

Southampton



# events diary

Covering Southampton and the Isle of Wight District  
January - June 2020



Isle of Wight



*Oswald Branch Cream Tea or Ploughmans - Friday 1 May*

Welcome to the winter edition of the Southampton District Branch Events Diary. Members of the District have organised a varied programme of events for you all.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy - all are welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

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## 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. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

## Cards Afternoon

**Vecta Branch on Wednesdays at 1.15pm**

Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport,  
Isle of Wight PO30 1SG

**8 January, 29 January, 12 February,  
26 February, 11 March, 25 March,  
8 April, 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10  
June, 24 June, 8 July, 22 July**

A game of Hearts, all playing round one big table with a break for tea or coffee and cake. No need to be a good card player – beginners welcome. **Cost:** 50p for members, £1 for guests. Contact Mareta on 01983 523115.



## Coffee Morning

**Lord Nelson at 10.30am**

16 Lerryn Road, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG

**Wednesday 8 January,  
Wednesday 12 February,  
Wednesday 11 March,  
Wednesday 8 April,  
Wednesday 10 June,  
Wednesday 8 July**

Come and join us for a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits, and a friendly chat, for an hour and a half, just come along and bring friends with you. **Cost:** Free for members, 50p for guests. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



## January 2020

### Wednesday 8 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm

Branch Night with speaker 'Making a Song and Dance of it' (Clive Tunley). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



### Friday 10 - Oswald Branch Night, 7.30pm

Oswald Branch meeting all members welcome. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.

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## Vecta Branch Music Afternoon

### Monday 13 January, 12 noon

Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG

Back by popular request - Music and sandwiches in Unity Hall. Bring an instrument to play or just come along and enjoy the music and good company. **Cost:** Free for members, £3 for guests. Contact Mareta on 01983 523115.



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### Monday 20 - Lord Nelson Branch Meeting, 7.30pm

Branch meeting followed by refreshments. **Address:** Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

### Sunday 26 - Oswald Branch Lunch, 12.30pm

Oswald Branch late Christmas lunch at the Masonic Hall. Book by Monday 13 January. **Address:** Masonic Hall, Woolston, Southampton SO19 2DS. **Cost:** To be confirmed. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.



## February

### Wednesday 5 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm

Branch night with speaker on 'Music Travel and Adventure in the Royal Marines' (Simon Morgan). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



### Friday 7 - Oswald Branch Night, 7.30pm

Oswald Branch night. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.

### Monday 10 - Pub Lunch (Vecta Branch), 12.30pm

Venue to be confirmed but possibly the Boathouse at Seaview or the Fighting Cocks, Arreton. **Cost:** As per menu. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



### Sunday 16 - Lord Nelson Branch Late Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm

Lord Nelson late Christmas lunch at the Golden Bowler Pub, 122 Stubbington Lane, Gosport PO14 2NQ. **Cost:** As per menu. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

### Monday 17 - Lord Nelson Branch Meeting, 7.30pm

Branch meeting followed by refreshments. **Address:** Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



## March

### Sunday 1 - Possible Quiz Night (Oswald Branch), 7.30pm

Oswald Branch possible quiz. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Price to be arranged. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.



### Wednesday 4 - Princess Royal Branch Night and Annual Summoned Meeting, 7.30pm

Come and join us for our Branch Night and Annual Summoned Meeting. **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



## March

### Friday 6 - Oswald Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting, 7.30pm

Come and join us for our Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting.

**Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.

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## Vecta Branch Coffee Morning and Jellyfish Talk

### Monday 9 March, 10am

Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG

One of our members will give a talk about jellyfish and the problems caused by plastic pollution.

**Cost:** Free but donation towards refreshments. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

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### Monday 16 - Ten Pin Bowling (Vecta Branch), 2pm

A great way to make new friends, with plenty of time to chat between throws. We have one lane for 'experts' and others with ramps and bumpers so anyone can play, even from a wheelchair! If you can't lift the heavy balls someone will load them onto a ramp so all you have to do is push them off. Always good fun and new players are very welcome. **Address:** Ryde Superbowl, The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2EL. **Cost:** £6.95 for two games and a hot drink. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



### Monday 16 - Lord Nelson Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting, 7.30pm

Come and join us for our Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting. **Address:** Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



# Oswald Branch Possible Kurling with the Free Masons

**Wednesday 1 April, 7.30pm**

The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merrryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY

Oswald Branch possible kurling with Freemasons. **Cost:** Price to be arranged. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.



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## April

**Wednesday 1 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm**

Branch meeting with speaker, Yeoman of Guard (Andrew Saunders). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



**Friday 3 - Oswald Branch Night, 7.30pm**

Oswald Branch night. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merrryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.



