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Vale of York District



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*York vs Leeds Games Afternoon
Monday 15 January*

Welcome to the Vale of York District of the Oddfellows. Members of the District have organised an exciting and varied programme of events for everyone.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep, so that you know what is happening in your area. It will be published three or four times a year. There may be some extra events and dates confirmed after publication, where possible, circulars/emails will be sent.

Everyone is welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time. All members are invited to attend any of the events listed in this diary.

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(please see page 21 for more info).

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Regular Events

Cuppa and Chat

Last Monday



10am



As per menu



On the last Monday of each month, make friends and help people. Come along and enjoy a couple of hours with people that are happy to chat. No need to book, just turn up. Hot drinks are £2 each with proceeds going to Choose2Youth who provide support for young people with disabilities in York and North Yorkshire. Community Cafe, Evelyn Crescent, Clifton, York YO30 6DX. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

29 January
26 February

25 March
29 April

Goole Film Club

First Thursday



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



Usual format - come and enjoy a film afternoon with ice-cream and cakes. See weekly email for film



choice. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Any further information required call Peter on 01652 651594 or 01652 655828.

4 January
1 February

7 March
4 April

Goole Out to Lunch

Second Thursday



1pm



Two meals
for £11.49



On the second Thursday of each month, join us for lunch. Lifts may be available. Meet inside the venue. Book five days before the event. Aire & Calder Brewers Fayre, Rawcliffe Road, Goole DN14 8JS. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

11 January
8 February

14 March
11 April

Pie, Peas and Bingo

Last Thursday



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



Come and enjoy pie, peas and a pudding with tea or coffee. Play a couple of games of bingo for cash prizes. Book five days before the event. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Barbara on 01652 651594.

25 January
29 February

28 March
25 April



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Regular Events

York Lunch Club

Second Friday

🕒 12 noon 💷 £6



On the second Friday of each month, join in with the lunch at the Community Hall. The price includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. All are welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

9 February
8 March

12 April



York Film Club

Various Saturday

🕒 2pm 💷 Members Free
Guests £2



Come along to our monthly film club and watch a movie with friends. Check out the Vale of York Oddfellows Facebook page, nearer the time, to see the film choice (selected by those who attended last month). Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book all are welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

20 January (1.30pm) 23 March (1.30pm)
17 February 20 April



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WED
03

New Year Get Together



1pm



As per menu



A social afternoon in the fantastic café on the ground floor. Enjoy coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you chat with others. Take the opportunity to craft, play games, do a jigsaw together or let the library inspire you to have a conversation about books.

The Folk Hall is a fully accessible venue, with ramps at all the entrances. There's plenty of free parking including four designated Blue Badge Holder bays just outside the main entrance. The number 1 and 13 bus stop right outside the Folk Hall. Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SUN
07

Dominoes and Dinner



5pm



£5.25 – £7.50 for a pizza. As per menu for drinks



Join us in this traditional pub with a cosy vibe offering a wide range of drinks plus wood-fired pizza. The Sunday Slice drop allows you to buy any pizza and get one free (gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options are available), which means that we can enjoy a great value dinner while we play a few games of dominoes. Book by Sunday 31 December 2023. Minster Inn, 24 Marygate, York YO30 7BH. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



January 2024

FRI
12

Winter Warm Up



11am



Members £2
Guests £4



Banish away the chills of winter with some gentle exercise followed by a warming bowl of soup and a freshly baked crusty bread roll. Meet in the café area; hot drinks will be available. Just after 11am we'll head out for a quick walk and then head back in time for lunch at 12 noon. Book by Friday 5 January. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED
17

Lights, Camera, Action



2pm



Members Free
Guests £2



Paul Kerrigan, Broadcast Lighting Cameraman and Drone Operator will show some amazing photographs taken during his career.



