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Talks



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Coffee Morning



Dining Out



Walk



Games

Message from our Admin Assistant



Hi, I'm Sarah, the Admin Assistant who started working with Karen at the end of April. I've been an Oddfellows member for 18 years, so had met a number of you at various events before my appointment. After University I spent a lot of time in the care and education sectors, combining the two to work at a Sense College and later a Special Needs School.

I look forward to meeting more members over the coming months, though my 4 year old daughter Emily seems to be better known, and the photo she took at the Chairman's Afternoon Tea in September (her first time using my camera phone), has been chosen as this Out & About's front cover by the Committee! I'm always on the lookout for member achievements, which I can use to create articles for the local papers, to help raise our profile and increase membership, so if you think you have something newsworthy please email sarah.hitchcock@oddfellows.co.uk or get in touch on 01778 342006. I

look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming events.

Dan, Emily and Sarah

Sponsorship



We have recently sponsored an Under 9's Football Team in Pinchbeck, paying for new training football goals as well as the team kit, so we hope some of you will be able to get out to support the team at some of their upcoming games (we will keep fixtures updated on our Facebook page - OddfellowsNeneWelland).

Earlier this year we helped sponsor two Scouts from Whittlesey to allow them to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree, which was held in Korea.



Three Committee members attended a presentation by the two Scouts, Peter and Tim, who were grateful for the Branch donation, they had an eventful time, as many of you might have seen on the news over the summer.

In August the branch was approached about information for an Oddfellows gravestone in Stamford. The lady was preparing to give a Cemetery tour and wanted to find out some more information. Luckily Paul Eyre at our Manchester Head office was able to help us.

The gravestone belonged to William Studwell who died in 1981. He was a longstanding member of the Stamford Oddfellows, serving as Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS) of the Stamford District of the Society.



The symbols on the gravestone include the 'Heart in Hand' at the top, which is the Oddfellows emblem for benevolence. It surmounts the globe as our mission is regarded as universal; goodwill to all.

The coat of arms of the Order of Oddfellows is shown with an hourglass, denoting the passage of time, for we must make time for our good endeavours.

The crossed keys denote knowledge and the security of faith to inspire our good works;

The beehive represents industry and organisation as we must work together to achieve our good aims;

The Lamb and Flag, the Christian emblem of the resurrection, representing the ultimate triumph of good over evil, our final objective.

The shield is quartered by a cross of gold representing the Golden Rule to 'treat others as we would wish them to treat us'. The shield at the centre contains a rose, a thistle, a leek and a shamrock representing each of the four nations in the United Kingdom.



Contact Details

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57 Church Street

Market Deeping PE6 8AN

Regular Events

Cold Pudding Club



6pm



£2 Tasting only
Free for contributors



Tuesdays

Why not come along and enjoy a wonderful range of home-made desserts and cakes. Whether you choose a favourite or a selection, the choice is yours. If you'd like to bring someone along, please do, otherwise just come along



and enjoy! Don't forget to book your place beforehand. Please note, start time changed to 6pm. Book five days before the event. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

2 January 2024

5 March 2024

Friendship Lunch



12.30pm
for 1pm



As per menu



Wednesdays

Join us at The Crown Inn, a beautiful village pub in the heart of Surfleet. Good food made using local produce and a chance to dine with friends ensures this is an event not to miss. Make sure you book your place. Book by five days before the event. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



20 December 2023

17 January 2024

21 February 2024

20 March 2024

Regular Events

A Crafty Cuppa

🕒 10.30am to 12.30pm

£ £1 includes refreshments



Wednesdays

Come and join us for a crafting morning, a natter with friends and a cuppa. Bring your own projects; knitting, sewing, paper-craft etc and have a relaxing time. Bring your friends or just come along for the company. Please note time change to 10.30am. Book five days before the event.

Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street,

Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



13 December 2023

14 February 2024

Craft Club

🕒 10.30am to 12.30pm

£ £3 includes refreshments



Wednesdays

No diary would be complete without our very popular Craft Club! A different craft each time. Everything you need is provided for you. Due to the popularity of this event booking is essential as space is limited. Please note the time change. Book five days before the event. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Georgina on 01778 347876.

10 January 2024

13 March 2024



Regular Events

Let's Do Lunch!

🕒 12.30pm for 1pm £ As per menu 🍴🍴

Thorney Golf Club offer a fantastic menu for only £6.50 (at time of going to press) for a main course. Contact us for a copy of the menu and to book your choice. Book early as places are limited. Events start at 12.30pm for 1pm service. Book five days before the event. Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

31 January 2024
28 February 2024
27 March 2024

Wednesdays



Games Afternoon

🕒 2pm £ Free 🗨️

Come and join us for a natter and free refreshments. There will be table top games available to help keep your brain active. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

7 December 2023
21 December 2023
4 January 2024
25 January 2024
1 February 2024
8 February 2024

Thursdays



22 February 2024
7 March 2024
28 March 2024

Regular Events

Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book of ten games



Thursdays

Join us for an afternoon of bingo. Open to all, so why not bring along a friend? Ten games for £1 a book and winners get to choose their prize from a selection of wrapped gifts who know what you might win? Don't forget to book your place. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

18 January 2024

21 March 2024



Museum Workshops



10.30am to 12 noon



Free



Fridays

Did you know we are putting together an Oddfellows Museum above the main hall? Come and help us select and catalogue the artefacts for display. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

26 January 2024

23 February 2024

29 March 2024



December 2023

FRI 01 Coffee and Mince Pies

🕒 10.30am

£ £2



Come and start the festive season off well. Take a stroll round the wonderful displays of Christmas gifts and decorations in the garden centre. Join us in the library area of the restaurant for a coffee and mince pie, along with plenty of friendly chatter. Don't be afraid to come and join us if you are on your own. We guarantee you won't be for long, we love having new friends join us. Book by Friday 24 November 2023. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.



SUN 03 Carol Service

🕒 3pm

£ Free, but bring a plate of food to share



Come and join us for our annual carol service. Don't forget to bring a plate of food to share after the singing! Book by Friday 24 November 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Brian on 01778 423332.

TUES 05 Soup Lunch

🕒 12 noon

£ £3



What could be nicer than a delicious bowl of home-made soup, fresh roll and a hot drink? Add friends old and new to the mix and you get a perfect way to spend a lunch



time. Come and join us in our cosy hall for a couple of hours, bring a friend, or make new ones! Book by Friday 1 December 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

WED 06 Let's Do Lunch Christmas Special!

🕒 12.30pm

£ £25 for three courses



Join us for our Let's Do Lunch Christmas Special, at Thorney Golf Club. A chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. Good company, good food - what's not to enjoy? Do you have friends or family who would like to come along? Please invite them to join us and share in the fun. **Booking already closed for this event.** Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.

December 2023 January 2024

TUES 12 Business Meeting

🕒 10.30am 🇔 Free



Our monthly business meetings are open for all members to attend. If you would like to know more about the running of the Branch, ask questions regarding the Branch, or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please do join us. Book by Monday 4 December 2023. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

TUES 09 Business Meeting

🕒 10.30am 🇔 Free



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January 2024

MON 01 Burghley Park Walk

🕒 2pm 🇔 Free



Join us as we start the year with a beautiful walk in the grounds of Burghley House. We'll meet at main car park at 2pm - look for the Oddfellows decorated car! Wrap up warm and perhaps bring your camera. Hot drink and mince pie included.



Weather permitting. Please book so we know how many to cater for by Saturday 30 December 2023. Burghley Park, Barnack Road, Stamford PE9 3JY. Contact David on 01778 347876.

