

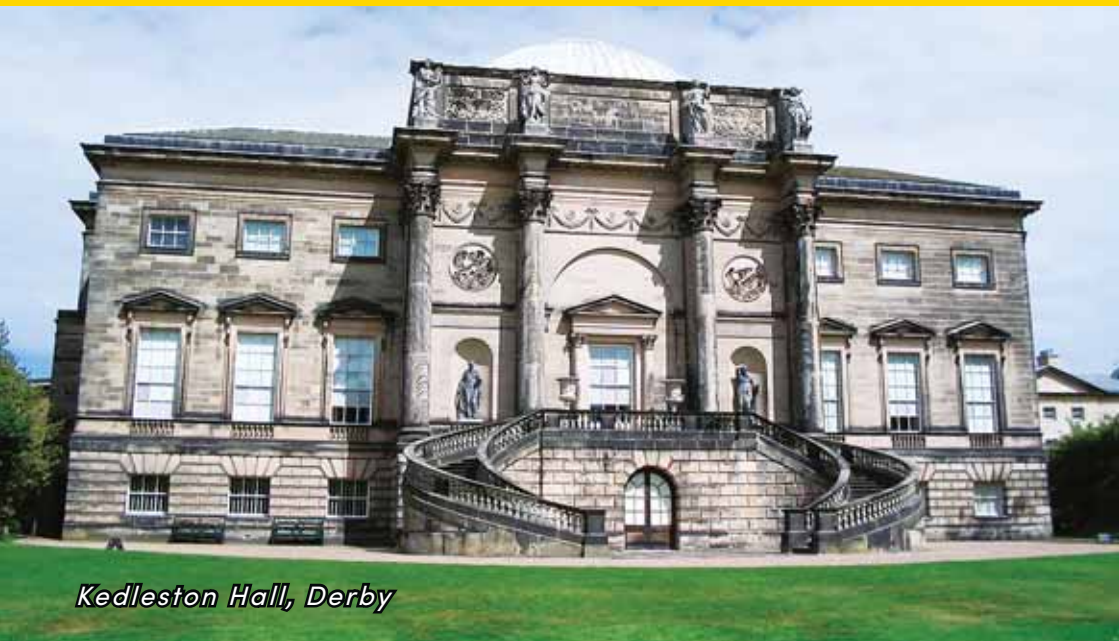
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*O*<sup>the</sup> **DDfELLOWS** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## **Derby District**



*Kedleston Hall, Derby*



Quiz



Art/Crafts



Sports



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Film



*We hope you can join us for our craft events, see events diary pages for more info.*

## **Welcome to your latest edition of the Out and About**

We have enjoyed many events over the summer months including the Strawberry Tea where we had a fun afternoon of games. There was a buffet including strawberries and cream, sandwiches and cakes.

The Social Planning Committee have been busy planning a wide range of activities and events for the forthcoming months, so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Our Festive Season this year starts with the Coffee Morning

on Saturday 16 November when there will be an opportunity to bag some early Christmas Presents. Also, turkey and stuffing cobs will be on sale.

The Christmas Coach trip planned on Saturday 30 November has been postponed to Spring next year when the weather is warmer and been replaced with a Film Afternoon.

The Pares Branch meetings have moved from the second Monday at 7.30pm to the second Tuesday of each month at an earlier time 2pm as a trial period from October to March 2025 inclusive at the same venue The Coach and Horses pub, Draycott, Derby.

# Weekly Events

The events below all take place at the Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

## Line Dancing **Every Monday**

⌚ 2pm - 3.30pm    £ Members £3  
Guests £4

Everyone is welcome and it's a fun way to keep fit! 30p for tea or coffee and biscuits.

## Short Mat Bowls **Every Tuesday**

⌚ 2pm - 4pm    £ Member £1.20  
Guests £2.20

Great fun, beginners are always welcome! 30p for tea or coffee and biscuits.

## Knit & Knatter **Monday**

⌚ See below    £ £1

Come and join us for a fun morning or evening of any type of crafting whilst having a chat and refreshments.

All abilities are welcome. Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062.



### Start at 10am

28 October 2024  
11 November 2024  
6 January 2025

### Start at 6.30pm

14 October 2024  
25 November 2024  
9 December 2024  
20 January 2025

## Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please call:

**01332 345697**

**Lauretta Stokes**

**Email:**

lauretta.stokes@oddfellows.co.uk

**Alice Smyth**

**Email:**

alice.smyth@oddfellows.co.uk

**f OddfellowsDerby**

## Warm Hub **Various Friday**

⌚ 10am    £ Free

As colder weather is approaching and energy bills are rising. Come and join us from 10am until 2pm in a warm place for a cup of tea or coffee. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

**8 November 2024**

**22 November 2024**

**6 December 2024**

**3 January 2025**

**24 January 2025**

**Lots of our events take place at the Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.**



**Really easy to find with parking at the rear off Melbourne Street.**

# Join us online...

For a catch up and some fun!

