

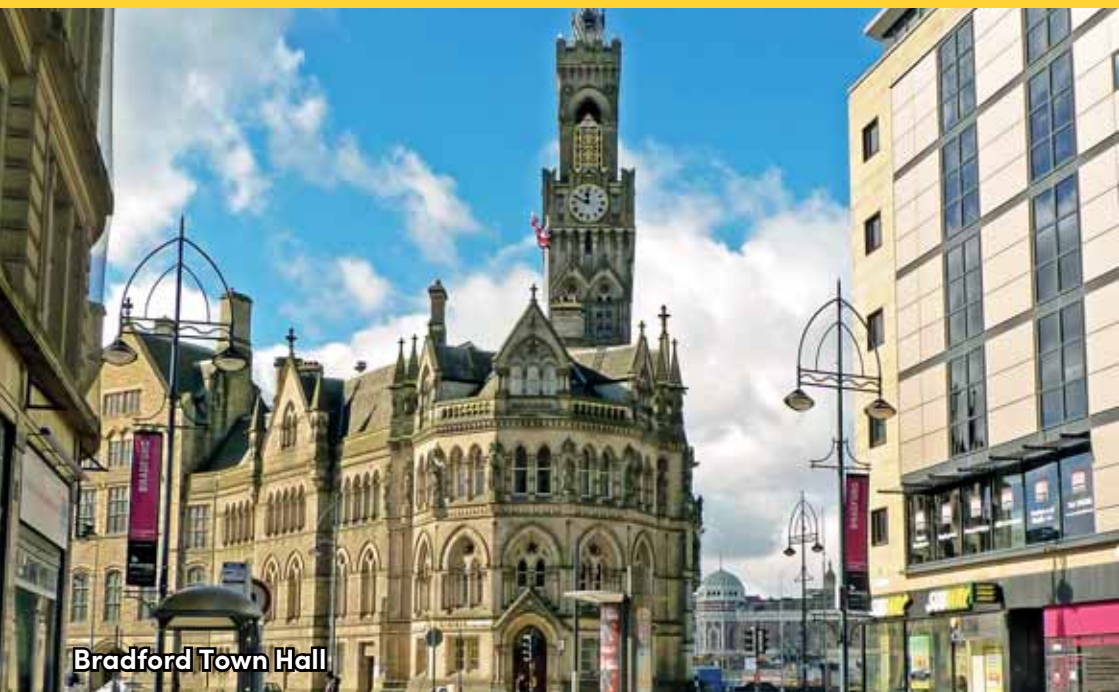
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making friends, helping people

out & about

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Weekend Away to Llandudno – Friday 4 October

Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for Bradford Branch of Oddfellows.

As a local Branch of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. In addition, our members are provided with a range of advice and support services when needed. We are basically a group of friends brought together through a shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of all of our upcoming events.

Everybody is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to

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you and your friends to attend any events that take your fancy. We like to think we can guarantee you a good time.

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.

Carlton House

46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA.
Meets alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

Woodbottom Social Club

Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP
Meet alternate weeks. Licensed bar open.

Carr Lane Club

39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ.

Various

See description

My Next Chapter Workshop

Sessions to help you think and plan for what's next in life



10am



Members £6 per session, Guests £8 per session



Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA
Lead by accredited coach and facilitator Bev Morton

Wednesday 9 October - Introduction to Core Themes. Exploring where are you now in your life?

Wednesday 23 October - Exploring where you have been, your journey so far

Wednesday 6 November - What are your needs?

Wednesday 20 November - Where are you going and why?

Wednesday 4 December - Designing your life, finding your joy



All sessions followed by a light lunch. Booking is essential, limited places so please book early. You must book onto all five sessions by Friday 23 September. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

October 2019

THURS
03

Talk - Bradford History set in Stone



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Allan Hillary is joining us with a presentation about the history surrounding Undercliffe Cemetery. Followed by a sandwich supper. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.



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THURS
10

Octoberfest Food and Wine Evening



7.30pm



Members £8
Guests £12



A chance to sample German food, wine and beer. Can you tell the wines from the tasting notes and prices? Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.



FRI
04

Weekend Away to Llandudno



9.30am



£235 plus £20 single supplement



Enjoy a three night break to the Hydro Hotel, Llandudno. Cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast, coach travel from Shipley or Bradford, gratuities, trips out and entertainment.

Hydro Hotel, Nevill Crescent, Llandudno LL30 1AS. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.



October 2019

MON
14

Film - Stan and Ollie



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a lunch of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by a big screen showing of the film - 'Stan and Ollie'. Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS
17

An Evening of Skittles



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



It could be your lucky night - you could win but if not it will still be a lot of fun. Followed by a sausage and mash supper.



Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
18

Film - Colette



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a sandwich lunch, followed by the film - 'Colette'.

