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Afternoon Tea



Friendship
Month



We hope you can join us for our Christmas Meal on Saturday 4 December

Welcome all to your latest Events Diary.

Hello again everyone,

Here we are again with a shorter than usual version of our events diary. This is so that we can pick up on the old routine when 2022 comes.

Since July it has been delightful to see so many familiar faces again, and indeed some new faces.

We sincerely hope you find something that you are interested in coming to and please do come along, we would love to see you!

Keep your eyes peeled in the next diary for our annual Dinner Dance on Saturday 12 February 2022 – save the date!

Kindest regards,

Lorraine, District Secretary

A bit about us...

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

Weekly Events

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

Line Dancing

Every Monday

⌚ 2pm - 3.30pm £ Members £3
Guests £4

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

Short Mat Bowls

Every Tuesday

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

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

Art Classes

Every Wednesday

⌚ 1pm - 3pm £ Members £5
Guests £7

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



Contact Details

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

01332 345697

Lorraine Killa

Email:

lorraine.killa@oddfellows.co.uk

or

Penny Folds

Email:

penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk



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

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

Regular Events

Crafty Social

Monday

⌚ 6.30pm

£ Members £2
Guests £3

Come and get involved in our latest craft project. All ages and abilities welcome. Costs includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Oddfellows Hall, 32

Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



1 November 2021

29 November 2021

3 January 2022

31 January 2022

15 November 2021

13 December 2021

17 January 2022

Join us online...

For a catch up and some fun!

Saturday at 10.30am

Zoom Countdown with Colin

6 November 2021

4 December 2021

8 January 2022

Zoom Quiz

20 November 2021

18 December 2021

22 January 2022

**Zoom Meeting ID:
777 935 4259**



For more information contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

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.

November 2021

TUES **02** King George IV Branch - Remembrance Craft

 7.30pm

 Free



Join us for our monthly meeting followed by a craft session. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



TUES **09** Dining Out

 6.45pm

 As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Wednesday 3 November 2021. The Lodge, Grange Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 0JW. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



WED **03** Walking Group at Kedleston Park

 10am

 As per menu



Meet us at Kedleston Hall car park for a five mile walk. Post walk lunch at the Markeaton Hotel. Kedleston Hall, Kedleston Road, Near Quarndon, Derby DE22 5JD. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.

MON **08** Pares Branch District Officers' Visit

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Barbara Smith if you would like to join us, for catering purposes. Book by Monday 25 October 2021. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

SAT **13** Coffee Morning and Craft Sale

 10.30am

 £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come and see what the craft group have been making for Christmas! There may even be bacon cobs on sale too. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



November 2021

WED 17 Walking Group at Weston on Trent

 10am

 As per menu



Meet us at Weston on Trent village hall for an easy five mile walk, mainly along the canal. Post walk lunch venue to be decided. Weston on Trent Village Hall, 47 Main Street, Weston on Trent DE72 2BL. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.

SUN 28 Quiz Four All

 5pm

 Free



Make a team of four and bring a set of ten questions for another team to answer. No 'fastest fingers on the buzzer', so a bit more gentle on the nerves than the Inter-Lodge quiz. Book by Monday 22 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

THURS 18 Play Your Cards Right

 2pm

 Free



Join us for a fun game of luck and chance. Free entry £1 for refreshments. Book by Monday 15 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



December

WED 01 Walking Group at Staunton Harold

 10am

 As per menu



Meet us at Staunton Harold Reservoir car park (Melbourne end) for a five mile walk. Post walk lunch venue to be decided. Staunton Harold Reservoir, Calke Road, Melbourne DE73 8DN. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.

Make the most of your membership



Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

Different benefits apply to other membership categories.
Contact your local Branch Secretary for further information.

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions or call us on 0800 028 1810.

At a glance

November 2021

Mon 1	Crafty Social	6.30pm
Tues 2	King George IV Branch - Remembrance Craft	7.30pm
Wed 3	Walking Group at Kedleston Park	10am
Thurs 4	Good Intent Branch Meeting	2.30pm
Sat 6	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Mon 8	Good Samaritan Branch	11am
Mon 8	Pares Branch District Officers' Visit	7.30pm
Tues 9	Dining Out	6.45pm
Sat 13	Coffee Morning and Craft Sale	10.30am
Mon 15	Crafty Social	6.30pm
Wed 17	Walking Group at Weston on Trent	10am
Thurs 18	Play Your Cards Right	2pm
Sat 20	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Sat 27	Stanhope Branch	6.30pm
Sun 28	Quiz Four All	5pm
Mon 29	Crafty Social	6.30pm