**Saturday at 10.30am**

## Zoom Countdown with Colin

12 October 2024

9 November 2024

7 December 2024

4 January 2025

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## Zoom Quiz

26 October 2024

23 November 2024

21 December 2024

18 January 2025

**Zoom Meeting ID:**

**777 935 4259**



**For more information contact Laurretta Stokes on 01332 345697.**

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# October 2024

## **TUES** **01** **Crafts Night** **King George IV Branch**

 7.30pm

 Free




Come and join us for our monthly meeting. Followed by a crafts night. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



## **WED** **02** **Walking Group at** **Breadsall Village**

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at The Paddock for a seven mile walk along the Northern Greenway via Breadsall Village. Followed by lunch at The Paddock. The Paddock, Mansfield Road, Derby DE21 4AW. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

## **SAT** **05** **Stanhope Branch** **District Officers' Visit**

 6.30pm

 Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting at the pub. Hunters Arms Pub, Church Street, Kilburn DE56 0LU. Contact Doreen on 01332 720064.

## **TUES** **08** **Istanbul Presentation** **Pares Branch**

 2pm

 Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting. Followed by a presentation of Istanbul. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

## **TUES** **08** **Dining Out Experience** **at Cosmo, London** **Road, Derby**

 6.45pm


 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Tuesday 1 October 2024. Cosmo, London Road, Derby DE1 2PA. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

## **WED** **09** **Ladies Crafts Day**

 11am

 Members £4  
Guests £6



Ladies crafts day. Refreshments are hot soup with a roll and cakes. Book by Wednesday



2 October 2024 Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



# October 2024

WED  
16

**Walking Group at Calke Abbey**

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at Ticknall Village Hall for Calke Abbey Walk. Five miles. Lunch to be decided. Ticknall Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall DE73 7JX. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

SAT  
19

**Caribbean Winter Warmer**

 11am

 Members £6  
Guests £8



Come and join us and enjoy tasting a selection of Caribbean food and cakes. Book by Friday 11 October 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



THURS  
24

**Coffee Morning**

 10.30am

 £1



Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. Cost: £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

FRI  
25

**Mens Activities Day**

 11am

 Members £5  
Guests £7





Come and join us for a lunchtime of activities. Refreshments are pork pies and Scotch eggs. Book by Friday 18 October 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

WED  
30

**Walking Group at Radbourne**

 10am

 As per menu



Radbourne 5.5 miles walk. Meet at The Great Northern, lunch at The Great Northern. The Great Northern, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9FB. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.



# November

SAT  
02

## Magic Halloween Party



7pm



Members £4  
Guests £6



Come and join us for an evening of fun. You will be entertained by the fantastic magician Clive. Jacket potato with various fillings will be provided. Half the money raised will be donated to the Grand Master's charities the Lilian Prime (MS) Centre and half to Children in Need. Book by Friday 25 October 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

TUES  
05

## Talk at King George IV Branch



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting. Followed by a talk 'Croix-de-guerre'. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.

TUES  
12

## Pares Branch District Officers' Visits



2pm



Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Followed by a raffle. Book by Tuesday 5 November 2024. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. For catering purposes, please contact Barbara on 01159 465105 if you would like to come along.

TUES  
12

## Dining Out Experience at Kitchen 7, Shardlow



6.45pm



As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Tuesday 5 November 2024. Kitchen 7, 134 London Road, Shardlow, Derby DE72 2GP. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



TUES  
05

## Talk at King George IV Branch



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting. Followed by a talk 'Croix-de-guerre'. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.

WED  
13

## Walking Group at Heage



10am



As per menu



Meet at Eagle Tavern for a five mile walk. On street parking. Lunch to be decided. Eagle Tavern, Ripley Road, Heage DE56 2HU. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

# November

## **SAT 16** Coffee Morning Christmas Bazaar

 10.30am

 See below




Have a cuppa and join in the fun of our Christmas Bazaar, with different stalls selling craft items and much more. Turkey and stuffing cobs will be on sale. Cost: £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits. £1.50 for turkey and stuffing cobs. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



## **WED 27** Walking Group at Breadsall

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at The Windmill Inn for a five mile walk. Lunch at The Windmill Inn. The Windmill Inn, Hilltop, Breadsall, Derby DE21 4FY. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

## **SAT 30** Film Afternoon

 2pm

 Members £4  
Guests £6



Come and join us for a film afternoon to watch the film Chicago. Also, chilli and rice with dessert of pecan pie and pumpkin is included. Book by Friday 22 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

# December

## **TUES 03** King George IV Branch Christmas Party

 7.30pm

 Free



Join us for our Christmas party. An evening buffet and party games. Book by Tuesday 26 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



## **THURS 05** Good Intent Branch Christmas Party

 2.30pm

 Free



Join us for our Christmas party with entertainment by Clive Allen and Lesley. An afternoon buffet, along with a visit from Santa. Booking essential as numbers are limited by Thursday 28 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Tickets from Margaret Henschliff on 07855 517144.