**Monday 20 - Vecta Branch Annual Summoned Meeting, 2pm**

Join us for our Annual Summoned Meeting. **Address:** Methodist Church Hall, Quay Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5BA. **Cost:** Free. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

**Monday 20 - Lord Nelson Branch Meeting, 7.30pm**

Branch meeting followed by refreshments. **Address:** Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



## May

### Friday 1 - Oswald Branch Cream Tea or Indoor Kurling or Ploughmans, 7.30pm

Cream tea or ploughmans with indoor kurling or speaker.

**Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Price to be arranged. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.



### Wednesday 6 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm

Branch meeting with speaker, Sammy Davis Jr (James Montgomery). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

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## Vecta Branch Walk Along

### Ryde Esplanade

Monday 11 May, 2pm

Ryde Pier, The Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2HF

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside! Walk along Ryde Esplanade and stop for a picnic, ice cream or a drink along the way. **Cost:** Free. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



### Monday 18 - Ten Pin Bowling (Vecta Branch), 2pm

A great way to make new friends, with plenty of time to chat between throws. We have one lane for 'experts' and others with ramps and bumpers so anyone can play, even from a wheelchair! If you can't lift the heavy balls someone will load them onto a ramp so all you have to do is push them off. Always good fun and new players are very welcome. **Address:** Ryde Superbowl, The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2EL. **Cost:** £6.95 for two games and a hot drink. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

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## June

### Wednesday 3 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm

Branch meeting with speaker on 'Salisbury - A Tale of Two Cities' (Andrew Negus). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



### Friday 5 - Oswald Branch Night, 7.30pm

Oswald Branch night. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.

### Monday 8 - Pub Supper (Vecta Branch), 5pm

Meet up at the Castle in Newport for a drink and an evening meal. **Address:** The Castle Inn, 91 High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1BQ. **Cost:** As per menu. Contact Mareta on 01983 523115.



### Monday 15 - Lord Nelson Branch Meeting, 7.30pm

Branch meeting followed by refreshments. **Address:** 16 Lerryn Road, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

# forthcoming events

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## July

### Wednesday 1 - Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker, 7.30pm

Branch meeting with speaker on 'Hedgehogs' (Pip Hollingworth). **Address:** Totton and Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3AP. **Cost:** Free. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



### Friday 3 - Oswald Branch Night, 7.30pm

Oswald Branch Night. **Address:** The Festival Hall Community Centre Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7JY. **Cost:** Free. Contact Lindsey on 01489 798389.

# forthcoming events

## July

### Monday 13 - Garden Centre (Vecta Branch), 2pm

Visit to Thompsons Garden Centre. Get some inspiration for your garden and mull over your ideas with friends over a cuppa in the cafe. **Address:** Thompsons Garden Centre, Watery Lane, Newchurch, Isle of Wight PO36 0LX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



### Saturday 18 - Lord Nelson Branch Garden Party, 2pm

Lord Nelson garden party, all welcome. **Address:** 16 Lerryn Road, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG. **Cost:** £5 per person. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

### Monday 20 - Lord Nelson Branch Meeting, 7.30pm

Branch meeting. **Address:** Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. **Cost:** Free. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



## Oddfellows Summer Holiday

Join with other  
**Oddfellows and  
enjoy a wonderful  
summer break**

**6 – 10 July 2020: 4 nights (half-board)**

Standard room from £321 per person

Signature room from £361 per person

Warner Cricket St Thomas Hotel, Chard, Somerset TA20 4DD

To book call Warner on **0330 1009 772**  
(Booking reference 4373341) and quote **ODDFELLOWS**

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply. Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests only. For more information ask the reservations team when booking.

# Is there someone you know who'd enjoy what we do?

## Refer a friend today



To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** or fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary

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## Friendship and Social activities across the UK



At Southampton District Branch Oddfellows we put on a range social activities each month for us to enjoy together in friendship. We always welcome new people to come along and give us a try... No longer living in the Southampton area? Why not check out the social activities being put on by the Branch nearest to where you are living...

Visit the Oddfellows Website ([www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)) and click on the events tab to search for local events. Alternatively, contact us, (details on page 2) and we can request that your local secretary gets in touch and sends you a copy of their Events Diary.

# Quick Guide to Bereavement Support

**Our members often tell us they have joined the Society to make new friends after losing a partner. It is natural for the impact of a bereavement to cause feelings of loss and grief. However, similar feelings can also arise if a loved one develops dementia, or moves into care.**

Bereavement and loss are complex experiences and it's different for everyone. At first, thoughts and feelings can be chaotic and overwhelming, and common feelings include shock, disconnect, anxiety, anger, irritation, guilt and intense sadness.

Knowing how to respond when a friend or family member is grieving is difficult. We may feel the need to 'make things better' or fear saying the 'wrong thing'. We've shared some of the ways to support someone experiencing a loss.

*Listening* - By telling their story, the weight of their loss can slowly become easier to bear.

