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**Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea**



**Friendship
Month**



Inter District Skittles Rematch - Friday 13 October 2023

Hello everyone

We have enjoyed many events over the summer months, including our Open Gardens albeit some of them were rather wet and windy. We were very lucky with the weather at our Friendship Walk in September which turned out to be a lovely sunny day and was much enjoyed by the members who attended.

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 Christmas Coffee Morning Bazaar on Saturday 18 November when there will be an opportunity to bag some early Christmas presents.

The Christmas Coach Trip this year is to Tatton Park on Sunday 26 November, book early to avoid disappointment as numbers will be limited.

The Dining out Experience had previously moved from a Tuesday to a Thursday but following feedback from members, it has now reverted back to a Tuesday.

Volunteer

As with all social organisations, we would not be able to run our events without the support of our fantastic volunteers. We are always on the lookout for more people to help out at our events, so if you would like to join our volunteers you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Coming Up

Our Provincial Grand Master's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 17 February 2024 at the Grange Banqueting Suite, make sure to put the date in your diary!

We hope to see you soon.

Alice Smyth
Care & Membership Secretary

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 💷 Members £1.20
Guests £2.20

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



Booking and Cancellations

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

Contact Details

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

01332 345697

Alice Smyth

Email:

alice.smyth@oddfellows.co.uk

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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

14 October 2023

11 November 2023

9 December 2023

6 January 2024

Zoom Quiz

28 October 2023

25 November 2023

23 December 2023

20 January 2024

Zoom Meeting ID:

777 935 4259



For more information contact Alice Smyth on 01332 345697.

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Our online events are
here to stay



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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October 2023

TUES **03** King George IV Branch Meeting followed by Quiz

 7.30pm

 Free



Join us for our monthly meeting followed by a quiz. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.

WED **04** Walking Group at Swarkestone

 10am

 As per menu



Meet at the Crewe and Harpur for a 5.2 mile walk around Swarkestone. The Crewe & Harpur, Swarkestone DE73 7JA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

MON **09** Pares Branch - Race Night

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting. Followed by a race night - pick your horse and get your bets on. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.



TUES **10** Dining Out Experience at Markeaton Pub

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Call the office to book your place by Tuesday 3 October 2023. Markeaton Pub, Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 2TF. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

FRI **13** Inter District Skittles Rematch

 6.30pm

 £7



Come and join the Derby team for the Burton-on-Trent District vs Derby



District Skittles Rematch. We need to get the trophy back. This will be held at Oddfellows Hall in Burton-on-Trent. A supper of jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings followed by gateau or cheesecake will be provided. Numbers are limited to 20, so please book your place by Monday 2 October 2023. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 3LS. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

October 2023

WED 18 Walking Group at Radbourne

L 10am

£ As per menu



Meet at The Great Northern pub for a 5.5 mile walk. Lunch at The Great Northern. The Great Northern, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9FB. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

THURS 26 Coffee Morning - Guest Speaker

L 11am

£ £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



We are delighted to have a guest speaker, Isabel Murtough, who is a jewellery and antiques valuer. She has appeared on Bargain Hunt and has been an 'off screen' expert on Flog It. She will also be doing valuations so if you have an item you would like valued please bring it along (maximum of two items per person). Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

SAT 21 Horse Racing Night

L 7pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



Come and join us for an evening of fun and excitement. Pick your horses and place your bets, make lots of noise cheering them on. Enjoy a supper of soup and a roll, followed by a Danish pastry. Book by Monday 16 October 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

SAT 28 Movie Afternoon - Summer Holiday

L 2.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



Join us for a viewing of the film Summer Holiday, followed by refreshments - a Ploughman's and gateau. Numbers are limited, so book your place as soon as possible. Book by Monday 23 October 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



November

WED 01 Walking Group at Tutbury



10am



As per menu



Meet at the Dog and Partridge, Tutbury, for a five mile walk. Mainly flat with some stiles. Lunch at the Dog and Partridge. Dog & Partridge, High Street, Tutbury DE13 9LS. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

TUES 07 King George IV Branch Meeting followed by Bonfire Themed Activities



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our monthly meeting followed by bonfire themed activities. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



MON 13 Pares Branch Meeting - District Officers' Visit



7.30pm



Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. All are welcome, please book by Monday 30 October 2023. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES 14 Dining Out Experience at The Golden Dragon



6.45pm



As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Call the office by Tuesday 7 November 2023 to book your place. The Golden Dragon, London Road, Shardlow DE72 2HN. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



WED 15 Walking Group at Shipley Country Park



10am



As per menu



Meet at Shipley Country Park Visitors Centre for a five mile walk round the park. Flattish terrain, mainly on paths. Pay for parking. Lunch to be decided. Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane, Heanor DE75 7GX. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.