# December

## **FRI** **06** **Good Samaritan Branch** **Christmas Meal at** **Mickleover Golf Club**



1pm



As per menu



Join us for our Christmas meal at Mickleover Golf Club. Booking is essential by Monday 11 November 2024. Mickleover Golf Club, Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9AD. Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964.

## **SAT** **07** **Stanhope Branch** **Christmas Meal at** **Denby Lodge**



6.30pm



As per menu



Come and join us for our Christmas meal at Denby Lodge. Booking is essential by Friday 22 November 2024. Denby Lodge, Church Street, Denby Village, Ripley DE5 8PH. Contact Doreen on 01332 720064.



## **WED** **11** **Walking Group at Locko**



10am



As per menu



Walter's Walk (Locko, four miles). Meet at Bluebell Dairy. Lunch at Kings Corner, Oakwood DE21 4RF. Bluebells Dairy Ice Cream Farm, Locko Road, Spondon DE21 7AR. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

## **WED** **11** **Derwent Valley Branch** **District Officers' Visit**



7pm



Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Book by Wednesday 4 December 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. For catering purposes, please contact Branch Secretary, Lauretta on 01332 345697 if you would like to come along.

## **SUN** **08** **Junior Members** **Christmas Party**



11am



Free



Calling all junior members. Come and join us for a lunchtime of fun playing games, followed by a visit from Santa bringing presents and a lunchtime of sandwiches, cake and crisps. Book by Friday 29 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



# December

## THURS 12 Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning

⌚ 10.30am £ £1



Come and join us wearing your Christmas jumper for a cup of tea or coffee, mince pie and a chat. Ukulele players will be playing Christmas songs to sing along. Cost: £1 for tea or coffee, biscuits and a mince pie. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



# January 2025

## SAT 11 Chocolate Bingo

⌚ 2pm £ Members £4  
Guests £6



Get you dobbers ready and join us for an afternoon of Chocolate Bingo. Bingo books will be available to purchase on the day. There will be refreshments of jacket potato with various fillings and a pudding. Book by Friday 3 January 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

# January 2025

## WED 08 Walking Group at Chester Green

⌚ 10am £ As per menu



Walk from Chester Green to Pride Park and return along the Derwent. Park at Old Chester Road car park. Five mile walk, flat, no stiles, paths. Pub lunch, venue to be decided later. Old Chester Road Car Park, Derby DE1 3SA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

## TUES 14 Coffee Morning

⌚ 10.30am £ £1



A fresh start to the New Year. Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat. Cost: £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

# January 2025

## **TUES** **14** Dining Out Experience at Seven, Pride Park

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Tuesday 7 January 2025. Seven, Wheelwright Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8SQ. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

## **WED** **22** Walking Group at Shipley

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre for a five mile walk around the park. Flatish terrain mainly on paths. Pay for parking. Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor DE75 7GX. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

## **THURS** **30** Kurling Match


 2pm

 Members £1  
Guests £2



Come and join us for a morning of fun and test your kurling skills. Nibbles are included. Book by Thursday 23 January 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.

## **SAT** **25** The Museum of Making

 10.30am

 Free



Come and meet us at the Museum of Making, Silk Mill, Derby. Includes exhibits, workshops, activities and events, there's something for everyone including a new café and shops. Book by Friday 17 January 2025. The Museum of Making, Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF. Contact Lauretta on 01332 345697.



# Branch Contact and Business Meetings

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members. Regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary. See below for further meeting details.

## Contact Details

Contact Alice on 01332 345697  
Come along and find out how the District runs. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

## Derby Derwent Valley District Branch

Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Held on Wednesday at 7pm.

**Wednesday 11 December 2024  
(District Officers' Visits)**

## Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne  
01332 739538  
Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Charnwood Street, Derby, DE1 2GU.

**1 October 2024, 5 November 2024,  
3 December 2024, 7 January 2025**

## Loyal Good Samaritan

Contact Margaret Glanville on  
01332 771964  
Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 11am at Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

**14 October 2024, 11 November 2024,  
9 December 2024, 13 January 2025**

## Loyal Good Intent

Contact Margaret Henchcliff on  
01332 519062  
Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm at Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

**3 October 2024, 7 November 2024,  
5 December 2024, 2 January 2025**

## Loyal Pares

Contact Barbara Smith on  
01159 465105  
Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm at Coach and Horses Pub, Victoria Road, Draycott, Derby DE72 3PS

**8 October 2024, 12 November 2024  
(District Officers Visits),  
10 December 2024, 14 January 2025**

## Loyal Stanhope

Contact Doreen Swain on  
01332 519062  
Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at Hunters Arms Pub, Church Street, Kilburn, Derby DE56 0LU.