December

Wed 1	Walking Group at Staunton Harold	10am
Thurs 2	Good Intent Branch District Officers' Visit and Christmas Social	2.30pm
Sat 4	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Sat 4	Treasure Island at Derby Theatre	2.30pm
Sat 4	Stanhope Branch Christmas Meal	6.30pm
Sun 5	Breakfast with Santa	10am
Tues 7	King George IV Christmas Social	7.30pm
Wed 8	Derwent Valley Branch District Officers' Visit	7pm

At a glance

December

Sat 11	An Afternoon at the Races	2pm
Mon 13	Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Social	10.30am
Mon 13	Crafty Social	6.30pm
Mon 13	Pares Branch Christmas Social	7.30pm
Tues 14	Christmas Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 15	Walking Group at Findern	10am
Sat 18	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Wed 29	Walking Group at Darley Park	10am

January 2022

Mon 3	Crafty Social	6.30pm
Tues 4	King George IV Branch – Installation of Branch Officers	7.30pm
Wed 5	Walking Group at Breadsall	10am
Thurs 6	Good Intent Branch	2.30pm
Sat 8	Zoom Countdown with Colin	10.30am
Sat 8	Stanhope Branch	6.30pm
Mon 10	Good Samaritan Branch	11am
Mon 10	Pares Branch – Snowman Drive	7.30pm
Tues 11	Dining Out	6.45pm
Thurs 13	Coffee Morning with Guest Speaker	11am
Sat 15	Games Afternoon	2pm
Mon 17	Crafty Social	6.30pm
Wed 19	Walking Group at Breaston	10am
Thurs 20	Luncheon Club	12.30pm
Sat 22	Zoom Quiz	10.30am
Sat 22	Burns Night	6pm
Mon 31	Crafty Social	6.30pm



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from the comfort of your own home...**

**Talks, coffee mornings, exercise classes,
quizzes, fun & games and much more**

**Visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'Online' in the place name box**

Need help to attend an online event? Just give your local Social Organiser
or Branch Secretary a call or email events@oddfellows.co.uk

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December

THURS
02

Good Intent Branch District Officers' Visit and Christmas Social

⌚ 2.30pm

£ Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Margaret Henchliff for a ticket. Santa will be coming to see us too! Book by Thursday 18 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.



SAT
04

Stanhope Branch Christmas Meal

⌚ 6.30pm

£ £28



Please contact Doreen Swain as soon as possible as numbers are limited, if you would like to join us for a three course Christmas meal. Book by Monday 1 November 2021. Horsley Lodge Golf Club, Smalley Mill Road, Derby DE21 5BL. Contact Doreen on 01332 720064.



SAT
04

Treasure Island at Derby Theatre

⌚ 2.30pm

£ Free for junior members aged 11 and over



Calling all junior members aged 11 years and over. This is your Christmas treat from Derby District and you should receive an invite in the post, be sure to respond as soon as possible if you want to come as tickets have to be pre-booked. There will be a ticket fee (to be confirmed) for accompanying adults. Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, Derby DE1 2NF. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



December

SUN
05

Breakfast with Santa

 10am

 Free



A free event for all junior members 10 years old and under. There will be various breakfast options and a present from Santa. Book by Friday 26 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



TUES
07

King George IV Christmas Social

 7.30pm

 Free



Join us for our annual Christmas get together. Book by Thursday 18 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.



WED
08

Derwent Valley Branch District Officers' Visit

 7pm

 Free



Come and meet this year's Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) and her Officers. A buffet will be served following the meeting. Please contact Branch Secretary, Penny Folds. We will also be drawing the Chairman's Christmas raffle. Book by Wednesday 24 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.

SAT
11

An Afternoon at the Races

 2pm

 Free



Get dressed up for the races, come and place your bets! Free entry, hot or cold cobs on sale. Book by Friday 3 December 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

December

MON 13 Good Samaritan Branch Christmas Social

 10.30am  Free



It's our Christmas Social, please contact Branch Secretary, Margaret Glanville, if you wish to come along. Book by Monday 29 November 2021. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964.

MON 13 Pares Branch Christmas Social

 7.30pm  Free



It's our Christmas Social. The venue and time is yet to be arranged. Please contact the Branch Secretary, Barbara Smith, if you would like to join us. Book by Monday 29 November 2021. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES 14 Christmas Coffee Morning

 11am  £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come and join us for a cuppa and a mince pie. There will also be a festive surprise raffle. Oddfellows

Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



WED 15 Walking Group at Findern

 10am  As per menu



Meet us at Findern Village Green for a five mile walk via the Stenson Bubble, Willington and Mercia Marina. Post walk lunch venue to be decided. Findern Village Green, Findern DE65 6AA. Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964.