November

SAT
18

Coffee Morning Christmas Bazaar



10.30am



£1 for tea or coffee
and biscuits



Have a cuppa and join in the fun of our Christmas Bazaar, with different stalls selling crafty items and much more. Turkey and stuffing cobs will be on sale. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



SAT
25

Inter Branch Bowls Competition



2pm



Free



Join your Social Branch team (teams of four) and see which Branch can reign supreme this year. Refreshments will be provided for free (donations to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity if desired). Book by Monday 20 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



SUN
26

Christmas Bus Trip - Wonderland at Tatton Park Christmas Mansion



10am



Members £21, Juniors 4-15 £18, Juniors under 4 £10
Guests £25



Step into a magical Christmas Mansion, down the rabbit hole and follow Alice in Wonderland's footsteps through the Duchess' Garden, the Queen of Hearts' grand palace and through the amazing Magic Forest. Pick-up your festive tasty treat in the Queen of Hearts' kitchen.

Ticket price includes entry into Tatton Park. Booking essential. Coach departs Oddfellows Hall at 10am and will depart Tatton Park at 3.30pm. Book by Friday 10 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



November

WED
29 **Walking Group at Ingleby**



10am



As per menu



Meet at the John Thompson Inn, Ingleby, for a five mile walk. Lunch at the John Thompson Inn. The John Thompson Inn, Ingleby DE73 7HW. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

December

SAT
02 **Stanhope Branch - Christmas Meal**



6.30pm



TBC



Join us for some festive celebrations. Book by Friday 17 November 2023. Denby Lodge, Church Street, Denby Village, Ripley DE5 8PH. Contact Doreen on 01332 720064.

December

TUES
05 **King George IV Branch - Christmas Party Night**



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our Christmas get together. Book by Tuesday 21 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



SUN
03 **Junior Members Christmas Party - Tea with Santa**



2pm



Free



Calling all junior members - come and join us for an afternoon of fun - you will be entertained by the fantastic magicians Jean and Clive, followed by a visit from Santa bringing presents and a tea of sandwiches, jelly and cake. Book by Sunday 26 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



December

THURS
07

Good Intent Branch Christmas Party

🕒 2.30pm

£ Free



Join us for our Christmas Party, with entertainment by Clive Allen and Lesley, along with a possible surprise visitor! Buffet tea and raffle, with proceeds going towards the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Booking essential. This event is free but admission is by ticket only - available from Margaret Henchliff. Book by Thursday 23 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.

MON
11

Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Buffet

🕒 11am

£ Free



Come and join us for our Christmas celebration where a buffet will be served. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964.



MON
11

Pares Branch Christmas Lunch

🕒 12 noon

£ TBC



Join us for a Christmas lunch at Eaton Farm, book your place by Monday 4 December 2023. Please note there will be no evening meeting on this date. Eaton Farm, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4AW. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.



TUES
12

Christmas Coffee Morning

🕒 11am

£ £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits



Come and join us for a festive cuppa and a mince pie. Take part in the Make a Christmas decoration



competition with a prize for the best one. There will also be a Christmas raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

December

WED 13 Walking Group at Heage

🕒 10am

£ As per menu



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



WED 13 Derby Derwent Valley District Branch District Officers' Visit

🕒 7pm

£ Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. We will also be drawing the Chairman's Christmas Raffle. Book by Wednesday 29 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



THURS 14 Dining Out Experience at The Broadway Pub

🕒 6.45pm

£ As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Call the office by Thursday 7 December 2023 to book your place. The Broadway, Duffield Road, Derby DE22 1JB. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



WED 27 Walking Group - Short Walk in Darley Park

🕒 10.30am

£ As per menu



Join us for a leisurely post Christmas stroll. Meet at Chester Green Community Centre for a short walk in Darley Park, stopping for coffee and a catch up. Chester Green Community Centre, Darley Park, Derby. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.

January 2024

MON
08

Pares Branch - Sticky 13's



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our monthly meeting, followed by a game of Sticky 13's. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES
09

Dining Out Experience at The Standing Order Pub



6.45pm



As per
menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Call the office by Tuesday 2 January 2024 to book your



place. The Standing Order, Irongate, Derby DE1 3GL. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.

WED
10

Walking Group at Ripley



10am



As per menu



Meet at Ripley Market Place for a five mile walk. Meal to be decided. Ripley Market Place, Ripley DE5 3HA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.



THURS
11

New Year Coffee Morning



11am



£1 for tea or coffee
and biscuits



Come and join us for a post Christmas catch up and a cuppa or two. Bring a friend or family member. There will be a raffle in aid of the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



January 2024

SAT
13

Chocolate Bingo



2pm



Members £4, Guests £5



Get your 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 potatoes with various fillings and a pudding. Book by Tuesday 2 January 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



WED
24

Walking Group at Breaston Coffin Walk



10am



As per menu



Meet at the Bulls Head Pub car park for a five mile walk over undulating countryside with stiles and a railway bridge. Followed by lunch at the Bulls Head. Bull's Head, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston DE72 3EA. Contact Colin on 01332 679851.



