

February – May 2019
Issue 13



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making friends, helping people

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Derby District



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Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Sports



Annual Dinner and Dance – Saturday 16 February

Welcome all to your latest Events Diary, we hope that there is something of interest for you.

Welcome to your new Events Diary, we have made slight changes to how Branch meetings are listed. Some Branch meetings are listed in the heart of the diary due to having guest speakers or special events put on. The best place to find your Branch meetings, when and where they are happening, is on the yellow back page of the diary. All are listed on one page. We had to make some room for all of the other fabulous social events we put on, we do hope that we have something organised that will catch your interest.

If you fancy joining in, bring a friend, if you are a bit shy, give us a call before you come and we can introduce you to the people at the event.

**Kind regards,
Lorraine, District Secretary**

Would you like to get involved?

Looking for something to do? If so, there is plenty for you to get involved in with the Oddfellows. We are always looking for people to help with our care support, social event ideas or writing articles for our magazine.

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A bit about us...

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

Weekly Events

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

Line Dancing

Every Monday

L 2pm - 3.30pm £ Members £2
Guests £3

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

Short Mat Bowls

Every Tuesday

L 2pm - 4pm £ Members £1.20
Guests £2.20

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

Art Classes

Every Wednesday

L 1pm - 3pm £ Members £4
Guests £6

Art materials are supplied, beginners are always welcome! A Professional Tutor will be on hand to give tips and advice. 50p charge for tea or coffee and biscuits.



Contact Details

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

01332 345697

Lorraine Killa

Email:

lorraine.killa@oddfellows.co.uk

or

Penny Folds

Email:

penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk

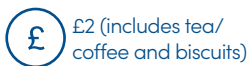


Lots of our events take place at the Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

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

February 2019

MON 04 A Crafty Social



We have expanded our knitting group to include other crafts and if anyone would like to learn something new, come along and see what we are doing. All abilities, including beginners are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



TUES 05 St James' Community Cafe King George IV Branch



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, followed by an interesting talk by Tori Duggen and refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 731129.

WED 06 Walking Group at Ingleby



Meet at The John Thompson pub car park for a five mile walk in the Ingleby area, followed by lunch at the John Thompson. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. The John Thompson Inn, Ingleby DE73 7HW. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

FRI 08 Open Gardens Meeting



This meeting is for all who may be interested in opening their gardens this summer, or would like more information about our Open Gardens event. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



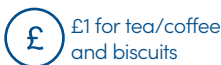
MON 11 All About Tours Pares Branch



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a presentation and short quiz. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

February 2019

TUES 12 Valentine Coffee Morning



Come along, bring a friend and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will be a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall. All proceeds to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) chosen causes. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



TUES 12 Dining Out Experience Toby Carvery



Come and join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Thursday 7 February. The Toby Carvery, Nottingham Road, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6LZ. Please contact the office on 01332 345697 to put your name on the list.

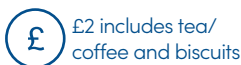


SAT 16 Annual Dinner and Dance



Our guest speaker will be the Grand Master of the Order, Bill Henschliff. Entertainment this year is a DJ - A All The Way. Hallmark Mickelover Court Hotel, Etwall Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 0XX. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON 18 A Crafty Social



We have expanded our knitting group to include other crafts and if anyone would like to learn something new, come along and see what we are doing. All abilities, including beginners are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

February 2019

WED 20 Walking Group at Hanbury

⌚ 10am

£ Free



Meet at the Sewage Works car park, Hanbury Hill for a five mile walk in the Hanbury area, followed by lunch at a venue to be decided. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. Hanbury Treatment Works, Hanbury Hill, Burton-on-Trent DE13 8TD. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

THURS 21 Luncheon Club

⌚ 12.30pm

£ Members £3.50
Guests £5.50



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal. Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding served with roast potatoes and vegetables followed by sticky toffee pudding with custard for dessert. Tea and coffee will also be served. Please contact Penny to reserve your place as numbers are limited. Book by Tuesday 19 February. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.



SAT 23 Movie and Soup

⌚ 2pm

£ Members £3
Guests £4



Come along for an afternoon movie followed by hot soup, a bread roll and a Danish pastry. For catering purposes please book in advance. Book by Monday 19 February 2019. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



THURS 28 Charity Cheque Presentation Evening

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Free



The Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Christine Shelton will be making her presentation to Kids' Camp Derby and the Iowa Oral Performance Instrument. A buffet will be provided, all are welcome. Please contact the office for catering purposes. Book by Friday 22 February. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

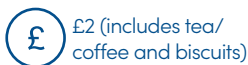


March

MON

04

A Crafty Social



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WED

06

Walking Group at Kirk Langley



Meet in the church car park for a six mile walk in the Kirk Langley/Radbourne area, followed by lunch at venue to be decided. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. St Michaels Church, Kirk Langley DE6 4NG. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



Kirk Langley Church by Phil Myott and licensed for reuse under the Creative Commons Licence.

TUES

05

'The Elephant in the Room' King George IV Branch



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, followed by an interesting talk given by Joan Henchcliffe from G Wathall & Son, on the cost of funerals and planning ahead. Also with refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 731129.