**5 October 2024 (District Officers  
Visits), 2 November 2024,  
7 December 2024, 4 January 2025**

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# At a glance

## October 2024

<b>Tues 1</b>	Crafts Night - King George IV Branch	7.30pm
<b>Wed 2</b>	Walking Group at Breadsall Village	10am
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
<b>Sat 5</b>	Stanhope Branch District Officers' Visit	6.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Istanbul Presentation - Pares Branch	2pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Dining Out Experience at Cosmo, London Road, Derby	6.45pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	Ladies Crafts Day	11am
<b>Sat 12</b>	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Knit and Knatter	6.30pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Walking Group at Calke Abbey	10am
<b>Sat 19</b>	Caribbean Winter Warmer	11am
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 25</b>	Mens Activities Day	11am
<b>Sat 26</b>	Zoom Quiz with Colin	10.30am
<b>Mon 28</b>	Knit and Knatter	10am
<b>Wed 30</b>	Walking Group at Radbourne	10am

## November

<b>Sat 2</b>	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
<b>Sat 2</b>	Magic Halloween Party	7pm
<b>Tues 5</b>	Talk at King George IV Branch	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Warm Hub	10am
<b>Sat 9</b>	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
<b>Mon 11</b>	Knit and Knatter	10am
<b>Mon 11</b>	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
<b>Tues 12</b>	Pares Branch District Officers' Visits	2pm
<b>Tues 12</b>	Dining Out Experience at Kitchen 7, Shardlow	6.45pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	Walking Group at Heage	10am

# At a glance

## November

<b>Sat 16</b>	Coffee Morning Christmas Bazaar	10.30am
<b>Fri 22</b>	Warm Hub	10am
<b>Sat 23</b>	Zoom Quiz with Colin	10.30am
<b>Mon 25</b>	Knit and Knatter	6.30pm
<b>Wed 27</b>	Walking Group at Breadsall	10am
<b>Sat 30</b>	Film Afternoon	2pm

## December

<b>Tues 3</b>	King George IV Branch Christmas Party	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Good Intent Branch Christmas Party	2.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Warm Hub	10am
<b>Fri 6</b>	Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Meal at Mickleover Golf Club	1pm
<b>Sat 7</b>	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
<b>Sat 7</b>	Stanhope Branch Christmas Meal at Denby Lodge	6.30pm
<b>Sun 8</b>	Junior Members Christmas Party	11am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Knit and Knatter	6.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Pares Branch Meeting	2pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Walking Group at Locko	10am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Derwent Valley Branch District Officers' Visit	7pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Sat 21</b>	Zoom Quiz with Colin	10.30am

## January 2025

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Warm Hub	10am
<b>Sat 4</b>	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
<b>Sat 4</b>	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Knit and Knatter	10am
<b>Tues 7</b>	King George IV Branch Meeting	7.30pm

# At a glance

## January 2025

<b>Wed 8</b>	Walking Group at Chester Green	10am
<b>Sat 11</b>	Chocolate Bingo	2pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Pares Branch Meeting	2pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Dining Out Experience at Seven, Pride Park	6.45pm
<b>Sat 18</b>	Zoom Quiz with Colin	10.30am
<b>Mon 20</b>	Knit and Knatter	6.30pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Walking Group at Shipley	10am
<b>Fri 24</b>	Warm Hub	10am
<b>Sat 25</b>	The Museum of Making	10.30am
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Kurling Match	2pm

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## Provincial Grand Master's Message

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

By the time you read this I will be halfway through my year in Office as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman).

So far, I've attended most of our social events as well representing the District at events within the Midland Group Conference. In May I attended my very first Annual Moveable Conference held in Llandudno where I found the experience both interesting and enlightening with a good balance of business and social. I've also recently enjoyed taking part in our Zoom Countdown events,

regularly held once a month on a Saturday morning. It's a very relaxed event for anyone who uses a computer and would like to join us.

As well as our regular Coffee Mornings, Derby District have held many successful events in recent months to include a very well attended Strawberry Tea afternoon, our Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening and a Teddy Bears' Picnic for our young Junior Members. Our new Events Diary details our up-coming events, when I hope to see many of our members.

Raising funds for my chosen Charity has been going well and I would like to thank all those members who have contributed in any way by supporting the many raffles or events that have raised monies for the Lilian Prime (MS) Centre.