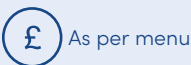
Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

MON
15

York vs Leeds Games Afternoon



2pm



As per menu



On Blue Monday, which is said to be the most depressing day of the year, Vale of York and Leodis have joined forces to organise an afternoon of fun and healthy competition.



We'll be meeting in The Head of Steam to play Shuffleboard and other games, to boost morale and help members of the Districts get to know each other better. The venue offers an exceptional selection of local and global craft beer, real ale, an array of cocktails, environmentally conscious wine as well as hot drinks.

For York members there is a train leaving York at 1.04pm, arriving in Leeds at 1.27pm and then it's a six minute walk to the event location. Book by Monday 8 January. The Head of Steam, 6-7 Park Row, Leeds LS1 5HN. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

January 2024

SAT 20 York Film Club



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £2



The Community Hall is booked for another event at 4.30pm, so this month Film Club will start at the slightly earlier time of 1.30pm. Come along to watch a movie with friends. Check out the Vale of York Oddfellows Facebook page, nearer the time, to see the film choice (selected by those who attended last month). Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book all are welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT 20 One Night of Classic Rock



7.30pm



£18



A passionate cast of singers will be paying tribute to their rock heroes. This fantastic night of live music, with an amazing sound and light show, includes AC/DC, Queen, Meatloaf, Fleetwood Mac, The Eagles plus many more thunderous anthems from everyone's favourite bands. Book by Wednesday 20 December 2023. Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Road, York YO31 8TA. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SUN 21 Christmas Dinner with a Difference



1pm



Members £10
Guests £12



Christmas dinner in the New Year. Come and have a Christmas dinner but in January! This will cheer us all up. Wine and crackers included. Book by Friday 19 January. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Barbara on 01652 651594.



FRI 26 York Lunch Club



12 noon



£6



There is no lunch on the second Friday this month, as Louise takes a well-earned break. We will join in with the first lunch of 2024, which will take place on 26 January. The price includes main, dessert and tea or coffee catered for by Louise. All are welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



February

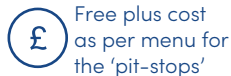
SAT 03 Viking Ceremonial Lodge



Come and learn more about the Society origins. See why we are different to other 'clubs'. Steeped in history and traditions as the Oddfellows has been for over 200 years. Tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter on 01652 651594.



SUN 04 York Ice Trail

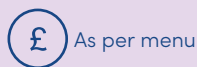


At a gentle pace, have fun finding the magnificent ice sculptures around the city. We will make a day of it with a break for lunch



(soup and sandwich) at 12 noon and tea, coffee and cake at 2pm. Book by Sunday 28 January. York Railway Station, Station Road, York YO24 1AB. Please let Sarah know on 07762 352847 if you'll be joining in, so that she can book the 'pit-stops' and give you further details about the meeting point for the start of the walking route.

WED 14 Valentine's Get Together



Spread love on Valentine's Day by taking part in our monthly social afternoon. Enjoy coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you chat with others. Take the opportunity to craft, play games, do a jigsaw together or let the library inspire you to have a conversation about books. These get togethers are also a great opportunity to get involved and share your ideas for future events with Sarah. The more the merrier! Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



February

MON 19 Scarborough Lunch Club



Come and explore three floors of exciting unique shops and stalls plus lunch with our friends from Scarborough and the surrounding areas. The 843 Coastliner leaves York Rail Station Stop RB at 9.48am. We will arrive back in York at 5.03pm. If you're making your own way there, then be sure to contact Sarah a couple of days before for the exact meeting point for the meal at 1pm. Book by Monday 12 February. Scarborough Market Hall and Vaults, St Helen's Square, Scarborough YO11 1EU. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED 21 Fire Safety



Come and meet members of 'White Watch' advise us on all aspects of Fire Safety. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.