SAT
27

Play Your Cards Right



2pm



Free



Come and join us for an afternoon of fun playing 'Play Your Cards Right' will it be higher or lower? Refreshments of tea or coffee and cake will be provided. Book by Sunday 14 January 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Alice on 01332 345697.



Future Event

Derby Derwent Valley District Branch

Annual Dinner Dance

Grange Banqueting Suite,
457 Burton Road, Littleover
Derby DE23 6XX

**Saturday 17 February 2024
at 6.30pm**

Entertainment by Rocks n Frocks.
Cost to be confirmed.

Contact Alice on 01332 345697
or email
alice.smyth@oddfellows.co.uk to
book your place.



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- It is all done on a totally secure system.
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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 13 December 2023
District Officers' Visit**

Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne on 01332 739538
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

2023: 3 October, 7 November and 5 December. 2024: 2 January

Loyal Good Samaritan

Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964
Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 11am at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

2023: 9 October, 13 November and 11 December. 2024: 8 January

Loyal Good Intent

Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062
Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

2023: 5 October, 2 November and 7 December 2023. 2024: 4 January

Loyal Pares

Contact Barbara Smith on 01159 465105
Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Coach and Horses Pub, Victoria Road, Draycott, Derby DE72 3PS.

**2023: 9 October and 13 November - District Officers' Visit.
2024: 8 January**

Loyal Stanhope

Contact Doreen Swain on 01332 720064
Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at Hunters Arms Pub, Church Street, Kilburn, Derby DE56 0LU.

2023: 7 October, 4 November and 2 December. 2024: 6 January

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At a glance

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Tues 3	King George IV Branch Meeting followed by Quiz	7.30pm
Wed 4	Walking Group at Swarkestone	10am
Thurs 5	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 7	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 9	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 9	Pares Branch - Race Night	7.30pm
Tues 10	Dining Out Experience at Markeaton Pub	6.45pm
Fri 13	Inter District Skittles Rematch	6.30pm
Sat 14	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Wed 18	Walking Group at Radbourne	10am
Sat 21	Horse Racing Night	7pm
Thurs 26	Coffee Morning - Guest Speaker	11am
Sat 28	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Sat 28	Movie Afternoon - Summer Holiday	2.30pm

November

Wed 1	Walking Group at Tutbury	10am
Thurs 2	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 4	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Tues 7	King George IV Branch Meeting followed by Bonfire Themed Activities	7.30pm
Sat 11	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Mon 13	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 13	Pares Branch Meeting - District Officers' Visit	7.30pm
Tues 14	Dining Out Experience at The Golden Dragon	6.45pm
Wed 15	Walking Group at Shipley Country Park	10am
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Sat 25	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Sat 25	Inter Branch Bowls Competition	2pm

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Wed 29	Walking Group at Ingleby	10am
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December

Sat 2	Stanhope Branch – Christmas Meal	6.30pm
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Sun 3	Junior Members Christmas Party – Tea with Santa	2pm
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Tues 5	King George IV Branch – Christmas Party Night	7.30pm
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Thurs 7	Good Intent Branch Christmas Party	2.30pm
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Sat 9	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
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Mon 11	Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Buffet	11am
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Mon 11	Pares Branch Christmas Lunch	12 noon
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Tues 12	Christmas Coffee Morning	11am
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Wed 13	Walking Group at Heage	10am
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Wed 13	Derby Derwent Valley District Branch District Officers' Visit	7pm
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Thurs 14	Dining Out Experience at The Broadway Pub	6.45pm
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Sat 23	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
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Wed 27	Walking Group – Short Walk in Darley Park	10.30am
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January 2024

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Thurs 4	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
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Sat 6	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
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Sat 6	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
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Mon 8	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
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Mon 8	Pares Branch – Sticky 13's	7.30pm
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Tues 9	Dining Out Experience at The Standing Order Pub	6.45pm
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Wed 10	Walking Group at Ripley	10am
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Thurs 11	New Year Coffee Morning	11am
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Sat 13	Chocolate Bingo	2pm
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Sat 20	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Wed 24	Walking Group at Breaston Coffin Walk	10am
Sat 27	Play Your Cards Right	2pm

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Alice by phone on 01332 345697 or alice.smyth@oddfellows.co.uk

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Making a Difference Award



We are very happy to congratulate Margaret and Keith Glanville on being awarded the "Making a Difference Award" in the joint category. Margaret and Keith have taken up many roles over the years and this award is well deserved.

They were invited to the Annual Movable Conference, this year held in Eastbourne, to receive the award from the Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society), David Ogden, and the District were happy to sponsor this visit.