Summer seems to have arrived in recent weeks and I hope this will continue, especially for all those members who are holidaying in this country.

Sending my very best wishes to you all for good health and happiness.

**Diane Langford**



**From left to right:** Mary and Colin Smith, Diane Langford Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Margaret and Bill Henchcliff Past Grand Master (Past Chairman), Maureen Burgoyne, Polly Cunningham and Doreen Swain.

*The photo above shows Deputies and visitors who travelled to Llandudno at the end of May for the AMC (Annual Movable Conference). The photo was taken at the end of conference when all the business had been dealt with and everyone could relax and look forward to the Farewell Dance.*

## Wine Tasting with Cheese



**Our Cheese and Wine event was a little different this time. The usual variety of cheeses were on offer to try, but the wine was more of a test.**

The bottles of wine were all covered with tin foil, two red, two white, two Rose and two sparkling wines, each variety labelled A or B. Alice had made us all spreadsheets to say what type of wine it was and our preference. There was an expensive and cheaper variety of each type of wine. She had even provided 'spit buckets!'

A lovely touch was little 'bracelets' with our individual names for our wine glasses. Thank you Alice, it was a lovely evening.

## Joke



A wife was sitting on the sofa watching TV with her husband. Suddenly, she heard a text on her phone, which was in the kitchen.

She went to the kitchen to check the message, and it was a text from her husband...

'Please bring the chocolate biscuits in with you on your way back...'

## Wills and Power of Attorney

**At the June Coffee Morning Alice's husband Luke Smyth came along to talk to us about wills and power of attorney. Luke is a solicitor specialising in this field, in his words "the dead, dying and in between". He dealt with a very serious issue in a light hearted and easy way to understand – 'Pop your clogs' comes from sell your shoes, you don't need them when you are dead!**

He informed us that only 54% of adults actually have a will. The longest ever will was 1,066 pages long, written in 1913 which took seven years to administer. The shortest was three words long – 'everything to wife'. You cannot leave everything to your dog (or any other pet) as they cannot have a bank account, but you can have something in trust for them. Your debts do not die with you and need to be settled from your estate. You cannot inherit if you cause the person's death (murder) and if you leave money to a UK charity there is no inheritance tax on this.

Luke also dealt with the laws of Power of Attorney, a very important decision to ensure you are cared for as you would wish if you became mentally incapacitated in later life.

Luke was not at the Coffee Morning to sell anything, but he works for Ellis Fermor and Negus and does home visits if necessary. Thanks to Luke for a very interesting morning.

### Last Will and Testament

I suppose, one day, I will be dead and go to meet my maker. So have this note set in my hand, there for the undertaker. Don't dress me in a shroud of white or rouge my cheeks all red. It is not right, to look a fright, e'en though you're stone cold dead.

Give me a brand new five pound note and Visa credit card. I want to buy a proper plot in old St Peter's yard. And as I sit upon my cloud and look down at the earth. I'll watch you use my worldly goods for festival and mirth. And that will make me smile a smile, and have a laugh quite hearty. To hear you say, the old devil's dead, let's have ourselves a party.

**Anon**





**At our May Coffee Morning we were lucky to have two representatives from the Lilian Prime MS Centre to talk to us about the centre and the services they provide.**

The Lilian Prime MS Centre supports people affected by MS and other neurological conditions, those newly diagnosed and their carers and families. The centre is situated at Lilian Prime House, 7 Enterprise Way, Jubilee Business Park, Derby DE21 4BB.

To improve people's well being they have a range of Holistic Therapies to take care of the body, mind, spirit and emotions. They hold exercise classes delivered by professionals to improve strength and have a great time too.

Being self funded they are very grateful to our Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Diane, who has chosen them for her charity this year. Volunteers and fundraisers are their life blood and spreading awareness of MS goes a long way to changing someone's life forever.

The Centre is a drop in centre delivering exercise classes, therapies, meetings and events and offer a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to use their facilities, including family members and carers.

## Strawberry Tea



**What a busy afternoon this was with 50 members attending. There was, of course, a lovely tea of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and delicious strawberries and cream. Also each Lodge had arranged a fund raiser with Bottle Tombola, Treasure Hunt, a very popular bagatelle game (especially with the young ones), how many sweets in the jar and a strawberry tea blackout. All these games raised a wonderful amount of just over £180 for the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity. Well done everyone.**



## Traditional Terms

**Grand Master (GM):** Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):**  
District Deputy Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):**  
District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

**Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM):**  
Past District Chairman

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

**Lodge:** Branch

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

# Portmeirion

For a long time I have wanted to visit Portmeirion in Wales. Like many I first saw it on television in the 1960s when it featured in the television series 'The Prisoner' starring Patrick McGoochan. I was in my teens then and remember watching it and not having a clue what was happening, people running or cycling with a huge bouncy ball chasing them!

