

July - December 2022



the **ODDfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Nene and Welland District



Travel and Trips



Arts and Crafts



Talks



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Dining Out



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Games

Welcome from the Provincial Grand Master (Chairman)

I am delighted to welcome you to our latest events diary and newsletter for the Nene and Welland District Branch of Oddfellows.

Well, what a time we have all had in the last two years. I think they have to go down as two of the strangest I've lived through and after speaking to other people I think they are feeling much the same. I do sincerely believe that one good thing has come out of this situation is that it emphasises how important friends are. The Oddfellows certainly provides the opportunity to meet and make friends, good friends.

Now that the restrictions have been lifted, whilst still remaining cautious, I'm hoping we can all meet up and enjoy together the planned events. So please don't stay at home feeling lonely, come and join us and I'm sure we will, together, get through the experiences and memories of the past two years and if you have a suggestions for an event or activity don't be shy, do tell us about it.

I have chosen the Exotic Pet Refuge as my charity because of the circumstances I feel that they deserve another year. They work so hard to look after all in their care and it



seems they are never closed to an animal in need no matter how unusual.

I sincerely thank you for your support and help and I do feel honoured to be your district chairman and hope that by us all coming together and working together we can make this a happy and successful year. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours in friendship,

Elaine Brown.

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Hello Everyone! Welcome to your new edition of Out & About, I hope you find it interesting and see lots of events to come along to!

The last six months were a bit stop-start with the dreaded virus still hanging about but we eventually began to be able to hold events and attendance gradually increased as we became more confident that we were as safe as we could be.

In February, we held the 'Just For the Girls!' makeup tutorial evening which was great fun and very instructive. Later this year we are going to repeat the talk, nearer to Christmas, with a party season theme, so if you missed it last time, please come along.

Our illustrated talks have gone down very well, were entertaining, informative and sparked lots of interaction with the speakers. We have two more planned for this issue – look out for them, particularly the one on local wildlife!

Our event at Swine's Meadow Nursery was very well received and our regular lunches out, bingo, craft club and cold pudding club continue to attract lots of

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members. As I write we are preparing to attend the Platinum Party in the Park and Pinchbeck Carnival – which I am sure will be very busy!

We are continuing our regular events throughout the next six months together with our biggest events, The Oddfellows Brass Band concert and The Annual Lunch – not to be missed! The car boot sales continue into the autumn and each has raised over £100 for The Exotic Pet Refuge, we have the Chairman's afternoon tea, coffee and mince pies, the annual carol service and lots more to look forward to.

Sadly, we have bid farewell to some members this year and our condolences go, as always, to their families. We continue to attract new members through our events and national media from Unity but the very best way is through word of mouth. Did you know that there is a very generous Recommend a Friend Scheme? Full details are on the Oddfellows website or you can collect a card to complete from the hall.

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If you'd like an information pack sent to a friend just let me know!

We were delighted to elect our new Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Miss Elaine Brown who is a wonderful advocate for everything that Oddfellows stands for. Our very grateful thanks went to our outgoing Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), John Sergeant, who could have not have served us any better. We also presented long-standing member, Roly Scotney, with a District Merit Jewel to commemorate 60 years membership! My interview with Roly appears later in this issue.

You may notice that the price for some events has been lowered to make them more accessible to members. We will still be offering refreshments at events and if you would like to make a small donation at the time that would be very welcome. We also hope to hold a small raffle at some events (proceeds to our nominated charity) but will need your kind donation of prizes, particularly for the prize bingo. All contributions very gratefully received



Last, but by no means least, do you receive my Monthly email? It's a reminder of upcoming events and any changes to items that appear in



this Diary section, any news that I think you may be interested in and general chatter. Sometimes things happen, outside of our control, which means events have to be cancelled or details changed and it's a good way to keep up-to-date with everything we do. If you don't receive it and would like to, then please let me have your email address and I'll add you to the distribution list.

Have a lovely rest of the year with a sunny summer, a crisp colourful autumn and a gentle lead up to winter. See you soon!