After the presentation, Keith made this little speech of thanks.

"On behalf of my wife and I we are thrilled and delighted to be able to accept this award. We were so shocked and humbled to have been nominated and we thank our fellow brothers and sisters of the Derby Oddfellows for their support.

Our long years in Oddfellowship working and attending so many difference events and indeed many Conferences have been enjoyable and rewarding and we hope to continue to carry on.

Thank you once more".

Provincial Grand Master's Message

Dear Brother and Sisters,

They say times flies by and I cannot believe that I am half-way through my year in Office as Provincial Grand Master (Chairman).

It has been a few months of ups and downs within Derby Derwent Valley, but hopefully we are coming to a more settled time.



This year in our Social Calendar we introduced the Open Gardens once again and although it has been lovely visiting the gardens only two, so far, have not been in the rain!... but although it rained, and the wind blew, it did not stop our members and friends turning out to support us with raincoats and umbrellas.

At our Coffee Morning in May we had a talk from a representative from my charity 'Children First' who told us more about the work they carry out to support children, young people and their families. Unfortunately more and more families are turning to the Charity due to either financial needs or wanting more support, when so many other organisations have had to close due to lack of funding.

Along with our Link Magazine we have our new Events Diary with lots of activities and events to come to and join in - so I hope to see you at one or more of these.

Sending my best wishes to you all.

Christine Shelton

Games Night



Carol and Terry putting a contestant through their paces with the Price is Right.

A big thank you to Terry Spinks and Carol Oliver for organising this fun event which was sponsored by the Pares Lodge.

The first half of the evening was horse racing, which was quite noisy and dare I say chaotic, but good fun to watch or play.

There was a short break for huge slices of cake and a drink and then The Price is Right started. This was more difficult, but with help from everyone (not always correct) members were soon walking away with one of the 10 bags of goodies, if they guessed the correct price.

The evening raised over £100 for the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity.

Ten Pin Bowling

King George IV members usually meet at the hall on the first Tuesday night of the month but we booked a night out at the ten pin bowling in July. Twelve members had a very enjoyable evening. The staff were helpful setting up the lanes for us. Some members came along to watch, but with the support of fellow members they were encouraged to have a go, even scoring a strike. This is definitely something we would like to do again!

Maureen Burgoyne



Letter from Sister Peggy Whyte

Dear Editor,

I recently returned from a convalescent break at Merton House, Ross-on-Wye; it was fantastic. I was there for the Coronation weekend. The place was decorated and various extras were on offer, most of us sat in one of the TV lounges to watch the Coronation, during which the staff supplied us with sandwiches, cake, tea or coffee.

On Bank Holiday Monday they put on a 'Street Party' at 1.30pm in the dining room. We all had our crowns on, I'm on the right with the gold one!

There was masses of food and drinks and the staff dressed up to enter into the spirit of the occasion. Then at 5.30pm we were expected to eat our three course dinner!

Thank you Oddfellows for a wonderful break.

Sincerely, Margaret 'Peggy' Whyte



Champagne Breakfast

This very popular event was organised to celebrate the Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The room was decorated with pictures of the Coronation, Union Jack serviettes, red, white and blue flowers and flags. The volunteers arrived early to get the sausages and bacon on and the Hall soon began to fill up. When everyone was assembled the Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Christine Shelton, urged members to toast His Majesty and Derby District.

After Bucks Fizz, fruit juice and cereal, members tucked into the main



event, sausages, bacon, tomatoes, beans and eggs, ably fried by Diane Langford and Caroline Paddock. The meal was finished off with toast and Anne Williams had brought some home-made Welsh cakes, which were a lovely delicious surprise.

Thanks to all the volunteers.



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.

King George IV Lodge get Crafty

During the Oddfellows' Warners Holiday in July, Sister Doreen and myself attended a wreath making workshop. Keen to pass on the skills we learnt, we held a wreath making session in August, for the members of King George IV Lodge. As we are a social lodge we like to

challenge our members to try new things. We have some very talent members in our Lodge. King George IV Lodge meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm. Members of other Lodges are welcome to join; keep a look out in the diary for our meetings. Thanks go to

Sister Doreen. Pictured here are just some of our art pieces. (From left to right Gordon MacFarlane, Brian Hayhoe and Colin Smith) Submitted by Maureen Burgoyne.

Submitted by Maureen Burgoyne, Secretary King George IV Lodge



Annual Movable Conference 2023



At the end of May 10 members of our District attended the Annual Movable Conference in Eastbourne. Our hotel was just a 15 minute walk from the Conference Hall, along the sea front.

The first evening was the Grand Master's Dance where we met up with many friends from other Districts, then to bed after what had been a long day. On Sunday morning it was the Church Service which was well attended. In the afternoon there was a concert by Oddfellows Brass, something we always look forward to.