MON

11

Life and Travels of Robert Bruce Napoleon Walker Pares Branch



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a talk given by Stephen Flinders. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

March

TUES
12

Dining Out Experience at The Argosy



6.45pm



As per
menu



Come and join us for an evening of food and friendship. Please contact the office to put your name on the list. Book by Thursday 7 March. The Argosy, Manor Road, Derby DE22 3HZ. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

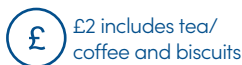


MON
18

A Crafty Social



10am



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



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WED
20

Walking Group at Repton



10am



Free



Meet at Repton Tea Rooms for a six mile walk in the area followed by lunch at the Tea Rooms. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. Repton Tea Rooms, Brook End Farm, Brook End, Repton DE65 6FW. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.



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SAT
16

Inter Branch Dominoes Match



7pm



Free



Speak to your Branch Secretary about entering into a friendly match, or if you would like to come and watch. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

March

THURS
21

Luncheon Club

12.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £5.50



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal. Chicken pie, served with potatoes and vegetables. Followed by fruit pie and custard. Tea and coffee will also be served. Book by Tuesday 19 March. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697 to reserve your place as numbers are limited.

SAT
23

Annual District Meeting

2pm

Free



Come along and find out how the District runs. Only appointed deputies may vote at the meeting. Our new Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Margaret Henchcliff, will be installed at this meeting. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

April

MON
01

A Crafty Social

7pm

£2 (includes tea/ coffee and biscuits)



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TUES
02

Internet Safety King George IV Branch

7.30pm

Free



Come and find out what is happening in our monthly meeting. Followed by a presentation given by Thomas Lane from NatWest Bank and a chance to chat, with refreshments after the meeting. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 731129.



April

WED **03** **Walking Group at Dale Abbey**

 10am

 Free



Meet at the Carpenters Arms for a six mile walk in the Dale Abbey area followed by lunch at the Carpenters Arms. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. The Carpenters Arms, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey DE7 4PP. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

THURS **04** **Fjords and the Lake District** **Good Intent Branch**

 2.30pm

 Free



A talk by Bob Rogers. Come and share the experience, with some stunning photography. Refreshments will be served, free of charge. All are welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret on 01332 519062.



MON **08** **Maple Meanderings** **Part II** **Pares Branch**

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and join us for our monthly meeting, which will be followed by a talk given by Bob Rodgers. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES **09** **Dining Out Experience** **at The Clock Warehouse**

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Come and join us for an evening of food and friendship. Please contact the office to put your name on the list Book by Thursday 4 April. The Clock Warehouse, Shardlow, Derby DE72 2GL. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

THURS **11** **Easter Coffee Morning**

 11am

 £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come along, bring a friend and catch up on Oddfellows news. Enter the Easter Bonnet Parade, prize for the best in show! There will also be a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall, all proceeds to the new Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

April

SAT
13

Oddfellows Brass and Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir



7.30pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Performing at St John the Evangelist Church, a fantastic night of musical entertainment guaranteed. Book early to avoid disappointment! Book by Tuesday 8 April. St John the Evangelist Church, Mill Street, Derby DE1 3HZ. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON
15

A Crafty Social



10am



£2 includes tea/
coffee and biscuits



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MON
15

Spring Dinner Pares Branch



7pm



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Join the Pares Branch for their Annual Spring Dinner at Trent Lock Golf Club. Book by Monday 1 April. Trent Lock Golf Club, Lock Lane, Long Eaton NG10 2FY. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

WED
17

Walking Group at Ockbrook



10am



Free



Meet at the Royal Oak for a six mile walk, the Lewis Wilson walk, followed by lunch



at Royal Oak. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. The Royal Oak, Green Lane, Ockbrook DE72 3SE. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

Lych Gate of All Saints Parish Church, Ockbrook by A R Driver and is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 UK: England & Wales license.

April

THURS
18

Luncheon Club



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal. Baked salmon pie served with vegetables. Followed by apple pie and ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served. Please contact Penny to reserve your place as numbers are limited. Book by Tuesday 16 April. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.

MON
29

A Crafty Social



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May

SAT
27

Rock and Roll Night



Let's dance the night away to sounds of the 50s and 60s. Dress to impress. There will be a Ploughman's lunch. We would love to see you there. Please book in advance for catering purposes. Book by Monday 22 April. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

WED
01

Walking Group at Mackworth



Meet at the Farmhouse Hotel for a walk in the Mackworth area followed by lunch at a venue to be decided.



Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. The Farmhouse, Ashbourne Road, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4LY. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

Mackworth Castle by Stephen G Taylor and licensed for reuse under the Creative Commons Licence.

May

TUES 07 Dogs for Good King George IV Branch

 7.30pm


 Free



Come and find out what is happening in our monthly meeting. Followed by a talk given by Richard Penn and a chance to chat. Also refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 731129.