Colette is pushed by her husband to write novels under his name. Upon their success, she fights to

make her talents known, challenging gender norms. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



THURS
24

Film - The Keeper



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



A big screen showing of the film 'The Keeper'. A look at how a German POW and a young English woman overcame prejudice, personal tragedy and public hostility as World War II came to an end. Followed by a supper of soup and a roll. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

October 2019

FRI
25

Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks St Ives Coppice Pond



10.30am



Free



Join us on our first wander. All walks will be short and accessible and will finish close to either a cafe or pub, so we can have a cuppa and a natter. Meet Emma at the second carpark near the play park for a short stroll around the back of the hall to Coppice Pond and then on to the tea rooms. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we may be able to arrange a lift. St Ives Estate, Harden Road, Harden, Bingley BD16 1AT. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



WED
30

Lunch Club Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 28 October. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



THURS
31

District Officers Visit to Tree of Life Branch



7.30pm



Members £6
Guests £10



Join us for an evening of entertainment from Anne Tonks. A buffet supper will be served during the evening. The District Officers Visit is now just a social gathering, but used to be when the District Officers visited Branch members and inspected the books. The raffle will be raising money towards our Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity appeal - Principle Trust Children's Charity. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

November

THURS
07

Carpet Bowls



£ Members £4
Guests £7



A fun evening of Carpet Bowls – can you become our champion? In addition we will be having a book and DVD sale in aid of our Chairman's charity – The Principle Trust. So why not have a look to see what film you've not seen. Followed by a supper of Pie and Peas. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
08

Afternoon Tea with Prosecco



£ Members £15
Guests £21.50



Join your friends for a chat and catch up over afternoon tea. Enjoy a selection of sandwiches, scones, jams, clotted cream and strawberries, cakes, teas and coffees. Book by Friday 1 November. Midland Hotel, Forster Square, Bradford BD1 4HU. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

MON
11

Film – Red Joan



£ Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for a lunch of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by the film 'Red Joan'. The year is 2000 and Joan Stanley is living in



contented retirement in suburbia at the turn of the millennium. Her tranquil life is suddenly disrupted when she's arrested by MI5 and accused of providing intelligence to Communist Russia.

Cut to 1938 where Joan is a Cambridge physics student who falls for young communist Leo Galich and through him, begins to see the world in a new light. Working at a top-secret nuclear research facility during WWII, Joan comes to the realisation that the world is on the brink of mutually assured destruction. Confronted with an impossible question – what price would you pay for peace? – Joan must choose between betraying her country and loved ones, or saving them.

Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

November

TUES
12

British Red Cross First Aid Training



10am



Members £4
Guests £6



The British Red Cross through their adult education team work with organisations and community groups in Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale and the surrounding communities who support adults who are or are in contact with older adults. This First Aid Training session has had the clinical language removed to ensure that it is easy to learn and therefore easy to remember in an emergency situation. The session will last two hours and is for up to 15 people. It will be followed by a light lunch. Book by Friday 18 October. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



THURS
14

Committee of Management Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our Committee of Management Meeting to progress and grow our Branch. It is open to all members and we would be delighted to see you. Licensed bar open and a light supper is provided. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
15

Film - The Upside



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a lunch of soup and roll followed by the film 'The Upside'. Phillip (Bryan Cranston) is a wealthy quadriplegic who needs a care taker to help him with his day-to-day routine in his New York penthouse. He decides to hire Dell (Kevin Hart), a struggling parolee who's trying to reconnect with his ex and his young son. Despite coming from two different worlds, an unlikely friendship starts to blossom as Dell and Phillip rediscover the joy of living life to the fullest. Based on a true story. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS
21

Talk - A Walk in the Park



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



An interesting talk and slide show from Steve Warrillow



at Denso Marston Nature Reserve. Followed by a sausage sandwich supper. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

November

WED 27 Lunch Club Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 25 November. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



THURS 28 St Andrews Night with a Scottish Quiz



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and celebrate St Andrews Night - test your knowledge of all things Scottish. A supper of mince and tatties will be served. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI 29 Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Haworth



10.30am



Free



Join us on a festive stroll around Haworth. Meet Emma at the upper level of Bronte Village Coach and Car Park (there is a charge for parking). We will walk down past the parsonage down the steep cobbled Main Street (this may not be suitable for those who are unsteady or have limited mobility due to the cobbles). After checking out the festive shops and finding a nice cafe we will have a gentle stroll back up to the car park. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we may be able to arrange a lift. Haworth (Bronte Village Coach and Car Park), Haworth, Keighley BD22 8QN. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

December

MON 02 Lunch with Carol Singing



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a sandwich lunch, mince pies, mulled wine or sherry followed by an enjoyable sing along of Christmas carols. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

December

THURS
05

Globe Christmas Party



7.30pm



Members £6
Guests £10



Join us for our Christmas party with entertainment from Geoff Grayson. A buffet supper will be served during the evening and a raffle will be held with the proceeds going to the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) charity - The Principle Trust Children's Charity. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.



MON
09

Christmas Film - The Bishops Wife



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a meat and potato pie lunch followed by the film 'The Bishops Wife'. Dejected by his efforts to raise money, to build a cathedral, Bishop Henry Brougham beseeches heaven for guidance and is visited by Dudley who claims to be an angel. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

TUES
10

Festive Stained Glass Workshop



10am



Members £15
Guests £18



Join Artist Samantha Yates for a two and half hour morning session of Tiffany style glass making to create your own festive stained glass decoration. Samantha will guide you through the art of glass cutting, grinding and soldering using copper foiling to create a beautiful unique glass ornament for you to take home. Followed by a light festive lunch. Booking is essential because there are limited places. Book by Friday 15 November. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

December

THURS
12

Tree of Life Christmas



7.30pm



Members £6
Guests £10



Join us for our Christmas party with entertainment this year from Hayley. A buffet supper will be served during the evening and a raffle will be held in aid of our Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) appeal - The Principle Trust Children's Charity. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

MON
16

Napoleons Casino Christmas Lunch



1pm



£17



Enjoy Christmas lunch at Napoleons Casino. Price includes three course meal and £5 machine bet. Choice of meal requires pre-ordering, menu available from Janet, Maureen or Emma. Book by Friday 15 November. Napoleons Casino, 37 Bolton Road, Bradford BD1 4DR. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.



