

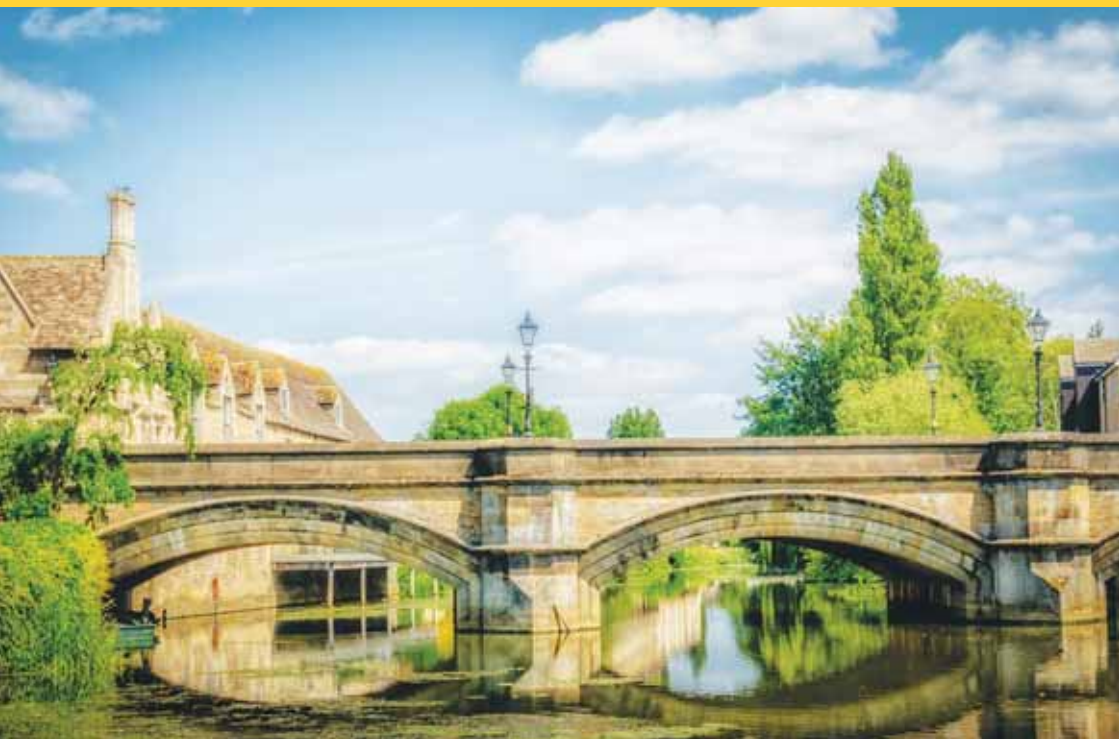
January - June 2022



the **ODDfELLOWS** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Nene and Welland District



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Welcome from the Provincial Grand Master

I would like to welcome you all to this edition of our Nene and Welland Out and About including all the events we hope to hold in the first six months of 2022 together with some items of interest from members which we hope you will find entertaining. I am really enjoying my year as your District Chairman (Provincial Grand Master) and it has been lovely to get together again meaning I have been able to see many of you at various events. None of us know what winter is going to hold for us but we hope to be able to continue meeting up safely.

Time passes so quickly it's hard to believe nearly eight months of my year have gone already but wow we have packed a lot in especially since September with Friendship Lunches, Bingo, Quizzes, Craft Club, Coffee Mornings, Afternoon Teas, Cold Pudding Club, a Church Service as well as the spectacular Oddfellows Brass Band Concert and the District Lunch, I like some of you have enjoyed as many as possible. It would be remiss of me not to mention our retiring Social Organiser, Andrew Spencer and thank him for all he has done for us, we also welcome his replacement Virginia Moran. Don't worry Andrew is staying with us but getting

more involved on the business side on the Committee of Management.

My charity this year is of course the Exotic Pet Refuge which we also managed to arrange a visit to, and so far we are doing fairly well with the fund raising but as they suffered so much last year we hope to make as much as possible and any donations are very welcome. To those of you who have already contributed in any way I give you my heartfelt thanks it is really appreciated. We are also collecting pet food blankets towels etc at the Hall which we take down to the Refuge for use with the animals so if you have any you don't want please remember them.

The festive season will soon be upon us, Chris and I hope you are all able to enjoy it with your families and/or friends but whatever you will be doing we wish you a happy healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. No matter what winter brings, please stay safe and remember we are here if you need a friendly ear.

Yours in friendship

**John Sargeant
Provincial Grand Master
(District Chairman)**



Welcome to our latest edition of the Out and About Diary and Newsletter

Our Journey out of lockdown

Following on from our early baby steps of once again opening up our Hall for face to face events in May and June, when we had six or eight of us meeting for coffee and a chat we decided that July would be our real try at events again.

It was amazing the uptake of members wanting to attend. We made every event bookable and events still are. We began with quizzes, family fortunes, bingo and even a fish and chip lunch and quiz. The numbers were great and the comments on the work done to make our hall safe and usable were just fantastic. It was so good to see each other face to face once again. It was also nice to meet new members who joined us during lockdown whom we had only seen on Zoom quiz afternoons. We discovered that they do have legs, seriously it was so good to have the opportunity to welcome them to the Branch.

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Barry and Christine put together a group of members to lead History and Tradition afternoons with some members taking their minor degrees or being welcomed to the Branch. It is interesting to keep our Oddfellows history alive. In August we really pushed the boat out and 36 of us got together at Bourne Corn Exchange for Sunday Lunch.