MON 13 A Crafty Social

 7pm

 £2 (includes tea/coffee and biscuits)



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FRI 10 Champagne Breakfast Celebrations for a Royal Baby

 11am



 Members £5.50, Guests £6.50



Come and enjoy a lovely breakfast to celebrate the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's new arrival. We will raise a toast in honour of health, love and happiness. Doors open at 10.30am. Book by Friday 3 May. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

MON 13 People Who Lip Read Hear Better Pares Branch

 7.30pm


 Free



Come and join us for our monthly our meeting will be followed by a talk given by Linda Woodroffe. The Coach & Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES 14 Coffee Morning

 11am

 £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come along, bring a friend and catch up on Oddfellows news. There will be a raffle and a bric-a-brac stall, all proceeds to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

May

TUES
14

Dining Out Experience at The Mallard



6.45pm



As per
menu



Come and join us for an evening of food and friendship. Please contact the office to put your name on the list. Book by Thursday 9 May. The Mallard, Southmead Way, Derby DE22 3HN. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



WED
15

Walking Group at Denby/Ripley



10am



Free



Meet at the Denby Pottery car park for a six mile walk. Followed by lunch at the visitor centre restaurant. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. Denby Pottery, Derby Road, Denby DE5 8NX. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

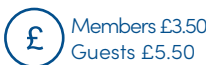


THURS
16

Luncheon Club



12.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £5.50



Come and join us for a delicious two course meal. Chicken and mushroom tray bake served with vegetables. Followed by fruit, jelly and ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served. Please contact Penny to reserve your place as numbers are limited. Book by Tuesday 14 May. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.

WED
29

Walking Group at Mickleover



10am



Free



Meet at the Great Northern pub car park for a five mile walk. Followed by lunch at the Great Northern. Lunch not provided by the Oddfellows. The Great Northern, Station Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9FB. Contact Keith on 01332 771964.

Forthcoming Event

**Trip to the NEC BBC Good Food/
Gardeners World Show
Friday 14 June**

Further details will be featured in the next Out and About.



Oddfellows Summer Holiday

**Discover the best of
Hampshire's Coastline with
Oddfellows members and
friends at the Sinah Warren
Coastal Hotel.**

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Island, Sinah Warren is a
large, comfortable hotel
surrounded by elegant
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(Booking reference 4272269) and quote ODDFELLOWS

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.

Loyal Derwent Valley

Contact Penny Folds on 01332 345697

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

13 February, 13 March, 10 April and 8 May.

Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne on 01332 731129

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

5 February, 5 March, 2 April and 7 May.

Loyal Good Samaritan

Contact Keith Glanville on 01332 771964

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

11 February, 11 March, 8 April and 13 May.

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.

7 February, 7 March, 4 April and 2 May.

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.

11 February, 11 March, 8 April and 13 May.

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.

2 February, 2 March, 6 April and 4 May.

Derby Provincial Lodge of Past Grands

(For qualified members only)

Meetings start at 7.30pm at Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

Contact Mrs D Swain on 01332 720064

Wednesday 27 February

Wednesday 22 May

Annual District Meeting

Saturday 23 March

Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU at 2pm



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 Penny on **01332 345697** or email **penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

At a glance

February 2019

Sat 2	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 4	A Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 5	St James' Community Cafe – King George IV Branch	7.30pm
Wed 6	Walking Group at Ingleby	10am
Thurs 7	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Fri 8	Open Gardens Meeting	10.30am
Mon 11	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 11	All About Tours – Pares Branch	7.30pm
Tues 12	Valentine Coffee Morning	11am
Tues 12	Dining Out Experience at Toby Carvery	6.45pm
Wed 13	Derwent Valley Branch Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 16	Derby District Annual Dinner and Dance	6.30pm
Mon 18	A Crafty Social	10am
Wed 20	Walking Group at Hanbury	10am
Thurs 21	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 23	Movie and Soup	2pm
Thurs 28	Charity Cheque Presentation Evening	7.30pm

March

Sat 2	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 4	A Crafty Social	7pm
Tues 5	'The Elephant in the Room' – King George IV Branch	7.30pm
Wed 6	Walking Group at Kirk Langley	10am
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Tues 12	Dining Out Experience at The Argosy	6.45pm
Wed 13	Derwent Valley Branch Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 16	Inter Branch Dominoes Match	7pm
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Sat 23	Annual District Meeting	2pm

At a glance

April

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Tues 2	Internet Safety – King George IV Branch	7.30pm
Wed 3	Walking Group at Dale Abbey	10am
Thurs 4	Fjords and the Lake District – Good Intent Branch	2.30pm
Sat 6	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Mon 8	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 8	Maple Meanderings Part II – Pares Branch	7.30pm
Tues 9	Dining Out Experience at The Clock Warehouse	6.45pm
Wed 10	Derwent Valley Branch Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 11	Easter Coffee Morning	11am
Sat 13	Oddfellows Brass and Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir	7.30pm
Mon 15	A Crafty Social	10am
Mon 15	Pares Branch Spring Dinner	7pm
Wed 17	Walking Group at Ockbrook	10am
Thurs 18	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 27	Rock and Roll Night	7pm
Mon 29	A Crafty Social	7pm

May

Wed 1	Walking Group at Mackworth	10am
Thurs 2	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 4	Stanhope Branch Meeting	6.30pm
Tues 7	Dogs for Good – King George IV Branch	7.30pm
Wed 8	Derwent Valley Branch Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 10	Champagne Breakfast: Celebrations for a Royal Baby	11am
Mon 13	Good Samaritan Branch Meeting	11am
Mon 13	A Crafty Social	7pm
Mon 13	People Who Lip Read Hear Better – Pares Branch	7.30pm
Tues 14	Coffee Morning	11am
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Wed 29	Walking Group at Mickleover	10am

Friendship and Social activities across the UK

At Derby Oddfellows we put on a range social activities each month for us to enjoy together in friendship. We always welcome new people to come along and give us a try... No longer living in the Derby area? Why not check out the social activities being put on by the Branch nearest to where you are living...