In friendship,

Virginia



July 2022

SUN
03

Annual Church Service



6pm



Free



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the work of the Oddfellows both nationally and locally. Also, to give thanks for the work of the Officers of the Society, especially those here in our Branch. After the service enjoy some time of friendship with lovely refreshments in the church lounge. Deeping Methodist Church, 64 Church Street, Deeping St James PE6 8HD. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



WED
06

Let's Do Lunch



12.30pm



As per menu



Our monthly lunch moves to a new venue, Thorney Golf Club. The club offers a special lunch for £5 for a main course and comes

highly recommended by our members. Why not join us? Bring your friends! The menu will be provided as requirements need to be pre-ordered. Book by Friday 1 July. Thorney Golf Club, English Drive, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



FRI
08

Tax, Care and Toy Boys!



2pm



Free



We are delighted to welcome Co-operative Estate Planning

who will give an informative talk on the following topics: Protecting your family's nest egg. Inheritance tax Stopping 'sideways disinheritance', Lasting Powers of Attorney No selling involved, just up-to-date friendly advice to help you plan for the future. Book by Wednesday 6 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



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TUES
12

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10.30am



Free



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TUES
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£1 per book



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SUN
24

Car Boot Sale



10am



£5 per table



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August

TUES
02

'Halfway Around the World in 70 Days'



7pm



Free



In 2015, Ashley and Charlotte Baxter went on a backpacking holiday, travelling overland from St Petersburg in Russia across six countries to Bangkok in Thailand, travelling only on trains and buses. The unusual thing about their trip was that their three young children accompanied them on the adventure. Ashley's illustrated account of his family trip includes many stories, including encounters with Lenin, Genghis Khan and Chairman Mao, that will make you laugh, and think, and perhaps book a holiday to China! Book by Sunday 31 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



August

WED 03 Let's Do Lunch



12.30pm



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make new ones. Good company, good food – what's not to enjoy? Do you have friends or family who would like to come along? Please invite them to join us and share in the fun. Booking essential. Book by Monday 1 August. Waggon & Horses, 1 Peterborough Road, Langtoft, Peterborough PE6 9LW. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES 09 Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



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WED 10 Craft Club



1pm



£2.50



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TUES 16 Surprise Bingo!



2pm



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August

WED
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Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch



12.30pm



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SUN
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THURS
25

History and Traditions



2pm



Free

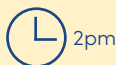


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SUN
04

Chairman's Afternoon Tea



2pm



Free



A lovely start to our Friendship Month will be a complimentary afternoon tea, hosted by our Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman), Elaine Brown.

One of our members, Andrew Spencer, has kindly offered his garden (and culinary skills) and we can look forward to an afternoon of friendship, chat and cake. Please book early, as places are limited. Book by Wednesday 31 August. Andrew Spencer's Garden, 75 Churchill Avenue, Bourne PE10 9QA. Contact Andrew on 07708 650883.

MON
05

Deepings Wildlife



7pm



Free



We are delighted to welcome local wildlife expert John Parsonage, who will give us a fascinating illustrated talk on his experience and encounters with a multitude of local wildlife.

Armed only with a camera and his trusty sidekicks, John will surprise and delight you with his knowledge and photography. Complimentary wine and nibbles.

Book by Sunday 4 September. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 07 Let's Do Lunch



12.30pm



As per
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by our members. Why not join us? Bring your friends! The menu will be provided as requirements need to be pre-ordered. Book by Friday 2 September. Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES 13 Half Yearly Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



Our Half Yearly Business Meeting is open for all members to attend. If you would like to know more about the running of the Branch, ask questions regarding the Branch, or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please do join us. Book by Friday 9 September. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

TUES 13 Cold Pudding Club



6.30pm



Contributors Free
Tasting only £2



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WED 14 Craft Club



1pm



£2.50



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September

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
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TUES
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WED
21

Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch



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SUN
25

Car Boot Sale



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October

WED
05

Let's Do Lunch



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October

SAT
08

Oddfellows Brass Band Concert



2pm



£7.50



If you've never experienced a live brass band before, then this is a great first concert. And if you're a seasoned concert-goer, then we can guarantee this will be up there as one of your favourites.

From the soaring high notes of the cornet, to the deep rotund sound of our tubas and euphoniums – our 27-piece full complement produces a rich, yet mellow sound which is just wonderful to experience live. All the profits from the concert in Spalding will go to help the Exotic Pet Refuge at Deeping St James, to continue the work of the refuge.



Book by Wednesday 5 October. St John's Parish Church, Hawthorn Bank, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 1JQ. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

TUES

11

Business Meeting



10.30am



Free



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October

WED 12 Craft Club



Come along to our monthly Craft Club! No experience is necessary as our expert crafter Janice will provide everything you need and guide you through every step of making something really special. This month she will be showing you how to make a poppies card in a folder. It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. Refreshments provided. Book by Friday 7 October. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

TUES 18 Surprise Bingo!



