

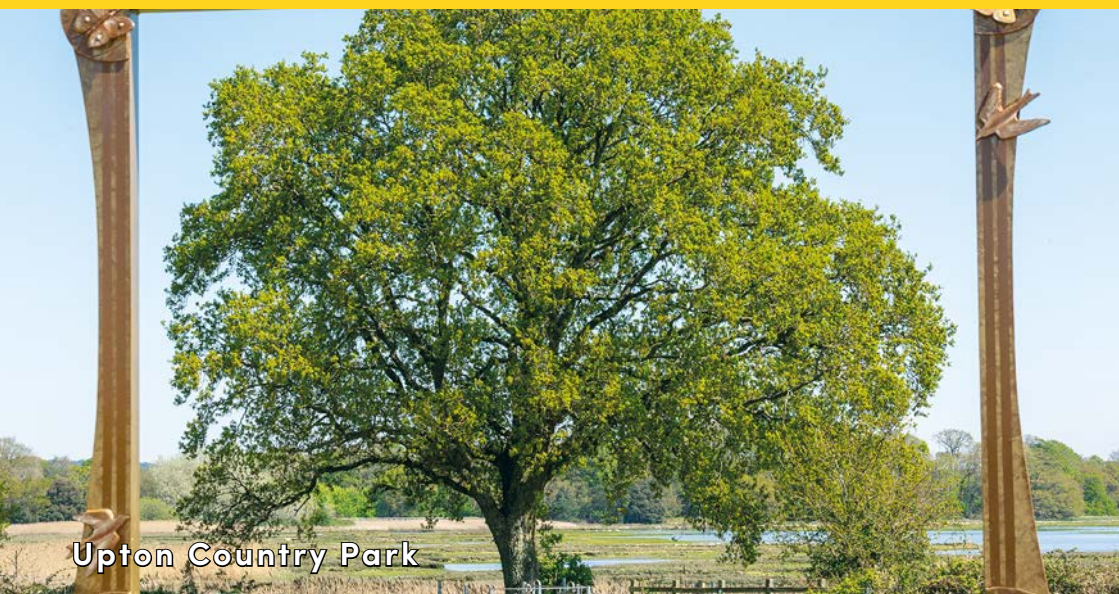
Autumn 2019



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**Poole Bridport and Yeovil District - Everyone Welcome**



Upton Country Park



**Music**



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**Dining Out**



**Travel**



**Theatre**



**Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea**

*Upton Country Park by Suzanne McGowan, Brownsea Branch*



## *Annual District Lunch – Sunday 13 October*

Welcome to the ever growing events diary of the Poole, Bridport & Yeovil District, our very own 'Out and About'.

We have more variety of events than ever before, but, if there is something that is of special interest to you, or you could give us a talk on a specific subject, please let us know and we will see if we can help. The handy guide on pages 34 to 36 will enable you to make a note of all the things you would like to attend. Don't forget to contact the person dealing with the event so that they know you are coming and make the catering arrangements for you. Please remember to let them know if you are unable to attend after you book, as you may still have to pay if there is a cost involved.

All our Branches meet every month for a business meeting and all members are welcome to attend these. This would give you the opportunity to learn more about the administration of the Branch and our society as a whole. We always need more people to come along to the business meetings and it would be a great opportunity to meet more of our members and get an insight into what we do.

We are the largest branch based friendly society in the country where

the members are responsible for their own administration and the organising of events. If you feel that you would like to become more involved please contact Andrew on 01202 743910, or your Branch Secretary, if you are already a member. We always need people to write interesting articles for our newsletter, to help at social events and with keeping in touch with those of our members who are less able than we are. Through friendship and social events we try to help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and we offer care, advice and support in times of need. There is no need to feel left out or lonely, so come and join us at one of our events and give us a try.

Everyone is welcome to all Oddfellow events so please bring along a friend or neighbour to join you, especially if it is your first time attending. We like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Some of our more established events have proved to be so popular that they are frequently oversubscribed, so please remember to book early. Having said that, sometimes events have to be cancelled or amended during the period of the current diary, so please always check.

We now have our own Facebook page, Dorset and Yeovil Oddfellows, so check us out on there.

# **Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?**

## **Local Care and Welfare Support**

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Andrew on **01202 743910** or email **andrew.hampton@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**

## **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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## **Contact Details**

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

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# September 2019 – Friendship Month

MON  
02

## Friendship Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



Free



We would like to invite you to join us for our Friendship Coffee Morning at Julie and Andrew's house. Coffee, cake and biscuits will be the order of the day, and we hope you will bring a friend along who would benefit from learning about what a fantastic organisation the Oddfellows is. This is a free event and everyone is

welcome. We'll have a raffle for Forest Holme during the morning so if you can bring along a prize that would be brilliant. Book by Saturday 31 August. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you will be coming.

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years



THURS  
05

## Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



Free



Welcome to Friendship Month! We hope you will bring along a friend or two for a chat and a cuppa. There will be home-made cakes, some savouries, a bookstall and a raffle. Why not join us and see if you can win a prize or two, better still make some new friends, and learn a bit more about our Society. This is a free event and everyone is very welcome – the more the merrier! Book by Tuesday 3 September. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.



# September 2019 – Friendship Month

MON  
09

## Friendship Tea Party Acorn Branch



2pm



£3.50



As this is the Society's Friendship Month we invite all members and friends from around as far as possible to join us for the Tea Party. This will take the form of friends we have or friends we have known. If possible please bring a photograph of them, or of the two of you together. We will bring a board so that they can be displayed. Maybe these friends live abroad, but never-the-less we will enjoy meeting them from a photograph. Scones and cream for tea together with the other goodies, bring and buy, raffle and free meat raffle. Hopefully meet new folk, catch up with everyone as autumn approaches. If possible please park in the bottom of Tesco car park as spaces are limited at the Guide Hall. Book by Friday 6 September. Ferndown Guide Hall, Entrance to Tesco Car Park, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TH. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

MON  
16

## Friendship Coffee Morning Phoenix Branch



10am



Free



September is Friendship Month so why not invite a friend to come along to our free event at The Exchange Cafe? This is a lovely venue to enjoy a chat over your tea or coffee and maybe a bacon sandwich, meet new friends and find out about our other events and all the benefits of membership. The Exchange Cafe, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 1FH. Contact Judy on 01963 363119.

TUES  
17

## Friendship Social Evening Hand-in-Hand Branch



7.30pm



£3



Join us for our Friendship Social Evening at Crossways Village Hall. Meet new friends and enjoy a relaxing evening with us. Book by Friday 13 September. Crossways Village Hall, Moigne Combe Road, Crossways DT2 8JA. Please contact Stephen for more details on 01305 260081.





# September 2019 – Friendship Month

WED  
18

**Friendship  
Afternoon Tea  
Brownsea Branch**



2.30pm



Free



Our Friendship Afternoon Tea will be at the East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club once again this year. The club put on a fantastic spread last year – lovely sandwiches, cake and savouries will be available to try, so we hope you will want to come and join in the fun. Please bring along a friend or two who might benefit from joining us – learn more about what we have to offer our members and have a relaxing afternoon together. We'll have a raffle for our charity – Forest Holme and if the weather is fine we might be able to sit outside and watch the tennis or the croquet. This is a free event, so please bring your friends. Book by Monday 16 September. East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910.

SAT  
21

**Bingo and Fish and  
Chip Supper  
Pride of Bournemouth Branch**



7.30pm



£6



We all had a brilliant time last year at our Bingo and Supper evening and we hope you will want to join us this time! Eyes down and look in for our second Friendship Month event – why not bring along a friend or two? Tea and coffee will be provided, but if you would like an alcoholic drink with your supper please bring your own.



We will have a raffle as usual for our Chairman's charity, so prizes would be very welcome please. Why not come and join in the fun and try to win a prize – including cash prizes for a full house! This event was very popular last year so please book early with Margaret on 01202 775122 to avoid disappointment, and by Thursday 19 September at the very latest. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

# September 2019 – Friendship Month

SUN  
22

## Trip on the Swanage Steam Railway Hand-in-Hand Branch



TBC



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Come and join us on a steam train ride. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more information.

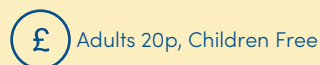


SAT  
28

## District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments Acorn Branch



10am



Adults 20p, Children Free



District Coffee Morning, 10am to 1pm. The District Chairman, Ron Munro, and the Acorn Branch take pleasure in inviting members and friends to the second event, similar to the successful one held in June. There will be coffee and cake and light refreshments all at a nominal charge.



A chance to meet up with friends so please pop along where you can to view the stalls – books, bric-a-brac, cakes (sold out last time) jewellery, preserves, maybe some early Christmas gifts, children's toys and have a go on the tombola and you could win the hamper of goodies.