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

Share the friendship – enjoy the rewards!

Refer a Friend

Did you know that the Society runs a Refer a Friend scheme?

When the first friend you've recommended has joined, we'll send you a £10 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you. There are different reward levels, so you'd receive your next reward – £60 in Love2Shop vouchers – after recruiting five friends in total.*



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

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Provincial Grand Master's Message

How quickly the year has flown by - I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. At Oddfellows Hall we have all been very busy with our various Social events and of course ate lots of mince pies!

I have been lucky in attending various Luncheons and Dinner Dances in other Districts and of course visiting our Branch at the Officers visits. It is always a pleasure to visit the Branches, especially the two Branches that meet in Kilburn and Draycott. We are always made very welcome and the buffets are wonderful.

Our members have been extremely generous and the charity monies are steadily growing. There are too many individual members to thank – as everyone has been so supportive,

but I would just like to thank the ladies from the Craft Group (Knit and Natter) for the many items they have knitted for my Charity - from blanket squares, 'Noah's animals' to Christmas Tree decorations. We will not know the exact amount raised until March when the Charity moneys will be handed over.

As with most organisations - getting new members is a problem. We have a wonderful Society so we must all encourage our family and friends to come along and 'try us out'. Although we do advertise – it is by our members telling other people what we are about and how hopefully saying what a wonderful District Derby is. So it would be wonderful if you could make it your New Year's resolution



and inspire your friends and family to come and join us.

Wishing you all a very Peaceful and Happy New Year.

**Yours fraternally,
Christine**

Christmas Prize Draw

As usual members assembled in our Hall with the anticipation of the annual prize draw. There were lots of prizes all on show, but the star prize of a hamper was won by David Smith, a member of the Pares Branch.

If you were not one of the lucky winners, your contribution to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity is much appreciated.

There is a full list of prizes and winners in the Office.



Charity Tandem Skydive for LOROS

(Leicester Organisation for the Relief of Suffering)



My wife's cousin, Ann, had been very ill with an extremely rare type of cancer and was admitted to LOROS for palliative care in early 2017. Nothing was too much trouble for the staff and volunteers who were very kind, helpful and caring. Ann passed away on Easter Sunday of that year.

When George, (Ann's husband) asked me if I would join him and others to take part in a charity tandem skydive to raise funds for LOROS I just said "Count me in" - I'd always wanted to do a parachute jump, but the opportunity never arose. We sent for the registration documents and signed up. Collecting sponsors was easier than I imagined. Everyone was so generous and soon my Sponsorship forms were filling up.

We arrived at Sibson Aerodrome, near Peterborough early on the day of the 'Jump', Sunday 9 September 2018. I assumed nervousness would be the order of the day, but was surprised to find that I was totally calm and looking forward to it.

We were given a short 15 minute instruction and then supplied with a jump suit, helmet, goggles and finally a harness by which we were to be attached to the qualified



skydiver. I had arranged for the jump to be videoed so that I could show my sponsors; (and to prove that I didn't chicken out) and when it was my turn to abandon the plane I was eager to go.

The first 40 seconds was freefall and was pretty fast - they say up to 120mph and it sure felt fast.

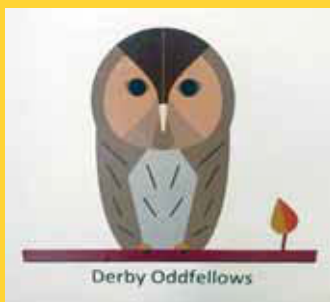
When the chute opened it was so peaceful and once we had come through the clouds I had a fantastic aerial view of the surrounding countryside. I was allowed to take control of the chute for a short while but as the ground approached, I was thankfully relieved of that responsibility. A soft landing ensued and I would have gladly gone straight back up for another go.

My skydive raised £1,376 some of which was Gift-Aided and I would like to thank all my friends at the Derby District Oddfellows for their support and sponsorship of this event. This was such an amazing experience that I would recommend it to anyone. Go on, give it a try, you know you want to.

Dave Smith, Loyal Pares Branch

Sponsored Owl

Following the article in September's magazine about the 'Oddfellows Owl', it turns out it was the King George IV Branch. They had a speaker, Jenny Cuadrado from the library services to give a talk in the previous February. She was given a donation and put this towards the sponsorship.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year Polly (Pauline) Cunningham decided she would organise a coffee morning for this very worthy cause. Some members helped with the baking and a wonderful selection of cakes were available. Combined with a Tombola Stall, blackout and proceeds from refreshments £190 was raised. Well done Polly and her helpers.





Annual Church Service

This year our Provincial Grand Master, Christine Shelton asked me if I would read a prayer at the Midland Group Conference and District Church Service held at St John the Evangelist Church; I was happy to oblige.

The service was joyful, the sermon was amusing, but thought provoking.

Later we enjoyed our buffet tea on the lawn. This was the first time I had attended and would recommend it wholeheartedly. So next year come along and join us.

