

July - December 2022



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Dear members and friends

Welcome to our programme of events, visits and coffee mornings for July to December 2022. We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you.



Derbyshire Peak Branch are happy to welcome our new social organiser Trudy Ford and our new Provincial Corresponding Secretary (District Secretary) Keren Gladders. We wish them both all the best for their future with The Oddfellows.

Our former Prov CS, Meryl Caunt is to retire at the end of June 2022. We are very grateful to Meryl for all of her hard work in this role and we will be sorry to see her go.

Our Branch is very fortunate that our benefits members over the age of 70 are able to claim for help with their dental and optical costs. Benefit members also receive a £30 cheque at Christmas and even our Juniors receive a £15 festive gift. It is in all of our best interest to keep our Branch thriving and it would be great to see many more of our members at our social events.

We have visited some lovely places over the last few months. Our trip to Lea Gardens in May was particularly lovely as the flowers were in full bloom. We have enjoyed some great social meals together, at our 'Dining

Contact Details

For more information or to book any event call the Social Organiser

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Branch opening hours

Our Lodge will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 9.30am – 4.30pm. However, this is changeable and also subject to events taking place so if you're thinking of popping by why not give us a call first on 01246 273076.



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in Derbyshire' Monday lunches and our Friday Night Socials. All of these events will continue in the second half of the year.

The Branch Christmas Dinner is to again be held at The Casa Hotel on Sunday 27 November as it was such a lovely event last year – please put the date in your diary.

My chosen charity for our fundraising this year is Prostate Cancer UK. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthwhile cause.

Alan Davies

Grand Master, Derbyshire Peak Branch

June 2022

WED 22 Midweek Matinee at Hasland Club



10am



£2



Sit back and watch a film on the large screen and enjoy coffee and biscuits at Hasland Club organised by the Friends of Hasland Community Hub and Grassland Hasmoor Big Local. Just £2 per ticket. Doors opens at 10am, film starts at 10.30am. Film is confirmed nearer the time. Hasland Club (Working Men's Club), Hampton Street, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0LH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON 27 Dining in Derbyshire - Batemans Mill Hotel



12.30pm



As per menu



Meet at Bateman's Mill near Clay Cross for a tasty lunch and chat. Book by Friday 17 June. Bateman's Mill, Clay Cross S42 6AE. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

July

FRI 01 Rambling On - Walking Group



10.30am



Walk Free
As per menu



Our new friendly walking group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Walks will be led by keen walker and Branch member Arthur Martin. The group will walk for roughly one hour and the location will be confirmed in advance. Of course if there's a coffee shop near the end of the walk, then so much the better! Please contact Trudy to book and find out the destination and meeting point. Book by Tuesday 28 June. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI 08 Friday Night Social - Thailand No 1, Matlock



6pm



See below



Join us for a Thai dinner at Thailand No 1. They offer a great range of classic Thai dishes using the freshest ingredients including herbs, spices and exotic vegetables sent each week from growers in Thailand. They are able to cater for vegetarian and vegan diets too. Costs: £5 deposit required, then pay the balance as per the menu on the night. Please book with Trudy before Friday 1 July. Thailand No 1, 43 Dale Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3LT. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

FRI
15

Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum



10am



See below



Would you like to visit the National Memorial Arboretum? Visitors can enjoy discovering almost 400 memorials nestled amongst some 25,000 trees, experience riverside walks and participate in a wide variety of daily activities: Guided walks, land train tours, memorial talks, exhibitions and buggy tours. Costs: Free entry. £7.50 for land train tour. Pay for your own lunch. Please let Trudy know if you would like to come along. Book by Friday 1 July. National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON
18

Dining in Derbyshire - The Orangery at St Elphins Park



12.30pm



As per menu



Set in the rural beauty of Darley Dale, on the edge of the Peak District National Park. The Orangery restaurant is a superb location for you to enjoy contemporary, seasonal food in a quiet, luxurious setting. The hotel offers light lunch as well as full meals. Book by Monday 4 July. The Orangery at St Elphins Park, Dale Road South, Darley Dale, Derbyshire DE4 2RH. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED
20