WED 29 Walking Group at Darley Park

 10am  As per menu



Meet at Chester Green Community Centre for a leisurely post Christmas stroll, stopping for coffee, chat and a catch up. Chester Green Community Centre, Old Chester Road, City Road, Darley Abbey DE1 3RR. Contact Margaret Henschliff on 01332 519062.

January 2022

TUES 04 King George IV Branch - Installation of Branch Officers

 7.30pm  Free



Join us for our monthly meeting, refreshments afterwards. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Maureen on 01332 739538.

January 2022

WED
05

Walking Group at Breadsall

L 10am

£ As per menu



Meet us at The Paddock pub car park for a five mile walk via Breadsall Village along the Great Northern Greenway. Post walk lunch at The Paddock. The Paddock, Mansfield Road, Derby DE21 4AW. Contact Margaret Henchliff on 01332 519062.

MON
10

Pares Branch - Snowman Drive

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Come and join us for a winter themed game. The Coach and Horses, Victoria Road, Draycott DE72 3PS. Contact Barbara on 0115 946 5105.

TUES
11

Dining Out

L 6.45pm

£ As per menu



Join us for an evening of food and friendship. Book by Wednesday 5 January 2022. Toby Carvery, Nottingham Road, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6LZ. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



THURS
13

Coffee Morning with Guest Speaker

L 11am

£ £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits



Come along and start the new year with a guest speaker. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



January 2022

SAT
15

Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for a variety of board games, dominoes and the like. £1 for refreshments Book by Friday 7 January 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.



WED
19

Walking Group at Breaston



10am



As per menu



Meet us at The Bull's Head pub car park for a five mile walk of undulating countryside, gentle climbs and several stiles, known as the Coffin Walk. Post walk lunch at The Bull's Head. The Bull's Head, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston DE72 3EA. Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062.

THURS
20

Luncheon Club



12.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £5.50



We're keeping everything crossed for a full house again!! Join us for pie, potatoes and vegetables. Followed by cheesecake and cream. Book by Thursday 13 January 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Penny on 01332 345697.



SAT
22

Burns Night



6pm



Members £4
Guests £5



Come along for Haggis, neeps and tatties. Whiskey drinking optional! Book by Friday 14 January 2022. Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Contact Lorraine on 01332 345697.

Branch Contact and Business Meetings

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members. Regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary. See below for further meeting details.

Loyal Derwent Valley

Contact Penny Folds on 01332 345697

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU.

10 November 2021, 8 December 2021 and 12 January 2022

Loyal King George IV

Contact Maureen Burgoyne on 01332 739538

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

2 November 2021, 7 December 2021 and 4 January 2022

Loyal Good Samaritan

Contact Margaret Glanville on 01332 771964

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

8 November 2021, 13 December 2021 and 10 January 2022

Loyal Good Intent

Contact Margaret Henchcliff on 01332 519062

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

4 November 2021, 2 December 2021 and 6 January 2022

Loyal Pares

Contact Barbara Smith on 01159 465105

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

8 November 2021, 13 December 2021 and 10 January 2022

Loyal Stanhope

Contact Doreen Swain on 01332 720064

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

27 November 2021 and 8 January 2022

Derby Provincial Lodge of Past Grands

Lodge Closed

Provincial Grand Master's Message



I hope that you and your families are well and staying safe.

After 17 long months we have finally been able to start meeting face to face again, although we plan to continue Zoom coffee mornings on alternative Saturday mornings for the foreseeable future.

I have had the pleasure of seeing many of our members at several events over the couple of months

since we have been able to open. Although it seemed slow at first, with just Lodge meetings and a couple of coffee mornings (one in my garden, where although the weather wasn't very good, we had a good time and at least we were with good friends and there was cake!).

I'm glad that we have been able to hold more events in September, which as you are aware was "Friendship Month". The sponsored walk at Elvaston Castle and the Church Service at Boulton St. Mary's were both very enjoyable events which members could attend in larger groups, whereas events at Oddfellows Hall had, unfortunately, been limited on numbers when we first returned in July.

At our September Coffee Morning we were finally able to invite Mark and

his wife, Sue, from Derbyshire Blood Bikes to enlighten us on our chosen charity. This was very information and, hopefully, we have learned more about the services that they have provided during the recent pandemic. Although we have not been able to hold many events to raise funds for the Derbyshire Blood Bikes I have had some very kind donations from our members that I really appreciate.