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WED 19 Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch



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THURS 27 History and Traditions



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October

SUN
30

Annual Lunch



12.30pm



£22



Come and join us for our wonderful annual lunch. We are delighted to welcome



David Randall, Immediate Past Grand Master (Immediate Past Chairman) of the Order of Oddfellows, as our guest speaker. We'll enjoy a three course lunch and our grand raffle will take place. Book early to secure your place on the enclosed booking form. Additional copies available on request. Book by Monday 24 October. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

November

WED
02

Let's Do Lunch



12.30pm



As per menu



Another visit to our new venue, Thorney Golf Club. The club offers



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TUES
08

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10.30am



Free



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November

TUES

08

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WED

09

Craft Club



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SUN

13

Act of Remembrance



You are invited to join with members at either Pinchbeck Memorial or Peterborough Cathedral, as we join with others in our act of remembrance. At both services our representatives will lay a wreath on behalf of the Oddfellows Society.

For more information or to arrange to join a service contact either of our members representing us at these services. Peterborough Cathedral, Cathedral Square, Peterborough PE1 1XZ. Contact Lucy on 01733 203558 or Christine on 07714 096801.

November

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SAT
19

Table Top Sale



10am



Large table £5
Small table £3



If you are clearing your cupboards out or getting rid of those unwanted items from your garage why not turn them into cash? Remember, one man's rubbish is another man's treasure! Or, if you are a crafter and have items to sell, book one of our tables. We have small or large tables available from 10am to 12 noon. Make some extra cash in time for Christmas. Book by Monday 14 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

WED
23

Surprise Christmas Bingo at The Hub!



2pm



£1 per book





Change of venue for our Christmas bingo, which is open to members and non-members alike, so why not bring along a friend? Ten games for £1 a book and light refreshments too. Winners choose a wrapped prize from the gift table. Everything raised will go directly to the Chairman's nominated charity for the year. Book by Tuesday 22 November. The Hub/Library, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.



November

FRI **25** Quiz of the Year and Supper

 6.30pm  £2



Come and test your little grey cells with our 'Quiz of the Year'. A buffet supper will be served about half way through the evening and there will be a raffle! Everyone is welcome, so bring family and friends too. Places are limited for this popular event, so book early, by Monday 21 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Chris on 01780 755705.



December

THURS **01** Coffee and Mince Pies



 10.30am  Free



Come and start the festive season off well. Take a stroll round the wonderful displays of Christmas gifts and decorations in the garden centre. Then join us in the restaurant for a complimentary coffee and mince pie, along with plenty of friendly chatter. Don't be afraid to come and join us if you are on your own. We guarantee you won't be for long, we love having new friends to join us. Book by Monday 28 November. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.



TUES **29** Just for the Girls! 'Party Edition'

 6.30pm  £2



It can be hard looking our best as we get older, particularly when it come to skincare and make-up. Our make-up artist Emma will give us a demonstration, lots of advice, tricks and tips to do exactly that. There will be a chance for one of us to get a complete makeover and lots of opportunities to ask questions. Do come along to what is going to be a really fun and informative evening. Book by Friday 25 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Virginia on 07711 883938.

December

SUN
04

Carol Service



Our next step on Festive Season's road is to join together at the hall and enjoy our carol service. Come and sing your favourite carols and hear the Christmas story in readings from the bible. Then after all that singing, enjoy some light refreshments and friendly chatter before heading off home again. Book by Wednesday 30 November. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Andrew on 07708 650883.

WED
07

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Introduce the Oddfellows to someone you know

Refer a friend today

To refer someone you know and make their day, either call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary.



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Shropshire Discovery Tour

Church Stretton

Oddfellows Travel is hosting a special four night guided tour.
All members and their guests are welcome.



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

We will be staying at Longmynd House Country Hotel in Church Stretton with its sweeping views across the Shropshire Hills.

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
www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

An Oddfellow for Life

We recently had great pleasure awarding our member 'Roly' Scotney with the District Merit Jewel in recognition of his 60 years membership and service. I went to visit Roly and his wife and asked him about his time with the Oddfellows.