WED
18

Christmas Lunch Club Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £7
Guests £10



A four course home-made Christmas lunch complete with all the trimmings - crackers and chocolates. There could be a visit from Santa if he's not too busy at the North Pole! Numbers are limited and priority will be given to regular attendees. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 16 December. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



FRI
20

Not Christmas Film - Three Identical Strangers



12.30pm




Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a lunch of fish and chips, followed by the film 'Three Identical Strangers'. Identical triplets become separated at birth and adopted by three different families. Their amazing reunion become a global sensation, but it also unearths an unimaginable secret that has radical repercussions. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

December

SAT 21 Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Harlow Carr Evening Walk

 6.30pm  TBC



Join us for a magical festive evening walk at RHS Harlow Carr. See the amazing festive lights whilst we stroll around the gardens. This is a special Christmas event so there will be a charge that we will confirm once it has been announced. Followed by a visit to the gift shop and cafe. Meet Emma in the car park. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we may be able to arrange a lift. RHS Harlow Carr, Crag Lane, Harrogate HG3 1QB. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

January 2020

THURS 09 Fish and Chip Supper with Auction

 7.30pm  Members £4
Guests £7



Bring your unwanted Christmas presents for an Auction to raise money



for the Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) appeal - The Principle Trust Children's Charity. Followed by a fish and chip supper. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

January 2020

THURS 02 Snowman Beetle

 7.30pm  Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy our traditional start to the new year with an evening among friends with a game of Snowman Beetle. Followed by a pie and pea supper. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Emma on 07432 047213.



FRI 10 Alhambra Theatre - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

 7.15pm  See below



Don't miss the magic of this year's enchanting family pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs starring Alhambra Theatre panto legend Billy Pearce, pop star and Strictly Come Dancing finalist Faye Tozer and family TV favourite Paul Chuckle. Cost: Free for junior members, £29 for adult members, £33 for guests. Book by Thursday 31 October. Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford BD7 1JA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

January 2020

MON
13

Film - Sometimes Always Never



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for a lunch of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by the film 'Sometimes Always Never'. A man searches tirelessly for his missing son who he has not seen in years. When a body is located, the entire family's life is turned upside down and they must all learn how to reconnect with one another. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



THURS
16

Committee of Management Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our Committee of Management Meeting to progress and grow our branch. We are open to all members and would be delighted to see you. A light super is provided. Licensed bar open. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
17

Film - Castaway



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a lunch of soup and a roll followed by the film 'Castaway'. Obsessively punctual executive Chuck Nolan is en-route to an assignment in Malaysia when his plane crashes over the Pacific Ocean during a storm. The sole survivor of the flight, Chuck washes ashore on a deserted island. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS
23

Burns Night



7.30pm



Members £6
Guests £8



Join us for an excellent evening which includes a three course Burns Night supper, with a whisky toast to the haggis. Piper John Balderston



will again be joining us to pipe in the Haggis. Book by Thursday 16 January. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

January 2020

TUES **28** **Coffee Morning Skill** **Share - Keeping Warm**



10.30am



Members £4
Guests £7



Need advice about staying warm this winter? Come along and have a chat, share ideas and get some tips on staying warm and surviving the winter months. Followed by soup and a roll. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

WED **29** **Lunch Club Dine** **with Friends**



12 noon



Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 27 January. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS **30** **Carpet Bowls**



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for an evening of carpet bowls - can you become our champion? Followed by cottage pie supper. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI **31** **Oddies Wanderers Gentle** **Walks - Cliffe Castle** **Museum and Gardens**



10.30am



Free



Join us on our first walk of the New Year. We will walk around the grounds of Cliffe Castle which have recently been renovated. There is a cafe in the grounds and people can visit the museum (free) if they would like to. Meet Emma at the carpark. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we might be able to arrange a lift. Cliffe Castle Museum, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LQ. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

February

THURS **06** **Talk - From Prison** **to Palace**



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for another excellent talk from Veronica Bird OBE. Veronica spent over 35 years as a Prison Governor and will join us again to relate more incidents from her very interesting career. Followed by a sandwich supper. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

February

MON
10

Film - Green Book



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a lunch of soup and a roll followed by a big screen showing of the film 'Green Book'. A working class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through 1960s American South. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS
13

Inter District Quiz - Bradford Heat



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Join a team of four to compete in the Bradford Heat of our Inter-District



quiz, or just come along and enjoy. We always have an excellent evening with lots of laughs! The evening will finish with a meat and potato pie supper. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS
20

Bingo Evening



7.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for an entertaining evening of bingo with friends. Could you be a winner? Followed by a cornish pasty supper. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
21

Film - Yesterday



12.30pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a lunch of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by the film 'Yesterday'. Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global black out Jack wakes up to discover that the Beatles have never existed. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