On Monday morning the business started, our deputies ready for what looked like being a long day of work. Day one over and we enjoyed a walk back to the hotel in the sunshine. On Tuesday we were excited as you will have read that Margaret and Keith were to get an award. This was also the day that voting took place for the Board of Directors and the Unity Committees. Then it was back to the hotel for dinner and a quick change as it was Grand Lodge. This is where Past Provincial Grand Masters take their degree and this year Polly Cunningham took hers.

Wednesday, the last day of Conference, came round all too quickly; business finished and the new Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society), Barbara Needham, was installed. In the evening we enjoyed the farewell dance.

**May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness
Comes through your door.**

Midland Group Conference Reunion



Maureen and her honoured guests.

On Thursday night we have the Reunion, hosted by the President, Maureen Burgoyne.

It was a little different this year as she had talked the Executive Committee into doing some stunts (who knew what talent we had in the group area). This went down very well and the evening was enjoyed by all.

On Friday morning, following breakfast, we all packed up and headed home, after what had been a good week.

Midland Group Conference Dinner Dance

This year the Dinner Dance was hosted by the Derby Derwent Valley District Lodge in honour of the President, Maureen Burgoyne. On Saturday 24 June, 67 members from the Midland Group area, as well as other Districts attended the dinner at the Grange Hall, Littleover.

The evening was somewhat hot and after what was an excellent meal and speeches, members went into the garden while the tables were moved around to make room for dancing. Many stayed outside talking whilst other joined the DJ for a dance. As is usual at these events a raffle was held and it raised £415 for the President's charity.

Sister Maureen would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it a special night for her.

Submitted by Doreen Swain

Tissington Well Dressing



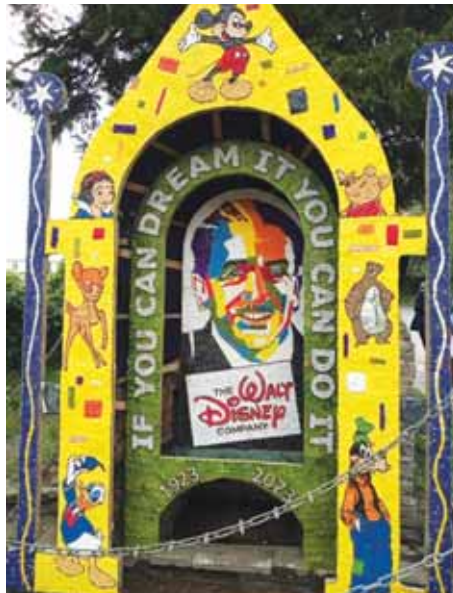
My friend, Helen and I, went for a lovely visit to Tissington on Thursday 18 May. It was Ascension Day and the first day of the well dressings. There was a service at 11am at St Mary's Church to give thanks for the blessings of the wells, as the clean water helped to keep the plague from spreading to the village when the outbreak happened in 1665. There was then a parade around the village with the Vicar and Clergy and the many visitors who come to Tissington and each of the six wells can be blessed.

I last went in 2019 with my family, this year 2023 is the start again since the Covid outbreak.

The boards the pictures are mounted on are soaked in the village pond, after this they are plastered with clay, then the picture is traced on using a pointer, then coffee beans and seeds are used, with the intricate task of infilling with flower petals and natural materials, overlapping like tiles on a roof, so the rain will flow off the pictures.

Later in the day we caught the small local bus back to Ashbourne which had the same jovial bus driver who took us there in the morning, and then back to Derby, the end of a perfect day together.

Submitted by Ruth Jackson



Sponsoring a Guide Dog



For many years now I have been sponsoring puppies destined to become Guide Dogs. Apparently in 2022 nearly 100,000 people were told they were losing their sight. A guide dog can transform the lives of adults and children who are visually impaired.

I get a regular update on how the current puppy I am supporting is getting on. Betty is a year old and is still with here puppy raiser and I am told she is a very happy dog and likes to play, but is very mature for a young dog. She is learning how to behave in public places, such as cafes and travelling in cars, trains and buses. She has also been to the cinema and the theatre where a musical was being performed; there was apparently lots of singing and dancing and she didn't bother at all. Betty will soon be off to training school to complete her training.

I am always in awe of the marvellous things dogs are capable of learning.

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 Alice Smyth on **01332 345697** or email alice.smyth@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

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*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Holiday to the Isle of Man

We met our tour guide Debbie at Haysham Docks – a wonderful lady who had arranged everything for us for the five day tour of the island – 3½ hours by boat there.

Our 4th floor sea view room was very good, we could see over the roofs to the boats in the harbour coming and going in the distance.