As this is the Oddfellows Friendship Month please bring a neighbour or friend. There will be an information stall where leaflets etc can be obtained and someone to chat to about the Society. Every penny raised will go to Ferndown Support Group for Parkinsons, Ferndown Branch. Although the weather in June was against us it was a fun event so please pay us a visit. Ron would like to thank everyone for the monies raised so far during his year as Chairman.

West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS.  
Contact Ron or Flo on 01202 820965 for more information.

# October

THURS  
03

## Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2.50



We will be meeting once again for our regular coffee morning at Tuckton Social Club. Please come and join us for a relaxing morning, a chat over your tea or coffee, and enjoy one of our lovely cakes. An opportunity to meet new friends in a friendly environment. Julia will be entertaining us during the morning so please join in with the sing-a-long! Raising money by having a raffle for our Chairman's charity, the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital - so prizes would be very much appreciated. Book by Wednesday 2 October. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Marion on 01202 484427 to book your place.

MON  
07

## Harvest Tea Party Acorn Branch



2pm



£4



Assorted rolls and bread, together with cold meats and pickles and some of the normal refreshments for Afternoon Tea with a difference. Have a go spinning the wheel, brush up on your cheeses and cereal grains for a quiz, and 10 ball pick up game, time permitting. Ample parking. Bring and buy with bookstall. All raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Free raffle for biscuits and cheeses. Hopefully some jigsaws on sale for the winter evenings. Come along room for all, and be assured of a warm welcome as always. Book by Friday 4 October. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

SAT  
12

## Harvest Supper Hand-in-Hand Branch



6.30pm



Members £9  
Guests £10



Please join us for our Harvest Supper at Crossways Village Hall at 6.30pm for a glass of sherry then supper at 7pm. Draw prizes welcome. Crossways Village Hall, Moigne Combe Road, Crossways DT2 8JA. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more details and to book.



# October

SUN  
13

## Annual District Lunch



12.30pm



£23 per person



This year our Annual District Lunch will be at a wonderful new venue – the Remedy Oak Golf Club. We hope that many members and friends will be able to join us. Our District Chairman this year is Ron Munro and after lunch we will have a raffle to support his charity, the Ferndown District Support Group for Parkinsons, so raffle prizes would be very much appreciated as always. Ron looks forward to welcoming you to the Remedy Oak – numbers are limited so please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 to book your place. Book by Friday 4 October. Remedy Oak Golf Club, Horton Road, Woodlands, Wimborne BH21 8ND.

WED  
16

## Afternoon Tea at Stewarts Brownsea Branch



3pm



Approximately  
£17 for two



Last time we went to Stewarts we had a fantastic Afternoon Tea so we hope you will want to join us for a relaxing time, have a chat over your cuppa and enjoy the lovely food. Why not join us and hopefully meet some new friends at the same time. Book by Monday 14 October. Stewart's Garden Centre, Gods Blessing Lane, Broomhill, Wimborne BH21 7DE. Please contact Sandra on 01202 770929 to book.

SAT  
19

## Skittles Night – Blackmore Vale Phoenix Branch



7pm



£5



Blackmore Vale Skittles Night will be held at the Swan in Stalbridge. This is always a lovely venue with excellent food included in the price. Why not come and join in the fun. Book by Friday 11 October. The Swan, High Street, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LL. Contact Judy on 01963 363119.

# October

SUN  
20

## Sponsored Autumn Walk for Children in Need Hand-in-Hand Branch

L 10am

£ Free



Come and join us for our sponsored autumn walk for Children in Need. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more details and to book.

MON  
21

## Coffee Morning Phoenix Branch

L 10am

£ Free



This is our third Coffee Morning at The Exchange Cafe and we hope you will want to come along and say hello! Enjoy a chat over your tea or coffee, maybe a bacon sandwich! Please bring a friend who might like to find out more about us, the more the merrier! The Exchange Cafe, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 1FH. Contact Judy on 01963 363119.

SAT  
26

## Ploughman's Supper Pride of Bournemouth Branch

L 7.30pm



£ Members £3.50, Guests £4.50

Why not join us for our Ploughman's Supper and an autumn/harvest themed evening.



Tea and coffee will be provided, but if you would like an alcoholic drink with your supper please bring your own. We may have a quiz or two and harvest inspired activities. Something to cheer us all up as the weather will probably be 'Autumnal' by now. Our social events are always good fun – everyone will be made very welcome. The usual raffle for our Chairman's charity will be held and we would be grateful to receive prizes for this year's very worthy cause – the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital. Book by Thursday 24 October. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please book early to avoid disappointment with Margaret on 01202 775122.

# October

## **WED** **30** **Lunch Club** **Brownsea Branch**



12 noon



As per menu



We are trying the Pilot on Canford Heath for our lunch club and it would be lovely to welcome you. Enjoy a nice lunch, chat with friends and generally put the world to rights. Book by Monday 28 October. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

# November

**Our Chairman Ron Munro will be selling raffle tickets for Christmas Hampers and other gifts from mid-November up to the third week in December. Please support his charity (Dorset Parkinson's Support Group, Ferndown), tickets are £1 each from Ron or Flo on 01202 820965.**

## **FRI** **01** **Regent Centre Theatre** **Trip - 'Cats'** **Pride of Bournemouth Branch**



7pm



Approximately £13.50



We will possibly organise a theatre trip to the Regent Centre in Christchurch to see 'Cats'. Regent's Centre, 51 High Street, Christchurch BH23 1AS. If you would like to join us there please let us know as soon as possible - contact Marion on 01202 484427 or Margaret on 01202 775122.

# November

## **SAT** **02** **Annual Presentation Event** **Hand-in-Hand Branch**



7.30pm



Free



Our Annual Presentation Event will take place at Martinstown Village hall, starting at 7.30pm, and as last year, refreshments will be provided after the grants have been presented. Martinstown Village Hall, St Martinsfield, Martinstown, Dorchester DT2 9JU. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more details.

## **WED** **06** **Supper at the New Inn** **Brownsea Branch**



7pm



Approximately £10



We are returning to the New Inn for supper and hopefully a game of bingo or a quiz. We hope you will come and join in the fun, buy a raffle ticket for our Chairman's charity - Forest Holme Hospice and win a prize or two. Book by Monday 4 November. The New Inn, 222 Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EL. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book as we will need to pre-order our menu choices.



# November

## THURS 07 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 10.30am £ £2



Our regular coffee mornings have been going strong for over a year now - we hope you will want to come along and join in the fun! Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits, a raffle for our Chairman's charity and good company is the order of the day. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122.

## TUES 12 Social Lunch Phoenix Branch

⌚ 12 noon £ As per menu



Why not join us for our social lunch at Pen Mill Hotel in Yeovil? It would be wonderful to welcome you to this beautiful hotel - enjoy a lovely meal and catch up with friends. Book by Friday 8 November. Pen Mill Hotel, Sherborne Road, Yeovil BA21 5DB. Please contact John Pople on 01935 422154 or Judy on 01963 363119 to book.

## THURS 14 Afternoon Tea and Talk by a Guest Speaker Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 2.30pm £ Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50



We would love to welcome you to our Afternoon Tea - sandwiches, cake, savouries, tea or coffee



and a talk by Darrell Sturme on the 'Hampshire Swift Society'. Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon and hopefully meet some new friends. We are raising money for our Chairman's charity as usual, so if you could bring along a raffle prize that would be very much appreciated. Our charity this year is the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital. Please book early, but by Tuesday 12 November at the latest, with Margaret on 01202 775122. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

## SUN 17 Visit to Longleat in Warminster for the Festival of Light Hand-in-Hand Branch

⌚ TBC £ Members £32  
Guests £35



We will be visiting Longleat in Warminster for the Festival of Light. Come and join us and bring a friend. All welcome. Longleat, Warminster BA12 7NW. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more information.

# November

MON  
18

## District Afternoon Tea and Fun Musical Event Acorn Branch



1.30pm



£3.50



The Chairman of the District, Ron Munro, invites you to an Afternoon Tea and Fun Musical Event to once again raise money for the Local Parkinson's Support Group which is his chosen charity. Julia has played at the District Oddfellow events many times and we can be assured of a happy afternoon.

Hopefully we will have some jigsaws, books and maybe some games to purchase to while away the winter evenings. Bring and buy always welcome. A good cuppa, sandwiches and savouries and who knows, an early mince pie! Free raffle for groceries. We would be grateful for raffle prizes please. Ron will be pleased to see you and thanks everyone who has supported the charity.