Margaret Bull

***Photo above:** Seated: Christine Shelton Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and Colin Smith President of the Midland Group Conference. Standing from left to right: Denise Turner Immediate Past President, Margaret Henchcliff Provincial Deputy Grand Master (District Deputy Chairman), Lorraine Killa District Secretary, and Mary Smith.*

St John's Church

It is the first time we have held our Church Service at St. John's. It is the church our Provincial Grand Master, Christine Shelton, has attended throughout her life. The church was erected in 1828



and is the first church to be built in Derby after the Reformation. It's architecture is late Perpendicular, the style prevalent in the 15th and 16th centuries, and was built in imitation of one of the public buildings at Cambridge. It cost nearly £7,500 to build and has elegant Gothic windows and at each corner is an octagonal tower or turret around 71 feet high.

Birthday Celebration

To celebrate my birthday this year I managed to talk my daughter, Kim, into doing a Colour Run in aid of the Derby Hospital. For those that know me I am not built for running, but I always thought it would be fun to do a colour run. After checking I was advised that it was fun run so walking was acceptable; with this I registered us both.

So early September, Kim and I made our way to Markeaton Park. We were provided with white t-shirts and a packet of paint each. While waiting to start the race we were tapped on the shoulder by my nephew, Lyon Swain, also a member, who was running too. As we walked to the start line we knew we had a challenge ahead. Within seconds of the siren going off we said farewell to Lyon.

As we started a gentle jog we were blasted with paint from fire extinguishers full of green paint. As we sprinted, jogged and walked around the course it was interesting to see parents running with children. Everyone was supportive to other runners and there was a mixture of ages. Kim was brilliant and encouraged me all the way round. Encouraging me to run as we went through the different paint stations. We finished covered in a range of colours and exhausted. The next challenge was covering the car seats with black bags so not to cover the car with paint. We continued to celebrate my birthday with a meal and a trip to the cinema after a shower of course.

Now starting to think about how to celebrate next year. We raised £180 for Derby Hospital and had a whole load of fun.

Maureen Burgoyne



Maureen and Kimberley Burgoyne.



Skittle Match

Once again the Burton-on-Trent District were victorious at the annual skittles match, 2-1, but nevertheless it was an enjoyable evening. Our team did their best but fell a bit short. Special mention should be made of Gary Folds who was the only one from Derby who managed to down all nine skittles with three balls. We all enjoyed a supper of stew and dumplings or sweet and sour chicken followed by cheesecake

or gateaux. Thanks to Burton for their friendship and hospitality.

Picture right: Christine Shelton, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) of Derby District presents the trophy to Amanda Norbury Mountford, Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) of Burton-on-Trent District with Bill Henchliff, Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society).



Walking Group

After not being able to walk much during the high temperatures of summer, the group have been enjoying the autumn time.

We don't usually meet many other walkers whilst on route, but this was not the case on the walk from Alstonfield, down into Wolfscote Dale and on to Milldale. It was a bit like Piccadilly Circus, there were dozens of youngsters walking in groups of four or five, all apparently on their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Some were really enjoying their time in the open air, but some obviously were not!

At Milldale, a lovely spot for a break and a delicious ice-cream from Polly's Shop, the peace was shattered with a primary school group out for the day, having a whale of a time. As always there is one child needing a bit of shall



we say 'guidance' and this time it was Freddie. His name just kept coming up. A very entertaining walk!

Noah's Ark

Stewart Wharton was the lucky winner of the Noah's Ark that the Knit and Natter/Crafters Group made to raffle for the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity. Some animals were decidedly easier to knit than others. Discussions are ongoing for the Crafters' next project.



Carol, Terry, Dave and myself went along to St Mary's Church, Draycott on the Friday evening to set up the stall for Saturday morning's jumble sale. On the day Carol and Terry manned the stall with the help of Margaret Hunt. Dave was outside selling tools and I was seconded on to the church clothes stall. The first half an hour was very busy and Christine came to help along with Doug, who made sure everyone had teas and coffee. Marilyn and Barrie came a little later and they stayed to help us pack up everything we had not sold.

Other members called by to show their support. I am sure Christine will be pleased with all our efforts with £127.25 being raised for her charities.

Barbara Smith, Pares Branch Secretary

World War I

There were many wonderful events over the country commemorating the end of the war in 1918 and poppies were in abundance everywhere you looked.

Coverage on the television was amazing with the many touching and personal stories which came to light. It seems that every family in the country lost a loved one in those dreadful four years.

District had their own commemorations with the screening of the film 'Warhorse' followed by 'rations' in



It was so successful we may put on more film/themed events in the future.

the form of corned beef fritters and fish cakes cooked by Margaret Henchcliff from authentic recipes, along with her fellows members of the social committee.

A pudding of apple tart and custard followed. These were not authentic as Margaret decided that pastry made with potatoes did not seem very appetising. The Hall had been decorated with poppies and bunting and the Knit and Natter group/Crafty Crafters had made a poppy for every member attending.



Some of the volunteers having a break before food is ready to serve.

Grand Master's Celebration

What a triumph this weekend was from start for finish. On Friday Past Grand Masters and their consorts and Board members arrived at the Mickleover Hallmark Hotel and were entertained, along with our own members in the evening by Little Pixie Productions with their Edwardian Extravaganza.

Saturday evening 154 members attended the Dinner Dance in honour of the Grand Master, our

own Bill Henchcliff, at the historic Roundhouse. What an amazing night this was with lovely meal and entertainment from 'Rocks and Frocks' and wonderful 50/60s music.