Coffee Morning at H&D Bistro in Tideswell



11am



Free



Join us for our regular coffee and catch up! This time we will be out in Tideswell for chat, coffee and cake. If you would like to stay longer there is a pensioner special lunch available after 12 noon. H&D's Bistro is a lively café in the heart of the Derbyshire village of Tideswell; it is much-loved by cyclists, walkers, visitors and locals and they are proud to serve the perfect cup of tea (and coffee) alongside a wide-ranging and tasty menu. Book by Wednesday 13 July. H&D Bistro - Tideswell, The Woodhouse, Queen Street, Tideswell, Derbyshire SK17 8PF. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

August

FRI **05** **Rambling On -** **Walking Group**



10.30am



Walk Free
As per menu



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FRI **12** **Friday Night Social** **- The Angel at** **Holmesfield**



6pm



See below



Situated in the heart of Holmesfield on the edge of the Peak District. The Angel is an independent, family owned restaurant/pub producing traditional and exciting food that is nearly all gluten free. The Angel focuses on providing a friendly service and best quality food by sourcing local and seasonal ingredients. Booking and £5 deposit required by Thursday 28 July, then pay your balance as per the menu on the night. The Angel at Holmesfield, Main Road, Holmesfield S18 7WT. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED
10

Barge Trip on 'Madeleine' from Hollingwood Hub



11.15am



£5 plus cost of lunch



Meet at 11.15am at Hollingwood Hub car park to board 'Madeleine' at 11.30am. We will take a ride up and down the canal before visiting the café on-site for lunch. Please book and pay Trudy by Tuesday 26 July. Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, Chesterfield S43 2PF. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



August

WED
17 **Coffee Morning and
Talk from Janet and
Paul Newsham**



Join us for
our regular
coffee and
catch up!
'My mother
had one
of those'.



Experienced
speakers, Janet and Paul will share
their stories of years gone by and
the things our mothers had. Come
to the Branch for a hot drink and a
snack and a welcome catch up with
some friendly faces. This event is
free. Book by Wednesday 10 August.
126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG.
Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

TUES
30 **Dining in Derbyshire -
Monsal Head Hotel**



Situated perfectly at the peak of
the Monsal Dale, the Monsal Head
Hotel and Longstone Restaurant offer
superb views over Little Longstone
and most importantly the Monsal
Dale and the Monsal Viaduct both
said to be the third most visited
attraction in the Peak District. Book by
Tuesday 16 August. The Monsal Head
Hotel, Monsal Head, Near Bakewell,
Derbyshire DE45 1NL. Contact Trudy
on 01246 273076.

September

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI
02 **Rambling On -
Walking Group**



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will meet on the first Friday of each
month. Walks will be led by keen
walker and Branch member Arthur
Martin. The group will walk for
roughly one hour and the location will
be confirmed in advance. Of course
if there's a coffee shop near the end
of the walk, then so much the better!
Please contact Trudy to book and find
out the destination and meeting point.
Book by Tuesday 30 August. Contact
Trudy on 01246 273076.



September

WED 07 Coffee Morning to welcome those interested in joining the Oddfellows



Join us at Derbyshire Peak Branch on Saltergate for a coffee and cake plus a short introduction to 'The Oddfellows' We will fill you in on our upcoming events and membership options. This event is free. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



FRI 09 Friday Night Social - The Horse & Jockey, Wessington



A return to the popular Horse & Jockey - a contemporary gastro pub located in the heart of Wessington. They offer a cosy atmosphere perfect for a delicious meal with friends. £5 deposit required, then pay the balance as per the menu on the night. Please book and pay £5 deposit by Friday 26 August. The Horse and Jockey, 6 Brackenfield Lane, Wessington, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6DW. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON 12 Pétanque and Picnic in the Park



An opportunity to find out about Pétanque - a form of boules, with Peter from Eastwood Park Pétanque Club. There will be a short demonstration plus a chance to have a go. Afterwards, we will enjoy a picnic (weather permitting) in the park. Bring your own picnic if the weather is nice! Alternatively, we can pop across to Mason's café in Hasland if the weather is cooler or wet. Book by Thursday 1 September. Eastwood Park Petanque Club, Eastwood Park (The club is at the rear of the park - car park is off Eastwood Park Drive), Hasland Road, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0AY. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 21 **Coffee Morning and Talk from Neil Anderson**