Whilst it was great to see others face to face we were also very conscious of our members who were not yet ready to venture out so, we showed many of our Hall events on Zoom with friends

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joining us for a chat or a game. With regards to Zoom we are still holding two events a month on Zoom. These allow us to see not only our members but the many friends from other Branches around the country that we have made during lockdown.

Friendship Month saw us really push the boat out with 8 events in the month including a Welcome Back party for our members. This we held at Bourne Corn Exchange with over 60 attending. We enjoyed Afternoon Tea along with a selection of fairground side stalls we had hired for the afternoon. There was none stop chatter loads of laughter and four fabulous hampers given to the members who had the highest score on each of the stalls.

Everyone enjoyed the whole afternoon and for several members it was their first venture in to socialising face to face again. The rest of the month saw us have talks, lunch at the local pub. Cold Pudding Club returned again. An afternoon listening to the mighty Wurlitzer and Compton organs being played at the Burtey Fen Collection. We also had a tour of the Exotic Pet Refuge at Deeping St James, our Chairman's chosen charity for the year. What a fascinating afternoon that was.

We managed to come together at Deeping Methodist Church for our Branch Church service. We were so grateful that Sam who plays the music for us at our Christmas Carol Service came along to play for us at this service as unfortunately, the

Chapel does not have an organist at the moment. We rounded the whole month off with a very civilised Afternoon Tea at Waterside Garden Centre. Take a look at the photographs from these events elsewhere in the magazine.

Then October started off with a bang and boom as we hosted Oddfellows Brass Band at St John's Church in Spalding. This church was re-ordered inside a few years ago to make it a multi-use building. It is wonderful and modern inside and whilst it essentially remains a Church, it offers great space for events such as this. The proceeds from the evening were added to the Chairman's charity fund and we managed a fabulous total of £503.50 for the funds at The Exotic Pet Refuge.

Our Annual Lunch in October saw 73 members and guests come together for a super lunch, with our Guest speaker for the afternoon Tony Luckett a Past Grand Master (Past Chairman) of the Order of Oddfellows.

At the time of writing this we still have a lot more coming up for the rest of this year before we start on all the wonderful events listed in this edition of Out and About for 2022. Whilst Covid is still all around us let's hope we can carry on going forward reclaiming our lives and enjoying time together being Oddfellows face to face. Zoom will carry on for the foreseeable especially through the winter months and it has been a great aid during the pandemic but, you can't beat being together can you?

Thank You from Andrew Spencer

Nearly five years ago when I sold my business to semi-retire I thought I would like to do a small part time job to ease me in to full retirement.



Having been a member of Oddfellows for a few years it was suggested that my experience in the Hospitality industry may be good for me to apply to become the first Social Organiser for the Branch.

I had a blank canvas and so we began a new journey together. We've had a few bumps in the road but there have been many successes that we can all feel very proud of. Our membership has risen by nearly 200 and our 'Out and About' Diary has gone from an A4 sheet of paper to 44 pages of news, views and events. We have introduced many new events to our calendar some are now regular monthly clubs.

Our presence in the local community is much more well-known and publicity for the Branch has grown thus increasing people's awareness of Oddfellows. One of the things I think we should be most proud of is the creation of our Museum of Oddfellows in our Hall. I look forward

to seeing it finished and sharing it with members and the wider community.

When the pandemic first hit I found a new role as event canceller and became Zoom Master, Barry and Christine as our Welfare officers took to the telephones and emails keeping in touch with as many members as they could. We all learnt a new way of working.

Earlier this year I decided it was time for me to step down and let a new pair of younger eyes take a look at our Branch, perhaps with some new bright ideas and our new Social Organiser Virginia Moran was appointed. I do hope everyone will give Virginia the same support as you have given me and try some new things. I know I have had a lot of fun working for the Branch and making so many friends.

I am now looking forward to enjoying events with you all in the future as I will still be around as a member (sorry). I may even get to enjoy a hot lunch when we are out.

I want to say a very big thank you to the Trustees, Committee of Management and all of you for the support you have given me over these past few years as we worked together to make our Branch the success it is today.

In Friendship

Andrew

Hello from Virginia

I was delighted to take on the role of your Social Organiser in October last year. I had a good handover period from Andrew which mean that I could 'hit the ground running' when he actually finished.

I knew only too well how the last couple of years can impact on mental and physical health. Enforced isolation, especially if you are on your own, can have an awful effect. From my own experience I had been fine during the first lockdown as I was busy helping the Feed Deepings Group and in and out every day collecting and delivering prescriptions for those who were isolating. What struck me during this time was just how grateful people were to see a friendly face and wanting to chat about everything and nothing. I knew that, in some cases, I was probably the only person that they had seen for a couple of days and I met and talked to lots of really lovely people.

During the summer last year I managed to downsize and my son went off to University, which was a wrench and then a couple of weeks after I moved I was made redundant. Suddenly there was no structure to my time and the more time I spent 'forced' to avoid other people, the less I felt I wanted to interact with people in any event.

I know I was not alone in how I felt – my get up and go, had got up and went! So, when the opportunity arose for me to come to Oddfellows as a Social Organiser I jumped at the chance as I am well aware of how easy it is to just not bother any more.



I've had a great time so far looking at different things for us to do, or places to go. I've met many of you since the autumn last year and was immediately struck by the open friendship I saw which was such a mental boost and something I hope to spread around.

You will notice some new events in this diary, Armchair Aerobics to help get us moving again, Travellers Talks, Car Boot Sales and Let's Do Lunch to name a few, as well as old favourites like Surprise Bingo, Craft Club and Cold Pudding Club.