February

TUES
25

Coffee Morning Skill Share - Internet Shopping



10.30am



Members £4
Guests £7



Welcome to our coffee morning to share skills and information about internet shopping. How to do it? What to be aware of? Followed by a sandwich lunch. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



WED
26

Lunch Club Dine with Friends



12 noon



Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 24 February. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS
27

District Chairman's Presentation Evening



7.30pm



Members £6
Guests £10



Join us in celebrating the final event of our Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) year, with a cheque presentation to The Principle Trust. There will be entertainment with a buffet supper served mid way through the evening. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
28

Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Denso Marston Nature Reserve



10.30am



Free



Join the warden Steve Warrillow for a walk around the reserve. Slightly longer than our previous walks because Steve will lead the walk and tell us some of the history of the reserve and point out anything of interest. There is no charge but there is a donation box. The site has accessible paths and toilets and can offer a cuppa, those who want lunch can get a meal in the Half Way House. Meet Steve and Emma in The Half Way House Car Park. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we may be able to arrange a lift. Denso Marston Nature Reserve, Otley Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 7JR. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.

March

THURS 05 Can You Tell the Difference - Gourmet or Value Brands

7.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



Join us and see if your taste buds can tell the difference between Brands branded as Gourmet and Value. Is it worth you paying the difference? A variety of food to taste. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

MON 09 Film - Country Girl

12.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a lunch of jacket potatoes with various fillings followed by a big screen showing of the film 'Country Girl'. Bing Crosby stars as the hard-drinking Frank Elgin, a once-popular Broadway star whose glory days have passed. When director Bernie Dodd (William Holden) gives Elgin a role in his new musical, he must also deal with the actor's sour and ever-present wife, Georgie (Grace Kelly), who Dodd believes is the cause of her husband's failure. However, as Dodd spends more time around Georgie, the truth about her husband becomes clear. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

THURS 12 St Patrick's Day

7.30pm

Members £6
Guests £10



Join us to enjoy all things Irish - Celtic foods and traditional Irish drinks.

Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA.

Contact Janet on 01943 878864.



FRI 13 Bradford District Annual Summomed Meeting

7.30pm

Free



Please support our annual business meeting and participate in discussions which affect the running of your District Branch. A free super of pie and peas will be served at the end of the meeting. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

March

THURS 19 Committee of Management Meeting

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for our Committee of Management meeting to progress and grow our Branch. We are open to all members and would be delighted to see you. A light super is provided. Licensed bar open. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

FRI 20 Film - Out of Towners

⌚ 12.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a cornish pasty lunch followed by the film 'Out of Towners'. With the children out of the house, Henry (Steve Martin) and Nancy Clark (Goldie Hawn) head to New York City to embrace their cosmopolitan dreams. Henry has set up a job interview with an advertising firm, and Nancy hopes to add some spice to their marriage. But nothing goes according to plan for the couple, as they endure lost luggage, muggers, a diffident desk clerk (John Cleese) and a disastrous tour of the city that never sleeps -- and won't leave them alone! Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

TUES 24 Coffee Morning Skill Share - Spring Cleaning

⌚ 10.30am

£ Members £4
Guests £7



Do you have time and energy saving tips to help clean your house? What can you do with vinegar or baby oil? Come along to share your ideas and maybe learn some cleaning tips. Followed by a light lunch. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



WED 25 Lunch Club Dine with Friends

⌚ 12 noon

£ Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 23 March. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

March

THURS 26 **Table Top Treasure Hunt**

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £7



Join us to see if in teams you can work your way around a map, using clues to find the final destination. Finishes with a supper of jacket potatoes with a choice of filling. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI 27 **Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Otley Chevin Walk**

🕒 10.30am

£ Free



Join us for a stroll around Otley Chevin Forest and look for some of the sculptures followed by a cuppa at The Royalty Public House. Meet Emma at the Otley Chevin Forest Park Car Park. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we may be able to arrange a lift. Otley Chevin Forest Park Car Park, Otley Chevin, Otley LS21 3DD. Contact Emma on 07432 047213.



Forthcoming Event in April

THURS 02 **Call my Bluff**

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for our version of Call My Bluff, followed by a sandwich supper. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

MON 06 **Film - Instant Family**

🕒 12.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a sandwich lunch followed by a big screen showing of the film 'Instant Family'. A couple find themselves in over their heads when they foster three children. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.



Forthcoming Event in April

THURS
09

Games Night

7.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



A fun evening of ten pin bowling, Jenga and Four in a Row followed by a sandwich supper. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS
16

Quiz on Adverts - Past and Present

7.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



Do you know your adverts? Let's test your knowledge and see who can be our Advert Champion. Followed by a supper of pie and peas. Woodbottom Social Club, Otley Road, Baildon Bridge, Shipley BD17 7EP. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

THURS
23

An evening of Darts and Dominoes

7.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



Enjoy a fun evening competing at darts and dominoes. You could be a new champion! Followed by a jacket potato supper with a selection of fillings. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Maureen on 01274 580230 or Janet on 01943 878864.

FRI
24

Film - Toy Story 4

12.30pm

Members £4
Guests £7



Come and join us for a lunch of sandwiches followed by the film 'Toy Story 4'. Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. Carr Lane Club, 39 Carr Lane, Shipley BD18 2NQ. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.