Join us for
our regular
coffee and
catch up!
'Working
Men's Clubs
to The
Aquarius'
by Neil



Anderson is a best-selling author that grew up in Chesterfield. He has penned over 20 books including two that have been turned into BBC documentaries. He recently wrote his first business book that hit the top of the Amazon charts. Neil is also an associate lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University and a recognised keynote speaker. Come to the Branch for a hot drink and a snack and a welcome catch up with some friendly faces. This event is free. Book by Wednesday 14 September. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

MON 26 **Dining in Derbyshire - The Hurt Arms, Ambergate**



The varied menu boasts recipes and flavours from around the world. With various options for vegan, veggie and gluten-free diets. Book by Monday 12 September. The Hurt Arms, Derby Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire DE56 2EJ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



October

FRI 07 **Rambling On - Walking Group**



Our new friendly walking group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Walks will be led by keen walker and Branch member Arthur Martin. The group will walk for roughly one hour and the location will be confirmed in advance. Of course if there's a coffee shop near the end of the walk, then so much the better! Please contact Trudy to book and find out the destination and meeting point. Book by Tuesday 4 October. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

October

THURS 13 **Thursday Night Social - Taste Restaurant at Chesterfield College**



6pm



See below



The Taste restaurant is operated by the college's catering students under the watchful eye of their tutors. The themed evenings are £18 per person for a three course dinner and tea or coffee. Fully licensed bar available. Please book and pay £5 deposit by Tuesday 27 September. Pay your balance as per the menu on the night. Taste Restaurant at Chesterfield College, Infirmary Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

WED 19 **Coffee Morning and Talk from Roger Flint - Ex Chief Superintendent**



11am



Free



Join us for our regular coffee and catch up! Enjoy an interesting talk from Roger, Ex Chief Superintendent at Chesterfield Police Station about his Police career with coffee, cakes and a natter afterwards. Come to the Branch for a hot drink and a snack and a welcome catch up with some friendly faces. This event is free. Book by Wednesday 12 October. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

SAT 15 **Ecclesbourne Railway Steam Train Ride and Lunch**



10.15am



See below



We will take the 10.50am steam train from Wirksworth Station to Duffield Station. After a short break, we will return to Wirksworth to visit the café for lunch or tea and cakes. There is also a shop and small museum. The line runs for nine miles from Duffield to the market town of Wirksworth, calling at Shottle and Idridgehay. Costs: £13.50 per person for the train ride, plus your choice in the café. Please book and pay by Tuesday 20 September. Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, Wirksworth Station, Station Road, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4FB. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



October

MON 24 Dining in Derbyshire - The Gate Inn, Tansley



The Gate Inn is a family friendly pub and restaurant situated in the heart of the picturesque village of Tansley. This well-loved, popular, free house has undergone an extensive renovation, inside and out, bringing it back to its former glory as the central pub of the village. Book by Monday 10 October. The Gate Inn, The Knoll, Tansley, Matlock DE4 5FN. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

November

FRI 11 Friday Night Social - Lombardi's Italian Restaurant



The Lombardi family moved in 2002 from a small town about 30km from Naples. They offer original Italian dishes cooked by Italians, served by Italians. £10 deposit required, then pay the balance as per the menu on the night. Please book with Trudy before Sunday 30 October. Lombardi's Italian Restaurant, 2 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7LL. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

November

FRI 04 Rambling On - Walking Group



Our new friendly walking group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Walks will be led by keen walker and Branch member Arthur Martin. The group will walk for roughly one hour and the location will be confirmed in advance. Of course if there's a coffee shop near the end of the walk, then so much the better! Please contact Trudy to book and find out the destination and meeting point. Book by Tuesday 1 November. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



WED 16 Coffee Morning Social



Join our early Christmas themed coffee morning with amusing anecdotes and festive songs led by Gary Wilson and his band – Thunderroadz. This event is free. Book by Wednesday 9 November. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

November

MON 21 Dining in Derbyshire - The Barley Mow, Chesterfield Town Centre

12.30pm

£ As per menu



A lovely traditional town centre pub serving pub classics and more. We are hoping that this date will also coincide with the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's (Crooked Spire) Church. If so, we will meet at the church at 11am to look at the decorated trees before walking over to The Barley Mow. Please check back nearer the time. You could park in either the Town Hall car park or Holywell Cross 'The Doughnut' car park. Book by Monday 7 November. The Barley Mow, 52 Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1JR. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.