Our first trip was to Port Erin at the southern tip, on the old fashioned steam train with original carriages, we visited the Steam Railway Museum there - Debbie has issued us with cards to get in to places and events free, also on buses, trams and trains. Then on to view the Calf of Man – a small island at the tip of the IOM. We were surprised and delighted to discover a small inlet in front of it was covered with seals. Our field glasses, Colin brought, came in very handy.

At The Old House of Keys which was the former home of the Manx Parliament in Castletown we enjoyed 'an active debate' in the debating chamber on 'Should women get the vote? We all voted in favour of it!

En route to Peel our coach driver took us along part of the route taken by the IOM TT road races with crash barriers etc. still up! (from the previous week!). We visited an exhibition of the Celtic, Viking and Maritime past and saw an impressive replica Viking longship.

We went on the electric railway from Douglas on the west coast to visit Snaefell the islands highest peak and had a photo taken at the top. Then on to see the famous Great Laxey Wheel that was used to pump water from the mines many years ago. A fantastic sight to see so well preserved and looked after – and enormous. Of course once here we had to climb the 96 steps to the top! The views were amazing as from Snaefell.



A grand sight to see was the horse drawn trams along the promenade. The horses looked magnificent, I'm sure they knew when it was time to changeover and were expecting a treat.

Thanks to Debbie and the company of our fellow tourists (about 30 of us) it was a very memorable holiday; but we didn't see a Manx cat!

Submitted by Mary Smith

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....

Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy too.

Children First



At our May Coffee Morning a representative from Children First came to give a talk about the charity started in 1974 and is based in Derby. They help children 0 – 18 in various ways, if for instance children are unable to live with their families.

Children First can help them maintain contact with their families. They provide mentoring services for children 10-18 and they are encouraged to partake in different activities. Activities are arranged during school holidays, such as trips to the seaside, museums, theme parks etc and sporting activities.

They rely on fundraising and donations to finance these activities. They also rely on volunteers and in 2020 Children First Derby was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.

Eating Out

The members who attend the eating out nights have visited a variety of hostelrys over the last few months, Eaton Farm at Long Eaton, Zizzi's for Italian fayre in the city centre and The Oaklands at Alvaston when 20 members came along.

If you would like to join them, just ring the Office to put your name down, you will be most welcome.

Food for thought

She did oodles of doodles, Before eating noodles On this frigid and dark winters night

The fire was roaring, it was just a tad boring,

Four hours before the daylight.

Okay, let's make coffee, Might there be toffee?

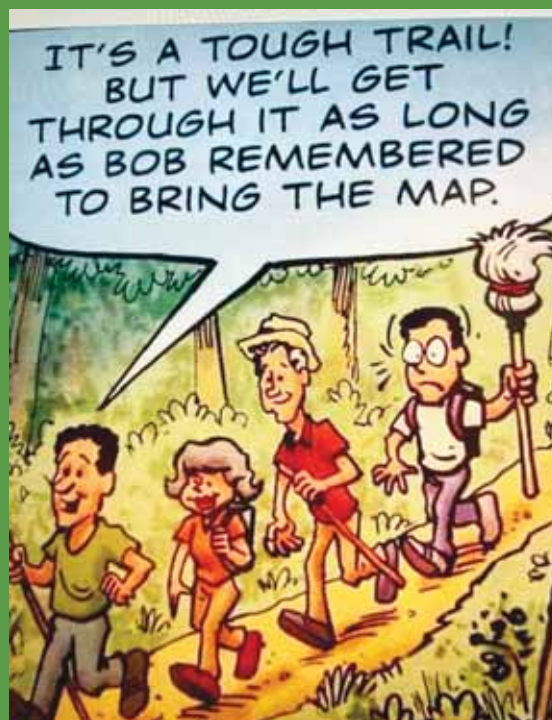
Or some other crunchy delight?

Oh just go back to bed, Purge those thoughts from your head.

'Cause your britches are getting too tight.

Martha Grow Calligraphy & Poem

Walking Group



Once again I can report that the walking group have been lucky with the weather for their bi-weekly walks in our beautiful countryside.

They are a friendly bunch and if you would like to join them just take a look in the Events Diary for the areas they are visiting. If you would like more information just give Colin a ring on 01332 679851.

Knit and Natter

The Crafty Ladies still meet fortnightly and are currently, dare I say, working on Christmas items. As previously we will be having a stall at the November Coffee Morning with a selection of decorations and stocking fillers. We have also booked a stall at the Christmas Fete at Landau Forte on the first Saturday in December to raise additional funds for the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity and promoting the Oddfellows. If any of our 'crafty' members have any of their creations to donate we will be very grateful.

Knitted Squares - At the time of writing we have donated 17 blankets to good causes. That equates to 1,020 squares, what a wonderful achievement to the ladies who have been busy. As I have said before I will keep sewing them together as long as they keep coming.