*It's not about you* - Some people may not want to talk right now.

*Acknowledgement* - Take the initiative and make contact, be kind and acknowledge the situation.

*Practical help* - Think about how you can help once the initial crisis is over.

*Honesty* - It's best to be honest about what support you can realistically offer such as visiting or calling.

*Be sensitive* - Always balance honesty with sensitivity, so bear in mind the bereaved person feels.

*Be in for the long haul* - Try to stay in contact when other people have drawn back.

## Practical steps

There are things that a bereaved person can do to help them through the grieving process. These include:

- Getting plenty of sleep
- Eating healthily
- Being kind to themselves
- Avoiding alcohol or other substances
- Keeping an active routine
- Finding small things to feel better, like flowers or short walks

## Useful links:

*Cruse Bereavement Care* - call 0800 808 1677 or visit [www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)

*Samaritans* - 116 123, or visit [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

*The Silver Line* - 0800 470 80 90 or visit [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

*The Compassionate Friends* - 0345 123 2304 or visit [www.tcf.org.uk](http://www.tcf.org.uk)

*Child Bereavement UK* - 0800 02 888 40 or visit [www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org)



# 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 Barbara on **01329 313077** or email **barbara.jackson@oddfellows.co.uk**.

## **Oddfellows Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@manchestercab.org](mailto:oddfellows@manchestercab.org)



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

**\*Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.**

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

## Oddfellows memorial unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum

**Sixty-two Branches donated funds to establish a stunning new memorial to honour Oddfellows war heroes who died in battle. It stands in Staffordshire's National Arboretum, Britain's largest site of remembrance containing over 300 war memorials.**

The inscription on the 6ft, blue granite memorial reads: *"In memory of the many members of the Oddfellows who gave their lives in defence of their country. We will always remember them."*

*Founded in 1810, the Oddfellows has a long history of caring for its members, their families and supporting worthy causes. During the First and Second World Wars, the Society's lodges paid the contributions of the members who were fighting, so their families would continue to be looked after. The Oddfellows established the Orphan Gift Fund after the First World War to care for the children of members orphaned as a result of the conflict.*

*The Fund still exists today and is part of the Society's mission to improve lives by making friends and helping people".*

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "This memorial stands as testament to how our Society



*Reverend Bruce Nicole delivering the service to members from across the UK*

still feels incredibly indebted to those members who serve our country. Thank you to all the Branches who made this memorial a reality. Its setting at the National Arboretum makes this tribute feel even more significant, being part of a community of others who we will never forget".

If you would like to visit our memorial, it can be found near the wild meadow and Millennium shelter. There are also a number of volunteers at the Arboretum who are more than happy to help you find your way around.

To find out more, visit: [www.thenma.org.uk/](http://www.thenma.org.uk/)



# 100 years of the Orphan Gift Fund



**After WW1, members wanted to do something to help the children of those lost to the war.**

The fund was proposed at the 1918 AMC in Cheltenham, after the Grand Master William Henry Hayes wrote to Branches saying: *“The whole nation rejoices at the victorious end of a war which has entailed heavy sacrifices on the part of the whole people, and the most heroic effort by the best and bravest of our manhood, and in what worthier manner can we build a memorial as a thank-offering for victory than by undertaking responsibility for*

*the care and up-bringing of the orphans of our members?”*

Overwhelming support meant the fund received the equivalent of £232,000 in today's money, in just one year.

The Orphan Gift Fund continues to help children thrive, and is available as a benefit of membership from day one, open to any child who loses one or both parents through death or desertion, if either the child or one of the parents are members at the time of the loss or desertion. Currently, there are over 50 recipients, and in 2018, the Fund made grants totalling £36,604.

## Would you like to donate to the Orphan Gift Fund?

Contributions can be made by cheque or electronic bank transfer. To make a donation, please contact the Finance team on 0161 832 9361.

## Can you spot a Society Star?

Nominations are open for our annual Making a Difference Awards. These awards have been designed to recognise members who go above and beyond for individual members, their Branch, or the Society as a whole, and truly embody the spirit of the Oddfellows. If you know a member worthy of nomination, ask for a form from your Branch Secretary. Make sure you have a read of the categories first though! And if you need another form, to nominate someone for a different category, simply download from [www.oddfellows.com/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.com/makingadifference) or ask your Branch Secretary.





## Make more mates and meet more often

**We recently discovered that almost half of adults with significant friends (48%) only get together with them less than once a month.**

Our research also shows that a fifth (20%) of GB adults, aged 55 and over, go for at least six months without being socially active. That includes attending things like social events, going to church, or simply grabbing a coffee with a friend.

But by contrast, 83% of the Oddfellows' own members say they spend time with a significant friend once a month or more, with 50% saying they see their good mates at least once a week.