I hope I can create events that are 'something for everyone' which will encourage you to get out and about with new friends and old, always assured of a very warm welcome. Needless to say, if you have an interest that you think others share or have had a lovely time somewhere and think others might like to visit, please let me know – I'm always open to new ideas!

In friendship,

Virginia

January 2022

WED

05

Armchair Aerobics



2pm



£3



If you can sit down, you can exercise! Armchair Aerobics is a seated low impact exercise workout



for those who would like to regain mobility and strength or just have fun!

The exercise moves are safe, effective and simple. They help burn fat and increase your heart rate gently. Even a small amount of activity can be a tremendous boost to our wellbeing and help you to tone and strengthen. So why not give it a go? You might be surprised at just how good it makes you feel

Please come and join our lovely instructor Karen, no equipment needed and definitely no Lycra! Book by Monday 3 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

MON

10

Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book



Continuing our ever-popular bingo afternoons, which are open to members



and non-members alike, so why not bring along a friend? Ten games for £1 a book and light refreshments too. Winners choose a wrapped prize from the gift table. Everything raised will go directly to the Chairman's nominated charity for the year. Book by Friday 7 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES

11

Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



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January 2022

TUES
11

Cold Pudding Club

⌚ 6.30pm

£ £1 Tasting
Only £3



Come along with your favourite cold puddings and try everyone else's! A lovely evening of chat and delicious goodies. Non-cooks are more than welcome to join David and our regulars just for the tastings. We run a small raffle to raise funds for the Chairman's charity - so you could also take home a prize! Book by Tuesday 4 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.



WED
19

Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness

⌚ 12.30pm

£ As per
menu



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WED
26

Let's Do Lunch!

⌚ 12.30pm

£ As per
menu



Our very popular monthly carvery lunch at this super village pub. A chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. Good company, good food - what's not to enjoy? Do you have friends or family who would like to come along? Please invite them to join us and share in the fun. Booking essential. Book by Wednesday 19 January. Waggon & Horses, 1 Peterborough Road, Langtoft, Peterborough PE6 9LW. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



WED
12

Craft Club

⌚ 1pm

£ £2.50



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make notelets with paper napkins. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Wednesday 5 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

January 2022

MON
31

Halfway Around the World in 70 Days



7pm



£2



In 2015, Ashley and Charlotte Baxter went on a backpacking holiday, travelling overland from St Petersburg in Russia across six countries to Bangkok in Thailand, travelling only on trains and buses. The unusual thing about their trip was that their three young children accompanied them on the adventure.

Ashley's illustrated account of his family trip includes many stories, including encounters with Lenin, Genghis Khan and Chairman Mao, that will make you laugh and think and perhaps book a holiday to China! Book by Monday 24 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



February

WED
02

Armchair Aerobics



2pm



£3



If you can sit down, you can exercise! Armchair Aerobics is a seated low impact exercise workout for those who would like to regain mobility and strength or just have fun! See page 7 for more details. Book by Monday 31 January. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES
08

Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



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February

TUES 08 **Surprise Bingo!**



Continuing our ever-popular bingo afternoons, which are open to members and non-members alike, so why not bring along a friend? See page 7 for more details. Book by Monday 7 February. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

WED 09 **Craft Club**



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make a pyramid card. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Friday 4 February. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



WED 16 **Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness**



Once again, we are meeting for lunch together at this lovely village roadside inn. For no reason other than enjoying good food, great company and lots of friendship. Everyone is welcome to join us, so if you know someone who you think would benefit from joining us for an afternoon out, then please bring them along! Book by Wednesday 16 February. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

MON 28 **Let's Do Lunch!**



Our very popular monthly carvery lunch at this super village pub. A chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. Good company, good food - what's not to enjoy? Do you have friends or family who would like to come along? Please invite them to join us and share in the fun. Booking essential. Book by Tuesday 22 February. Waggon & Horses, 1 Peterborough Road, Langtoft, Peterborough PE6 9LW. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

February

TUES
22

Just for the Girls!



6.30pm



£3



It can be hard looking our best as we get older, particularly when it come to skincare and make-up. Our make-up artist Emma will give us a demonstration, lots of advice, tricks and tips to do exactly that. There will be a chance for one of us to get a complete makeover and lots of opportunities to ask questions. Do come along to what is going to be a really fun and informative evening. Book by Thursday 17 February. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

March

TUES
01

Annual General Meeting



10.30am



Free



Annual General Meeting of the Branch. All members welcome to attend. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

WED
02

Armchair Aerobics



2pm



£3



If you can sit down, you can exercise! Armchair Aerobics is a seated low impact exercise workout for those who would like to regain mobility and strength or just have fun! See page 7 for more details. Book by Monday 28 February. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES
08

Cold Pudding Club



6.30pm



£1 Tasting
Only £3



Come along with your favourite cold puddings and try everyone else's! A lovely evening of chat and delicious goodies. See page 8 for more details. Book by Tuesday 1 March. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

March

WED 09 Craft Club



1pm



£2.50



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make create art with shaving foam! It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Friday 4 March. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

SUN 13 Car Boot Sale



10am



£5 per table



We will be holding a series of Car Boot Sales on the Glebe Field (next to John Eve), so if you been spring cleaning why not have a table and convert it to cash! If you don't have enough items for a table, then please donate them to the Oddfellows stall or come and visit, you don't know what you will find! Space for your car/table cost £5. Visiting is free. Book by Thursday 10 March. Glebe Field/John Eve Field, Godsey Lane, Market Deeping PE6 8LH. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES 15 Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book