FRI 23 Beetle Drive



Come along and have fun as we play beetle with a raffle afterwards. Prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be provided. All welcome. Book by Friday 16 February. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Event Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



SUN 25 Sunday Lunch



Join us for a carvery with at least three 14-hour slow-cooked hand-carved

roast meats served with a Yorkshire pudding, your choice of potatoes, seasonal veggies and as much gravy as you like. Book by Sunday 18 February. Riverside Farm, Greene King Pub & Carvery, Shipton Road, York, YO30 1XJ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



March

WED
06

Spring Get Together



1pm



As per menu



Our monthly social afternoon will put a spring in your step. Enjoy coffee and a freshly baked slice of cake while you chat with others. Take the opportunity to craft, play games, do a jigsaw together or let the library inspire you to have a conversation about books. Anything goes! Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

FRI
15

Ten Pin Bowling



2pm



£5



You're all welcome to come along and enjoy a couple of games of bowling. Why not join us and make new friends



while you play! Book by Friday 8 March. Tenpin York, Clifton Moor, Stirling Road, York YO30 4WZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SUN
10

British Pie Week Celebrations



1pm



£12



Let's celebrate British Pie Week together over a three course lunch! We will start with pie and peas, a cup of homemade pea soup with your choice of warm mini Pie (pork or cheese and onion). There will be fish, shepherd's or vegetarian cottage pie for main. Dessert options are cherry pie, lemon meringue pie or if you've reached your pie limit, then put a ban on pies with our banoffee pie, which is a banoffee cheesecake.



There will be a raffle afterwards, donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to join in, then please make sure that you have given your menu choices and full payment to Sarah by Sunday 31 March. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

March

MON 18 Breakfast Club



Join us for a great-value all you can eat breakfast. Take your pick from all of your breakfast favourites, like



succulent sausages, crispy back bacon, golden hash browns and much more. You can even add unlimited tea or coffee for just £1.99, or add a glass of juice for £1. Book by Monday 11 March. Pear Tree Farm, Monks Cross Drive, Huntington, York YO32 9GZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT 23 York Film Club



The Community Hall is booked for another event at 4.30pm, so this month Film Club will start at the slightly earlier time of 1.30pm. Come along to watch a movie with friends. Check out the Vale of York Oddfellows Facebook page, nearer the time, to see the film choice (selected by those who attended last month). Ice-cream during the film with tea and cakes afterwards. No need to book all are welcome. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED 20 Curling



Come and enjoy a game of curling, nice and easy, no bending. Small prize for the winning team. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.

WED 27 York Chocolate Trail



It's almost Easter, so join us on a brand new mouth-watering wander through time with lots of sweet treats along the way.



At a gentle pace, have fun finding out about the history of chocolate and the city's confectioners. Walking and talking is a great way to make new friends and work up an appetite for lunch afterwards! Book by Wednesday 20 March. York Railway Station, Station Road, York YO24 1AB. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

March

WED 27 York Out to Lunch



Enjoy delicious food with friends in unique heritage surroundings. The beautiful Victorian Atrium makes the perfect setting for a light lunch. The cafe offers a fresh daily selection of home-made soup, tempting cakes and scones, with sandwiches made to order and a special board updated daily. Book by Wednesday 20 March. The Bar Convent Living Heritage Centre, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



FRI 29 Good Friday York Lunch Club



A two course Good Friday lunch with a traditional fish main followed by dessert and tea or coffee. Please let Sarah know in advance if you are going and then pay with cash on the day. Book by Friday 22 March. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SUN 31 York Easter Celebrations



After the 10am service, let's celebrate Easter together over a three course Sunday lunch including a chocolate treat from the Easter Bunny! There will be a raffle afterwards, donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated. Book by Sunday 24 March. Community Hall, St Edward the Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG. Please let Sarah know in advance on 07762 352847 if you are going and then pay with cash on the day.



April

WED 03 Post Easter Get Together



Chick out our monthly social afternoon. Rabbit away with others while you craft, play games or do whatever makes you hoppy. No eggs-cuses! Folk Hall Café, New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn Terrace, York YO32 4AQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.