February

TUES
06 Soup Lunch

 12 noon

 £3



What could be nicer than a delicious bowl of home-made soup, fresh roll and a hot drink? Add friends old and new to the mix and you get a perfect way to spend a lunch time. Come and join us in our cosy hall for a couple of hours, bring a friend, or make new ones! Book by Thursday 1 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

MON
12 Typewriter Tales, A Talk by David Hughes

 2pm

 Free



Find out about the fascinating history of typewriters from David Hughes. He will be bringing a selection of typewriters with him. Book by Friday 2 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Brian on 01778 423332.

TUES
27 Annual General Meeting

 10.30am

 Free



Annual General Meeting of the Branch. All members welcome to attend. Book by Monday 19 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

March

FRI
01 Move it or Lose it

 2pm

 £3



Learn how to keep functionally fit for longer. A follow up from the popular 'Magic of Movement' talk - learn some simple exercises from Vickie that you can do at home in your own time. As the saying goes 'Move it or Lose it!'. Book by Monday 26 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Chris on 01780 755705.



March

TUES 12 Business Meeting

🕒 10.30am 💷 Free



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TUES 19 Degree Workshop

🕒 10.30am 💷 Free



For members wishing to learn more of the background and meaning of the various degrees and the ceremonial side of the Oddfellowship. These meetings specialise on the Ceremonial side of our Order and help to encourage members to take office in our District. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.



Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support.

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at  OddfellowsNeneWelland  OddfellowsUK

Meet your Nene and Welland Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Barry Bedford
01778 560059



Janice Bedford
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Jenny Collins
07788 534290



Christine Sargeant
07714 096801

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

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

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

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

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

National Oddfellows Helplines



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

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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

*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Business Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

Our monthly Business Meetings are open to all members to attend. If you would like to find out more about the running of the Branch, ask questions or become actively involved then please join us! All meetings are held at The Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping. Further details from Karen Earth 01788 342006 nearer the time.

General business meetings will take place on:

12 December 2023

9 January 2024

27 February 2024 (AGM)

12 March 2024

History and Traditions Degree Workshop

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

First there is a welcome as a member. This is done as a formal ceremony or informal reading (your choice). Nothing difficult, no exams. Next is stepping up by Degrees: This

is the name given to a series of short talks, we call them Minor Degrees (not at all like a university degree). Each Degree has a colour and there are four of them. As you work through them and learn more about the ethos and practice, you can progress to more formal roles (only if you want to) within the Branch and the Society.

If anyone would like to find out more and join, then please contact Barry on 01778 560059 in celebrating our history. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN at 10.30am to 12 noon.

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Meet the Grand Master

Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham was officially welcomed as the Society's Grand Master (Chairman) during the annual conference in May, a position she'll hold for two years.



The oldest of five in a close family, at weekends they would often travel around Yorkshire and go camping. It was during these trips she met Peter, a member of the Oddfellows since birth who would go on to become Grand Master himself.

Barbara joined the Oddfellows' Good Samaritan Lodge in Goole when she married Peter in 1973. "It was all arranged within four weeks," she said. "Nothing like the expensive events that happen today!"

"I borrowed my sister-in-law's wedding dress. Peter got a new suit. We catered ourselves in the local village hall. I think the wedding cost us £14, which is all you had to pay for the licence, and then we went away camping for our honeymoon."

Barbara and Peter would later welcome daughter Claire into the world, herself an Oddfellow, who would go on to have a successful accountancy career.

Barbara's career was in primary education, most notably a 30-year stint at a school

in Broughton where she ultimately became Head Teacher.

"It was something that I'd always wanted to do ever since I went to school. I never wanted to do anything else," Barbara said.

Despite representing the Society in a variety of roles, Barbara says that never in her wildest dreams did she anticipate becoming Grand Master.

"It's a great honour because you're just a custodian," she said. "Although you wear the chain and you're the figurehead, that's not what makes you an Oddfellow. What makes you an Oddfellow is what's in your heart."

"I just want to do my best, because the ethos of Oddfellows is what we should all live by. The whole world would be a better place if people looked after each other."