Then the television was in black and white, but Portmeirion still looked wonderful, a bit like Italy in Wales. Now in full colour it looked amazing in May of this year when Bill and I spent a few hours there.

It was the brainchild of Clough Williams-Ellis an architect and tireless campaigner for the environment. Clough acquired the site in 1925, it was called Aber la (Glacial Estuary) and he changed it to Portmeirion and began the development of the site. All the buildings are beautiful and very different and the gardens are immaculate. When you walk down to the estuary it has lovely views of Snowdonia.

We arrived quite early, but as we made our way back to the car park the public were flooding in, so we were grateful to have seen it when it was less busy.



Cloughs mantra was, 'Cherish the Past, Adorn the Present, Construct for the Future'.

It's a pity some architects do not feel the same today.

**Submitted by Margaret Henchliff**



## 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 Laurretta Stokes on **01332 345697** or email [laurretta.stokes@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:laurretta.stokes@oddfellows.co.uk).

### Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadviceManchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadviceManchester.org.uk)

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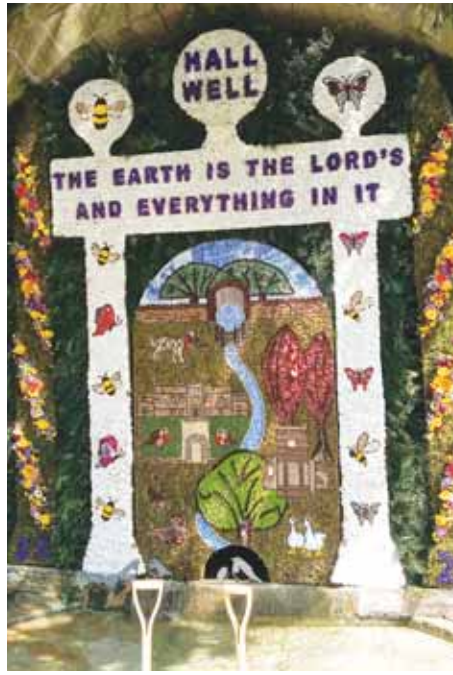
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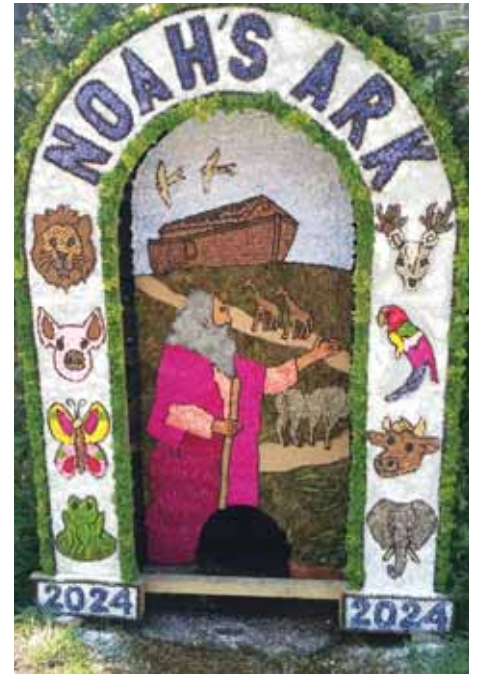
# Tissington Well Dressing



**My friend, Helen, and I set off on the Ashbourne bus and then a small bus to Tissington Well Dressings. It was a beautiful sunny day on Thursday 9 May and the first day of the Well Dressings. It was very hot walking around the village. The first well was the Guide Dogs well dressing, which was one of my favourites. There was a Noah's Ark, one for Elijah and another one for the farmers, which was stunning and a Wallace and Gromit one for the children.**



There are six wells in total in the gorgeous Tissington village. There is a beautiful lake in the middle that is so calming when you sit down on a bench there. We sat there to eat our lunch. We also visited the Plant Nursery and we both bought two plants each and mine are growing very well. We also visited the Village Hall where a craft sale was on. Just before we left we visited 'Wicked and a Prayer'; it's a lovely candle workshop and I bought a Hurricane lamp there. It's made of special wax that doesn't melt; you put a tea light inside and



the picture on the outside lights up. I have one myself with elephants on the outside and I wanted one for a special 70th birthday the following week.

It's a really good day out in beautiful countryside. We also went in the Church to watch a video about how the village makes the well dressings, it is all about thanking God for the gift of good water and they have a running spring in the village, a precious essential gift to keep us alive.