WED
29

Lunch Club Dine with Friends

12 noon

Members £6
Guests £10



Join your friends and enjoy a home-made three course lunch. Booking and payment must be made at least two days before. Book by Monday 27 April. Carlton House, 46 Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BA. Contact Janet on 01943 878864 or Emma on 07432 047213.





Weekend Away to Scarborough May 2020

Delmont Hotel, Blenheim Terrace, Scarborough YO12 7HE

Enjoy a three night break to the Delmont Hotel, Scarborough. With splendid views over Scarborough's North Bay, this family run hotel is just half mile from the lovely town centre.

Cost: Members £200. Guests £220. Plus £20 single supplement. Cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast, coach travel from Shipley or Bradford, gratuities, trips out and entertainment.

Contact Janet on 01943 873348 or Emma on 07432 047213.

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October 2019

● Thurs 3	Talk – Bradford History set in Stone	7.30pm
● Fri 4	Weekend Away to Llandudno	9.30am
● Wed 9	My Next Chapter Workshop	10am
● Thurs 10	Octoberfest Food and Wine Evening	7.30pm
● Mon 14	Film – Stan and Ollie	12.30pm
● Thurs 17	An Evening of Skittles	7.30pm
● Fri 18	Film – Colette	12.30pm
● Wed 23	My Next Chapter Workshop	10am
● Thurs 24	Film – The Keeper	7.30pm
● Fri 25	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks – St Ives Coppice Pond	10.30am
● Wed 30	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 31	District Officers Visit to Tree of Life Branch	7.30pm

November

● Wed 6	My Next Chapter Workshop	10am
● Thurs 7	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
● Fri 8	Afternoon Tea with Prosecco at the Midland	2pm
● Mon 11	Film – Red Joan	12.30pm
● Tues 12	British Red Cross First Aid Training	10am
● Thurs 14	Committee of Management Meeting	7.30pm
● Fri 15	Film – The Upside	12.30pm
● Wed 20	My Next Chapter Workshop	10am
● Thurs 21	Talk – A Walk in the Park	7.30pm
● Wed 27	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 28	St Andrews Night with a Scottish Quiz	7.30pm
● Fri 29	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks – Haworth	10.30am

December

● Mon 2	Lunch with Carol Singing	12.30pm
● Wed 4	My Next Chapter Workshop	10am

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December

● Thurs 5	Globe Christmas Party	7.30pm
● Mon 9	Christmas Film – The Bishops Wife	12.30pm
● Tues 10	Festive Stained Glass Workshop	10am
● Thurs 12	Tree of Life Christmas	7.30pm
● Mon 16	Napoleons Casino Christmas Lunch	1pm
● Wed 18	Christmas Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Fri 20	Not Christmas Film – Three Identical Strangers	12.30pm
● Sat 21	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks – Harlow Carr Evening Walk	6.30pm

January 2020

● Thurs 2	Snowman Beetle	7.30pm
● Thurs 9	Fish and Chip Supper with Auction	7.30pm
● Fri 10	Alhambra Theatre – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Pantomime	7.15pm
● Mon 13	Film – Sometimes Always Never	12.30pm
● Thurs 16	Committee of Management Meeting	7.30pm
● Fri 17	Film – Castaway	12.30pm
● Thurs 23	Burns Night	7.30pm
● Tues 28	Coffee Morning Skill Share – Keeping Warm	10.30am
● Wed 29	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 30	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm
● Fri 31	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks – Cliffe Castle Museum and Gardens	10.30am

February

● Thurs 6	Talk – From Prison to Palace	7.30pm
● Mon 10	Film – Green Book	12.30pm
● Thurs 13	Inter District Quiz – Bradford Heat	7.30pm
● Thurs 20	Bingo Evening	7.30pm

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February

● Fri 21	Film - Yesterday	12.30pm
● Tues 25	Coffee Morning Skill Share - Internet Shopping	10.30am
● Wed 26	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 27	District Chairman's Presentation Evening	7.30pm
● Fri 28	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Denso Marston Nature Reserve	10.30am

March

● Thurs 5	Can You Tell the Difference - Gourmet or Value Brands	7.30pm
● Mon 9	Film - Country Girl	12.30pm
● Thurs 12	St Patrick's Day	7.30pm
● Fri 13	Bradford District Annual Summoned Meeting	7.30pm
● Thurs 19	Committee of Management Meeting	7.30pm
● Fri 20	Film - Out of Towners	12.30pm
● Tues 24	Coffee Morning Skill Share - Spring Cleaning	10.30am
● Wed 25	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Thurs 26	Table Top Treasure Hunt	7.30pm
● Fri 27	Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks - Otley Chevin Walk	10.30am

Forthcoming Events - April

● Thurs 2	Call my Bluff	7.30pm
● Mon 6	Film - Instant Family	12.30pm
● Thurs 9	Games Night	7.30pm
● Thurs 16	Quiz on Adverts - Past and Present	7.30pm
● Thurs 23	An evening of Darts and Dominoes	7.30pm
● Fri 24	Film - Toy Story 4	12.30pm
● Wed 29	Lunch Club Dine with Friends	12 noon
● Fri 1 May	Weekend Away to Scarborough	9.30am

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Bradford District News and Reviews

This is your newsletter so if you have any ideas for items please send them in. Maybe you have a favourite recipe, joke or a celebration that you would like to share with other members? Why not write about a social event you've attended or send in photos?