Hopefully I will be able to see more members as we, the District Officers, visit Lodges over the coming months.

Take care and stay safe,

Yours fraternally

Pauline (Polly) Cunningham
Provincial Grand Master
(Chairman)

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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.

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Why not become an Oddfellows pen pal friend?

How would you like to write a letter to another member and become a Penfellow? If the answer is yes, get in touch.

Call the office on 01332 345697 or email lorraine.killa@oddfellows.co.uk.

Blood Bikes



On the 11th September, Mark Vallis and his wife Sue came along to our Coffee Morning. Mark is one of the 78 active volunteers and his wife is their Treasurer.

There is no charge to the NHS for the services they provide. They have a fleet of 13 motor bikes, which are charity owned and 4 cars for winter use or for items too big to be transported by bike. They have a 24/7 rota and it is not just blood that they transport. They deliver diagnostic samples, medication to patients who are discharged early due to the worry of Covid 19; they deliver human milk which has been frozen for babies in need, documentation and equipment and during the first few months of Covid 19, PPE was delivered daily.

The charity has been in existence for 10 years, very low key at first. When Covid hit they didn't know if they could still operate, but found they were needed much more. They were considered an essential service, but things to be considered were health risks, financial and operational demands. They lost 12 people who were unable to help due to having to shield and they could no longer



fund raise. Instead of operating from the hospital the Kingsway Fire Service made a room available to them. They lost volunteers who were shielding, but gained some who had been furloughed.

BP offered them free fuel for their bikes and cars and they have used media for fund raising for eg PayPal, Go Fund me and Amazon Smiles. The need for them has grown beyond belief since Covid, from 2012-2019 they had 6,400 jobs, in 2020 they had 8,260 and 2021 looks like exceeding that.

They found themselves delivering swabs for testing, all the way to London, but these became more local as the disease spread.

Blood bikes had offered their help to the Derbyshire Health Service Trust, but their offer had not been taken up until Covid, when they were suddenly needed all over Derbyshire.

They have a 45 volunteer shift each week doing 460 hours of volunteering and they are all getting a bit tired.

New things they are delivering are placentas to Sheffield, following a still birth, for examination, (Mark told us a story about this, but just in case you are eating your breakfast, I won't relate it here) and frozen femur heads which patients have donated for medical science.

They couldn't do any of the work they do without the 78 volunteers who would cost £750,000 if they were paid. They work 24/7 whatever the weather with 30-40 calls each day, and 12-18 at weekends. Prior to Blood Bikes all these items were despatched via courier or taxi at a huge cost to the NHS. Finally Mark thanked the Oddfellows for their support and then answers members' questions.

Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM):
District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):
District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):

District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):
Immediate Past District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM):
Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

Brother and Sister: Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family.

Retirement of Director William John Henchcliff from the Board of Directors

(Extract of Clause presented at 2021 Annual Movable Conference)

The Conference Agenda Book gave an outline of the service Bill had given the Society over the last 32 years. To expand on those 32 years in Oddfellowship, included are some of his other interests and hobbies.

Bill was born in 1949 to William and Constance Henchcliff. He was an only child, but grew up on a new estate so had lots of friends around. Bill attended Cherry Tree Hill Primary School, and at the age of 11 moved up to Spondon House Secondary School. On leaving school at 15, Bill followed his father into the printing industry, undertaking his apprenticeship in Book Binding and passing his City and Guilds Examination in 1970.

Bill supports his local football team, Derby County and was a season ticket holder for many years. He is also a qualified football referee. I'm not going to ask him thoughts on VAR though!

Bill freely admits he's not a drinker by any means, two halves is his limit, but on one occasion Bill along with Past Grand Master Tayler and myself, it's okay Margaret is not listening, and we told Bill we wouldn't tell Margaret anyway, but Bill had three halves!

Well he didn't disgrace himself much, but did have a bit of a sore head the following morning.

Bill also has a love of Theatre which led him to joining the Derby Shakespeare Company and the Watson Players Drama Group in the 1980s. He mainly worked back stage, although he did appear in "The Tempest" for the Derby Shakespeare Company and as the beast in "Beauty and the Beast", although someone else played the Prince after the "big reveal".

Bill doesn't like dressing up, well looking at the photo, I think he does secretly enjoy it.

Bill was introduced to the Oddfellows in Derby in the late 1980s and enjoyed all aspects of what Oddfellows can offer. His life was jogging along nicely when, at the age of 40, the adventure started - he met Margaret, a single mother of three teenagers, a dog, guinea pig and rabbit. His life as they say was never the same again! A year later they were happily married and Bill threw himself into family life, being a wonderful husband, a supportive stepdad, a very caring granddad, a taxi



driver to many and is very much loved by all his family.