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WED 16 Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness



12.30pm



As per menu



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March

WED **23** **Indoor Games** **Haven of Happiness**



A fun afternoon, with friends old and new, playing indoor games. Many to choose from whether it's Monopoly, Scrabble, darts, a fiendish game of chess or you would just like a meet up and a natter. Tea and cakes for all! Book by Friday 18 March. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

MON **28** **A Deepings** **Steeplechase**



In early 2021, in order to exercise during the pandemic, Ashley Baxter decided to learn more about his local area by running to every church in his neighbouring villages. By using public footpaths, he discovered a whole world of history, industry and community existing right on his doorstep. Ashley's illustrated talk will include stories of some of the celebrated people from our area from the Romans, to Hereward the Wake, to the business tycoon who shot his butler! Book by Thursday 24 March. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

WED **30** **Let's Do Lunch!**



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April

WED **06** **Armchair Aerobics**



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April

SUN
10

Car Boot Sale



10am



£5 per table



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TUES
12

Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



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WED
13

Craft Club



1pm



£2.50



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make pop-out cards. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Wednesday 6 April. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

FRI
15

Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book



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April

WED 20 Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness

 12.30pm  As per menu 

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WED 27 Fun With Friends Haven of Happiness

 2pm  Free 

Join us for an afternoon of good company, chat, quizzes and games. Light refreshments also provided. Everyone welcome! Book by Friday 22 April. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



MON 25 Behind the Scenes at Swines Meadow Nursery

 2pm  £2 plus £5 for tea and cake 

Come and join us for a behind the scenes look at Swines Meadow Nursery, where everything is grown on-site. Colin will give a guided tour of the growing areas and tunnels (so wear stout shoes) and Karan will be providing us with a lovely cuppa and delicious piece of home-made cake. There will also be an opportunity to look around the new Forest School and be tempted by Karan's home-made range of jams, preserves, fruit flavoured vinegars and pickles. Large free car park. Book by Monday 18 April. Swines Meadow Nursery, 47 Towngate East, Market Deeping PE6 8LQ. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



April

THURS
28

Let's Do Lunch!

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



A new summer venue for our ever-popular monthly lunch. Now the weather is warmer we invite you to join us at The Goat, Frognall, Deeping St James, where we will dine in the conservatory, or if the weather is warm in the new patio area. Booking is essential and a pre-event menu for you to choose from will be provided when reserving your place. There is ample parking. Book by Friday 22 April. The Goat, 155 Spalding Road, Deeping St James PE6 8SA. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



May

MON
09

Surprise Bingo!

🕒 2pm

£ £1 per book



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May

WED
04

Armchair Aerobics

🕒 2pm

£ £3



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TUES
10

Business Meeting

🕒 10.30am

£ Free



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May

TUES 10 Cold Pudding Club

🕒 6.30pm

£ £1 Tasting
Only £3



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WED 11 Craft Club

🕒 1pm

£ £2.50



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert



crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make a shaker card. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Wednesday 4 May. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

SUN 15 Car Boot Sale

🕒 10am

£ £5 per table



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WED 18 Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



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May

MON
23

Bermuda Shorts



In 1974 – following a bizarre series of events – our speaker, Phil Dilks, started work in Bermuda as a reporter for The Bermuda Sun.



During the four years he was there, he found and married his wife, Gill, they had their first child. He met The Queen and the island had an assassination and two hangings! Phil will regale us with his amazing stories of a very eventful time in his life. Book by Friday 20 May. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

WED
25

Let's Do Lunch!



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June

WED
01

Armchair Aerobics



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WED
08

Craft Club



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our



expert crafter, Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make a greetings card in a folder. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Wednesday 1 June. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

June

FRI
10

Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book



Continuing our ever-popular bingo afternoons, which are open to members and non-members alike, so why not bring along a friend? See page 7 for more details. Book by Thursday 9 June. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

SAT
11

Pinchbeck Carnival



10am



Free



Come and see us at the Carnival! The event will be held in the field at the rear of the Library. As this event is in its 40th year the theme is 'The 40s'. We'll have lots of information for you and your friends and a tombola to try your luck! The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

SUN
12

Car Boot Sale



10am



£5 per table



We will be holding a series of Car Boot Sales on the Glebe Field (next to John Eve), so if you been having a clearout why not have a table and convert it to cash! If you don't have enough items for a table, then please donate them to the Oddfellows stall or come and visit, you don't know what you will find! Space for your car/table costs £5. Visiting is free. Book by Thursday 9 June. Glebe Field/ John Eve Field, Godsey Lane, Market Deeping PE6 8LH. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

SUN
12

Annual Church Service



6pm



Free



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the work of the Oddfellows both nationally and locally. Also, to give thanks for the work of the Officers of the Society, especially those here in our Branch. After the service enjoy some time of friendship with lovely refreshments in the church lounge. Just let us know you will be joining us by Monday 6 June. Deeping Methodist Church, 64 Church Street, Deeping St James PE6 8HD. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

June

TUES

14

Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



Our monthly business meetings are open for all members to attend. If you would like to know more about the running of the Branch, ask questions regarding the Branch, or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please do join us. Book by Friday 10 June. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

WED

15

Friendship Lunch Haven of Happiness



12.30pm



As per menu



Once again, we are meeting for lunch together at this lovely village roadside inn. For no reason other than enjoying good food, great company and lots of friendship. Everyone is welcome to join us, so if you know someone who you think would benefit from joining us for an afternoon out, then please bring them along! Book by Wednesday 8 June. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



WED

22

Afternoon Tea Haven of Happiness



2pm



Free



Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with friends.