All items will be gratefully received. Any member wishing to contribute an article should please send them to me (details on the right). I look forward to hearing from you.

Janet Booth
Branch Secretary

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Welcome to our new Development and Social Co-Ordinator

Emma Marshall joined the Bradford Oddfellows in June 2019 as a part time Development and Social Coordinator. Emma had no previous knowledge about the Oddfellows and was excited to learn their history and to be part of such a wonderful organisation.

The focus of Emma's role will be recruiting new members and looking at ideas for future social events. She has already taken over organising the Llandudno trip in October and is keen to get members ideas about potential future trips and activities.

On a personal note, Emma and her partner Steve live in Bingley and have one



son. They both share a love of nature, particularly wildlife and look forward to their annual holidays in Scotland.

Emma's contact details are:
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Festive Stained Glass Workshop

Join artist Samantha Yates, on Tuesday 10 December at 10am, for a two and a half hour session of Tiffany Style Glass Making, to create your own stained glass decoration. Samantha will guide you through the art of glass cutting, grinding and soldering using copper foiling to create a beautiful unique glass ornament for you to take home.

Session will take place at Carlton House followed by a light festive lunch. Booking is essential because there are limited places. Cost: Members £15 and non-members £18. Booking forms are available from Janet Booth or Emma Marshall and places must be booked by Friday 15 November 2019.



The District Chairman's Chosen Charity Appeal – The Principle Trust

In 1956 Mike Davies sadly lost his mum to cancer. Mike was only five years old at the time and he can only recall one family holiday when he was aged two.

Mike's father had to work more than one job to provide for his family, but this meant there was little time or money left for days out and holidays together.

The Principle Trust Children's charity



The charity was founded in 2011 to improve the quality of life for young children and their families or carers, who are disadvantaged socially, physically, emotionally or as a result of extreme poverty, through the provision of free respite breaks and holidays.

The charity works with 22 local partners. These include social services, schools, children's centres, charities and organisations.



Main Facts:

Each holiday home costs approx. £11,000 per year to run. This includes upkeep, ground rent, insurance, utilities, cleaning, repairs, replacement items etc.





That's a minimum of £44,000 a year that we need to raise.

One week's family break costs £300

Holiday Home Facts

4★ Haven Holiday Park, Marton

Mere, Blackpool

3 Luxury Homes

99 holidays per year per home

(March - November)

Ribblesdale Park, Guisburn

1 Adapted Log Cabin

52 holidays per year

Osteoporosis and Cortical Visual impairment. These conditions mean that Toby spends most of his time in a wheelchair, apart from an hour a day, when he can use his standing frame.

Toby was referred to the charity by Forget Me Not Hospice and having only been given a life expectancy of six, he spent his 10th birthday with his mum, step-dad and grandparents at the charity's log cabin holiday home in Ribblesdale Park.

Did you know that approximately 12 % of children in North Yorkshire and 29% in West Yorkshire are living in poverty?

Approximately 8,000 children have been identified in need of a Specialist Children's Service. With 12,500 referrals to Social Care, 1,500 children in care, 950 children subject of Child Protection Plans and there are 1,250 severely disabled children. A frightening fact in just two counties in Yorkshire, let alone the UK.

Toby's Story

Toby is a bright, cheerful, playful and energetic little boy with a lot to deal with. Among other things Toby has been diagnosed with Severe Global Development Delay, Epilepsy, Spasticity,



"Because Toby is severely disabled, Toby's grandparents haven't been able to look after him and get involved in the way most grandparents can, so it meant so much to have them with us. We made memories that will be with us forever. Because of Toby's condition we never know what's round the corner. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, it's these little breaks that help us recharge and keep going," said Toby's mum, Lynsey.

NHS Foundation Trust



Not only do the Charity send children and their families on breaks, sometimes those children do not have a family and are either living in care or foster homes.

Anni from Bradford Social Services explains how the holidays help the children she deals with.

“Within the fostering service, coming into care can be really overwhelming for some young people. Having a holiday with The Principle Trust allowed one family to have some neutral ground to ‘get to know each other better’.

The social workers also reported how fantastic this trip had been in allowing the foster parents to make some special memories with the children and young people in their care.”

Embrace - Child Victims of Crime Charity



Our newest partner is Embrace. Embrace CVOC is the only national charity that is solely focused on supporting children and young people who have been the victims of serious crime and their immediate

families. Children are among the most vulnerable victims in our communities.

Each and every child referred to the Charity from Embrace has gone through something so extreme it will affect them for the rest of their lives. They have witnessed murder, have been involved in road traffic incidents, their parents have committed suicide, have suffered sexual abuse... the list goes on.

Working with Embrace has given the charity another angle and has therefore increased the number of children they now support. These children need time, support and a break from everyday life, which is where the charity helps.

The Future - What next

What the Charity does ‘measurably works and makes a positive & meaningful difference’. Provide ‘more of the same’- FREE holidays to underprivileged, disadvantaged and disabled children

The Log Cabin for ‘respite care’ is proving extremely popular and fills quickly! Partner Consultations highlights the need for further holidays & breaks for children with complex medical or caring needs in a quieter environment, closer to hospital or home- just in case!