"I joined the Oddfellows in autumn of 1962, not by accident but because of one. I was an apprentice joiner at the time and a combination of a hammer, a nail and my thumb led to my foreman, WP Dawson, remonstrating with me and saying "if you are going to be having accidents like this, you'd better join The Oddfellows!" He was a member himself and explained to me that for 5/- a month I could claim £2 a week from them (on production of a certificate) if I was sick or injured in the future. It seemed an eminently sensible thing to do and I applied, found myself

a referee, some of the committee came to interview me, then my application had to be approved by the committee, then I was visited again by Bertie Batson and he signed me up! It's a bit different to today where you can click a few buttons one day and you are a member the next!

I joined the Providence Lodge 1846 in Oundle which, at the time, had about 200 members – this was of course a men only lodge – the ladies were in Victoria Lodge – and never the twain shall meet! At that time there were almost no social events, the committee met once a month, we had a visit from the Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) once a year and had an annual lunch! The strong emphasis was on benevolence, acts of kindness to others and the tenets of love, friendship and truth was the backbone of our Lodge.





The Lodge owned many properties within Oundle and these were rented out to people or Oddfellows would provide a mortgage for those who wished to buy a property. I met and married my wife Sylvia and we found a small property owned by the Oddfellows and decided to rent it. So we began our married life under an Oddfellow roof. Children soon followed and when a larger Oddfellows property next door became available we decided that would be our family home. We were offered the opportunity to buy the property in 2000, so we did. It's a lovely bright sunny property, tucked away in a quiet corner and we are still very happy here. My children were made Oddfellows at birth and have remained so, through University and now with children of their own.

I remained a member of Providence Lodge until 1993 when the Lodge was amalgamated with other Lodges and during that time served on the committee and ended up as Secretary (with no secretarial skills whatsoever!). I didn't feel that entering the 'election' for the post of Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) was something that was meant for me. I was just a humble joiner. I am, however, very proud to be a Trustee of the Nene and Welland Branch".

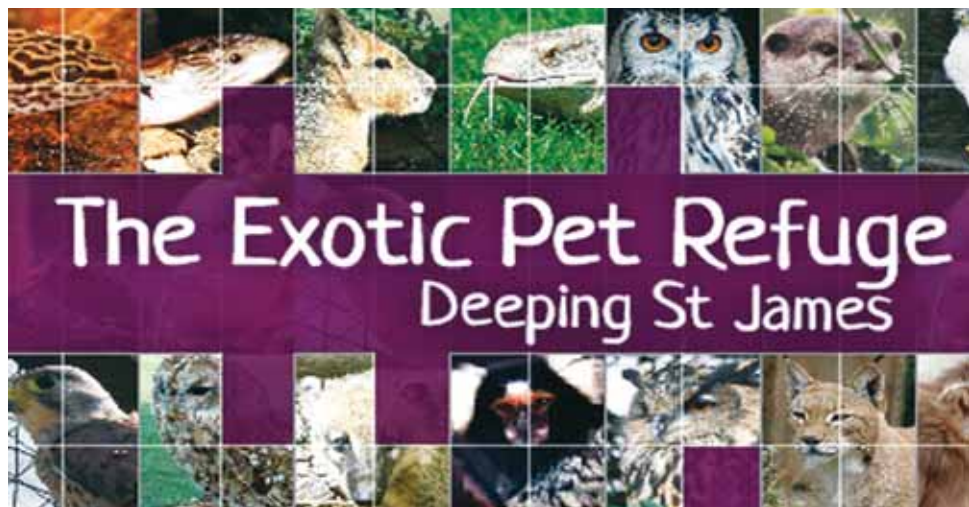
I asked Roly what he felt Oddfellows offered to people today.

"Well, you've nothing to lose have you? The first year you pay your fee and get nothing, the second year you get money towards your dentist and glasses which pays you back and pays for your second year – and so it goes on. On top of that you get to go to numerous events, you get companionship, friends and endless free cups of tea!"

Virginia



Exotic Pet Refuge



The Branch has been delighted to support the refuge and are now in our third year of raising funds for them. During the last two years we have raised almost £5000 despite



the pandemic! We also make regular donations of food and other supplies, kindly donated by our members.

Founded in 1984 by Pam Mansfield and her late husband, Mel, the Exotic Pet Refuge began life in the caring couple's home nine years earlier.

"Someone came to us one day with an injured bird - and it all snowballed from there, with more and more creatures being brought to us! By 1984, we became a registered charity and many years later on we needed to move to our current four acre premises." - Pam, Founder.