Book by Friday 15 November. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

THURS  
21

## Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



As per menu



We're going back to Harry's for our coffee morning this time. Why not come along and enjoy a relaxing morning with friends old and new, a chat over your coffee, lovely cakes or breakfast, and good company - what more could we ask for? A raffle for Forest Holme will be held, so prizes would be welcome - we hope you can join us. Book by Tuesday 19 November. Harry's Bar, 14 Haven Road, Poole BH13 7LP. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you are coming.

SAT  
23

## Christmas Prize Bingo Hand-in-Hand Branch



7.30pm



TBC



Eyes down at 7.30pm - why not come along and bring a friend? Children welcome. All profits will go to the Chairman's charity. Crossways Village Hall, Moigne Combe Road, Crossways DT2 8JA. Please contact Stephen for details on 01305 260081.





# November

MON  
25

## Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning Acorn Branch



10am



Free



This is now a regular fixture for our November event so please join us to view the Christmas stall, bring and buy, books, knitted goodies, pick up a few Christmas gifts, and decorations. Bacon rolls, mince pies, sausage rolls and a few other tasty bites. Tea or coffee. There will be a free raffle for Christmas fare and other festive goods. Raffle prizes would be appreciated. A mince pie and cracker quiz. This will be a free event so please join us for a happy morning at Three Cross Village Hall. All proceeds go to Riding for the Disabled, Three Legged Cross. Book by Friday 22 November. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

TUES  
26

## Early Christmas Meal Hand-in-Hand Branch



12 noon



As per  
menu



Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm, we hope you will join us for our Early Christmas Meal at Orchard and Holme Gardens. Enjoy a lovely meal and maybe do a bit of Christmas shopping in the Garden Centre, or buy some produce in the Farm Shop. Book before Friday 15 November. Orchard and Holme Gardens, West Holme Farm, Wareham BH20 6AQ. Please contact our secretary, Stephen, on 01305 260081 for more details.

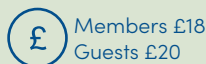
# December

SUN  
01

## Christmas Shopping Trip to Plymouth Hand-in-Hand Branch



10am



Members £18  
Guests £20



Come and join us for bit of Christmas shopping at Plymouth. We will be leaving Poundbury at 10am. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome.



Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more information.

# December

SUN  
01

## Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch Pride of Bournemouth Branch



12.30pm



£18.50



The Brownsea and Pride of Bournemouth branches will be joining together this year for our Christmas festivities which will be at the Riviera Hotel once again. Last year we had a wonderful time celebrating together so we hope you will want to join us again. The price includes a glass of wine on arrival. Book by Friday 25 November. Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road, Alum Chine BH4 8JF. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 for the menu choices and to book your place.

THURS  
05

## Christmas Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2



Our Christmas Coffee Morning should be great fun and we hope you will be able to join us for festive refreshments, tea or coffee, meet good friends, in a lovely venue, and try to win a prize in our usual raffle. Why not bring a friend along to enjoy a relaxing morning? Book by Wednesday 4 December. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

SAT  
07

## Festive Lunch Acorn Branch



12.15pm



£6.50



Please book early as numbers will be limited. Meeting at 12.15pm for 12.45pm, come and enjoy a two course Christmas Lunch, turkey and the trimmings, together with a dessert and mince pie, a glass of bubbles and finish with a slice of festive cake. There will be a bring and buy, decorations, some new goods, books, puzzles and chutneys. Have a go on the tombola. You could be lucky and win some fare towards your Christmas celebrations. Raffle prizes would be much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you. We will have a sing-a-long, guess the weight of the cake, a good beginning to Christmas - meeting members and friends. A small gift for all. All proceeds go to the Riding for the Disabled, Three Legged Cross. Please, please book early! Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

# December

SUN  
**08**

## Carol Service Hand-in-Hand Branch



Our Carol Service this year will be held at St Nicolas Church, Upwey, starting at 3pm. Mince pies and tea will be served after the service. If you would like to read a lesson please contact the Branch Secretary at an early date. St Nicholas Church, Dorchester Road, Upwey DT3 5LW. Contact Stephen on 01305 260081.

MON  
**09**

## Christmas Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be at Julie and Andrew's house - please come along and join in the fun! All the usual Christmas goodies - mince pies, savouries, tea and coffee, a raffle for Forest Holme, good friends, maybe a cracker or two! Book by Saturday 7 December. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to join in the festivities!

TUES  
**10**

## Christmas Party Pride of Bournemouth Branch



Our Christmas Party is always good fun, so why not join us? We will have a bring and share supper, a game or two, maybe a Christmas quiz. As usual this is a free event, so please book early with Margaret on 01202 775122. We will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity, so prizes would be very much appreciated. We hope you can come and enjoy the festivities! Book by Sunday 8 December. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

SAT  
**14**

## Christmas Lunch Phoenix Branch



The Blackmore Vale Branch will be holding their Christmas Lunch at The White Hart, Bishops Caundle. We hope you can join us for the festivities. Book by Monday 9 December. The White Hart, Bishops Caundle DT9 5ND. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 if you would like to join us.

## Advance Notice

The Pride of Bournemouth Branch are hoping to organise a coach trip in the Summer of 2020, perhaps a minibus trip, more details in the Spring Diary. Also we hope to organise a trip to Fordingbridge at the beginning of July when we will meet Darrell at the Recreation Ground and learn more about the birds and wild-life. If you would be interested in supporting this sort of event please let Margaret know on 01202 775122, so that we can try to arrange them.

# January 2020

THURS  
02

## New Year Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2



What better way to start your New Year than to join us for our Coffee Morning? We will have our usual offerings of coffee, tea, cake, savouries and of course hold a raffle for Marion's charity - the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital. Raffle prizes would be very welcome and we hope you can come and join us. Book by Monday 30 December. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Edna on 01202 677101 or Marion on 01202 434427 to let us know you will be coming - we don't want to run out of cake!

MON  
06

## Tea Party Acorn Branch



2pm



£4



It's New Year once again when we can catch up with members and friends, some of whom we have not met since '2019'. A Happy New Year to one and all. Let's do an Italian afternoon. Maybe you have had some lovely holidays in Italy and it would be great if you bring a photograph which we can pin up and guess where it was taken. Appropriate quiz on olive oil and grapes and some Italian delicacies. Free raffle for vegetables, bring and buy, books and puzzles for the winter evenings. Usual refreshments, and raffle prizes greatly appreciated. Book by Friday 3 January. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

WED  
15

## Lunch Club Brownsea Branch



12 noon



As per menu



It's a while since we visited the Bridge House and we hope you will join us for lunch. Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm we hope you would like to come along, maybe bring a friend or two, enjoy a good meal and a chat with friends. There is a lovely Antiques Market just next door - why not have a coffee there first and maybe find a bargain!

Book by Monday 13 January. The Bridge House, 2 Ringwood Road, Ferndown BH22 9AN. Please let either Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 know that you would like to come so that we can arrange to all sit together and have a good natter.

# January 2020

## **SAT 18** District Coffee Morning and Lunch Acorn Branch



10.30am



£3.50



The Chairman of the District, Ron Munro, invites you to a Coffee Morning with a soup and



sandwich Lunch on Saturday 18 January at Three Cross Village Hall. This will be 10.30am until 3pm so that it may be easier to drive home when it is still light. There will be bring and buy, puzzles, books, cake stall and also savoury dishes.

A free Meat Raffle. Prizes appreciated as always. If we get a few volunteers we can have a bit of fun playing the 'don't say Yes or No game'. See if you can stop from answering 'Yes' or 'No' for a whole minute when asked a question. The winner will have a chance to take the money or open the box. It's great fun and difficult to do. Please come along to see us. All proceeds to Dorset Parkinson's Support, Ferndown.

Book by Wednesday 15 January. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

## **WED 22** Concert with the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir Hand-in-Hand Branch



TBC



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Come and join us for a concert with the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir. All welcome. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 for more information.

## **SAT 25** Afternoon Tea, Puzzles and Board Games Pride of Bournemouth Branch



2.30pm



Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50



We hope you can come and join in the fun at our Afternoon Puzzles and Board Game event! There will be lots of puzzles and games to have a go at, a lovely Afternoon Tea, a raffle for our Chairman's charity, and the chance to catch up with friends old and new. Come and have a chat over your afternoon tea, cake and savouries and maybe win a prize or two. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122.



# February

WED  
05

## Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch

 3pm

 Approximately  
£15 for two



We would like to invite you to join us for Afternoon Tea at the Pilot. We hope you will come along, have a superb tea and a chat with friends. We'll have



a raffle for our Chairman's charity so a prize would be greatly appreciated. Book by Monday 3 February. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910.