SUN 27 Christmas Party Lunch at Casa Hotel, Barcelona Suite

12.30pm

£ TBC



Come and get into the festive mood with us at Casa. The Christmas menus feature the finest quality local ingredients including those from the owner's farm, sourced from Walton Lodge. There will be a three course lunch with drink on entry and festivities. We hope to see as many of you as possible there to enjoy the celebration together. This will be a repeat of our 2021 Christmas Party, where a

great time was had by all. Arrive at 12.30pm to dine at 1pm. Must be booked with Trudy and paid in full by Saturday 12 October. Cost will be confirmed later in the year with menu options. Casa Hotel, Barcelona Suite, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7JB. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



Booking and Cancellations

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

December

FRI
02

Rambling On - Walking Group



10.30am



Walk Free
As per menu



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FRI
09

Friday Night Social - Barringtons



6pm



See below



An evening at Barringtons in Darley Dale 'the perfect venue for great food and great atmosphere'. Pay for what you order. £5 deposit and meal choices needed by Sunday 20 November. Barringtons, Station Road, Darley Dale DE4 2EQ. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



TUES
06

Festive Trip to Chatsworth at Christmas



12 noon



See below



Option 1: Visit to Chatsworth House for their amazing festive display. Entry price is estimated at £20 per person – to be confirmed. This price includes parking in the car park. Meet at 11am at the entrance. After this we will visit the festive market stalls and then the café for coffee and cake or light lunch (pay for what you order).

Option 2: Visit to Christmas markets and café only. The Christmas markets are free to visit and parking is £5 per vehicle. We will then visit the café for coffee and cake or light lunch (pay for what you order).

Please book with Trudy by Tuesday 1 November and pay for house entry if required. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



December

WED **14** Festive Coffee Morning Social with Speakers



11am



Free



Speakers – Janet and Paul Barrass on Christmas traditions. Coffee and festive cakes as we listen to Christmas traditions explained by Janet and Paul. Book by Wednesday 7 December. 126 Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NG. Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



MON **19** Dining in Derbyshire – Soulville Steakhouse



12.30pm



As per
menu



A simple pub lunch and an exchange of token gifts to get us all

out and about before Christmas! If sufficient interest. Pay for what you order – bring a £3 Secret Santa gift. Soulville Steakhouse, 21 South Street, Chesterfield S40 1QX (at the bottom of town behind the small shambles). Contact Trudy on 01246 273076.



Shropshire Discovery Tour Church Stretton

Join us as we explore Shropshire, famous for the beauty of its hills, picturesque market towns and fascinating history.

19–23 September 2022
(4 nights)

From £655 per person
(Full board)

Rooms for solo
travellers available



For further information and to book contact Mike Hall
0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) travel@oddfellows.co.uk

Welcome to our new Social Organiser Trudy Ford

Hello. I've been the Social Organiser since early April and I'm thoroughly enjoying my role so far. I'm so pleased to be getting to know many of our members at our lovely social events. So far we've met at coffee mornings, lunches and dinners as well as visits to the beautiful Lea Gardens and Carsington Water.

The welcome I have received has been warm and friendly and I can't wait to get to know more of you over the coming months. I'd like to say a big thanks to

Meryl for helping me to settle in.

I love working with people and getting out and about so this is an ideal role for me.



Please give me a call, send me an email or pop into the Branch on a Wednesday if you'd like to say hello and get an update on our upcoming events.

Meryl Caunt to retire

Our District Secretary, Meryl Caunt is due to retire at the end of June. All of us at the Branch would like to wish Meryl a long and happy retirement and we are so grateful for all of her hard work and dedication to the Branch. Meryl has done an amazing job, particularly over the last few months with the changes to staff.