The Principle Trust aim to obtain another LOG CABIN - asap! To help with this, Bob has chosen this as his main charity and we hope that our members will help with this goal.

Bridlington Trip

On Friday 12 April, 25 members and Philip, our Dewhirst coach driver, set off to stay at The Monarch Hotel, Bridlington. We stopped for lunch at Helmsley, then on to our hotel. We arrived in plenty of time to settle in before our evening meal and entertainment.

Saturday was a half day trip to Beverley, giving our members time to have a wander around then back on the coach to Bridlington. Philip stopped near the centre to allow anyone who wished to get off and walk around the town, then took the remainder back to the hotel for a rest before the evening meal and the entertainment.

On Sunday, we travelled to Whitby on a scenic route for a whole day out. At Whitby, we had time to have lunch and wander around the town. We then travelled back via Scarborough, arriving back for a rest before dinner and an evening of bingo.

Each evening we ran our own raffle to raise money for our Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) two charities.



Several other guests staying at the hotel joined in and over the three evenings we raised a total of £173.

Monday morning we started our return journey to Bradford, stopping on the way for lunch and arriving back around 4pm. Once again we had a safe and enjoyable journey thanks to our Dewhirst's driver, Philip. Everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed friendship and events.

Why not join us on Friday 1 May 2020 on our three night weekend to Scarborough. Full details are in the Events Diary. There are a limited number of single rooms.

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Inter District Quiz Final

On Saturday 30 June 2019, the Bradford Branch hosted the Inter-District Quiz Finals at Carlton House, Bradford. Over 50 people attended and were treated to a wonderful buffet provided by Janet Booth our District Secretary.

On the evening, a magnificent £300 was raised for our Provincial Grand Master's (District Chairman) appeal - The Principle Trust (a children's charity).

Throughout the year, teams from Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Leeds and Vale of York have participated in the quiz nights, culminating in the top three teams attending the finals, Huddersfield, Leeds and Vale of York.



First Place Leeds

Our new Development and Social Co-ordinator Emma, was tasked with coming up with the questions and after two rounds, the winners were Leeds with Huddersfield coming second and Vale of York third. Bradford District Chairman Bob Campbell presented the teams with their quiz trophies.



Second Place Huddersfield



Third Place Vale of York

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National Arboretum

On Thursday 1 August, a dedication ceremony took place of the Oddfellows Memorial at the National Arboretum. This had been funded by donations from various Branches.



Be There: Simply Listen

Once, many years ago, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer and was scheduled for a mastectomy.

That morning I attended a college class in which the husband of a good friend was also a student. Most mornings we said hello to one another and that was about it - he would sit with his guy friends, and I usually sat alone. When

he entered class that morning, he came and sat next to me. He never mentioned my mom, never talked about the situation at all... he just sat next to me and chatted a bit.

That was the day I learned that sometimes the kindest act is just to BE there... and I always remember this as one of the most touching acts of kindness I've ever received.

Looking after yourself

New Activities

This autumn we are adding some new events to our social diary around the theme of 'looking after yourself'.



There is a five week course 'My Next Chapter... Sessions to help you to think and plan for what's next in life'. These sessions will run fortnightly at Carlton House, from 9 October, on a Wednesday morning from 10am until 12.30pm, followed by a light lunch. Accredited coach and facilitator Bev Morton will help participants to explore life opportunities going forward in life. This course has limited places so you need to book on to all five sessions by Friday 13 September 2019, members £6 per session, non-members £8 per session. Booking forms are available from Janet Booth or Emma Marshall.



The Oddies Wanderers Gentle Walks

Emma Marshall will be leading some local walks on the last Friday of each month starting on Friday 25 October 2019. All walks, where possible, will be short and accessible and will finish close to either a café or a pub so people can have a cuppa and a natter. You do not need to book onto these events just turn up at the carpark to meet Emma. Most of the walks are free, but there may be a car parking charge at some places. The exception will be Harlow Carr where there will be a charge, not yet confirmed, to go into the grounds. If you do not have transport let us know well in advance and we might be able to arrange a lift.

Planned walks so far are:

Friday 25 October 2019

St Ives Estate, Bingley

Friday 29 November 2019

Haworth Main Street

Saturday 21 December 2019 (special Saturday evening event)

Harlow Carr Christmas Lights

Friday 31 January 2020

Cliffe Castle Keighley

Friday 28 February 2020

Denso Marston Nature Reserve, Shipley

March 2020

Otley Chevin

No walk in April.

Shared Skills Coffee Mornings

In the New Year we will be hosting a monthly shared skills coffee morning at Carlton House on Tuesday mornings. Come along and share your skills and knowledge and hopefully pick up some useful tips. Event starts at 10.30am followed by a light lunch. £4 for members and £6 for non-members.

Tuesday 28 January 2020

Keeping Warm

Tuesday 25 February 2020

Internet Shopping

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Tips on Spring Cleaning

Funny Thoughts for the Day

Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad.

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a 'Broker'?

Why isn't there a mouse flavoured cat food?

Why do they call the airport 'the terminal' if flying is so safe?

I had the blues because I had no shoes until upon the street, I met a man who had no feet. - Ancient Persian Saying

If people from Poland are called 'Poles', why aren't people from Holland called 'Holes'?