THURS  
06

## Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am

 £2



We will be meeting once again for our regular coffee morning at Tuckton Social Club. Why not come and join us for a relaxing morning, a chat over your tea or coffee, and enjoy one of our lovely cakes? We do savouries too! An opportunity to meet new friends in a lovely environment. We will have a raffle as usual for our Chairman's charity, so a prize would be very much appreciated. Book by Tuesday 4 February. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

SUN  
09

## Afternoon Dinner/Dance Hand-in-Hand Branch

 12 noon

 TBC



Arriving at noon for 12.30pm, why not join us for our Afternoon Dinner/Dance at Cerne Abbas Village Hall. Book by Wednesday 15 January. Cerne Abbas Village Hall, Kettle Bridge Lane, Dorchester DT2 7GY. Please contact Stephen on 01305 260081 by mid January for more details.

MON  
10

## Afternoon Tea Acorn Branch

 2pm

 £4



February Frolics and all things beginning with 'F'. Fun, Food, Fancy cakes, Frills, Fish and Fabrics. Usual refreshments and welcome cuppa, free raffle for food, hopefully bits and pieces on the stalls to sell. Still winter so let's hope it will be one of those sunny afternoons that we sometimes get in February. Bring a friend or neighbour. As always we will hold a raffle for charity. The Guide Hall is at the entrance to the free Tesco car park - please note that parking is limited at the Guide Hall. Book by Friday 7 February. Ferndown Guide Hall, Entrance to Tesco Car Park, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TH. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

# February

WED  
12

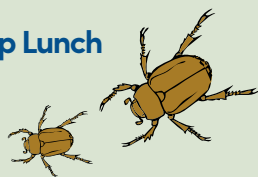
**Coffee Morning**  
Phoenix Branch



Come and join us for coffee in Yeovil. Time and venue to be advised. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more information.

THURS  
13

**Coffee Morning/Beetle Drive/Fish and Chip Lunch**  
Pride of Bournemouth Branch



When we tried this for the first time last year we had a brilliant time! It took a while for those of us who had never played beetle before to get the hang of it but a great time was had by all and the fish and chip lunch went down very well. We hope you will want to come along and join in the fun, enjoy a natter over coffee, beetle our way towards lunch and then enjoy our fish and chips.



If you would like to bring a friend or neighbour it would be lovely to welcome them to this fun event. Book by Monday 10 February. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret to book on 01202 775122.

THURS  
20



**Coffee Morning**  
Brownsea Branch



You are invited to join us for a Free Coffee Morning at Harry's. 'Have your cake and eat it!' and an opportunity to meet new friends. We hope you will bring a friend or two along who would benefit from learning about what a fantastic organisation the Oddfellows is. Everyone is welcome to this free event where we will also have a raffle for our Chairman's charity for the year. Book by Tuesday 18 February. Harry's Bar, 14 Haven Road, Poole BH13 7LP. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

# March

## THURS 05 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  £2



Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake, savouries, a raffle for our Chairman's charity and good company is the order of the day. Please bring along a treasured item and tell us about it - it would be lovely to hear about one of your special things. Maybe a special gift that you were given, a picture of a loved one, a memento from a holiday - anything that is important to you. Book by Tuesday 3 March. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you will be coming - we don't want to run out of cake!

## FRI 06 Rod Brewer Quiz Hand-in-Hand Branch

 7.30pm  £12 for a team of four 



As usual we will be holding the Rod Brewer Quiz at Crossways Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Please come and join in the fun - all profits will go to the Village Hall Funds. Crossways Village Hall, Moigne Combe Road, Crossways DT2 8JA. Contact Stephen on 01305 260081 to book your place.

## MON 09 Tea Party Acorn Branch

 2pm  £4



A looking and smelling afternoon! Is it Heinz or other make, is it Cadbury's or other make, and so on. We have done this event before and it was great fun. It is really difficult to tell the difference with some of the goodies. It's March so spring is on the way, please bring a spring posy, small prize for the prettiest.

A kitchen quiz, and who can remember the early TV advertisements connected to the kitchen and home. Usual refreshments and cuppa. Raffle prizes gratefully appreciated.

It may be easier to park in the Tesco free car park as there are limited spaces at the hall. Book by Friday 6 March. Ferndown Guide Hall, Entrance to Tesco Car Park, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TH. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

# March

SAT  
14

## Bingo Mania Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Members £3.50  
Guests £4.50



We tried this last year and it was great fun! Join us for our Bingo Mania event – we will have conventional Bingo, Card Bingo and Irish Bingo! Please bring a contribution to the 'bring and share' supper – we will provide the tea and coffee but if you would prefer an alcoholic drink please bring your own. The raffle will be in aid of our Chairman's charity and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Why not come and join in the bingo fun! Book by Saturday 14 March. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

WED  
18

## Lunch Club Brownsea Branch

⌚ 12 noon

£ As per menu



We are trying a new venue this time! Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm at the Shah of Persia, please join us for what we hope will be a lovely meal. An opportunity to meet like minded people in friendly surroundings.

Book by Monday 16 March. Shah of Persia, 173 Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2HS. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 so that we can arrange to all sit together.

WED  
25

## Coffee Morning Phoenix Branch

⌚ 10am

£ Free



Come and join us for coffee in Yeovil. Time and venue to be advised. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more information.

# March

## WED 25 Lunch at the Bailey Bridge Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 12 noon  As per menu 

Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm it would be lovely to welcome you to the Bailey Bridge for lunch. Last year we had a lovely time and it's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and hopefully meet some new ones! We hope to be able to hold a raffle for our Chairman's charity as usual. Book by Monday 23 March. Bailey Bridge Table Table, Barrack Road, Christchurch BH23 2BN. Please contact Margaret to book on 01202 775122 so that she can arrange for us all to sit together.

## SUN 29 Wessex Provincial Lodge of Past Grands Annual Lunch

 12 noon  Approximately £23 

The Wessex Provincial Lodge has arranged their Annual Lunch at the Milford Hall Hotel in Salisbury once again. We hope you can join us at this wonderful venue for our annual lunch when we welcome members and friends from across the region to join us for a relaxing time. Book by Sunday 22 March. Milford Hall Hotel, 206 Castle Street, Salisbury SP1 3TE. Please contact Robert Southam on 01202 734705 to book your place.

# April

## SAT 28 Blackmore Vale Skittles Night Phoenix Branch

 7pm  £5 

We are going back to The Swan in Stalbridge for our Skittles Night. We had a brilliant evening last time with lovely food so we hope you will want to come and join in the fun. Book by Friday 20 March. The Swan, High Street, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LL. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more details.



## THURS 02 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  £2 

Our regular Coffee Mornings are always a nice way to spend an hour or so, enjoying good company, a chat over tea or coffee, lovely cakes and savouries. As usual we will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity - raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. If you would like to come along and join in the fun please give Margaret a call on 01202 775122 - bring a friend or two to join us - the more the merrier! Book by Tuesday 31 March. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



# April

SUN  
05

## Spring Lunch Brownsea Branch



12 noon



See  
below



Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm we hope you will join us for our Spring Lunch at this lovely hotel. We will of course have our usual raffle for our Chairman's charity and if the sun is shining it would be lovely to relax outside in the pretty garden area, but if not we will enjoy a chat with friends old and new in the Garden Room Restaurant.

We have enjoyed some lovely meals at the Mayfair and hope you will want to join us. This year we have also negotiated a weekend deal with the hotel arriving on Friday for our evening meal and leaving on Sunday after the Spring Lunch, all for £121 per person on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. There will be entertainment on the Saturday evening and maybe a quiz on the Friday.

Cost: £18 for Spring Lunch. If you would like to book for the weekend please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 as soon as possible, because although we have booked the whole hotel the rooms are selling fast. Book by Monday 30 March. Mayfair Hotel, Bath Road, Bournemouth BH1 2NW.

TUES  
14

## Social Lunch Phoenix Branch



12 noon



TBC



Please join us for our Social Lunch at the Sheaf of Arrows. Enjoy a chat over your lunch and meet new friends. Book by Friday 10 April. Sheaf of Arrows, Melbury Osmond DT2 0NF. Contact John Pople on 01935 422154 or Judy on 01963 363119.



THURS  
16

## Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



As per menu



It would be lovely to see you for our Coffee Morning at the Spire. They do a lovely selection of cakes and sandwiches so why not bring a friend along to meet us? Have a chat over your coffee, put the world to rights and enjoy a pleasant morning in lovely surroundings. After your coffee you could enjoy some retail therapy in the High Street shops, or walk down to the Quay and enjoy the views. We hope to see you there! Book by Tuesday 14 April. The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 so that we can arrange to all sit together.