Even before he met Margaret he loved canal boat holidays which he enjoyed with friends. At 50 he moved on to bigger boats and is now an avid cruiser. He also enjoys walks in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, The Lake District and North Wales. In 2020 he travelled further afield and now adds Northumberland to the list of walking destinations.



Moving on!

I found Covid rather scary.
Even now I'm still wary.
Not gone in for hugs and kisses.
Dave will only hug the Mrs.
Science gave us all new hope.
Told us all to use more soap!
Have you found your clothes have shrunk?
Or is it that willpower's done a bunk?
Boris married his fiancé Carrie.
It was baby Lillibet for our Harry.
What can we say about Health Secretary Matt
I'm afraid he's been rather a P.....

Submitted by Margaret Bull

Is Bill OK?

On one of our meetings in the garden early on in the year my family were met with this -

The first question was, "Is Bill alright?" I must admit it did look a bit suspicious, but it was the start of my wild flower meadow. I had received some seeds at Christmas and wasn't sure where to put them so cleared a patch in the lawn. I love the result and so did the bees! Bill is fit and well. Submitted by Margaret Henchcliff



Coffee Mornings



Coffee Mornings have recommenced and they are now having a theme, which may be a talk or game or quiz and members seem to be enjoying the new format.

The first one consisted of a talk from Colin Bader entitled "The Humour around Us", and it was very amusing. We have all see notices and signs when the author has not really read it back and where it is innuendo or a grammatical mistake and it has brought a smile to ones face. He does talks on many subjects and has been lucky enough to sail on cruise ships giving talks to passengers - nice work if you can get it. A raffle raised £84 for the Prov. Grand Master's charity.

The second Coffee Morning had 3 games of Bingo with chocolate as the prizes. Our District Secretary, Lorraine, acted as the bingo caller and had researched authentic bingo calls, some of them now thought to be politically incorrect, but it made us laugh anyway.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Saturday Coffee Morning when we always have bacon or sausage cobs - delicious.

"Don't walk behind me;

I may not lead.

Don't walk in front of me;

I may not follow.

Just walk beside me

and be my friend.

Different Ways to Get Involved

Members tell us they always get something back from participating more in the Oddfellows. Needless to say, the Society benefits from their involvement too. It's much nicer when it's a two way thing.

Many members say that getting more involved gives them a greater sense of purpose, new found confidence and that it's good to feel appreciated. Others love learning new things or putting old skills to new use. Guaranteed however, is the chance to meet more people, have fun and make new friends.

Committee of Management

Branches are responsible for their own business activities and administration. This is done through a Committee of Management (CoM) supported by a full or part time paid Secretary. Besides being a Committee member there are a number of other formal roles on the Committee of Management - these are important positions held by elected volunteer members.

They includes:

- Trustees, Branch Chairman (referred to as a Noble Grand or Provincial Grand Master), Branch Deputy Chairman (referred to as Vice Grand or Provincial Deputy Grand Master), Branch Immediate Past Chairman (referred to as Immediate Past Noble Grand or Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master).
- Frequency of meetings vary but they will meet at least every quarter to discuss issues such as management investments, adherence to Rules and Procedures, as well as membership needs and social event programmes.
- Any members can put themselves forward to join their Branch CoM depending on whether the Branch is a Lodge or a District/District Lodge will determine the number of membership years required. Once on the CoM, you can decide if you want to progress to become a Branch Chairman, attend regional group conferences and the national annual conference as a Deputy. You could even become a Director on our national Board or Chairman of the Society.

Non-Committee roles

Sitting on the CoM or becoming an Officer are just a few of the many ways to get involved. What you do and how much time you contribute is entirely up to you. Volunteering works around your availability and what interests you. Volunteering opportunities vary from Branch to Branch, so have a chat with your Branch Secretary.

Here are some of the ways our members volunteer:

Buddy or Members support - helping members to feel included, get the most from their membership and feel part of the Oddfellows family.

Events/Front of House Supporter

Arranging or helping to host local social events or fundraising activities, plus support for paid staff and other volunteers in making events run smoothly.

Promotion and Publicity

Promoting local Branch activities through flyers, newsletters, PR and social media. Or, being a member advocate recommending the Oddfellows to prospective members.