Bill and Margaret are very grateful to Derby District, particularly those who worked so hard and all those who attended and made it such a success. The District has received many congratulations on the arrangements made for the celebrations.



Secretary's Role

As I sat planning the 2019 diary, with a list of speakers and social events it gave me time to reflect on my first year as Secretary.

This time last year I took a caretaker role of Acting Secretary following Trevor Swain's (my dad) heart attack. Trevor is now taking the slow road to recovery and has handed over the reins, so I am now the Secretary. Balancing family life, Scouting, work and Oddfellows, can be very time consuming, but it makes for an interesting life.

During the last few months the King George IV Branch had some interesting talks on Derby Kids camps, Annabel's Angels, a Remembrance talk on the First World War and demonstration on how to use the new defibrillator. All very informative and thought provoking in their own ways.

Back in August, our Branch decided to hold a BBQ and for our members. Polly, one of our members, opened her garden on the Saturday for the Open Garden event, then reopened it again on the Sunday for Branch members to enjoy a BBQ and catch up in her beautiful garden. This was a lovely afternoon and members stayed chatting until early evening. On both occasions I found myself making tea and washing up - think I might need to change? Huge thank you to Polly for opening her garden to members, especially as she only moved in a few months earlier.

Our Branch meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month and we hold a short meeting followed by a talk or social after Branch business. Non King George IV members are more than welcome to come and join us, so keep an eye on Derby District Out and About and if you are interested in any of the talks you will receive a warm welcome from all our Branch members.

**Maureen Burgoyne, Secretary
King George IV Branch**

Seasonal Tip



I was given a Poinsettia last December, the red coloured leaves lasted into the Spring, but then gradually the red leaves dropped from the plant and only the stem and branches remained.

I kept the plant, watering it sparingly and slowly new leaves began to appear and through the year it became a nice looking plant with plenty of bright green leaves. Then on reading the home and garden section of the November edition of the Saga magazine (2018) and under Jobs for November, I now read is the time to start encouraging last years Poinsettia to change the colour of their leaves. So I thought I would try this. Now it appears to do this, the process requires short days and long nights, even electric light will stop the leaves from changing colour. So I placed my plant in its flower pot into a large glass vase that I have, on which helps to keep it moist whilst keeping it out of a draught. Also as the plant requires short days and long nights and to create this they need to be in total darkness for a about 14 hours each day. This can be achieved by placing a cardboard box, (large enough not to damage the leaves over the Poinsettia in the early evening . See picture to show these results.

Sheila Smith, Good Intent Branch

Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading for 80!

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
 2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
 3. No one expects you to run - anywhere.
 4. People call at 8pm and ask "Did I wake you?"
 5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
 6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
 7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
 8. You can eat supper at 5pm.
 9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
 10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
- And remember, never under any circumstances take sleeping pills and laxatives on the same night.**

Christmas Roundup



Christmas has been a very busy time at the Oddfellows as is usual every year. All the Branches have celebrated in their usual ways which has involved lots of eating, drinking, laughter and chats. The King George IV Branch enjoyed fun and games, the Good Intent had a party and visit from Santa, the Pares Branch had a Christmas buffet, the Stanhope a meal at a pub and the Good Samaritan a dance at the Hall.

The Coffee Morning involved a Christmas raffle and a competition decorating a Christmas Cracker. Junior member, Avary, came along with her Grannie and was delighted to win a prize.



Tree Festivals

Once again the Crafters/Knit and Natter Group have decorated Christmas Trees for Boulton St Mary's Church, Alvaston and St John the Evangelist Church, Bridge Street. This year the theme was to create decorations which were predominately white. Literature extolling the benefits of membership of the Oddfellows was available in the hope that it would encourage people to make enquiries regarding the benefits of membership.



Shakespeare The Truth!

Many of our so called heroes are often the subject of undeserved accolades, many of which are based on birthright and false perception of their real achievements.



William Shakespeare is one of those figures from our past and archive research has revealed his true character as a philanderer and a drunkard who was regularly ejected from taverns in and around Stratford-upon-Avon, and indeed finished up being barred from many of these establishments.

In olde English he was to become known as Ye Barred which has, over the ages become The Bard.

So when dreamy eyed thespians look skyward and recall his contributions to literature few will know or even admit to the fact that William Shakespeare did not really deserve the plaudits that his memory evokes.

Verily I say to all ye readers then that life all is not what it seems!

The Black Knight who has never ridden a jousting horse in his uneventful life but is a playacting blaggard no less!

God Save King John and Queen Meghan.

JCB Academy Global Adventure 2018

Matugama, Sri Lanka (Western Province)

My name is Alice Warbrick, I am 18 years old and have just completed my A-level studies. When I was born (back in 2000), my Granddad and Grandma (Beryl and Frank Coles) joined me into the Oddfellows as they had been members for a long time. When I was two my granddad passed away, just before my younger brother was born and when I was four my 'baba' sadly passed away too. My parents joined my younger brother Edward into the Oddfellows and we have been members for all of our lives.

With my school, this summer I had the opportunity to go on an incredible volunteering trip to Sri Lanka to help less privileged children and communities. The trip was organised by Projects Aboard who are one of the largest volunteer abroad organisations in the world. The Oddfellows kindly donated some money to support the funding.