# April

## **SAT 18** Champagne Breakfast Acorn Branch



9.45am



£6



The Champagne Breakfast is later this year as the previous weekend is Easter. Please be there by 9.45am at the latest so we can present the charity cheque to Riding for the Disabled before we sit to eat. Yes, it's that time again when the eggs and bacon come to the fore with the glass of bubbly or orange juice. This popular event was overbooked last year so please book early so as not to be disappointed. The usual choice of Continental or English Breakfast with cereal to start, some sweet delicacies to finish. We will have the first tombola of the year where you can win assorted prizes and baskets of goodies. The bring and buy usually goes well this time of the year together with the books, puzzles and other donated merchandise. Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG. Please book early with Flo on 01202 820965.



## **MON 27** Pub Quiz and Supper Brownsea Branch



7.30pm



Approximately  
£9



We have decided to return to the Pilot for another Pub Quiz and supper as we had a great evening last time. Eating at 7pm the quiz will follow at 8pm and there will also be the opportunity to order a very reasonably priced sweet after your meal if you so wish. We hope you will join us for another fun evening, a chance to win prizes during the quiz and to support our charity fundraising efforts by joining in the raffle. Raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. Book by Friday 24 April. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



## **WED 29** Coffee Morning Phoenix Branch



10am



Free



Come and join us for coffee in Yeovil. Time and venue to be advised. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more information.

# May

WED  
06

## Talk and Hot Buffet Phoenix Branch

7pm

£ TBC



Why not join us for a hot buffet and a talk at The Manor. Come along and meet friends, old and new, and enjoy this lovely venue with us. Book by Monday 4 May. The Manor, 26 Henford, Yeovil BA20 1TG. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more details.

THURS  
07

## Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

10.30am

£ £2



We are trying something new! We thought it would be nice to try our hand at some indoor games such as skittles, hoopla etc - why not give it a go? Of course we will still have all the usual coffee, cake, savouries etc to enjoy and the chance to have a chat and enjoy each other's company. As always prizes would be appreciated for the raffle as we raise money for our Chairman's charity for the year. Book by Tuesday 5 May. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. To come along and join in the fun please give Marion a call on 01202 484427.

SAT  
09

## Street Party - VE Day Acorn Branch

12 noon

£ £5.50



The Acorn Branch Street Party will celebrate 75 years since VE Day - Victory in Europe.

As the first May Bank Holiday has been moved to this date for street



parties etc we thought we would put up the flags and bunting and have our own street party in the Village Hall at 12 noon for 12.30pm lunch. Let's have sausage, mash and vegetable, puddings and a glass of bubbly or orange juice. Maybe an appropriate sing song and our usual stalls with all the various items for sale.

A free raffle for tinned food. Please wear a buttonhole and maybe bring something you still have from those times. We will hold a raffle and we look forward to welcoming everyone to this event. Please bring a friend, neighbour or someone you know who is on their own to join our 'Street Party'. Book by Thursday 7 May.

Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

# May

WED  
20

## Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch

⌚ 3pm

£ £4.50



We hope you can come and join us for a lovely Afternoon Tea at Julie and Andrew's House - 105 Sandbanks Road. We will, of course, be hoping for fine weather so that we can enjoy their lovely garden, but if it's a bit chilly we will be indoors. As usual we will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity and maybe a quiz. Book by Monday 18 May. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you will be coming.

# June

THURS  
04

## Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 10.30am

£ £2



We hope you will join us for our regular Coffee Morning - this time we thought we would have a 'flower' theme (more details in the Spring Out and About Diary). We will be raising money for our Chairman's charity as usual by having a little raffle so prizes would be much appreciated as always. Our coffee mornings are a really nice way to keep in touch with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a cake or two. We always have savoury alternatives now because we understand that not all our members and friends have a sweet tooth! Book by Tuesday 2 June. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

MON  
08

## Cream Tea Acorn Branch

⌚ 2pm

£ £4



Please join us for strawberry scones, sandwiches and cakes for the June event. Try and solve the clues to the quiz where three of the letters in every answer is out. Around the room will be pictures of famous faces, so have a go to win a small prize Free Flower raffle. Bring and buy, books etc. Maybe it will be a lovely day and we will need the cold drinks that are available. There will be a raffle so prizes would be much appreciated. Let's hope the weather is better this year in June than last year. We look forward to seeing you all. Book by Friday 5 June. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

# June

TUES  
09

## Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



£2.50



WED  
17

## Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch



3pm



£3.50



Julie and Andrew are hosting our June Coffee Morning this year - and hoping for good weather than June! Julie and Andrew look forward to welcoming you to their house for a coffee morning in aid of Julie's charity. Please join us for coffee, cake and a natter - we'll have a raffle so a prize would be much appreciated. Book by Friday 5 June. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

Sandra and Nigel have very kindly invited us back to their lovely garden for Afternoon Tea. Come and relax in the sunshine, enjoy good company, good food and a good natter! (hopefully the weather will be better than last year when we got a bit damp around the edges!). We will be supporting Julie's charity for the year once again by having a raffle, so prizes would be very much appreciated. Book by Monday 15 June. Sandra and Nigel's house, 176 Verity Crescent, Poole BH17 8TZ. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 to book.

THURS  
11

## Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment by Julia Pride of Bournemouth Branch



2.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £4.50



We would like to invite you to join us for a new event - an Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment. Julia will be providing the music - she is a member of our branch and a professional musician so please come along and join in the fun. We will have the usual afternoon tea of sandwiches, cake and savouries, and a raffle for our Chairman's charity. We do hope you will be able to join us and maybe bring a friend or neighbour along too - the more the merrier!



Book by Tuesday 9 June. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



# June

## **SAT 20** Quiz Night with Bring and Share Supper Pride of Bournemouth Branch

**L** 7.30pm

**£** Members £2.50  
Guests £3.50



We hope you can join us for our Quiz Night with a Bring and Share Supper in June. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks - tea and coffee will be provided as always. Come and test your 'grey cells' and have fun with friends old and new. There will be prizes for the top scorers on the quizzes and a raffle for our Chairman's charity. Book by Thursday 18 June. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



## **SUN 28** Annual Lunch Phoenix Branch

**L** 12.30pm

**£** TBC



Come and join us for our annual lunch. Time and venue to be advised. All welcome. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more details.

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# Business Meetings

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## Acorn Branch

**Secretary:** Judith Parkin 43 Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth BH4 9JT.

**Telephone:** 01202 762553 **Email:** judith.parkin@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting** third Monday of every month at Ferndown United Church, 505 Wimborne Road, East Ferndown BH22 9NF.

## Browsea Branch

**Secretary:** Andrew Hampton 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT

**Telephone:** 01202 743910 **Email:** andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting** third Tuesday of every month at East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL.

## Hand-in-Hand Branch

**Secretary:** Stephen Slade 21 Great Western Road, Dorchester DT1 1UF.

**Telephone:** 01305 260081 **Email:** mike.clarke@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting** second Tuesday of every month at Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1UF.

## Phoenix Branch (Incorporating Blackmore Vale meetings)

**Secretary:** Judy Penfold 39 Grosvenor Road, Stalbridge DT10 2PL.

**Telephone:** 01963 363119 **Email:** judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting** third Tuesday every month at Yeovil Ex-Services Club, Preston Road, Yeovil BA21 3AZ to end of 2019 then Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil BA20 2BU.

## Pride of Bournemouth Branch

**Secretary:** Margaret White, 15 Playfields Drive, Poole BH12 2EG.

**Telephone:** 01202 775122 **Email:** margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting** fourth Tuesday of every month at Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

## District Meeting

**Meeting** Saturday 22 February 2020 at Three Cross Village Hall, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG.

# Traditional Meetings

## Wessex Provincial Branch of Past Grands

**Secretary:** Robert Southam Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

**Telephone:** 01202 734705

This is a ritual Branch and all members who have taken their Purple Degree are welcome to attend. Please contact Robert for venue and date details.