Kind regards, Margaret Henchcliff

"Knitting, he thought, was a comfort to the soul. It was regular, it was repetitious. And, in the end, it amounted to something"

Jan Karon

Good Intent Lodge Outing

On Monday 31 July the Loyal Good Intent's annual coach trip, this year to Buxton took place. As with lots of days this summer the weather was not kind to us, it was a bit chilly and there were a few showers.

It was fine when we set off in our Harpurs coach with a very friendly driver called Roger. We took the scenic route via Via Gellia and at first wondered where all the traffic was coming from until someone

mentioned the Y Not Festival that had taken place over the weekend. We passed the quite muddy site of the festival before arriving at Buxton.

On leaving the bus everyone set off for the things Buxton has on offer. The Pavilion, Park and some different shops as well as a fair share of charity shops. It was worth popping into the wonderful Pavilion Theatre to see the amazing foyer. Walking around, Bill and I, bumped into Christine



Cunningham and Helen Warby and they excitedly said they had "taken the waters". I was very impressed thinking they had been fully immersed, but it turned out they had only dipped their hands in!

As it had started raining everyone was ready to get back on the coach for a 40 minute trip to Bentley Brook Hotel for a delicious tea. Then we headed for home and would you believe it the sun came out.

Margaret Henchliff



Teddy Bears' Picnic

This was an occasion when you might have been tempted to turn your hearing aid off. 13 junior members attended along with their favourite teddies. They enjoyed a picnic of sandwiches, cakes, fruit and jelly with not too much mess

before partaking of games. This is when it got particularly noisy. Thanks must go to our Secretary Alice who organised and lead the fun. This is the first time we have held this event, but I am sure it won't be the last.



Open Gardens

The open garden season started this year in Allestree in the lovely secluded garden of Margaret Eley, with delicious cakes on offer. She was blessed with lovely weather; not so for Terry and Carole and Bill and Margaret and Janet Pinchbeck, but they carried on regardlessly. The plus side is green is always greener when wet!

Maureen Burgoyne and Pauline Cunningham were luckier when they opened their gardens.

At the time of writing there are still two to go, I hope they are lucky too.

Grateful thanks to those members who have welcomed everyone to their gardens, rain or shine and for the hospitality provided, it's a lovely way to spend a couple of hours and raise money for the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity, at the same time.

My Wife the Gardener

She dug the plot on Monday
the soil was rich and fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner
so we went out to dine.
She planted the Roses on Tuesday
she says they are a must,
They really were quite lovely
but she forgot to dust
On Wednesday, it was daisies
they opened with the sun
All whites and pinks and yellows
but laundry wasn't done!
The poppies came on Thursday
a bright and cheery red
I guess she was engrossed
she never made the bed
It was dahlias on Friday
in colours she adores,
It never bothered her at all
all the crumbs upon the floors.
I hired a maid on Saturday
my week is now complete,
my wife can garden all she wants
the house will still be neat!
It's nearly lunch time Sunday
and I can't find the maid,
Oh, no! I don't believe its
she's out there with a spade.



Christine and Polly.



Margaret showing off her grape vine.



Christine and Janet Birkbeck smiling in the rain.

Annual conference returns to Eastbourne



Conducting important business in Eastbourne.

The May sun shone on the south coast as members from up and down the UK converged on the seaside town for the Society's annual conference. A highlight in the Oddfellows' calendar, the Annual Movable Conference (AMC) is a chance for members to catch up, reflect on the previous year, and discuss and vote on how the Society is run, as well as welcome the new Grand Master (Chairman) – Vale of York's Barbara Needham.

Hosted by Brighton and Sussex Oddfellows, there were a number of social activities in the schedule too. Before business got underway, members and the public were treated to another fantastic performance by Oddfellows Brass – a high point for many each year. Other events held throughout the week included the black and white-themed welcome evening, a church service where remembrance wreaths were laid, a day trip to Rye, a bowls tournament, and the Farewell Dance.



Members enjoyed the Roy Harmer Bowls Tournament.

Members updated on HA Andrews Memorial Fund project



Left to right: Professor Edd James, the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson, Nur Zainal, and Immediate Past Grand Master (Past Chairman) David Ogden.

The recipients of the HA Andrews Memorial Fund have described the honour they feel and explained how the Oddfellows' backing is fundamental to what they do.

Nur Zainal, a PhD student at the University of Southampton whose studies are being sponsored by the Fund, and one of the leaders of the research, Professor Edd James, came to the Society's annual conference in Eastbourne in May to discuss their project's progress.

The first year has been spent teaching Nur the skills she will need to carry out the research. She described the funding as "essential" and said she was honoured to receive the Oddfellows' backing.

Edd added: "Funding is shrinking, so the Oddfellows' ability to have this funding means that we can do these projects.

"This could be a step to going into clinical trials and getting much bigger sources of funding to then take what Nur identifies and finds out during her PhD to patients and clinics in the future."