On Saturday 7 July, myself and 10 other students and two members of staff met at Birmingham airport and embarked on a 22 hour journey via Istanbul and The Maldives, before arriving at our destination in Columbo, Sri Lanka.

We were met on arrival by our Projects Abroad guide, Amir. We boarded a mini bus and travelled to Matugama in the Western Province before a welcome meal and an early night in our hostel located in a Ta Plantation. The following morning we visited the two preschools where we would spend the next 10 days working. We had a mission, to teach over 100 preschool aged children at the Hasegawa School in Matugama in the mornings before moving to the Gramasanvardhana School in Welipenne

to complete a building project at a rural school with no government funding. Following these visits, we had an induction afternoon and were tasked with planning engaging activities for our classes for the following weeks.

Tuesday morning was hectic! 7.30am breakfast, in school for 8.10pm, clean the classroom, sort the resources for the lessons, and then welcome the children. We watched their daily 15 minute morning worship before being handed them and running a half hour active learning programme (which was hard work for us Brits in the humidity!) The active programme was designed to wake them up. It involved singing, dancing, exercises, and some well known English nursery rhymes (Nathan, one of our group, was the star of this show and gained the nickname Mr Motivator).

Lessons to begin with were difficult due to our limited knowledge of the local language, Sinhalese. We all could say "Hello", but beyond this we were struggling. However, most of the children knew a few simple English phrases, we had to communicate through sign language or demonstrating what we wanted them to do.

We returned to the hostel for lunch, changed our outfits into something less smart, and headed to the second school to make a start on digging a 15 metre trench for the toilet block. How a school with children can survive for four years without toilets is beyond me! It made us realise just how privileged we are in the UK. We had really bonded as a team and took it in turns to use the basic tools on the hard ground (a JCB 3CX would have definitely made the job easier). The hot and humid weather made things very difficult as it was



something none of us were used to. We were determined to see the project through to the end within the week and the builder was very surprised at our great progress.

The first week flew by; the building work progressed well and the evenings were spent refining our teaching and reflecting on the days work. We had no access to computers, printers or photocopiers so all resources we required had to be made by hand! One evening we even sat and cut out 120 elephant shaped masks for the children to decorate.

Evenings and weekends were jam-packed with very little down time. We travelled inland to Kandy, visiting an Elephant Orphanage, a traditional Sri-Lankan Market, a tea plantation, a Batik workshop, a wood carving business, Helgas Foley (a very weird Alice in Wonderland themed hostel), a visit to the Buddhist Temple of the Tooth Relic and a Kandyan Cultural Dance show along the way.

The building project completed we hosted a party for the preschool children. It was an unforgettable experience, which we would all love to repeat. It is amazing to see people who have so little, so happy, so polite, welcoming, generous and hospitable. Thanks to everyone who made it possible including the Oddfellows who generously funded part of my trip, without whom I would not have been able to go on such an unforgettable journey.





This quote recently caught my eye. Many of us are guilty of being caught up in the day-to-day. We often get so focused on the task at hand that our proverbial blinkers stop us from having a REALLY good look around.

I'm sure many of us could benefit from slowing down a little, to take stock of those daily pick-me-up moments – people asking how you are, having a coffee made for you, being at the bus stop at exactly the right time... Those simple things.

I must say that us Oddfellows are pretty good at making the most of the everyday.

We need little excuse to get together. A cup of tea and a biscuit, or a chance to grab a lunch, usually does the trick. We're fortunate to have this opportunity to go along to one of our Branch events and spend time with others. Regular, friendly catch-ups, or just sitting with company, really does fuel happiness.

It saddens me that there are people out there who don't get the chance to spend time with others, and who don't have anyone to fall back on when times get tough.

It might be that they've had a change of personal circumstance and the people they used to mix with have moved on, or they just don't see them as often. It happens all too frequently, and it's shocking how quickly your confidence gets knocked and you drift into chronic loneliness.

If there's anyone you know that could do with some friendly company or support, please don't forget to mention the Oddfellows and welcome them to your next get-together. There's no hard sell in this at all. If they like it, then brilliant. If we're not

their cup of tea, then they know we're here if they change their mind.

So for 2019, it's right for us to continue to celebrate the extraordinary things in our calendar – Friendship Month, AMC and our major HA Andrews Memorial Fund donation. But let's not forget to celebrate the wonderful everyday at the Oddfellows, too.

Thank you for every cup of tea shared, caring phone call made and idea given at a meeting. Thank you for each pot washed, new face welcomed and friendly email written. These little things make a huge difference to people's everyday lives and the running of our Society. Despite life's rush, rest assured, they do not go unnoticed.

I wish you and your families every happiness – big and small – for 2019.

Jane Nelson, CEO

On your marks, get set, parkrun

There aren't many things left in life that are free, but one growing phenomenon that is completely gratis is parkrun.

The 5km community events take place in parks each Saturday morning, but parkrun is more than a way of keeping fit, it's a way of making friends, being part of a community, and even inspiration to travel the world.

Parkrun isn't a race. There are no winners, volunteer Tail Walkers ensure that nobody finishes last, and the emphasis is on regular participation rather than performance. There are more than 550 5km courses in the UK and 1,600 across the world, with more than 235,000 adults and juniors taking part on a good weekend globally. Additionally, there are 250 junior parkruns on Sunday mornings for 4-14 year-olds and their families that are 2k in distance.