## Bournemouth and District Minor Degree Branch

**Secretary:** Robert Southam Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

**Telephone:** 01202 734705

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# At a glance

## September 2019

<b>Mon 2</b>	Friendship Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Friendship Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Friendship Coffee Morning (Phoenix Branch)	10am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Friendship Social Evening (Hand-in- in-Hand Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Friendship Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Bingo and Fish and Chip Supper (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Sun 22</b>	Trip on the Swanage Steam Railway (Hand-in- -Hand Branch)	TBC
<b>Sat 28</b>	District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments (Acorn Branch)	10am

## October

<b>Thurs 3</b>	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Mon 7</b>	Harvest Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
<b>Sat 12</b>	Harvest Supper (Hand-in- Hand Branch)	6.30pm

## October

<b>Sun 13</b>	Annual District Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Afternoon Tea at Stewarts (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
<b>Sat 19</b>	Skittles Night - Blackmore Vale Branch (Phoenix Branch)	7pm
<b>Sun 20</b>	Sponsored Autumn Walk for Children in Need (Hand-in- -Hand Branch)	10am
<b>Mon 21</b>	Coffee Morning (Phoenix Branch)	10am
<b>Sat 26</b>	Ploughman's Supper (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 30</b>	Lunch Club (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon

## November

<b>Fri 1</b>	Regent Centre Theatre Trip - 'Cats' (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7pm
<b>Sat 2</b>	Annual Presentation Event (Hand-in- -Hand Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Supper at the New Inn (Brownsea Branch)	7pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Tues 12</b>	Social Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12 noon
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Afternoon Tea and Talk by a Guest Speaker (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm



# At a glance

## November

<b>Sun 17</b>	Visit to Longleat in Warminster for the Festival of Light (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	TBC
<b>Mon 18</b>	District Afternoon Tea and Fun Musical Event (Acorn Branch)	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
<b>Sat 23</b>	Christmas Prize Bingo (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning (Acorn Branch)	10am
<b>Tues 26</b>	Early Christmas Meal (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	12 noon

## December

<b>Sun 1</b>	Christmas Shopping Trip to Plymouth (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	10am
<b>Sun 1</b>	Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Christmas Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Sat 7</b>	Festive Lunch (Acorn Branch)	12.15pm
<b>Sun 8</b>	Carol Service (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	3pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Christmas Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Christmas Party (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm

## December

<b>Sat 14</b>	Christmas Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	1pm
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## January 2020

<b>Thurs 2</b>	New Year Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Mon 6</b>	Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Lunch Club (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
<b>Sat 18</b>	District Coffee Morning and Lunch (Acorn Branch)	10.30am
<b>Wed 22</b>	Concert with the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	TBC
<b>Sat 25</b>	Afternoon Tea, Puzzles and Board Games (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm
<b>February</b>		
<b>Wed 5</b>	Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
<b>Sun 9</b>	Afternoon Dinner/Dance (Hand-in-Hand Branch)	12 noon
<b>Mon 10</b>	Afternoon Tea (Acorn Branch)	2pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Coffee Morning (Phoenix Branch)	10am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Coffee Morning/Beetle Drive/Fish and Chip Lunch (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am

# At a glance

## February

**Thurs 20** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Brownsea Branch)

## March

**Thurs 5** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Fri 6** Rod Brewer Quiz 7.30pm  
(Hand-in-Hand Branch)

**Mon 9** Tea Party 2pm  
(Acorn Branch)

**Sat 14** Bingo Mania 7.30pm  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Wed 18** Lunch Club 12 noon  
(Brownsea Branch)

**Wed 25** Coffee Morning 10am  
(Phoenix Branch)

**Wed 25** Lunch at the Bailey Bridge 12 noon  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Sat 28** Blackmore Vale Skittles Night 7pm  
(Phoenix Branch)

**Sun 29** Wessex Provincial Lodge of Past Grands Annual Lunch 12 noon

## April

**Thurs 2** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Sun 5** Spring Lunch 12 noon  
(Brownsea Branch)

**Tues 14** Social Lunch 12 noon  
(Phoenix Branch)

**Thurs 16** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Brownsea Branch)

## April

**Sat 18** Champagne Breakfast 9.45am  
(Acorn Branch)

**Mon 27** Pub Quiz and Supper 7.30pm  
(Brownsea Branch)

**Wed 29** Coffee Morning 10am  
(Phoenix Branch)

## May

**Wed 6** Talk and Hot Buffet 7pm  
(Phoenix Branch)

**Thurs 7** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Sat 9** Street Party - VE Day 12 noon  
(Acorn Branch)

**Wed 20** Afternoon Tea 3pm  
(Brownsea Branch)

## June

**Thurs 4** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Mon 8** Cream Tea 2pm  
(Acorn Branch)

**Tues 9** Coffee Morning 10.30am  
(Brownsea Branch)

**Thurs 11** Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment by Julia 2.30pm  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Wed 17** Afternoon Tea 3pm  
(Brownsea Branch)

**Sat 20** Quiz Night with Bring and Share Supper 7.30pm  
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

**Sun 28** Annual Lunch 12.30pm  
(Phoenix Branch)

# Wessex Wanderer

News and views from your local friendship group

## Greetings from Ron Munro

My name is Ron Munro and it is an honour to be the Chairman of the Poole, Bridport and Yeovil District. This District stands proud with the social events that take place each month, the fun and laughter, but most of all the new friendships that have been made between members. Long may this continue. Every Branch has worked hard to recruit new members and if sometimes we feel it is not going our way please do not feel downhearted. As a District we now have more active members and everyone's input is very much appreciated.

By the time you read this, we will be into the 10th year of the September Friendship Month where everyone can enjoy some new events and some old favourites. Hopefully new people will come along to

say hello and will consider joining before too long. As many of you know my charity for the year is Dorset Parkinson's Support, Ferndown. My grateful thanks to you all for the support you have shown since February. It has been amazing.

It has also been good to see more members attending their Branch monthly business meetings. It gives insight into the workings of the Branch and how one can move forward within the District and the Society.

Continue to enjoy the events, and I hope to meet as many of you as possible during the remainder of my term in office.

My Kindest Wishes to you all.

Ron

## Pride of Bournemouth Afternoon Tea Party celebrating Maud's 100th Birthday

In May we had a wonderful Afternoon Tea Party to celebrate Maud Jones' 100th Birthday. Maud comes to our social events on a regular basis and plays bridge every week - she is amazing and such a special person to have as one of our members. We invited Julia Conway to provide the musical entertainment and as you can see from the pictures Maud enjoyed a waltz with Trevor! Our

chairman, Marion Walker presented Maud with a framed telegram from the Grand Master and Edna Daniels gave her a gift from the members to mark the occasion. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful tea and enjoyed a sing-a-long to Julia's music. Thanks so much for coming along and making it a special occasion for Maud.



## Welcome to the 28th edition of your Newsletter The Wessex Wanderer

We rely on you, our members, to submit articles and contributions which you would like to share with our members. Do you have a recipe, celebration or holiday that you could tell us about? If so please send it to the District Secretary at the address below - he would love to hear from you.

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# Pride of Bournemouth Coffee and Scones Morning

In January we tried something a bit different and had scones, rather than biscuits and cake, with our coffee. We included savoury as well as the sweet variety and everyone enjoyed a chat over their coffee. A lovely time was had by all - thanks for coming and making the morning a success.



## Presentation towards a defibrillator in Stalbridge

During his year in office Robert Southam, Provincial Grand Master, chose to raise money to purchase a defibrillator for community use. Brother Robert decided to donate his fundraising efforts towards the purchase of a defibrillator in the Stalbridge area following a request from the Phoenix Lodge.

Sister Judy Penfold had contacted the DCOM to report that there was no

defibrillator in the Stalbridge area. Stalbridge had lost its GP Surgery together with its defibrillator. Cheques were presented to Councillor Jan Wardell by Brother Southam and Roger Jackson of the Blackmore Vale Lodge Masons at The Hub in Station Road, where the defibrillator is located. Having a defibrillator in Stalbridge will bring peace of mind to the residents and of course it has the potential to save lives.



## Darrell's Surprise Visitor



In January Darrell Sturmeay brought along a special visitor to the lodge - a Peking Duck called 'Peekaboo'. Darrell had rescued Peekaboo and was nursing him/her back to health. It wasn't the only visit Peekaboo made to our events and we are happy to report that he/she has now been released back into the wild.

Darrell is a great supporter of wildlife, especially birds and ducks, and we have recently had another visit from a duckling - now fully recovered - that he rescued. Darrell will be giving us a talk on the 'Hampshire Swift Society' during our afternoon tea on 14<sup>th</sup> November - do come and join us and bring a friend or two to enjoy the tea and an interesting afternoon.

# The New Year Acorn Tea Party

The New Year Acorn Tea Party was well received at our new venue in West Moors. We were sorry that some members and friends were unwell, due to the winter coughs and colds. The afternoon began with a couple of games of Irish Bingo with Richard winning the first and Marion the second and as it was Richard's birthday it proved to be a bonus. Next came the lateral thinking quiz which proved to be very funny. It

really made everyone think and the question about 31 June was really interesting as June only has 30 days each year! In the kitchen there was a warming oven so everyone, if they so wished could enjoy a hot sausage roll and mince pie with the buffet. Trish manned the bring and buy and thank you to all who brought the goodies and the raffle prizes. A happy afternoon to begin 2019 socials.