April

SAT
06

Annual Summoned Meeting

1pm

£ Free



This is a business meeting to discuss the Accounts and Year End. Find out more about our Branch and the roles of the people who run it. Food served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Free transport will be provided from York. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847 for further details and to reserve a space by Saturday 30 March.

SUN
14

Sunday Lunch

1pm

£ £12.79



Round off the week with friends in the best way - enjoy quality, hearty home-cooked food with plenty of choice for everyone. Roast lamb, beef, gammon, pork or turkey with Yorkshire puddings, freshly steamed and roasted vegetables and gravy. Book by Sunday 7 April. Toby Carvery Hopgrove, Malton Road, York YO32 9TE. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED
17

From Newquay to Penzance

2pm

£ Members Free
Guests £2



Stephen Gay will show a film of his train journey. A favourite speaker whose slides are always a snapshot of beautiful countryside. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Refreshments afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Daphne on 01405 765356.



MON
22

Scarborough Lunch Club

1pm

£ As per menu



Join us for a pleasant walk around this elegant coastal garden and woodland with plenty of seating and spectacular views over South Bay. Plus lunch with our friends from Scarborough and the surrounding areas. The 843 Coastliner leaves York Rail Station Stop RB at 9.48am. We will arrive back in York at 5.03pm. If you're making your own way there, then be sure to contact Sarah a couple of days before for the exact meeting point for the meal at 1pm. Book by Monday 15 April. Italian Gardens, 47-49 Esplanade, Scarborough YO11 2UZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

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April

WED 24 York Daffodil Trail

L 11am

£ Free



Spring has sprung! This walking route will take us around York City Walls and in to the Museum Gardens, to enjoy the display of daffodils on the banks below with the option for lunch afterwards. Book by Wednesday 17 April. Bootham Bar, 2-4 High Petergate, York YO1 7EH. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

WED 24 York Out to Lunch

L 1pm

£ As per menu



Enjoy home-made food and a drink with friends. If the weather is nice we'll sit in the garden and enjoy the views of the York Walls. If not, the café is spacious and comfortable. Book by Wednesday 17 April. Osbornes, 68 Gillygate, York YO31 7EQ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

SAT 27 Viking Ceremonial Lodge

L 2pm

£ Free



Come and learn more about the Society origins. See why we are different to other 'clubs'. Steeped in history and traditions as the Oddfellows has been for over 200 years. Tea and cakes served afterwards. Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH. Contact Peter on 01652 651594.

SUN 28 Harrogate Spring Flower Show Day Trip

L 8.30am

£ See below



We visit Harrogate Spring Flower Show; this prestigious event features stunning show gardens, live talks and demonstrations, great garden shopping and the biggest exhibition by florists and flower arrangers in the country. With so much to see and do, you'll have a full day to explore a spectacular celebration of the very best in horticulture.

Transport to and from either of our pick up points, which are York Train Station and St Edward the Confessor Church, is included in the price. Cost: £36 for adult and £14 for child. Alternatively, if you'd rather provide your own transport and meet us there, then the cost is £22 per person. Book by Tuesday 2 April. Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8NZ. Contact Sarah on 07762 352847.

Events & Member Pictures



Lunch after the York Cat Trail.



Friendship Month - Entertaining Duo.

Events & Member Pictures



Casterways afternoon of songs from the shows they have performed.



Chairman's Dinner Dance.

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



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 June on **07708 099602** or our email details.

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 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**

Meetings

We regularly hold meetings and all members are welcome to attend. We share and discuss the business of the Branch. Subjects include social events, finance, care, development, publicity and promotion.

Listed below are the addresses of the regular meeting places in our area. We are unlikely to cancel an event or change a venue without advance warning. However, in bad weather conditions, please telephone the Secretary or named Social Organiser to check that the times and locations are as listed. We look forward to seeing you.