Everyone is welcome, member or not. A traditional afternoon tea with lots of tea, coffee and cake and lots of friendly chat. Book by Friday 17 June. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

WED

29

Let's Do Lunch!



12.30pm



As per menu



A new summer venue for our ever-popular monthly lunch. Now the weather is warmer we invite you to join us at The Goat, Frognall, Deeping St James, where we will dine in the conservatory, or if the weather is warm in the new patio area. Booking is essential and a pre-event menu for you to choose from will be provided when reserving your place. There is ample parking. Book by Wednesday 22 June. The Goat, 155 Spalding Road, Deeping St James PE6 8SA. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

Crafting Project

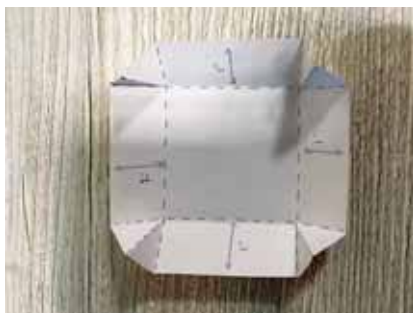
1. Take a greetings card (I used a 5 inches by 7 inches card). Cut off $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strip from the side for the handle. Measure across the top of the card ($4\frac{1}{2}$ inches) and cut off $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches down so you have a square. With the spare piece cut out a flower using the pink template.



2. Take the $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches square card and using a ruler and blunt tool eg knitting needle, score along the dotted lines as shown ie one inch in and diagonally across the corners (or $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches for a deeper basket).



3. Fold along each scored line and crease well.



4. Put a spot of glue on the tip of each corner crease and press together to form the basket.



5. Stick on the handle, flower and ribbon, then fill your basket with sweets. The basket can be made using different sized cards, making sure you have a square to form the basket.





Oundle Community First Responders

The story continues...



In the last issue we told you about the ways in which our roles diversified due to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the ways in which we supported the distribution of PPE to emergency vehicles and the vaccination programme. At the time of writing we were providing as much cover for our community as we could, under quite difficult circumstances.



Since that time we have all welcomed a return to a way of life that is nearer to our pre-pandemic existence. However, some things are still far from normal. Many people are still nervous at the prospect of hospitalisation, and postpone taking action when they start to feel unwell. Others try to access clinical advice but find it difficult to get face-to-face appointments. Both of these situations lead to increasing numbers of people reaching a 'critical' condition before seeking help.

The ambulance service is busier than it has ever been: sadly, sometimes so busy that there are no ambulances available for all those who urgently need them. This is where we can help. Our car has been active across our area throughout this period, proving its worth as a strong and sturdy vehicle both on and off road. During the year from April 2020 to March 2021 we collectively volunteered for 4652.25



hours and attended 254 patients. This is lower than in previous years but, under the circumstances, we are proud of this achievement. We have also continued to support the vaccination programme, currently administering booster vaccines.

Much of our ongoing training had to be completed online or via 'Teams' during the restricted periods, but thankfully we are now able to resume our monthly training and discussion meetings in person. It's really good to be able to have hands-on practice with the support of our peers.

Since July, we have been able to attend a few public events in and around Oundle. Our car stands proudly next to the gazebo at these events whenever possible, and draws the eyes of many attendees. The result of this is that more people are aware of who we are and what we do, and we are well received wherever we go.

This is the last year of our three year lease on the car, which the Oddfellows have so generously supported, and we are looking at the options for next autumn.



We obviously want to continue to use a well-marked and rugged vehicle, but our options will be restricted as the ambulance service have decided that they will only support fully electric vehicles. In the New Year we will be looking at the issues that this raises and ways in which they can be resolved.

We really appreciate all of the support that we have received from the Oddfellows, and trust that you have all escaped the pandemic relatively unscathed, and continue to enjoy good health and happiness going forwards.

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

Refer a friend today

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

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News from Pinchbeck

Wow where has that six month gone I can't believe it's time for another newsletter. Well work rearranging the garden continues over in Rotten Row with the fruit garden now successfully moved and fortunately everything has survived the move.

The vegetable garden has been dismantled ready to return it to lawn, though I have left the raised bed in place but earlier in the year I sowed flower seeds in it to attract bees butterflies and insects and I have to say it has been far more successful than I could have wished for to the extent it is still full of all sorts of flowers and I am hoping they will reseed themselves for next year. I keep cutting the roses back and they keep flowering which is lovely to see outside the front window.

We have also nearly completed dismantling a shrubbed area at the bottom of the garden so we can lawn that too as it is close to the veg patch. It has been hard work digging up shrubs and tree roots etc, to the extent that one day I did two trips to the tip with the car full to the roof of garden rubbish.

You might ask why do so much hard work but the end result will hopefully make the garden easier for me to manage and those of you who have visited the garden know how much work it is. There is still plenty to do out there though as the lawn and hedges are still growing and there is more cutting back to do (we have lots of shrubs and trees in the garden as well as things like wisteria a grape vine some passionflowers etc all of which grow like

mad and take over their respective areas). So there will be a few more trips to the tip yet. The biggest problem has been that we keep going out to Oddfellow events instead of me gardening, but when given the choice it's no contest lol as we love being out with you all.