## Pride of Bournemouth Afternoon Tea and Puzzles



We had lots of puzzles to have a go at as well as a wonderful Afternoon Tea to enjoy when we met at the end of January at Tuckton Social Club. It was lovely to catch up with friends old and new and some of us were better than others at the puzzles! Some of the chaps preferred to have a chat rather than do a puzzle, but that was absolutely fine as they then made the cups of tea or coffee for us all - which

was brilliant! The lovely refreshments were very much appreciated by us all - thanks so much to the team for all their hard work. We are planning similar events for the future so keep an eye on the 'Out & About' events diary if you would like to come and join us. We have quite a few puzzles now and some of our members borrow them to do at home - clearly they are real puzzle addicts!

## Brownsea Lunch Club

The Brownsea Lodge try to get together for their lunch club every now and again and in January they enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Sweet Home on Ringwood Road. Emma always makes us very welcome and there was a wide choice of meals to

choose from. It's always nice just to get together for a natter and enjoy each other's company over lunch and put the world to rights! March saw us trying the newly refurbished New Inn for lunch and everyone had a very nice meal.

## Traditional Terms

These are terms, which are used by the Oddfellows in meetings and in publications. For those who are unfamiliar with some of them, it may be helpful to refer to the list provided below. It is by no means exhaustive, but these are some of the most commonly used terms. The original terms have their origin in the history and ceremony associated with the Oddfellows.

**Grand Master (GM)** -  
Chairman of the Society

**Provincial Grand Master (PGM)** -  
District Chairman

**Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM)** -  
Former District Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding Secretary** - District Secretary

**Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM)** -  
Immediate Past District Chairman

**Vice Grand (VG)** -  
Deputy Branch Chairman

**Noble Grand (NG)** -  
Branch Chairman

**Lodge** - Local Branch

**Sister and Brother** -  
The Oddfellows is a fraternal organisation which means membership is like belonging to a family. This is why many members refer to each other as Brother and Sister (as members of the trade unions used to).

**Annual Movable Conference (AMC)** -  
Held each year in the month of May at different locations.

**Ritual** -  
Traditional Oddfellows Ceremonies



# Annual District Meeting

February 2019 saw Ron Munro installed for the fourth time as our Provincial Grand Master, with Keith Quinton becoming our Provincial Deputy Grand Master. Keith was elected to the position of Provincial Deputy following the very sad death of Chris Bloomfield in early February.

Our pictures show the installation ceremony which was very ably carried out by Derek West of the Acorn Lodge.

Our Annual Meeting this year took place at Crossways Village Hall and as usual we were very well looked after by Mary

Brewer and her team. Robert Southam was in the chair. In addition to the usual business the District Secretary gave a report on a Weekend Seminar that he had attended and Sandra Compton reported on the Welfare Visitors' Induction Day. A further £110 was raised towards the purchase of a defibrillator.



## Brownsea Afternoon Tea at the Sweet Home

The Sweet Home Afternoon Teas are fantastic, so we visited Emma again in February to enjoy one of her traditional Afternoon Teas. Assorted sandwiches, lovely cake, savouries, scones and cream and a lovely cuppa, were the order of the day and those that joined us thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. Most of us couldn't manage all the lovely food and had to take some home to finish later! The raffle was in support of Margaret's charity for the year - Forest Holme Hospice and she would like to thank everyone who bought tickets or donated prizes.

## Blackmore Vale Skittles

In March, the Blackmore Vale Lodge once again joined forces with Blackmore Vale U3A for an evening of skittling fun and food. The Swan in Stalbridge provided the venue and Andy, the landlord, provided us with a hot supper of a delicious rich beef stew and vegetables. Prizes were awarded for the winners and losers and money raised went into the Noble Grand's fund for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, to be presented in January.



## Acorn London Tea Party Event



The Acorn February 'London' Tea Party event was well attended. There was the usual bring and buy table which went with a swing, with folk buying the goodies from the generous donations.

The quiz ranged from London traffic lights to underground stations and when Flo messed up the answers it was laughter all round! A picture of a red route master double decker had number 73 on the front going to Stoke Newington. This was the exact route that had been driven by the grandfather of one of our members.

We had a free raffle with goodies to have for an afternoon tea, our usual buffet tea and raffle. Three folk who attended showed an interest in joining so hopefully we will see them at our future events.





## Browsea Afternoon Tea Recruitment Event

**In March Browsea tried a recruitment event on Canford Heath. We held an Afternoon Tea with a raffle for Forest Holme and a free prize draw for a luxury hamper.**

We got off to a bad start as the Scouts were late letting us in, but it was all hands on deck and we were ready - just in time! We welcomed 23 non-members to the event with many of our own members on hand to chat to them. The book stall, jewellery stall, beautiful photographs, Aloe Vera stall and hand made cards were all popular.



The tea was wonderful, and some of the non-members brought along a cake to share as they wanted to support Forest Holme - which was brilliant. The raffle was well supported with one of the non-members donating a fabulous hamper that she had prepared.

Despite the traumatic start everyone had a good afternoon. A follow up Coffee Morning was also held on the heath when about a dozen of our guests joined us once again for a chat over their coffee and cake.



## Benefits Information Afternoon



**Early in March the Acorn Lodge invited folk to hear about the lesser well known benefits of belonging to the Oddfellows. About 25 attended to hear about the financial services and Credit Union, both a means of saving monies in the short term and the long term.**

Leaflets on both subjects were available, a few questions were asked on the day but from the information given out there have been numerous enquiries, in particular in connection with finance, Citizens Advice and Junior Membership. Hopefully this can all be built on so that members can be advised, feel confident and maybe partake in the business of the branches at a future date.

The cuppa and cake went down well, a worthwhile afternoon that Acorn would be pleased to host in the future for interested members and friends.

## Pride of Bournemouth Lunch at the Bailey Bridge

**In March over 30 members and friends met up at the Bailey Bridge restaurant in Christchurch for lunch. The meals were very good value for money and we all had a chat and caught up with friends old and new. The staff were excellent and had organised our own separate area so that we could all**

**sit together. Some of us enjoyed a pudding as well as a main course - mind you, most of us didn't have room for a pud! The management were happy for us to have our usual raffle for Marion's charity and our thanks must go to Angela who brought along a wonderful Easter Hamper as a prize.**

## Phoenix Social Lunch

**In April several members of Phoenix Lodge munched again on the fine food that the Red House offered. Another enjoyable occasion.**



## Brownsea and Pride of Bournemouth Presentation Afternoon Tea

**This year the two branches decided to hold an Afternoon Tea rather than an evening Presentation event. As usual representatives from all the charities were invited to join us and say a few words about their charity after receiving their cheque. A total of £4,266.94 was presented to 15 different local charities.**

Our group picture (above) shows all the recipients - The Courage Foundation, Forest Holme Hospice, Youth Cancer Trust, Macmillan Caring Locally, Maritime Volunteer Service, Autism Wessex, Cherry Tree Nursery, Chesthelp, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, Dorset Blind Association, Poole Heart Support Group, Wessex Cancer Trust, Alzheimer's Society and April Court Amenities Fund.

Unfortunately Julia's House were unable to send a representative, but as you can see in the second picture our chairman, Marion Walker was able to visit on their Open Day to present our cheque.



Brother Norman Daniels, who was the Pride of Bournemouth chairman for 2017 and 2018, supported April Court Amenities Fund and we were delighted to welcome several representatives from April Court to the Afternoon Tea. The money raised during 2017 was used to buy new furniture for the lounge at April Court and we are looking forward to hearing how they spend the 2018 fundraising money! Our third picture shows Norman

presenting his cheque to the guests from April Court.



Sister Margaret Fry had also been chairman of Brownsea Lodge for two years and raised money in memory of her late husband David, carrying on with his chosen charities, as he had died whilst he was the Brownsea chairman. Margaret supported Macmillan Caring Locally and the Maritime Volunteer Service. Our last pictures show Margaret presenting her cheques to Neal Williams, Trust Secretary from Macmillan Caring Locally and Alan Jones, Deputy Head of Unit from the Maritime Volunteer Service.



## Acorn April Champagne Breakfast



Members and friends arrived early to view the bring and buy, select their books and purchase the tombola prizes which ranged from goodies to eat, wine, biscuits and many other items. We were very pleased to meet the representatives from Diverse Abilities, Julie and Sonja, who were delighted with a cheque for £3,400 towards the activities for the children at Bond Avenue in West Moors. These activities range from holidays, hiring beach huts, parties and enabling the children to join in many things with their parents and siblings.

Meanwhile the cereals and orange juice were ready for everyone to begin their breakfast whilst the finishing touches were being made to the bacon, eggs etc in the kitchen. As always the glass of bubbly went down well and even the kitchen staff managed also to raise their glasses. Meanwhile Richard was still selling tombola tickets, and the other stalls were kept busy. The free raffle for plants went down well and all too soon it was time for the raffle. This is such a worthwhile event and grateful thanks go to everyone who put in all the hard work to make it another successful Champagne Breakfast.