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.

Why are a wise man and wise guy opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?

Sanity may be madness but the maddest of all is to see life as it is and not as it should be.

Don Quixote



Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

None of us know what is around the corner...

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.

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Janet on **01943 878864** or email janet.booth@oddfellows.co.uk

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

Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!

To celebrate our wonderful members and their contributions to the Society as a whole, we launched the first official Making a Difference Awards late last year, and after careful consideration from the judges, we're ready to reveal the winners!

The judges had a hard time selecting this year's winners, with many worthy nominations received across the awards' categories. But after much deliberation, four fabulous members were announced at this year's annual conference.

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "So many of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and get support. It's important that we reward those who go above and beyond for their Branch when we can and the Making a Difference Awards is the perfect way to do this.

"Huge congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated, and doesn't go unnoticed."

Member nominations for 2020 are now open. Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, fundraising, caring for other members, or doing their very best for the Branch? Download a member nomination form from www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference or contact your Branch Secretary.



Bill, Vivienne, David and Faye with Grand Master Bill Henchcliff after being presented with their awards.

2019 Making a Difference Award Winners

FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Vivienne Simpson

Burton-on-Trent District

FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

Bill Rainsbury

North West Kent District

FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

David Smith

Cleveland and Durham District

FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

Faye Chadwick

Huddersfield District

Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference takes place in Sunny Southport

For 2019, our Annual Movable Conference (AMC) returned to Southport and we really did have the weather on our side! Each year our members get together to catch up, celebrate the past 12 months, vote on important Society matters, and of course, welcome the new Grand Master (Society Chairman).

With a jam-packed schedule mixing business with pleasure, AMC is a great opportunity for members to learn about the business side of the Society and our traditions, as well as meet and mingle with other Branches.



Oddfellows members enjoyed the annual bowls competition



Business began by paying tribute to some of our late Past Grand Masters: Sydney Bolton, Andrew Porter, and Keith Adamson



Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday



A 60s themed dance kicked off the celebrations at the Grand Master's Welcome Party

At our conference, Deputies vote on decisions that will impact the Society's business focus moving forward. For example, this year it was decided that our H A Andrews Memorial Fund would support Lupus Trust with a donation of £85,000 over three years. Plus, to celebrate our growing membership, we presented a number of Branches with our annual recruitment awards.

These include the Ken Hughes Silver Salver Award, won this year by Pride of Woolwich Branch, and the Lillian Ogden Recruitment trophy, awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch. Members can help their Branches to win awards too, as we also present the Refer a Friend Awards, to recognise Branches which have a great network of strong member advocates.



An array of Oddfellows merchandise was available for members to purchase



The "Refer a Friend" Award for the highest number of member advocates was awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch, with 31 members recruiting a new member in 2018

Thank you Bill Henchliff

A huge thank you as always to our now Immediate Past Grand Master Bill Henchliff, who says:

"It has been a great honour to be Grand Master of the Order. I couldn't possibly choose a favourite moment from the past year, but meeting all the members across the country, especially the two Centenarians from Hartlepool and Derby, has been quite special. The support and advice I have received from my colleagues on the Board, from the CEO and Insurance Director, and the External Non-Executive Directors has been invaluable."

Bill has some sound words of advice to welcome the new Grand Master, David Randall. "Be yourself and enjoy the year, it goes very quickly!"



If you have a business head, or a passion for organisation, why not get involved with your Branch's Committee of Management? And if you'd be interested in becoming a Deputy at a future AMC, you can find out how by visiting our website, or speaking to your Branch Secretary.

Meet our new Grand Master:

David Randall, Gipping Branch Secretary

How did it feel being installed in front of such a large crowd at the AMC?

It was such a proud moment and one I will cherish forever. My involvement in the Oddfellows is something I take very seriously, and I'm pleased to be able to use my time as Grand Master to raise awareness of the Oddfellows and the benefits of becoming a member with the general public, as well as doing my best to meet as many members as possible around the country.



So what's your Oddfellows background?

I became a member in 1992. However, I had been attending the local Branch's social events for about 20 years prior. So recruiters... never give up on a possible new member! My father-in-law was a long-serving Castle Branch (Colchester) officer and trustee, so he encouraged me to finally sign up. I guess I was always going to join once I married his daughter! For those of you who don't know, my wife of 47 years is Diana Randall, Secretary of Castle Branch, so there's always a little healthy Branch competition.

Do you have a standout memory from your 47 years of being involved with the Society?

Yes – the pride I felt when attending my District's Provincial Grand Master Dinner in 2010. We were celebrating 200 years of Oddfellowship, my wife was the Provincial Grand Master and the then Grand Master, Alan Cole, was our guest of honour. I was Provincial Deputy Grand Master and I couldn't have felt happier to be part of such a meaningful Society.

How would you sum up the Oddfellows in just six words?

Friendship that just keeps giving more.

And now for some less serious questions...

Where's your favourite place in the world?

That would have to be the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

Who is your favourite author?

John Grisham, I have read every one of his fiction books and his one non-fiction book.

You're stranded on a desert island.... What three items would you take with you?

Matches, a sharp knife and the woman I love, if she'd come with me! If she wouldn't, then I'd probably take a fishing line.

Who would play you in the movie of your life?

Matt Damon.