Welfare Visitor/Telephone Befriender*

Making care and welfare visits or phone calls to keep in touch with members who may be lonely, unwell or going through a difficult time. This involves providing a listening ear and signposting members to other sources of support where needed. You don't need any previous experience for most roles but there are a few where you might need guidance or training. * Welfare Visitors and Telephone Befrienders are appointed by the Branch Committee of Management. Volunteers not already known to them, or who have been members for less than a year, will be asked for two references. You will also need to undergo a DBS check at the level relevant to the role. Travel and out of pocket expenses will be paid.

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Penny on **01332 345697** or email **penny.folds@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens 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

Care and Welfare Helpline

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Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

*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.

Walking Group

It is lovely to be out in the wonderful Derbyshire countryside with friends again. We are so lucky to have such a variety of places to walk on our doorstep.

We have already walked in the Horsley, Shardlow and Ingleby areas and the Locko Loop in memory of our dear friend and fellow walker, Walter Stone. It was lovely to have his wife, Win, their son and daughter and son-in-law with us, and their friendly family dog, Doris.

On a very hot day in September we tried a new walk in the Heage area. It was a bit hilly, but well worth it for the wonderful views across the Derwent Valley. It had everything really - views, a walk along the Cromford Canal (although a bit overgrown), along an old railway line under a magnificent canopy of trees which gave us some very welcome shade and, of course, views of the Heage windmill.

The windmill was originally built in 1797 and was restored in 2002 and is the only six-sided stone tower windmill in England.



Our walks are always around five miles and if you are interested in joining us details can be found in the events diary.

Tomato Risoni Soup

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 celery sticks, finely chopped
4 large tomatoes
1.5 litres vegetable stock
150g dried risoni or orzo (pasta)
6 tablespoons flat leaf parsley
Salt and pepper

Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat, add the onion and celery and cook until soft. Meanwhile, score and cross the base of each tomato, then put in a heatproof bowl of boiling water for one minute. Plunge into cold water, then peel the skin away from the cross. Halve the tomatoes, then scoop out the seeds and discard. Roughly chop the flesh.

Add the tomatoes, stock, onions and celery to the pan and bring to the boil. Add the pasta and cook for 10 minutes or until al dente. Season to taste with salt and pepper and stir in the parsley.

Remove from the heat, ladle into warmed bowls and drizzle with oil (if preferred) before serving.

For homemade vegetable stock put 625g mixed vegetables (excluding potatoes, parsnips and other starchy root vegetables) two peeled garlic cloves, eight peppercorns and one bouquet garni in a large saucepan, add 1.8 litres of water and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 40 minutes. Strain with a sieve.



Cook with Love

Happiness is like seasoning
Tiredness dulls flavours
Anger turns food sour
Sadness can kill a dish off completely
While LOVE can flavour a dish to perfection.

My First Year as a Business Student at Nottingham Uni



Photograph taken of Fran whilst she was teaching in India.

My first year at uni was very different to what I was expecting. When people think of their first year at university, they think of freshers' week, of going out and making new friends, of getting involved in all the clubs and societies within the university, and of sitting in huge lecture theatres with hundreds of other students. My first year, though, was quite different. All of my lectures were shifted online due to the pandemic, freshers' week was a virtual Zoom call, and clubs and societies were all but cancelled.

It was difficult at first to adjust to returning to academic life (after a two-year gap that included a year spent teaching in India!), and it was strange to experience online teaching for the first time. Pre-recorded lectures required more self-discipline, and it was definitely a disadvantage not having the interaction with the

tutors and other students, however I found I had more control over my timetable and how I planned out my study routine which was not such a bad thing.

Christmas was also a strange time at the university. Instead of the annual Business Christmas Dinner, we instead had to attend the university's mass lateral flow testing, to make sure it was safe for everyone to travel home during the break.

The guidelines further impacted all clubs and societies. I joined the university's lacrosse team and Philharmonic orchestra. Unfortunately, the orchestra's activities were cancelled for the entire year, but I was lucky that the Lacrosse team was allowed to run for a few weeks during the year, so I got a chance to play and meet new people.

Exam time was very strange too, from having to pre-book socially distanced

library spaces, to quarantining text books. The exams were also done online, which I found to be significantly less stressful than sitting in a crowded exam room. I was able to take more time on each exam and we were able to use a few additional resources as well.

Despite the challenges of the year, I was able to get a spring work placement and a summer internship. My spring work experience consisted of a remote marketing position for a small Nottingham company that produced sustainable, eco-friendly jewellery and accessories. I found this experience quite fun as I was working with another student on my course and together we worked on website content creation and marketing. I also helped to translate the website into French!

