

Ormskirk and Southport

News and views from your local friendship group

Welcome to the latest edition of the Ormskirk & Southport News

We hope that you are bearing up and maybe starting to venture outside a little if you aren't shielding. Remember to wear your mask and wash your hands.

If we all take these measures, the sooner we can get together face to face and start to plan our adventures again.

If you are shielding long term, we are here at the end of the phone for any enquiries or for a chat.

I've had a long email from our friends at Don Fraser Coaches detailing all their plans on how they will ensure our safety when we are ready to start booking coaches and go a little further afield.

This includes things like fogging the coaches at the end of the day to kill any virus; deep cleaning; asking us to wear masks on board and taking the driver's temperature each morning. I felt very reassured that when we are ready they will look after us and take every precaution.

Formby Walk

A few of us (plus Fleur the dog) met for a socially distanced walk at Deansgate Lane Park in Formby. The weather was overcast but warm. I felt quite giddy meeting up again and it was so lovely to see everyone's faces and chat, chat, chat. We had a gentle walk around the outskirts of the fields.

If you are interested in meeting up for an ad hoc walk near to you, let me know and I will arrange something. As long as we keep to no more than six (or in groups of six) we can start to do this, and by the time you receive this newsletter those



rules may have changed again. I know not everyone can walk a long distance, and still some of you are shielding. We won't forget about you, and maybe you are able to take part in our September Friendship Month events, either face to face or online.

Happy Anniversary

We would like to wish our member Sue James' mum and dad a happy 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to Mavis and Harold James from all of us at Ormskirk & Southport Oddfellows.



Message from your Secretary, Bonita Hesketh

As the District Trustee that lived locally to me has moved out of the area, I will now have to travel at least a 26 mile round trip for cheque signing, therefore, it may take longer for you to receive any payment of benefits. Thank you for your patience. Also Please Note. If any Lord Skelmersdale members have Care & Welfare issues, please contact the secretary, Bonita Hesketh directly, as Brenda Lowe has moved out of the area. Thank you.

Please Note - There are a few members who have decided not to renew their membership until the socials start again.

When subscriptions are due, if you do not pay, you will be lapsed after three months. If you re-join you will have to start your qualifying period again for benefits. If you want to remain a member but not pay until the Social Events restart then your subscriptions are automatically back dated to the original date when they would have been due.

How to contact your District

District Secretary: Bonita Hesketh
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Social Organiser & Welfare Co-Ordinator: Judith Catton
Address: 4 Falkland Road, Southport PR8 6LG

Telephone: 01704 545279
Email: judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk

For details regarding the Isle of Mona, please contact Bonita.

Face to Face meet-ups for September's Friendship Month – see overleaf.

Face to Face Meet-ups

Picnics in the Parks

This year we are celebrating Friendship Month outdoors for obvious reasons. Bring your own picnic chair/rug and picnic. More details e.g. meeting places for each event will be provided on confirmation of your booking. Booking is essential to comply with numbers.

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Please book with Judith at least a week before the event on **01704 545279** or **judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk** – we will run a reserve list if numbers exceed 30 per picnic.

These rules may change by September, so as is usual at the moment, so keep an eye on the guidelines and keep in touch with us. Do not just turn up as you may be asked to leave.

The rules at the moment state that for an organised event eg charity, 30 is the maximum number, so we will charge £2 per person, which will be donated to the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust, one of our favourite charities.



All events start at midday.

Tuesday 8 September

Deansgate Lane Park, Formby

Wednesday 9 September

Coronation Park, Ormskirk

Friday 11 September

Hesketh Park, Southport

Wednesday 16 September

Botanic Gardens, Churchtown

Monday 21 September

Princes Park, Southport

Tuesday 22 September

The Green, Ainsdale

Thursday 24 September

Platts Lane Lakes, Burscough

All events are subject to cancellation.



Pre-booking essential, all events are subject to cancellation, social distancing rules apply.

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 Bonita on **01695 424149** or email **bonita.hesketh@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

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**

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Online National Friendship Month Events

Join in the fun and friendship online – contact Judith Catton on **01704 545279** or **judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk** for details on how to take part. Non-members welcome.

National Open Days:

Friday 4 September, 2pm

Saturday 12 September, 10am

Friday 18 September, 2pm

Tuesday 22 September, 7pm