**Submitted by Ruth Jackson**

**Friends are like flowers  
in the  
Garden of Life**

**Just be a good person  
Love who you can,  
Help when you can  
Give what you can**

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers, Kind deeds are the fruits,  
Take care of your garden, And keep out the weeds,  
Fill it with sunshine,  
Kind words, and kind deeds.

## Joke

**An elderly man thinking his wife was losing her hearing went about 20' behind her and asked "Can you hear me sweetheart?"**

**No reply. He moved to 10' and enquired again. No reply. 5' and not a word. A few inches behind her, he asked "Can you hear me now honey?" His wife said "For the fourth time, yes".**

# Cruise

These lovely photos show Joyce Addey who recently enjoyed a Baltic Cruise with the Oddfellow Travel Group. The 17 members enjoyed 14 nights on board Fred Olsen's, Borealis. These were members from Ipswich, Norwich, Leeds, Worcester, Derby and Tunbridge Wells and they stopped off in Germany, Poland, Sweden, Estonia and Finland. Wendy Atkins



of the Ipswich District was the host for the fortnight and their next trip is to cruise Iceland from 17-29 July 2025. If you have any questions about group holidays or offers, call Emma Gorst, the Oddfellows Travel Co-ordinator on 0161 214 4684 or email [travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk)



## Chocolate Peanut Butter (no bake) bar

### Ingredients

250g smooth peanut butter  
100g ground almonds  
100g porridge oats  
6tbsp maple syrup  
1tsp vanilla extract  
Pinch of sea salt



### For the chocolate layer

180g dark chocolate roughly broken  
1tbsp smooth peanut butter  
Flaky sea salt for sprinkling  
Optional topping

### Method

1. Line a small tin or dish (about 15cm x 8cm or square equivalent) with greaseproof paper, making sure it

comes up high enough on the sides so that you can lift the mixture out of the tin once it's set.

2. Mix the peanut butter, ground almonds, oats, maple syrup, vanilla and salt together in a bowl. Transfer to the lined tin, pressing down with the back of a spoon or spatula to make it even and compact.
3. For the chocolate layer melt the chocolate. Once melted, stir through the peanut butter and pour this evenly over the base.
4. If topping with the whole peanuts, scatter these over the chocolate layer. Sprinkle over a little pinch of flaky salt.
5. Set in the fridge for one hour or until firm, then cut into 16 pieces to serve.



# Good Intent Outing



**A full coach left Oddfellows Hall on the 8 May for Stratford-upon-Avon. The weather could have been better, but it didn't spoil the day.**

On arrival members went their separate ways, some opting for the open top bus, some the variety of attractions and some the many shops.

Some visited the Tudor Museum and enjoyed it very much as the photos show – Lauretta in the stocks!, Alice and her family getting the feel of Tudor dining, and I am not Sure what Christine is doing – perhaps she had the 'vapours'!

## Interesting facts

In the Domesday Book, an extensive land survey from 1086 the area we know as Stratford was called 'Street Forda' meaning 'ford on a Roman Road'.

The town was first settled by the Germanic Hwiccas tribe after first written reference to it dates back to

693-717. Other notable events in the town's history include the rebuilding of the church in stone in the 11th century, the awarding of Holy Trinity status as 'collegiate' by King Henry V in 1415, and the development of new streets in the 18th century.

The town is the birthplace and burial place of Shakespeare, the famous playwright, born in 1564 and died in 1616. Shakespeare and his wife, Anne Hathaway, are buried in the Church of the Holy Trinity. Millions of people visit the town each year to celebrate Shakespeare's life and work.

The programme Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators, is filmed in Stratford, an oddball couple of private detectives named Luella Shakespeare and Frank Hathaway who investigate crime in Stratford.

The oldest pub in Stratford is called The Garrick which dates back to the 1400s.





# Hi, my name is Jada Langford, I'm fourteen and I love to dance!



**I have been dancing for just over six years at Stacey Jones Dance Academy in Burton on Trent, where I take part in many different styles of dance such as Contemporary, Jazz, Commercial and Ballet.**

I take part in these classes throughout the week, but I also attend Midland Theatre Ballet on a Sunday in

Birmingham, which is a Ballet youth company. We train for nine months and then we perform in a show at the end of the term. I have been in the cast of Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and we are currently working on Beauty and the Beast and due to my hard work, I am now dancing in the top group.

I compete in many competitions throughout the year, but this year I was lucky enough to compete at the Dance World cup in Prague with the Vale Studios, who are based in Manchester. I travelled each week to their studio to train as a large group and entered with three dances, securing a gold and bronze medal in two of them. This year I have successfully auditioned and secured a place at Boa which is a performing arts academy in Birmingham where I will be doing BTEC dance alongside my GCSEs.

I have been given some amazing performance opportunities, which include



dancing at two Nathan Dawe concerts, backing dancing for a music video with Kirby and this year I danced 'Move It' dance convention in London on the main stage for AYAW Dance Company.