My summer internship, working for a Nottingham-based cider company, was quite challenging as I was working on site, but mainly alone. Alongside sales and marketing for festivals, pubs and supermarkets around the country, there was a strong logistics focus; I was tasked with getting the products listed on Amazon US, but as well as this, I had to set up the whole behind the scenes process, from warehouse storage, shipping, US customs and imports and finally delivery to US!

Overall I feel my first year has been very strange, but in many ways quite rewarding too. I'm looking forward to my second year, but I do hope that I have the opportunity to engage more with other students and the tutors, and that all the activities are back up and running again.

Fran Chatto

Welcome Back



In Friendship Month it was decided to use some of the grant we had received from the Government, due to Covid, for a little get together.

Members were invited to come along for a chat and a free buffet with a Welcome Back cake (We also sang Happy Birthday to John Blythe who would be 82 the following day).

It was a lovely event and I am sorry there are no photographs, I was too busy talking, especially to people I hadn't seen for a long time. Many thanks to Lorraine and Penny for the organisation, everyone appreciated it.

My Younger Days

When I was in my younger days, I weighed a few pounds less, I needn't hold my tummy in to wear a belted dress. But now that I am older, I've set my body free; there's comfort of elastic where once my waist would be.



Inventor of those high-heeled shoes, my feet have not forgiven, I have to wear a nine now, but I used to wear a seven. And how about those tights, they're sized by weight, you see. So how come when I put them on, the crotch is at my knees? I need to wear glasses as the prints were getting smaller; and it wasn't very long ago I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to silver and my skin no longer fits, on the inside, I'm the same old me, just the outsides changed a bit!

The Sponsored Walk



The Sponsored Walk was back at Elvaston Castle this year. The weather was good and the parkland looked lovely.

Members and a puppy wandered through the many trails at the park chatting as they went.

The walled garden was open this year and it was nice to note that work has been taking place there, because on our last visit it was in need of some attention. It is a lovely place and would be a shame if it was left to nature, which we all know doesn't take long to take over.

Following the walk members enjoyed a lovely picnic, prepared by Pauline and her Mum, before departing for home.



Church Service

Our Provincial Grand Master, Pauline Cunningham chose her local church Boulton St Mary's for her Service of Rededication. Since our last visit the church is, at present, like many others, without a vicar. Sue Duffill lead the service admirably choosing the story of the Good Samaritan as the theme. Through the years this has been a popular choice as it ideally fits with the ethos of our Society.

Lovely hymns had been chosen and with the absence of an organist we were accompanied by CD and as these had vocals too our singing sounded great.



After the service members made the short walk through the graveyard to the church hall for lovely refreshments. We were lucky to have visitors from Coventry Godiva District, Deeside District and Heart of England District.

Our Provincial Grand Master thanked everyone for coming, particularly those from other Districts, it was lovely to see friends again; it's been a long time.

Thanks also to the Burton on Trent District for the loan of their silverware.



Benefits of Good Vocabulary!

I recently called an old Engineer friend of mine asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.



Middle Aged Daily Mutterings

"What was I going to say?"

"What did I come in here for?"

"Did I already take my pill today?"

"Did the dryer shrink my trousers?"

"That's it. Diet starts tomorrow".

"I could have sworn that was my password!"

"Who in the world is calling me at 9pm?"

"Where did I put my glasses?"

"Speak up, I can't hear you".

"How did I get this bruise?"



Peak District Discovery Tour

September's Peak District Discovery Tour was our first Oddfellows Travel group holiday since the pandemic began. We teamed up with HF Holidays, who provided a knowledgeable guide to some of Derbyshire's most stunning locations. Holiday-making members and their guests explored Bakewell and the Chatsworth estate, (Chatsworth House and Edensor Village), Tideswell, Castleton, Derwent, Hathersage and Eyam.

The group replaced their cars for the comfort of a coach for the duration of the three-night trip, and were in a safe pair of hands as the driver took the strain of navigating narrow lanes and busy car parks so they could relax and enjoy the views. He also pointed out features that only a local driver would know. Sightseers travelled from far and wide. One lady from Grenada had been visiting family when travel restrictions forced her to stay

in England, so she made the most of her time here by joining the group as a guest!

It didn't matter if people didn't know anyone else on the trip, as Oddfellows Travel's on-board host, Mike Hall, was a friendly face and helped people to feel comfortable and included. It was fantastic to see complete strangers leave as friends. Oddfellows Travel is busy



HF Holiday Guide Alistair and guests.



*Dam Busters film location
– Derwent Dam.*



The adventurous group.

preparing its holiday programme for 2022, so keep checking our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, call Mike on 0161 832 9361, or email him on mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk.