Find out all the ways you can get involved in the Society by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/society-involvement



Barbara Needham (middle right) with daughter Claire (left), husband Peter (middle left) and sister Vivienne (right).

Thanks for filling your September with friendship!

Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows' CEO, has reflected on another successful Friendship Month:

"Wow, what a brilliant Friendship Month we had! All our Branches have worked extremely hard to make each and every one of near 250 special taster events a great success.

"Be it coffee mornings, music events, walks, meals or games, we've loved seeing

the happy, smiling faces of people enjoying the benefits of friendship.

"To everybody who attended, hosted or volunteered at our Branches' Friendship Month events this year, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! It's your hard work that ensures our continued success."

Take a look at some of the fun that's been had by some of our Branches!



Brighton and Sussex members enjoying a coffee morning.



Dog race night at Dorset and Yeovil.



Mitcham, Reigate and Crawley friends keeping cool from the sunshine.



A friendly game of badminton in Mid-Surrey.



Delicious pancakes at a Handforth and Altrincham event.



Too many friends to fit in a frame at Ipswich.



Relishing friendship and fresh air on a walk in Nottingham Trent.

Help with Lasting Power of Attorneys

Arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can seem daunting, so our Head of Care and Welfare, John Aitken (pictured right), has answered some frequently asked questions about them.



What is an LPA?

There are two types and you can do one or both:

A property and financial affairs LPA covers decisions about money matters, for example buying and selling property, dealing with bills and running bank accounts. You can start using this at any time.

A health and welfare LPA covers decisions about health and care matters including medical treatment, where someone should live and who they should have contact with. This can only be used once the person has lost capacity.

What is 'losing capacity'?

This means no longer having the understanding or mental faculties to make decisions. Once someone loses capacity it is too late to set up a Power of Attorney. If this were to happen, family members would need to apply to the Court of Protection to take control of their assets and finances, which can be a lengthy and costly process.

How do LPAs work?

The person making the application is the 'donor' and can give power to an 'attorney' to make decisions and take actions on their behalf.

The donor can choose multiple attorneys and specify which decisions they can make. If there is more than one attorney, the donor can specify whether they can act alone or must make decisions together.

The LPA must be signed either by a solicitor or someone else of the donor's choosing to certify the LPA and confirm that they understand and have not been pressured into it.

Family members can't do an LPA for someone. Like a will, people must do it for themselves with no coercion.

How much does it cost?

It costs £82 to register each type of LPA (so £164 in total) with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). People on means-tested benefits or a low income can get an exemption or reduction of this fee. If you choose to use a solicitor, their costs will need to be added.

For more advice on LPAs, including how to make an application and links to relevant websites, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-with-lasting-power-of-attorneys



Events at a glance

December 2023

Fri 1	Coffee and Mince Pies, Waterside Garden Centre, Baston (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
Sun 3	Carol Service, Oddfellows Hall (Brian)	3pm
Tues 5	Soup Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12 noon
Wed 6	Let's Do Lunch Christmas special!, Thorney Golf Club (Karen or Sarah)	12.30pm
Thurs 7	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Tues 12	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 13	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
Wed 20	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine)	12.30pm
Thurs 21	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm

January 2024

Mon 1	Burghley Park Walk, Burghley Park, Stamford (David)	2pm
Tues 2	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
Thurs 4	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Tues 9	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 10	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
Wed 17	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine)	12.30pm
Thurs 18	Surprise Bingo!, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
Thurs 25	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Fri 26	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	10.30am
Wed 31	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm

February

Thurs 1	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Tues 6	Soup Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12 noon
Thurs 8	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Mon 12	Typewriter Tales, A Talk by David Hughes, Oddfellows Hall (Brian)	2pm
Wed 14	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am

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Thurs 22	Games Afternoon, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	2pm
Fri 23	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Barry)	10.30am
Tues 27	Annual General Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 28	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm

March

Fri 1	Move it or Lose it, Oddfellows Hall (Chris)	2pm
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