We know how much regular company is essential to living a happier life. In fact, some would say that spending time with friends is as important as eating healthily or exercising. Friends aren't just there to socialise with, they provide support and comfort in times of need.

Most of us make our friends through work, family or education. As we age and our life changes, we have less access to these everyday social opportunities, which can contribute towards social isolation in a huge way.

The YouGov study found that 21% of adults haven't met anyone who became a significant friend in over 10 years. 43% of adults cited work as a place they've met significant friends, followed by during their school and university years (37%), through mutual friends (26%) and through family or children (15%).

If you know somebody who might be in need of a friend, or would benefit from coming along to your next local Oddfellows event, why not bring them along? You can be sure of a warm welcome at your local Branch, and you could really make a difference to somebody's life.

## Another BRR-illiant Cruise with the Oddfellows' Active Travel Club



*Our members weren't afraid to get up close and personal with some massive icebergs!*

**With our Active Travel Club, you can explore a variety of different places with friendly faces. Here, Wendy Atkins from the Ipswich Branch of the Oddfellows shares her account of their most recent trip to Iceland and Greenland.**

Greenland has a land mass of around one-third the size of Australia, and a total population of just 56,000, which is about the size of Kettering or Macclesfield, and has an average August temperature of 11 degrees Celsius. However, the 16-night Fred. Olsen cruise more than made up for the lack of sunshine. The diary was to be jam-packed with Ukelele lessons, singing in the choir, drawing, dancing and crafting, to name a few! And if that wasn't enough, three quizzes every day would certainly keep us on our toes.

As we left Dover on 7 August, the Captain changed course, due to a large storm about to hit the South-West of England.

So instead of a bumpy start across the Atlantic, we enjoyed calm waters and sunny days as we journeyed up the North Sea, making the most of the ship's activities. We then spent two days in Reykjavik, wandering at leisure, visiting museums and checking out some of the incredible 'moonscape' scenery.

We travelled onto Greenland and the spectacular scenery of Prins Christian Sund, with its craggy peaks, imposing glaciers, waterfalls and icebergs.

Whilst in Greenland, we visited three communities; Qaqortoq (a small village nestled on the edge of the Qoorow Ice Fjord), Narsarsuaq (the site of a WWII USAF air base), and Nanotalik, where the local choir entertained us, and the open air museum gave us an insight into life throughout the seasons. We were extremely fortunate to visit in beautiful weather. It's hard to imagine what life is like there during the harsh winters.

The trip was an amazing experience, and the pictures don't do the sights justice. You'll have to come along with us next time to see for yourself! Thank you to Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines for making such a memorable trip possible.

Where is the Oddfellows Active Travel Club off to next? You can see all of our upcoming holidays at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel), alternatively call Wendy on 01473 251 867, or email [wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk)

# Branch Meetings

## Lord Nelson Branch

All are welcome to this business meeting followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Come and see if it's what you want to join, we are a friendly group. Start at 7.30pm at Thorngate Hall Music Room, Bury Road, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PX. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

**Dates are: Monday 20 January, Monday 17 February, Monday 20 April, Monday 15 June**

## Annual Summoned Meeting

**Wednesday 4 March - Princess Royal Branch**

**Friday 6 March - Oswald Branch**

**Monday 16 March - Lord Nelson Branch**

**Monday 20 April - Vecta Branch**

## At a glance

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### January 2020

<b>Wed 8</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Oswald Branch Night	7.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Music Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	12 noon
<b>Mon 20</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Sun 26</b>	Oswald Branch Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

### February

<b>Wed 5</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Oswald Branch Night	7.30pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Pub Lunch (Vecta Branch)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 12</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

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## February

<b>Sun 16</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Late Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Mon 17</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## March

<b>Sun 1</b>	Possible Quiz Night (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Princess Royal Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Oswald Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Coffee Morning and Jellyfish Talk (Vecta Branch)	10am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Ten Pin Bowling (Vecta Branch)	2pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Night and Annual Summomed Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## April

<b>Wed 1</b>	Possible Kurling with the Free Masons (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 1</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Oswald Branch Night	7.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Vecta Branch Annual Summomed Meeting	2pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## May

<b>Fri 1</b>	Oswald Branch Cream Tea or Ploughmans	7.30pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Walk Along Ryde Esplanade (Vecta Branch)	2pm

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## May

<b>Wed 13</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	Ten Pin Bowling (Vecta Branch)	2pm
<b>Wed 27</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## June

<b>Wed 3</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Oswald Branch Night	7.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Pub Supper (Vecta Branch)	5pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## Forthcoming Event in July

<b>Wed 1</b>	Princess Royal Branch Meeting with Speaker	7.30pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Oswald Branch Night	7.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 8</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Garden Centre (Vecta Branch)	2pm
<b>Sat 18</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Garden Party	2pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Lord Nelson Branch Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Cards Afternoon (Vecta Branch)	1.15pm

## 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.

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