A full-time housewife prior to this, Pam also held down many part-time jobs before the refuge demanded every waking hour of her life. Now assisted by her son Darren and a small team of regular volunteers, they now care for over 300 creatures who

will live out the rest of their lives at the refuge - everything from monkeys and snakes to a lynx!

“Caring for this genre of animal is so demanding it requires total dedication from us all. This means that come rain or shine, sickness or tragedy, fear or love, we concentrate on our many residents first. Holidays are a distant memory and we have to take it in turns to go out for the day, but we wouldn't change it for the world - the refuge is our way of life.” - Darren, Director.

Costing over £65,000 a year to run, the refuge is extremely grateful to all forms of help offered - be it donations, food, delayed payments or work as a volunteer. Around £20,000 of this money is raised from the six open days every year, where the public are invited to visit the animals at the refuge in order to raise funds to care for them. Upcoming Open days are planned for 17 July, 21 August and 2 October.



“This is a 24/7 job - you don't get time for holidays or any other time off, for instance when an animal is sick it comes into my home for special care. The refuge is my entire life.” - Pam Mansfield, Founder.

It's not only the animals who benefit from the Exotic Pet Refuge, however, as many students and people with special learning needs also turn to Pam for work experience. The EPR has also caught the attention of animal enthusiasts Mr Steve Backshall, a presenter of *Deadly 60*, who in 2006 agreed to be the refuge's patron and Mr Warwick Davis, an accomplished actor, who became refuge's patron in 2013.



How to make an inexpensive gift bag

Materials

½ sheet wrapping paper
Double sided tape or glue

Method

1. Measure 1½ from top and fold over and crease well.



2. Fold over to just over half way.



3. Fold the other side, overlapping about ½ inch and stick down (if using wet glue make sure it doesn't go onto the inside of the bag).



4. Fold three inches from the bottom and crease well.



5. Open up the bottom and fold the corners in matching the crease lines.



6. Fold the bottom up to the crease line.



7. Fold down the top of the flap so it overlaps the bottom one by ½ inch and stick together.



8. Fold each side over 1½ inch then turn over and crease again.



9. Carefully open up the bag and use fingers to push out the bottom corners.



10. Make two holes at the top and thread with a ribbon to finish your gift bag.



This bag measure at 11 inches by 7 inches. Any size bag can be made using these instructions, but use good quality wrapping paper for strength.

Coffee Time Quiz – Riddle Me This!

1. What four-letter word can be written forward, backward, or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

2. What is at the end of the rainbow?

3. Name three consecutive days without naming any of the seven days of the week.

4. You are in a dark room with a box of matches. On a table are a candle, an oil lamp, and a log of firewood. What do you light first?

5. Where does today come before yesterday?

6. Three doctors all say Robert is their brother. Robert says he has no brothers. Who is lying?

7. What kind of ship has two mates but no captain?

8. I called my dog from the opposite side of the river. The dog crossed the river without getting wet, and without using a bridge, a boat, or a raft. How is that possible?

