour	Thursday 2 August	£459 per person (sharing)				Contact Telephone Number
<p>Please book and pay for the events you wish to attend prior to the closing dates printed above and in your newsletter. Make cheques payable to Cleveland and Durham Oddfellows for the full amount and post to Margaret Wells or Phyl Hubbard.</p>						

Any information you supply on this form will be used to book your chosen event(s). We will not use this information for future marketing, nor will this information be shared with any third party.