We do feed the wildlife and our hedgehogs are still about, we also have an occasional squirrel and lots of birds so we have feeding stations all over the garden including either side of the front door with the sparrows queuing up for them. We get all sorts of birds in the back garden and it's lovely to see them. One consequence of the birds is that we have sunflowers in all sorts of odd places, one had 11 flower heads on it and we have left them out there as the birds are now coming and eating the seeds of them, watching their antics and acrobatics is really entertaining. Whenever I am out there gardening I have a little robin come to help me and if I walk down the garden he talks to me all the time, wildlife is wonderful isn't it.

It will soon be time to put the patio pots back in the greenhouse before any frosts, such a shame as the fuchsias are still flowering, but I don't want to lose them. I also have a large Acer in a pot on the patio, it stays out all year round but it is beautiful at the moment and the leaves are vivid red, but sadly they will soon start to drop. Never mind let's hope we have a fairly mild winter so I can still get out there, but for now, this isn't getting my garden done so I will love you and leave you.

Chris Sargeant



Exotic Pet Refuge

Based on Station Road, Deeping St James, the Exotic Pet Refuge is home to over 250 unwanted, abandoned or neglected exotic animals and rescued British wildlife. Unable to run their regular open days and fundraising activities throughout the pandemic, the Refuge has struggled on a reduced income, and relied heavily on donations from the public to cover running costs.

Despite government restrictions preventing us from meeting face to face for the first half of 2021, we have raised almost £2000 in the year so far.

The Exotic Pet Refuge was chosen as the Chairman's charity of the year for 2020, and has been retained for 2021 and 2022.

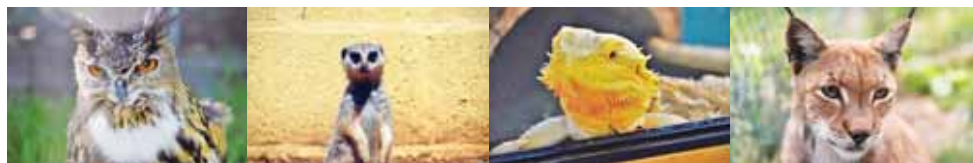
We also collected donations of essentials such as pet food, toys and bedding for the Refuge, and this is delivered on a regular basis. Although John's year as Chairman for the group is coming to an end, the



incoming Chairman, Elaine Brown, will be continuing the Branch's support for the Exotic Pet Refuge for a further 12 months.

We visited the centre in September 2021 and it was lovely to see that the Refuge had 'weathered the storm' and were looking forward to resuming their Open Days.

Pam Mansfield, owner of the Exotic Pet Refuge, said: "We look after many different types of animals here, from wolves and snakes, to monkeys and meerkats! Every donation is gratefully welcomed, and we're thankful that the Nene and Welland Oddfellows has chosen us as its Chairman's charity, this year and next."



Coffee Time

Brainteasers!




1. In a large village, nowhere near a town, there were two barbers. Each had his own shop and charged similar prices. One was very, very good and the other was very, very bad. One day, a man from the village decided to have his hair cut. He went to the bad barber. Why?

2. Put these stringed instruments in order of size – starting with the smallest.

- a. Cello
- b. Double bass
- c. Violin
- d. Viola



3. On a standard dice – what number is opposite 4? 
4. An 8-year-old child is given four cards with numbers 2,3,4,5. Written on them.



5. A man was outside taking a walk when it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?
6. What has a mouth, but cannot eat. Moves, but has no legs. Has a bank, but no money?



Answers on page 31.

Quiz! (Answers on page 31)

1. The ancient monument of Stonehenge can be found in which English county?
2. Which pantomime title character was the son of the Widow Twankey?
3. How many ventricles are in the human heart?
4. Who is the patron saint of Scotland?
5. Who played Claudius in the 1976 tv series 'I, Claudius'?
6. On a standard UK Monopoly board, what colour is Bond Street?
7. In 2011, who released the single, 'Someone Like You'?
8. A diamond is a form of which chemical element?
9. Which fruit is a cross between a blackberry and a raspberry?
10. The car manufacturer Saab originated in which country?
11. Nell Gwyn was a mistress of which King of England?
12. Which author created Frankenstein?
13. The song 'Blue Moon' is the adopted theme tune for which English football club?
14. How do the Americans refer to a torch?
15. The Hallux is the medical name for which part of the human body?
16. What word can be both a womble and a European country?
17. From which musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein does the song 'You'll Never Walk Alone' originate?
18. What nationality is tennis player Novak Djokovic?
19. How would 900 be written using Roman numerals?
20. What was the sequel to the 1991 movie 'The Addams Family'?

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Chris Briance – Champion Blood Donor!

We were very impressed to hear that one of our members had just achieved the remarkable feat of giving his one hundredth blood donation. Given that people can only donate up to four times a year this show an amazing commitment.

Thanks to the pandemic it took Chris almost two years to get from his 99th to the 100th donation! In due course Chris will receive a Ceremony invitation, ruby donor card, commemorative medal, badge and certificate for his efforts.

I wonder how many lucky people have been recipients of one or more of his donations?

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in donating blood, please visit www.blood.co.uk and register.



Oddfellows Scholarship Awards

It is congratulations to our member Rebecca Earth who has been awarded a Scholarship Award by Unity office.

The scholarship award is given to three Oddfellows members who are starting their first Degree course at University. The award is paid annually to the members for the duration of their Degree course. With the ever increasing costs and pressures of going to University this grant is a great help towards all the costs involved.

Rebecca became a Young Oddfellows member 2010. She has now moved to Edinburgh University to study a Degree course in English Literature. So, it is both congratulations to Rebecca on being given the award and good luck with all her

studies. We hope she enjoys the big city and all the opportunities University life offers.