9. What two words, added together, contain the most letters?

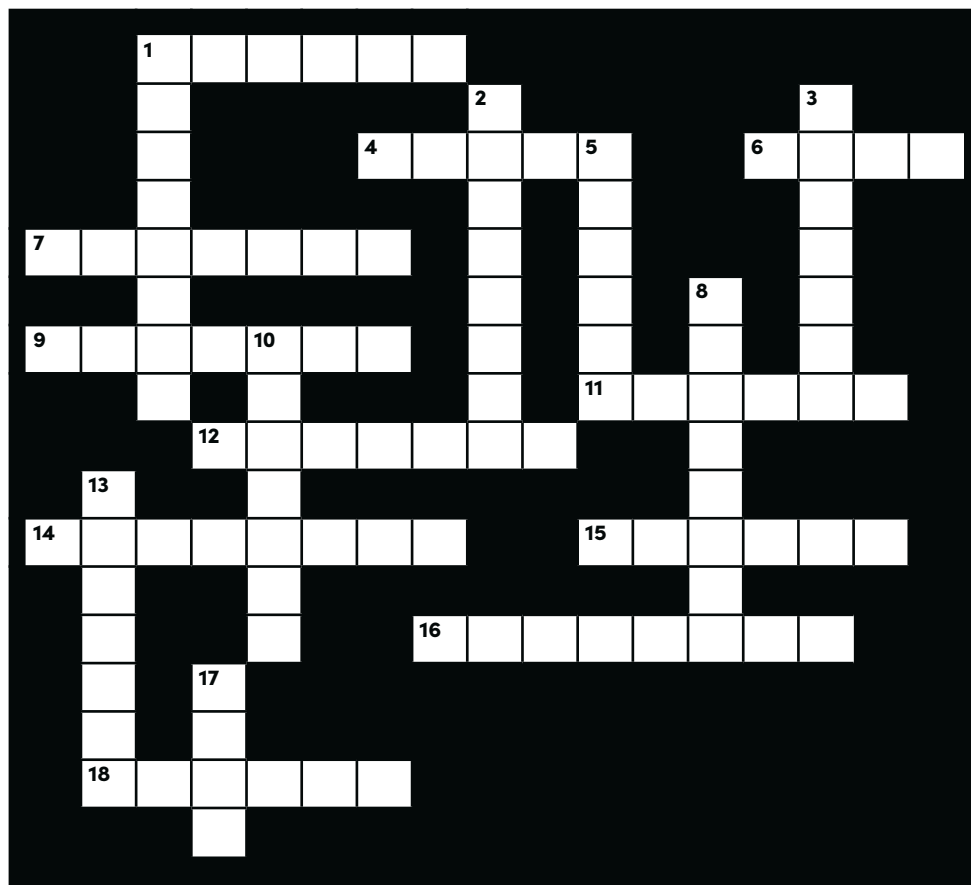
10. You can hold me in your left hand but not your right. What am I?

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Sudoku (Answers on page 37)

8		6		1				
		3		6	4		9	
9						8	1	6
	8		3	9	6			
7		2		4		3		9
			5	7	2		8	
5	2	1						4
	3		7	5		2		
				2		1		5

Summer Crossword (Answers on page 37)



Across

1. Beachgoer's pride
4. Surfer's hang out
6. Dog days month
7. Rod & reel sport
9. Disk you whisk
11. Make a bed?
12. Roughing it, perhaps
14. Treat on a stick
15. Alfresco meal
16. Parlor treat
18. Bermuda _____

Down

1. Beach attire
2. Worker's respite
3. Not indoors
5. Tramping on the trail
8. Outdoor cookout
10. Lake activity
13. Ballpark fare
17. Summer cooler

Meet your Nene and Welland Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



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



Barry Bedford
Near Bourne,
Lincolnshire

Telephone:
07852 282776



Christine Sargeant
Near Spalding,
Lincolnshire

Telephone:
01775 769487
07714 096801

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

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

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

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

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

National Oddfellows Helplines



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

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org

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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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

*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

New to the Oddfellows?



Join us at one of our online new member welcome events

Tues 12 July, 7pm
Weds 13 July, 1.30pm

Tues 18 October, 7pm
Weds 19 October, 1.30pm

For further information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for all to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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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

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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**



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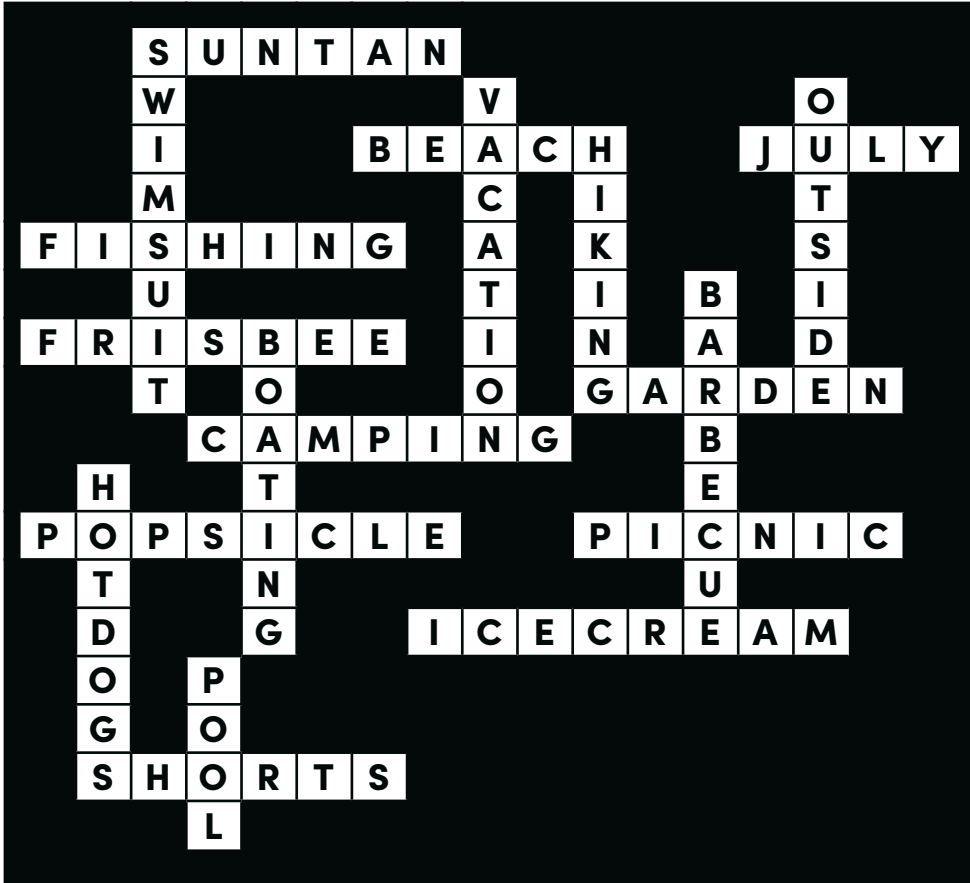
Riddle Me This!