You don't need to be a top athlete.

At any event you will find parents with pushchairs, dog walkers and people who have never taken part in organised physical activity before. If you use a wheelchair, then you're also welcome, but it's probably worth checking the individual course you fancy doing is accessible with the organisers before setting off.



The events have a great reputation for being friendly and often there's a catch-up after the event at a local café over tea.

It's easy to get started. Register on the website www.parkrun.org.uk and you will be given an individual barcode. Print it out and turn up at the event you fancy taking part in. The events all start at 9am in the UK, except for in Scotland and Northern Ireland where they kick off at 9.30am.

If you don't fancy walking or running, then volunteering at the events is a brilliant way to meet people and give back to the community. Each event is self-organising and has its own team of volunteers who would be very pleased to have an extra pair of hands.

Get in touch with your local parkrun to find out how you can volunteer www.parkrun.org.uk/events/events

Members of Distinction

Whether through the old Portraits Scheme, or the recently launched Making a Difference Award – we love to recognise and celebrate members who go over-and-above in their support of the Society and its work.

So thank you to three of Portraits 2018's final winners Gerald, Miriam and Adrian for everything you do for the Oddfellows. We appreciate it.



*Gerald Gordon Baxter
Nene and Welland District*

Meet Gerald, member of the Nene and Welland District, who was singled out for his long-standing support to the Society at many different levels – from local Branch through to International Conference.

Some of Gerald's notable positions held over his seven decades as an Oddfellow include Noble Grand and Vice Grand for his Branch, Provincial Grand Master for his District, 28 years' service as a District and Branch Trustee, as well as Past President (1988-1989) at East Anglia Group Conference.

Reflecting on his 71-year relationship with the Oddfellows, Gerald shared: "I liked the idea of what Oddfellowship stood for – Friendship, Love and Truth.

"We all need friends that we can turn to when we need them. There are times when we all need support and the Oddfellows has been there for me and my family."



*Miriam Witcomb
Heart of England District*

The Oddfellows is very fortunate to have people such as Miriam in its membership. She embodies the Society's humanitarian spirit through her commitment to helping others.

Since joining in her 40s, Miriam has served as Noble Grand for Leigh and Knightly Branch, as well as Heart of England District Oddfellows Club President and Trustee.

However, what sets Miriam apart is her devotion to fundraising and volunteering. Year-round, she knits items to sell and organises regular tombolas to raise money for her Provincial Grand Master's chosen charities.

For over 20 years, she has provided fellow members with care and support in their times of need as Branch Welfare Officer.

In the words of her District Committee of Management, Miriam is 'a much loved member'. And as a Society, we couldn't agree more!



*Adrian Taylor
Beds and Bucks District*

Introduced to the Oddfellows by his father at age 16, Adrian's constant energy has kept him incredibly busy and active in his District and regional group conference.

Since 2006, he has been a member of Beds and Bucks District Committee of Management, in which he serves as Trustee and second-time Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was during his tenure as Provincial Grand Master in 2009 that his career reached new heights – as he undertook a charity indoor skydive for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Other appreciated contributions include his time as Past Worthy Master of the Provincial Lodge of Past Grands, Midland Group Conference President and, while studying at university in Birmingham, attendance at monthly Branch meetings and District annual meetings.

Speaking about his time with the Oddfellows, he explained: "It provides excellent opportunities to be able to meet people at home and overseas. An example of this is when I travelled around Australia and New Zealand and visited Lodges in Brisbane and Wellington."

Well done and thank you to all our members who've featured as portraits over the years. We can't wait to continue celebrating members who go the extra mile in supporting our Society through a Making A Difference Award. To nominate a member for 2019, contact your Branch Secretary for an application form.

Congratulations

Christine Shelton, our Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), has been very privileged to present bouquets to our members who have celebrated their 50th and 60th Wedding Anniversaries.



On Thursday 6 September, **Brian and Pat Lawson** celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Brian and Pat got married at St Mary's Church, Chaddesden.



On Friday 7 September, **John and Kathleen Robinson** celebrated their Golden Wedding. John and Kathleen got married at St James's Church in Crosshill, Ripley.

Many congratulations to them and wishing them many more happy years together.

Obituaries

Lilian Sellars
Good Samaritan Branch

Jack Clarke
Stanhope Branch

Patricia Walker
Good Intent Branch

Raymond Dallison
Good Samaritan Branch

Ruth Peck
King George IV Branch

Terry Brookes
Pares Branch



No Shame

There is no shame in crying
There is no shame of feeling sad
There is no shame in grieving
For the loved ones you once had.

There is no shame of hurting
There is no shame in sorrow
Grief has no time limit
Could be today, could be tomorrow.

There is no shame in silence
There is no shame in tears
It may take a while
Days or months or years.

Remember we all are different
Know one grieves the same
But how ever long it takes
Remember there is no shame.

John F Connor

Keep your thoughts positive because
your thoughts become your words.

Keep your words positive because
your words become your behaviour.

Keep your behaviour positive because
your behaviour becomes your habits.

Keep your habits positive because
your habits become your values.

Keep your values positive because
your values become your Destiny.

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