I would love to make dance my career and full-time job when I am older and can't wait to see what dance brings for me in the future.

## Teddy Bears' Picnic

Seventeen Junior members and their teddies arrived for some great fun. There were teddy bear biscuits to decorate, a Teddy Bear Hunt with no-one being able to find the red teddy (Alice had forgotten where she had hidden it!) and Pin the Nose on the Teddy, before the picnic. During this the Hall was a bit quieter. Then the fun started again with more games until Alice calmed things down a bit with a story about not waking a grumpy grizzly bear, before the children departed for home.



# Nice and the French Riviera by Rail

**EUROSTAR**—I always said I'd never go on it, through the tunnel under the sea to France—but here we are Colin and I. 240 feet below the sea, 100mph through the tunnel pulling 18 coaches with a power pack engine either end. We met our guide for the holiday, Gareth, here in St Pancras first, 30 of us in the group.

On arriving in Paris we boarded the DOUBLE-DECKER TVG High Speed train to Nice. We had seats booked upstairs, of course, and had wonderful views of the French countryside. It took six hours and then we saw the 'blue, blue sea' Wow!

Just a short walk from the Promenade des Anglais is our hotel – it was a relief to find that our luggage had already arrived before us. After all the excitement of the days travels we were ready to chill out, the evening being a bit cooler we strolled along the prom enjoying being there.

Next morning we set off by train to the harbour town of Antibes, we saw where Pablo Picasso had lived at one time in the Chateau Grimaldi. Next to the Picasso Museum where some of his works from his 1946 blue period were on display. 'No comment'. Later went a short trip to Cannas in a little



road train passed the place where the famous International Film Festival is held, billboards displaying pictures of some of the stars. Hotels they stayed in – the shops were fabulous.

Wednesday we had a free day. We went to see the colourful ornate turreted Russian Orthodox Church. Two Baptismal services were being held—very 'high church' and sung by the priest. What amazed me was that the baby's father was holding the child!

As you can imagine the weather was very hot and sunny. The guided tour of Monaco was very interesting. We saw Prince Rainier's and Princess Grace's palace with the guards all in white uniforms. In the grounds we saw a very regal looking statue of Princess Grace set among the gardens. Then into the Cathedral Church

where her tomb is next to Prince Rainier's and with fresh red roses on it every day. Then on to Monte Carlo Casino entrance hall only with cashier stations – we didn't see any gambling though.

I must mention the many eating places everywhere with the food and drink being most enjoyable as the photo of Colin shows.

Finally I must say it has been an excellent holiday, with such a lot packed in and not all mentioned here, thanks to our super guide, Gareth, and the company of our fellow tourists and thank you for these lovely photographs Colin. Oh by the way our luggage did arrive home safe and sound a couple of days after us!

**Submitted by Mary Smith**





## Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

**The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).**

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



*Business conducted, AMC Llandudno*

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.



*On the coach to Portmeirion.*

## Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

**Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.**



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

## Survey reveals UK's financial worries

**Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?**

### Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

### Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

### Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they

aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.

### Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

### Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

### Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.



These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

**Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice) to find out more.**

## Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



### Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.



He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer. At all the events we'll have some food. I usually make a Ploughman's Lunch and it always seems to go down well."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

### Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-a-century ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.



They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that." Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

### Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and District Chairman, and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."



### Claire Needham, Vale of York District Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to members' lives.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).



# Congratulations



Congratulations to the team Grey Cells consisting of from left to right, **Gordon** and **June Lunn**, **Margaret Glanville** and **Jane Thorne**, who came out victorious in the Annual Quiz. There were four teams in all and it was a very close thing.

All the teams enjoyed the afternoon and thanks to Grant Wright, keeper of the scores and Bob Rodgers, Quiz Master. They were awarded a gift voucher each as were the winning team.



I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this magazine.

If anyone has anything they would like to include in the next one I would be very grateful. Please send your article to Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2PU for my attention.

Yours fraternally,

**Margaret Henchliff, Editor.**

# Obituaries

**Joan Waller**, Good Intent Branch

**Gillian Wood**, King George IV Branch

**Jean Moore**, Pares Branch



Right now I'm in a different place  
And though we seem apart  
I'm closer than I ever was,  
I'm there inside your heart.

## Notes to Myself:

1. Stop spending more money to get free shopping.
2. Don't throw the box with the directions away until it's 100% done.
3. Glasses are on top of your head.
4. Just because it pops in your head doesn't mean it should come out of your mouth.
5. Don't use your phone as a flashlight to look for your phone.
6. You're never going to remember to do that thing later. Do it now.
7. Your coffee is still in the microwave.
8. Wearing headphones does not make your trumps silent.