- 1. NOON
- 2. The letter W!
- 3. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow
- 4. The match! Can't light any of those things without a lit match.
- 5. In the dictionary.
- 6. No one - the doctors are Robert's sisters
- 7. A relationship
- 8. The river was frozen.
- 9. Post office.
- 10. Your right elbow (or hand)!

Sudoku Answers

8	5	6	9	1	7	4	2	3
2	1	3	8	6	4	5	9	7
9	4	7	2	3	5	8	1	6
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7	6	2	1	4	8	3	5	9
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5	2	1	6	8	3	9	7	4
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Summer Crossword



Business Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

Our monthly business meetings are open to all members to attend. If you would like to more about the running of the Branch, ask questions about the Branch or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please join us.

General Business meetings will take place on

12 July

9 August

11 October

8 November

13 December

Our Half Yearly Meeting will take place on Tuesday 13 September 2022.

All meetings are held at The Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping.

Further details from Karen Earth 01788 342006 nearer the time.

History and Traditions

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

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

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

If anyone would like to find out more and join Christine and Barry in celebrating our history, please contact them for more details and book your place. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN.

Events at a glance

July 2022

Sun 3	Annual Church Service	6pm
Wed 6	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Fri 8	Tax, Care and Toy Boys!	2pm
Tues 12	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 12	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 13	Craft Club	1pm
Tues 19	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 20	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 24	Car Boot Sale	10am

August

Tues 2	'Halfway Around the World in 70 Days'	7pm
Wed 3	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 9	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 10	Craft Club	1pm
Tues 16	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 17	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 21	Car Boot Sale	10am
Thurs 25	History and Traditions	2pm

September - Friendship Month

Sun 4	Chairman's Afternoon Tea	2pm
Mon 5	Deepings Wildlife	7pm
Wed 7	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 13	Half Yearly Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 13	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 14	Craft Club	1pm
Tues 20	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 21	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Sun 25	Car Boot Sale	10am

Events at a glance

October

Wed 5	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 8	Oddfellows Brass Band Concert	2pm
Tues 11	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 12	Craft Club	1pm
Tues 18	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 19	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Thurs 27	History and Traditions	2pm
Sun 30	Annual Lunch	12.30pm

November

Wed 2	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 8	Business Meeting	10.30am
Tues 8	Cold Pudding Club	6.30pm
Wed 9	Craft Club	1pm
Sun 13	Act of Remembrance	10.30am
Wed 16	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm
Sat 19	Table Top Sale	10am
Wed 23	Surprise Christmas Bingo at The Hub!	2pm
Fri 25	Quiz of the Year and Supper	6.30pm
Tues 29	Just for the Girls! 'Party Edition'	6.30pm

December

Thurs 1	Coffee and Mince Pies	10.30am
Sun 4	Carol Service	3pm
Wed 7	Let's Do Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 13	Business Meeting	10.30am
Wed 14	Craft Club	1pm
Tues 20	Surprise Bingo!	2pm
Wed 21	Haven of Happiness - Friendship Lunch	12.30pm