In 2022 the Centre for Cancer Immunology was awarded £100,000, which will be split over three years. The research team is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine. If successful, this could profoundly change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head and neck, oesophageal and bladder cancers.

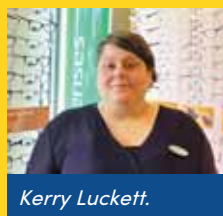
The HA Andrews Memorial Fund was created in 1971 to honour a remarkable Society Secretary, Herbert Arthur Andrews. It provides financial support over a two or three year period to a UK project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research. To date, thanks to generosity of individuals and Branches, it has donated £1,214,000.



Nur Zainal addresses AMC.

Apprenticeship Educational Award Winner

Kerry Luckett, from Coventry Godiva Oddfellows, has been chosen as the latest recipient of an Oddfellows Apprenticeship Educational Award.



Kerry Luckett.

Kerry, who says she is "very honoured" to have received the award, will use the money to buy a new laptop to help with the classroom elements of her Optical Assistant course with Specsavers.

The Oddfellows has been backing its members who choose to undertake an apprenticeship since 2017 by providing selected applicants with a £250 non-refundable grant to go towards their studies.

Find out more about the Educational Awards by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Find out more about the HA Andrews Memorial Fund at www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews

Five stars shone at the 2023 Making a Difference Awards

This year we were privileged to recognise five of our wonderful members with a Making a Difference Award during a ceremony at our annual conference.



Sue Davies Cleveland and Durham

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

This award recognises Sue's embodiment of the ethos of the Society. She joined the Oddfellows after her husband died in 2004, and within just three months of becoming a member she had already volunteered to write the Branch's newsletter.



Sue went on to organise a popular luncheon club and has helped out at a variety of other social events and on the Committee of Management.

"Oddfellows has been a lifeline to me because I have made so many new friends since joining. I have had so many new experiences and learned so much," said Sue.

"With the Oddfellows, you are never alone for long. You are made welcome at any event."

Karen Dyke Thames and Kennet

Giving a Helping Hand

Branch Secretary at Thames and Kennet, Karen frequently goes way beyond the role's expectations. She is also a welfare visitor, providing a friendly face while checking in on fellow members, often in her own time.



She is also known to give members lifts to appointments and hospital visits, and is always just a phone call away if she is needed.

Karen described working for the Oddfellows as "more than just a job", adding: "You can do a nine-to-five but for me it's more than that. It's about making my members happy and being there when they need me."

Keith and Margaret Glanville Derby Derwent Valley

Achieving Together

With more than 120 years of membership between them, husband and wife, Keith and Margaret Glanville, topped the 'Achieving Together' category for their team effort to significantly improve the lives of other members and make their Branch and the Society the best they can be.



Both have served in various roles at the Derby Derwent Valley Branch, from volunteering to both becoming Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) – Keith twice!

Margaret described how they enjoy what they do and they were both in "absolute disbelief" when they found out. Keith added: "I've been around the block a bit and I wouldn't have missed Oddfellowship for the world."

Marilyn Hayward Thames and Kennet

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Marilyn's contributions to the running of Thames and Kennet Branch's social events.



Marilyn moved to Reading from Sidcup to be closer to her son when her husband died, which she described as a "big step to make".

After trying a number of social groups without much success, she then discovered the Oddfellows.

She said: "I've tried to make people feel welcome and let them know that we want to see them again. That often doesn't happen at other places. You feel like you belong here."

CEO of the Oddfellows, Jane Nelson, said: "Congratulations to all this year's winners – each of you are shining examples to us all and we are lucky to have you. The contributions you have made are invaluable to the Society and our members."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2024 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Congratulations



Congratulations of **Eleanor Smyth**, Alice and Luke's daughter, on her award for always inspiring others, her growing confidence and beautiful handwriting. Well done Eleanor.



Congratulations to **Millie Mo** on gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Architecture at Liverpool University and winning the Sikorski Memorial Prize for the Best Interior Design in BA3. Very well done.

Millie is the daughter of Helen and Kar Kit Mo and granddaughter of Margaret and Bill Henschliff who are all very proud.



Obituaries

Ian Patrick

Stephen Leahy

Edward Peet

Malcolm Ford

Sidney Marson

Barry Lowe

Anthony Knopp

Brian Lawson

Joseph Harrison



"If I had a flower for every time
I thought of you.
I could walk through my
garden forever."

Alfred Tennyson

Twelve Commandments for Seniors

1. It's okay to talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. In Style are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop annoying you.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it".
6. One time is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately you've noticed that people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
12. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

If you have anything you would like to submit for the next editions of The Derby Link, please send to The Editor, c/o 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Or email to: alice.smyth@oddfellows.co.uk. A photo is always nice too. Thanking you.