Bringing friends back together

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



After 18 difficult months of repeated lockdowns and social restrictions, where so many of us were held back from spending time with each other in person, it has been incredible to finally reunite.

And what better an excuse than Friendship Month this September! It was a great chance to catch up with old friends, re-build any lost social confidence and show newcomers all the benefits of Oddfellows membership. Jane Nelson our CEO, said: "It's been fantastic to see so many members and new faces come together to celebrate Friendship Month. Thank you to all our Branches and member volunteers who have worked tremendously hard to host hundreds of online and in-person taster events this year."



*Fun for all ages
– Brighton and Sussex Branch*



*Walking in great company
– Nottingham Trent Branch*



*Sharing a laugh
– Heart of England Branch*



*The warmest of welcomes
– Bradford Branch*



*Bringing folk together on the Isle of
Mona – Ormskirk and Southport Branch*

Apply now for a 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award



If you're an apprentice, or soon to become one, take a look at our Apprenticeship Educational Awards.

Each year, the Society grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 a year for the duration (a maximum three years) of a member's apprenticeship.

Oddfellows Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, said: "We were thrilled to grant awards to three young members last year and support their apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing and manufacturing engineering.

Establishing yourself in a trade has significant investments, such as starting

to build up your own set of tools or buying training resources, so we're always happy to help where we can."

Eligibility and how to apply

You need five years' continuous Oddfellows membership to apply, which can include Young Oddfellows membership.

To apply, speak to your Branch Secretary. The deadline for Branches to submit applications for consideration is 31 December 2021 and judging takes place in February 2022. Good luck!

Shaun Wallace

We were delighted to have Shaun Wallace ('The Dark Destroyer' from ITV quiz show 'The Chase') support Friendship Month this year! You can listen to his special message on our UK Facebook channel. He also joined our CEO, Jane Nelson, on 19 regional radio interviews. As a team, they aired the importance of friendship and talked about our recent survey into friendship and the pandemic. You can find out more about the survey at www.oddfellows.co.uk/news



Oddfellows in conversation

Do you enjoy a podcast? In our latest 'Oddfellows in conversation' recording, presenter and podcaster, Dom Burch, chatted with CEO, Jane Nelson, about all things Friendship.

It's the second in the series with the first being a conversation with our new Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, about his appointment to the role. You can listen to them on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/Oddfellows



We're also proud to be sponsoring national magazine The People's Friend's latest round of 'Reading Between the Lines' podcasts, which feature recordings of Oddfellows members from across the UK.



In each episode, they choose a story from the publication's extensive back catalogue of fiction and have a friendly chat about it. They're well worth a listen. You can find them at www.thepeoplesfriend.co.uk/category/reading-between-the-lines

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Douglas Ashmore who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday.



Sunday 28 November at 5pm Book this in your diary

We are looking for teams of four, for an early evening quiz. There is no upper or lower age restriction. You don't even have to be a member. Use it as a chance to catch up with friends or bringing your family together.

Step 1 - select your team of four.

Step 2 - choose a name for your team.

Step 3 - submit your team name to Lorraine in the Office.

Step 4 - Choose your favourite theme and prepare 10 questions.

There will be drinks and nibbles available and prize for the winning team. The number of rounds will depend on the number of teams. There will be a raffle for the Chairman's charity, Blood Bikes. Please submit your teams by Friday 19 November.



Obituaries

Helena Gregory, Good Intent Branch

Wilfred Grace, Pares Branch

Bryan Bamsey, Pares Branch

Winifred Hilton, Good Intent Branch



Look for me when the tide is high
And the gulls are wheeling overhead.
When the autumn winds sweep the
cloudy sky and one by one the leaves are shed.

King George V (Looking back)

One hundred years ago this year, King George V came to the throne. He reigned for 25 years and died eight months after huge celebrations.



In Derby celebrations started at 12.15am on the 6 May with a dance at the Central Hall. 40,000 people watched fireworks in Markeaton Park and at Alvaston Park 30,000 boated on the lake lit by fairy lights. 5,000 had packed into the Arboretum for the opening of a new bandstand where Foden's Motor Works Band gave two concerts.

The Racecourse at Chaddesden was overflowing with people, but unfortunately the King's horse, Curraghmore, wasn't placed in the Chaddesden Handicap.

It was a glorious day apparently with street parties and souvenirs. The King and Queen celebrated in London.

If you have anything you would like to have printed in the next magazine, please forward your article to Lorraine or Penny, Oddfellows Hall, 32 Charnwood Street, Derby DE1 2GU. Thank you.