Meryl has been working at the Branch for eleven years but has been a member for many more. She began work at the Branch in 2011 as the Assistant Secretary and moved onto District Secretary six years ago. Meryl will continue to socialise with us as a member and will also continue as a member of the management committee.



Meryl would like to thank everyone for all of their help and friendship over the years. She plans to keep in touch with all of us when she isn't busy catching up on her cruising!

Welcome to our new District Secretary Keren Gladders

We are very pleased to welcome our new District Secretary, Keren Gladders to Derbyshire Peak District Branch:



Secretary for the Derbyshire Peak District Branch. My background is in business management, social care and welfare advice. I have a love of nature and wildlife and enjoy walking, reading and learning. I look forward to meeting you all very soon. I would like to wish Meryl all the best in her retirement.

Hi. My name is Keren Gladders and I have recently been appointed as District

Meet our committee member Peter Wilkinson

Born in Yorkshire Peter Wilkinson has been a member of The Oddfellows for 15 years having joined when he moved to Derbyshire. Peter was a very close friend of the late Brother Alan Goodwin and was elected to the management committee at the invitation of Brother Goodwin.

Peter worked most of his life in social services. Having qualified as a teacher he then worked with difficult and disturbed adolescent children.

He finished his career as Deputy Director of Aycliffe Centre for Children in County Durham.

Peter has been a member of the management committee for a number of years and has been Chair of the Committee twice.

His interests outside The Oddfellows include walking, football, cricket and most other sports.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas 2021 celebrations at the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield. We will be repeating this event this year on Sunday 27 November at 12 noon – please join us. There will be a delicious three course meal with fun and festivities.



Nancy Bradley with Fiona from Versus Arthritis



Lesley Walton (Prov CS at South Yorkshire Lodge), Barbara Needham (Deputy Grand Master of the Order), Meryl Caunt (Former Prov CS of Derbyshire Peak Lodge) and Nancy Bradley (Former Grand Master of Derbyshire Peak Lodge)

Versus Arthritis Cheque Presentation

Our former Grand Master Nancy Bradley ended her year in office on a high note with a cheque presentation. Nancy's chosen charity for the year was Versus Arthritis. A representative from their Chesterfield branch came along to our committee meeting in April and was given a cheque for £504. This is a wonderful total for the year – well done to Nancy and

all members involved in the fundraising – thank you for your generosity towards this worthwhile cause.



John's Fundraising Success

Derbyshire Peak Branch member John Dick has been busy fundraising by selling beautiful floral baskets.

John told us, "In April I attended Osmaston Church Coffee Morning and helped raise over £500 for the church. I also attended a recent coffee morning at Derby Oddfellows and then spent a Saturday in Ashbourne at the new Pavilion in the Park. As you can see from the photograph the weather was kind and it was a very successful day. I was able to

deliver the baskets to those people who could not carry them home.

Photograph:
John at the Pavilion in the Park, Ashbourne, supporting the British Red Cross Ukraine appeal which helped to raise just over £1,000.



Caring members knitting for children

Look at these wonderful handmade teddies! Two of our wonderful members Ann Davies and Sue Fenwick make these teddies and donated them to the A&E department at the Chesterfield Royal Hospital. Any children that come into the A&E department are

given them to help calm them down and give them comfort. So lovely!



Derbyshire Peak Branch Fundraising 2022/2023 – Prostate Cancer UK

Our charity for the year is Prostate Cancer UK, chosen by our current Chair Alan Davies. We hope you will help us in our fundraising for this worthy cause.

Here is a little introduction to the charity taken from their website www.prostatecanceruk.org.

The Prostate Cancer Charity was founded in 1996 by Professor Jonathan Waxman to address the ‘Outrageous and arbitrary surgical treatment of men’.

We were the first national organisation for prostate cancer in the UK. Our aim was to improve the care and welfare of those affected by prostate cancer, increase investment in research, and raise public and political awareness of a long-neglected disease.



We merged with Prostate Action in 2012 and completely rebranded to form Prostate Cancer UK. In the last 20 years, we’ve invested over £37 million into ground breaking research, and continue to provide award-winning support for men.

We have grown in size, strength and influence but our ambition is the same: to put men at the heart of everything we do.