Vale of York District Branch

Quarterly meetings, held in various locations, are to discuss the business of the District. The dates and venues are agreed at the Annual Summoned Meeting and listed in the Events Diary. All members are welcome to attend.

The Good Samaritan Branch Goole

The Meeting Room, 176 Boothferry Road, Goole DN14 6AH and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

Mechanics Branch York

The St Edward the Confessor Church, Community Hall, Dringhouses, York YO24 1QG and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

Rutland and Agricultural Branch Scarborough and Kirkbymoorside

The Schoolroom, South Cliff Methodist Church, Scarborough YO11 2SS and other venues as listed in the Events Diary.

To enquire about discretionary benefits e.g. Dental, Optical, Convalescence, Legal Aid (personal injury, industrial tribunals), please contact District Secretary Peter Needham on 01652 651594, 9 Westwood, Broughton, North Lincolnshire DN20 0AU.

Ceremonial Branch Meeting

For members only:

Saturday 3 February, 2pm in the Meeting Room, Goole

Saturday 27 April, 2pm in the Meeting Room, Goole

At a glance - see pages 3 and 4 for regular event info

January 2024

Wed 3	New Year Get Together	1pm
Thurs 4	Goole Film Club	2pm
Sun 7	Dominoes and Dinner	5pm
Thurs 11	Goole Out to Lunch	1pm
Fri 12	Winter Warm Up	11am
Mon 15	York vs Leeds Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 17	Lights, Camera, Action	2pm
Sat 20	York Film Club	1.30pm
Sat 20	One Night of Classic Rock	7.30pm
Sun 21	Christmas Dinner with a Difference	1pm
Thurs 25	Pie, Peas and Bingo	1pm
Fri 26	York Lunch Club	12 noon
Mon 29	Cuppa and Chat	10am

February

Thurs 1	Goole Film Club	2pm
Sat 3	Viking Ceremonial Lodge	2pm
Sun 4	York Ice Trail	10am
Thurs 8	Goole Out to Lunch	1pm
Fri 9	York Lunch Club	12 noon
Wed 14	Valentine's Get Together	1pm
Sat 17	York Film Club	2pm
Mon 19	Scarborough Lunch Club	1pm
Wed 21	Fire Safety	2pm
Fri 23	Beetle Drive	2pm
Sun 25	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Mon 26	Cuppa and Chat	10am
Thurs 29	Pie, Peas and Bingo	1pm

March

Wed 6	Spring Get Together	1pm
Thurs 7	Goole Film Club	2pm
Fri 8	York Lunch Club	12 noon

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March

Sun 10	British Pie Week Celebrations	1pm
Thurs 14	Goole Out to Lunch	1pm
Fri 15	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
Mon 18	Breakfast Club	10am
Wed 20	Curling	2pm
Sat 23	York Film Club	1.30pm
Mon 25	Cuppa and Chat	10am
Wed 27	York Chocolate Trail	11am
Wed 27	York Out to Lunch	1pm
Thurs 28	Pie, Peas and Bingo	1pm
Fri 29	York Lunch Club	12 noon
Sun 31	York Easter Celebrations	1pm

April

Wed 3	Post Easter Get Together	1pm
Thurs 4	Goole Film Club	2pm
Sat 6	Annual Summoned Meeting	1pm
Thurs 11	Goole Out to Lunch	1pm
Fri 12	York Lunch Club	12 noon
Sun 14	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Wed 17	From Newquay to Penzance	2pm
Sat 20	York Film Club	2pm
Mon 22	Scarborough Lunch Club	1pm
Wed 24	York Daffodil Trail	11am
Wed 24	York Out to Lunch	1pm
Thurs 25	Pie, Peas and Bingo	1pm
Sat 27	Viking Ceremonial Lodge	2pm
Sun 28	Harrogate Spring Flower Show Day Trip	8.30am
Mon 29	Cuppa and Chat	10am