We also send our congratulations to the other Oddfellows members who have being given this award, Charlie Gutteridge, Heart of England District Branch and Christian Kemp, Leodis Branch, Leeds District Branch.



If you have grandchildren why not consider a gift of membership of the Young Oddfellows. If you want to know more about Young Oddfellows give us a call and we will be happy to help and explain more about the benefits of membership.

Coffee Time Answers

Brainteasers (on page 28)

1. He was the good barber
2. c, d, a, b
3. 3
4. 95
5. The man was bald
6. A river

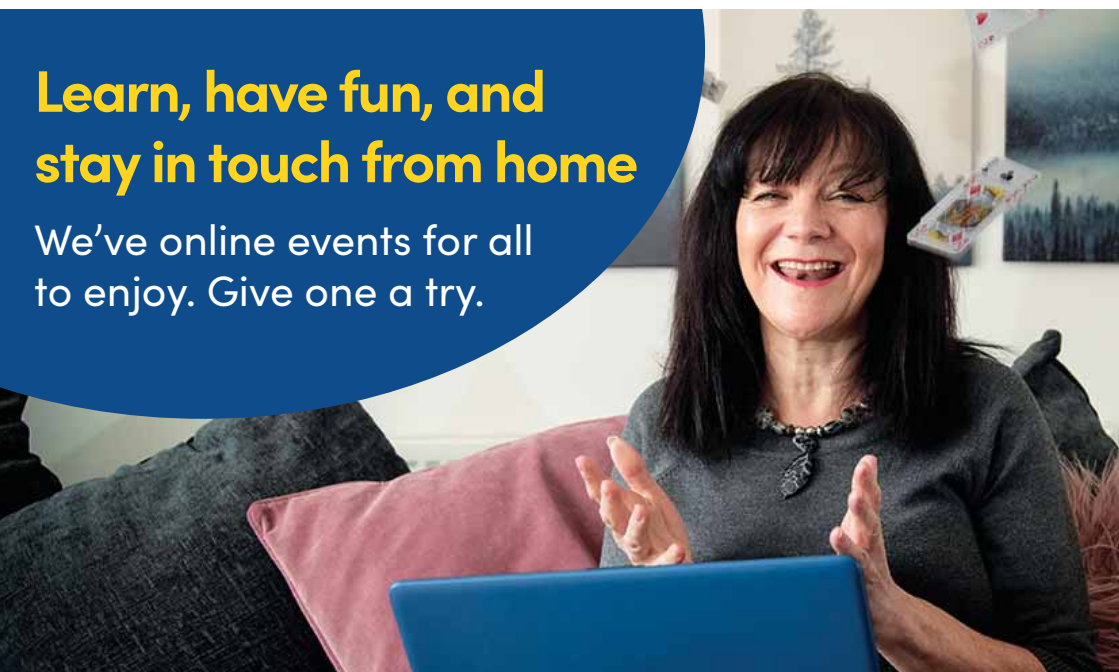
Quiz (on page 29)

1. Wiltshire
2. Aladdin
3. 2
4. St Andrew
5. Derek Jacobi
6. Green

7. Adele
8. Carbon
9. Loganberry
10. Sweden
11. Charles II
12. Mary Shelley
13. Manchester City
14. Flashlight
15. Big Toe
16. Bulgaria
17. Carousel
18. Serbian
19. CM
20. Addams Family Values

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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
and enter 'online' in the place name search box

Meet your Nene and Welland Care and Welfare Team

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Lincolnshire

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Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

To arrange for a Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Karen Earth on **01778 342006** or email **karen.earth@oddfellows.co.uk**.

National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our '**Looking After You**' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/

*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Peak District Discovery Tour

September's Peak District Discovery Tour was our first Oddfellows Travel group holiday since the pandemic began. We teamed up with HF Holidays, who provided a knowledgeable guide to some of Derbyshire's most stunning locations. Holiday-making members and their guests explored Bakewell and the Chatsworth estate, (Chatsworth House and Edensor Village), Tideswell, Castleton, Derwent, Hathersage and Eyam.

The group replaced their cars for the comfort of a coach for the duration of the three-night trip, and were in a safe pair of hands as the driver took the strain of navigating narrow lanes and busy car parks so they could relax and enjoy the views. He also pointed out features that only a local driver would know. Sightseers travelled from far and wide. One lady from Grenada had been visiting family when travel restrictions forced her to stay in England, so she made the most of her time here by joining the group as a guest!

It didn't matter if people didn't know anyone else on the trip, as Oddfellows Travel's on-board host, Mike Hall, was a friendly face and helped people to feel comfortable and included. It was fantastic to see complete strangers leave as friends. Oddfellows Travel is busy preparing its holiday programme for 2022, so keep checking our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, call Mike on 0161 832 9361, or email him on mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk.



*Dam Busters film location
– Derwent Dam.*



The adventurous group.



HF Holiday Guide Alistair and guests.

Bringing friends back together

After 18 difficult months of repeated lockdowns and social restrictions, where so many of us were held back from spending time with each other in person, it has been incredible to finally reunite.

And what better an excuse than Friendship Month this September! It was a great chance to catch up with old friends, re-build any lost social confidence and show newcomers all the benefits of Oddfellows membership. Jane Nelson our CEO, said: "It's been fantastic to see so many members and new faces come together to celebrate Friendship Month. Thank you to all our Branches and member volunteers who have worked tremendously hard to host hundreds of online and in-person taster events this year."