Prostate Cancer UK’s top priority is funding research to stop prostate cancer killing men. We’re investing millions to find better treatments and better tests that can spot fast-growing cancers early, and could be used in a screening programme to save thousands of lives.

We want a future where lives are not limited by prostate cancer. We unite the brightest minds in science and healthcare and the most passionate and caring people to help men live long and live well.



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 Keren on **01246 273076** or email **keren.gladders@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**

Our Branches raised a magnificent £151,000 for charitable causes in 2021!

Congratulations to our Branches and their members for a tremendous fundraising achievement in 2021. Helping struggling communities and those in need is something the Oddfellows has been doing for over two centuries. And despite the pandemic, last year was no exception.

Branches and their members raised over £151,000 to support causes close to their hearts, a figure up on 2020's already significant total of £145,700. Fifth generation Oddfellow, Society historian and South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Branch member, Paul Eyre,



West London Branch

reflects on the tradition of local giving. He said: "For many years, it has been fairly common practice for the Provincial Grand Master of a District to choose a charity to support during their year of office, with funds being raised by raffles, donations or other fundraising activities."

Oddfellows CEO, Jane Nelson, added: "It always astounds me when we look at the collective yearly fundraising figure. The generosity of our members and Branches, especially at such times where household budgets are becoming increasingly tight and unpredictable, is incredible.



South East Lancashire Branch

"I feel immensely proud to represent such a caring bunch of people, those who don't hesitate to help a neighbour in need.

"For those who receive support, it's not just about the financial help, it's knowing that their situation is acknowledged and that there are people out there who care and listen."



Concord Branch

Fundraising for Ukraine

The Society is collecting donations to support the work the Red Cross is doing in Ukraine. The Red Cross is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response.

In some areas in Ukraine, water, electricity, and phone connectivity have been affected. Many people are taking cover from the shelling in basements and bomb shelters, but are going without the most basic supplies, like food and water.

Any donations will be used to reach people in urgent need, If you would like to contribute,



cheques should be made payable to "The Oddfellows", and sent to:

**Ukraine Support
The Oddfellows
Oddfellows House
184-186 Deansgate
Manchester, M3 3WB**

The Society has already pledged £10,000 from central Funds in support of this appeal.

Access to expert legal help

From day one of membership, all members have access to the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme.*

We hope it's something you never have to call on, but if you do it gives you access to the expert help of our appointed solicitors should you need to make a claim for medical negligence, a personal injury, or an employment dispute which is at pre or tribunal stage. It also covers your family members for personal injury and medical negligence cases.

Help with a medical negligence claim

Medical negligence is when a healthcare provider – NHS or private – has failed in their duty to take care of you and you have suffered an injury. This could be, for example, that you've been given a wrong drug, they've made a mistake during a treatment, or failed to diagnose your condition, or made a wrong one.

Matthew Heap, a Solicitor and Partner at CL Medilaw (www.clmedilaw.co.uk), which is one of the Society's approved solicitors, further explained: "Some people get in touch with us and they know the exact point at which they feel they've been failed. For others, it's less clear-cut, but they know that somewhere along the line, the care they've received has fallen short of medically-acceptable standards.

"Knowing how to raise your case, and to be heard, can be daunting when you don't know the process, have the contacts, or legal knowledge.

"But the support that's available through the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme can help you to get the answers you need and, hopefully, the compensation you deserve."

Who can make a claim?

You can bring the legal action yourself or, as the executor or next of kin, on behalf of someone who has died because of medical negligence, or on behalf of a family member if that person is unable to take action themselves because they don't have capacity.

Oddfellows members and their family can receive Legal Aid Scheme support as long as the accident, incident or issue happened while you were a member and you have remained a member since that time.

You must start your legal claim within three years from the date that you either realised you'd been injured or when the incident occurred. For children, this three-year time limit doesn't start until the child's 18th birthday.

If you're looking to make a claim on behalf of someone close to you because they don't have capacity, such as they're unable to manage their own affairs or have a mental disability, then the three-year time limit doesn't apply, unless they recover from this incapacity.

"Taking legal action for compensation is a way to try and secure the support that you now need and deserve – financial or medical. The Oddfellows and CL Medilaw will have your back every step of the way," added Matthew.