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



*Fun for all ages
 - Brighton and Sussex Branch*



*Bringing folk together on the Isle of
 Mona - Ormskirk and Southport Branch*



*Walking in great company
 - Nottingham Trent Branch*



*Sharing a laugh
 - Heart of England Branch*



*The warmest of welcomes
 - Bradford Branch*

Apply now for a 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award

If you're an apprentice, or soon to become one, take a look at our Apprenticeship Educational Awards.

Each year, the Society grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 a year for the duration (a maximum three years) of a member's apprenticeship.

Oddfellows Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, said: "We were thrilled to grant awards to three young members last year and support their apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing and manufacturing engineering.

Establishing yourself in a trade has significant investments, such as starting to build up your own set of tools or buying training resources, so we're always happy to help where we can."



Eligibility and how to apply

You need five years' continuous Oddfellows membership to apply, which can include Young Oddfellows membership.

To apply, speak to your Branch Secretary. The deadline for Branches to submit applications for consideration is 31 December 2021 and judging takes place in February 2022. Good luck!

Shaun Wallace

We were delighted to have Shaun Wallace ('The Dark Destroyer' from ITV quiz show 'The Chase') support Friendship Month this year! You can listen to his special message on our UK Facebook channel. He also joined our CEO, Jane Nelson, on 19 regional radio interviews.



As a team, they aired the importance of friendship and talked about our recent survey into friendship and the pandemic. You can find out more about the survey at www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Oddfellows in conversation

Do you enjoy a podcast? In our latest 'Oddfellows in conversation' recording, presenter and podcaster, Dom Burch, chatted with CEO, Jane Nelson, about all things Friendship.

It's the second in the series with the first being a conversation with our new Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, about his appointment to the role. You can listen to them on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/Oddfellows



We're also proud to be sponsoring national magazine The People's Friend's latest round of 'Reading Between the Lines' podcasts, which feature recordings of Oddfellows members from across the UK.



In each episode, they choose a story from the publication's extensive back catalogue of fiction and have a friendly chat about it. They're well worth a listen. You can find them at www.thepeoplesfriend.co.uk/category/reading-between-the-lines

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Business Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

Our monthly business meetings are open to all members to attend. If you would like to more about the running of the Branch, ask questions about the Branch or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please join us.

General Business meetings will take place on

11 January

12 April

14 June

8 February

10 May

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

All meetings are held at The Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping.

EAGC Events

Seminar – Saturday 12 March 2022, Oddfellows Hall, Market Deeping

EAGC Presidents Reception – Sunday 10 April 2022, 12.15pm for 1pm, Orton Hall Hotel, Peterborough PE12 7DS. Jane Nelson, CEO will be in attendance.

EAGC Annual Meeting – Saturday 7 May 2022 – The Millennium Centre, Peterborough PE1 5GD

Further details from Karen Earth 01788 342006 nearer the time.

History and Traditions

Some of our Society history dates back to the times of ancient trade guilds. Today we still use some of the pomp, ceremony and regalia for important occasions. We do this because we're proud of our heritage and want to celebrate it. Taking part in ceremonial history is not compulsory, but if any members are interested in learning more about the Society history and would like to share in some of the ceremony, Christine and Barry invite you to come and learn more with them.

First there is a welcome as a member. This is done as a formal ceremony or informal reading (your choice). Nothing

difficult, no exams. Next is stepping up by Degrees: This is the name given to a series of short talks, we call them Minor Degrees (not at all like a university degree). Each Degree has a colour and there are four of them. As you work through them and learn more about the ethos and practice, you can progress to more formal roles (only if you want to) within the Branch and the Society.

If anyone would like to find out more and join Christine and Barry in celebrating our history, please contact them for more details and book your place. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN.

Events at a glance

January 2022

Wed 5	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Mon 10	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Tues 11	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 11	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 12	Craft Club	1pm
Wed 19	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Wed 26	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm
Mon 31	Halfway Around the World in 70 Days	7pm

February

Wed 2	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Tues 8	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 8	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 9	Craft Club	1pm
Wed 16	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Tues 22	Just for the Girls!	6.30pm
Mon 28	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm

March

Tues 1	Annual General Meeting	10.30am
Wed 2	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Tues 8	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 9	Craft Club	1pm
Sun 13	Car Boot Sale	10am
Tues 15	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 16	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Wed 23	Indoor Games - Haven of Happiness	2pm
Mon 28	A Deepings Steeplechase	7pm
Wed 30	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm

April

Wed 6	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Sun 10	Car Boot Sale	10am

Events at a glance

April

Tues 12	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 13	Craft Club	1pm
Fri 15	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 20	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Mon 25	Behind the Scenes at Swines Meadow Nursery	2pm
Wed 27	Fun With Friends - Haven of Happiness	2pm
Thurs 28	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm

May

Wed 4	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Mon 9	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Tues 10	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 10	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 11	Craft Club	1pm
Sun 15	Car Boot Sale	10am
Wed 18	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Mon 23	Bermuda Shorts	7pm
Wed 25	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm

June

Wed 1	Armchair Aerobics	2pm
Wed 8	Craft Club	1pm
Fri 10	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Sat 11	Pinchbeck Carnival	10am
Sun 12	Car Boot Sale	10am
Sun 12	Annual Church Service	6pm
Tues 14	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 15	Friendship Lunch - Haven of Happiness	12.30pm
Wed 22	Afternoon Tea - Haven of Happiness	2pm
Wed 29	Let's Do Lunch!	12.30pm