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How to apply for the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme

The first step is to call the Care and Welfare Helpline for a non-committal conversation. If you wish to move forward, you'll need to fill in an Oddfellows Legal Aid application form. The Care and Welfare Helpline number can be found on your membership card or by calling **0800 028 1810**.

Further information

Read this article in full at:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-to-make-a-claim-for-medical-negligence

The Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/legal-aid-scheme

*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Read the full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions at www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

Member-only offers from Unity Mutual

Unity Mutual is the Society's financial services brand and they've created a dedicated section on their website to share special deals and rates that are only available to Oddfellows members.

Unity Mutual's current member-only deal, launched in spring 2022, is a 5 Year Guaranteed Investment Bond with a special fixed rate of 1.75% annual interest, which equates to 9.06% over the full term. It also offers a guaranteed return on your savings and 100% capital protection. The minimum single investment per member is £1,000.

They're only accepting a limited number of applications, however, so this product will be offered to Oddfellows members on a first-come, first-served basis.

*T&Cs apply.

To find out more, or view their full range of savings, investment and protection products, call **0161 214 4628** or go to **www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows**



*To view Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bond terms and conditions, go to **www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows/gib**. If you're in any doubt about whether any Unity Mutual product is right for you, it's a good idea to talk to an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA). You can find a local financial advisor by visiting **www.unbiased.co.uk**. You may need to pay for a financial advisor's help, so make sure you ask them about their fees first.

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June 2022

Wed 22	Midweek Matinee at Hasland Club	10am
Mon 27	Dining in Derbyshire - Batemans Mill Hotel	12.30pm

July

Fri 1	Rambling On - Walking Group	10.30am
Fri 8	Friday Night Social - Thailand No 1, Matlock	6pm
Fri 15	Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum	10am
Mon 18	Dining in Derbyshire - The Orangery at St Elphins Park	12.30pm
Wed 20	Coffee Morning at H&D Bistro in Tideswell	11am

August

Fri 5	Rambling On - Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 10	Barge Trip on 'Madeleine' from Hollingwood Hub	11.15am
Fri 12	Friday Night Social - The Angel at Holmesfield	6pm
Wed 17	Coffee Morning and talk from Janet and Paul Newsham 'My Mother Had One of Those'	11am
Tues 30	Dining in Derbyshire - Monsal Head Hotel	12.30pm

September - Friendship Month

Fri 2	Rambling On - Walking Group	10.30am
Wed 7	Coffee Morning to welcome those interested in joining the Oddfellows	11am
Fri 9	Friday Night Social - The Horse & Jockey, Wessington	6pm
Mon 12	Pétanque and Picnic in the Park	11am
Wed 21	Coffee Morning and Talk from Neil Anderson 'Working Men's Clubs to The Aquarius'	11am
Mon 26	Dining in Derbyshire - The Hurt Arms, Ambergate	12.30pm

October

Fri 7	Rambling On - Walking Group	10.30am
Thurs 13	Thursday Night Social - Taste Restaurant at Chesterfield College	6pm

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October

Sat 15	Ecclesbourne Railway Steam Train Ride and Lunch	10.15am
Wed 19	Coffee Morning and Talk from Roger Flint – Ex Chief Superintendent at Chesterfield Police Station	11am
Mon 24	Dining in Derbyshire – The Gate Inn, Tansley	12.30pm

November

Fri 4	Rambling On – Walking Group	10.30am
Fri 11	Friday Night Social – Lombardi's Italian Restaurant	6pm
Wed 16	Coffee Morning Social	11am
Mon 21	Dining in Derbyshire – The Barley Mow, Chesterfield Town Centre	12.30pm
Sun 27	Christmas Party Lunch at Casa Hotel Barcelona Suite	12.30pm

December

Fri 2	Rambling On – Walking Group	10.30am
Tues 6	Festive Trip to Chatsworth at Christmas	11am
Fri 9	Friday Night Social at Barringtons, Darley Dale	6pm
Wed 14	Festive Coffee Morning with Speaker	11am
Mon 19	Dining in Derbyshire at The Souville Steakhouse, Chesterfield	12.30pm

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