## Where is the Grove Hotel?

Have you heard of the Grove Hotel? Well it is situated in central Bournemouth and is owned and run by Macmillan Caring Locally, supporting patients and their families through cancer and life threatening illness. They have a very informative brochure which details all the facilities available which are on a par with the majority of five star hotels in the area.

Having been privileged to stay at the hotel, I can honestly say that the level of loving care displayed by the staff is absolutely unending, from the manager and the nurses who are on 24 hour duty and start their mornings in the dining room checking on every visitor to ensure that all is well, the Chef and dining room staff who are meticulous in meeting the needs of even those who really do not feel like eating, to the driver of the specially adapted coach who runs outings during the week to the many local places of interest. If you are reading this in the Oddfellows magazine you could well be eligible to be supported by the Society to stay at the hotel together with your carer, where you can feel completely safe at a difficult time.

### Val and Ron Powis

Please note - if you are interested in a convalescent stay at The Grove please contact your Branch Secretary who will be happy to help.



## Acorn Easter Event

The Acorn Lodge began the Easter events early, but nevertheless it was a fun filled, fast moving afternoon. Everyone could chose to either do the Easter Quiz, decorate an Easter Egg (which were splendid) or test their knowledge on steam trains.

A huge thank you to those who wore their Easter Bonnets, the judges had a difficult job to choose the winner. Pat was the winner in a very pretty bonnet, full of colour with paper flowers. Robert guessed the weight of Teddy Acorn's box of Easter goodies with the exact weight. Jenny had kindly made an Easter Simnel cake, beautifully decorated, and made over another £20 towards Riding for the Disabled in Three Legged Cross, our chosen charity this year. As always the buffet tea and deserts went down well.



A successful afternoon and thanks to everyone who supported the branch in any way. Every bit of help is always appreciated, making sandwiches, ferrying everything that has to be taken to the hall, making teas, washing up and helping to clear away the tables and chairs.



## Brownsea Pub Quiz and Supper

At the end of April we enjoyed a really lovely meal at the Pilot on Canford Heath, followed by a quiz. We had the meal at 7pm - some of us ordered puddings too - and this was followed by the quiz. The pub donated a carvery meal for two as one of the prizes in the raffle for which we were very grateful. Everyone had a brilliant time, a good laugh and an excellent meal - what more could you wish for. Our thanks must go to Andrew for organising



the evening and for asking the questions. As well as having a wonderful evening we managed to raise another £107 for Forest Holme. Thanks so much to those who came along and for helping make the evening such a success.



The Southern Group Conference was held at the Riviera Hotel complex in Weymouth this year, and the picture shows our Deputies ready for action.



## Brownsea Spring Lunch and Weekend for Forest Holme



We have enjoyed some lovely meals at the Mayfair Hotel over the years and so we decided to return once again for our Spring Lunch this year. In addition to the lunch we organised a weekend of entertainment, arriving on the Friday afternoon and leaving after lunch on the Sunday. On the Friday evening we had a fun quiz and on the Saturday musical entertainment was provided by Brian Slade. Members and friends joined us from far and wide for the weekend - North West Kent, Coventry, Brighton & Hove, Reading, Dartford, Bristol, Salisbury - and of course they stayed for the lunch on the Sunday when we were joined by many more members and friends. It was a pleasure to welcome almost 80 to the lunch on the Sunday when the raffle was so well supported. The whole weekend was very informal - no speeches, just lots of thank yous!



Margaret White, our chairman this year, would like to thank everyone for their support, whether they came for the whole weekend or for the Spring Lunch, as over £500 was raised for our charity for the year - Forest Holme Hospice. Brownsea have had many branch members and family who have spent their last days at Forest Holme, a truly wonderful hospice, which was the reason for Margaret choosing the hospice for support this year.

Brownsea are arranging a similar event for 2020 when Julie Hampton will be our chairman, so we hope you will consider joining us for a fantastic weekend of fun and fundraising, or alternatively come and join us for the Spring Lunch on Sunday 5 April, which will be at the Mayfair again. We have booked the whole hotel for the weekend this time so we hope you will want to come and join in the fun. Contact Andrew (01202 743910) or Margaret (01202 775122) if you would like to stay for the weekend.



## Brownsea Afternoon Tea at Julie and Andrew's

Sunshine, good food, excellent company - what more could you ask for? We had it all at the Brownsea Afternoon Tea at the end of May! A lovely Afternoon Tea was enjoyed in Julie and Andrew's beautiful garden, the sun came out and we all had a good chat. There was a book stall, a jewellery stall and of course a raffle in support of Forest Holme Hospice - thanks so much for buying the raffle tickets and donating the prizes. A huge thank you must also go to Julie and Andrew for hosting the event and for organising the sunshine!





# 2019 Annual Movable Conference – Southport



**This year we had the pleasure of welcoming two new deputies to the AMC – Brother Norman and Sister Edna Daniels.**

Our pictures show the Poole, Bridport and Yeovil contingent at the end of the



Conference, including Brother Ron Munro who attended as a Past Grand Master. Brother Ron is also our Provincial Grand Master this year and he was delighted to present Edna and Norman with their AMC jewels. Our deputies made a significant contribution to the



debates during the Conference and we are pleased to report that our proposal to amend the Procedures for dental and optical claim forms was successful. Life, Associate and Widow Members will no longer have to declare on their claim forms if they have received any payment from elsewhere - so we are now treating all our customers fairly in this respect.

This group picture shows the dignitaries who accompanied the Grand Master, Brother Bill Henchcliff, to the Wreath Laying Ceremony which followed the Church Service held at the AMC.

## Acorn Crowns and Tiaras Tea

It was great to see so many Acorn members and friends join in the theme of the May tea which was 'Crowns and Tiaras'. There were some very attractive tiaras and grand crowns, some of which looked as if they were decorated with the crown jewels. It was a pleasure to welcome members who had not joined us before and also representatives from the Ferndown Branch of Parkinson's Support Group. The stage set was superb as always, with

heads dressed in crowns, tiaras, and colourful scarves. Two enormous decorated crowns made a stunning feature. The quiz was all about gems, precious stones and lesser well known jewels. As always there was a raffle, bring and buy and the free raffle was for baskets of fruit. Thanks must go to everyone in the kitchen who had prepared the tea, made the sandwiches and of course washed up. The glass of Pimms put us all in



the party mood. A happy crowns and tiaras afternoon.



# Pride of Bournemouth Charity Coffee Morning

Edna and Norman Daniels very kindly hosted our Charity Coffee Morning once again in May. Unfortunately the weather was not too warm, although some brave souls did spend the morning in the beautiful garden, or the summer house, and enjoyed the fresh air! This year the money raised was donated to our Chairman's charity for the year which is the Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Thursday

night group at Bournemouth Hospital. We had a bring and buy stall and a well supported raffle and Edna had made cakes and savouries for us to buy as well as enjoy during the morning. Edna and Norman raised an amazing £140 for the charity and we would like to thank them so much for inviting us to their home for such a lovely event.

## Acorn June Tea Party

Although at short notice we had to change venues. This did not take away the theme of the afternoon which was all things summer. So we went to Henley to row, Royal Ascot to see the horses, the beach and the cricket ground. A quiz on these subjects ranged from when did fish and chips in newspaper come to a halt and when did Royal Ascot begin? At this venue we can have the eats in the ante room which gives more space for the bring and buy and the raffle.

It was good to see members and friends we had not seen for a while, some of whom were delighted to win a basket of vegetables in the free raffle. A good afternoon, a catch up with friends, together with the welcome cuppa. Thanks to all who helped, made sandwiches, served the cuppa and washed up.

## Brownsea Coffee Morning

105 Sandbanks Road was once again the venue for our Coffee Morning in June. Julie and Andrew made us very welcome as we enjoyed cakes and savouries and put the world to rights over our coffee or tea.

Unfortunately the sunshine which had been ordered did not make much of an appearance this time!! Not to worry, we still had a lovely morning in excellent company and thank Julie and Andrew once again for their hospitality.

# Pride of Bournemouth Coffee Mornings

The Pride of Bournemouth Lodge have been holding regular monthly Coffee Mornings for over a year now and they have proved to be very popular. We meet at Tuckton Social Club on the first Thursday of each month at 10.30am. Sometimes we have a speaker, or a game or two - but the most important thing is getting together, having a chat over our tea or coffee and meeting up with our friends both old and new. Of course we all enjoy Edna's wonderful home-made cakes and really miss them when she and Norman are away on one of their many holidays!! The rest of the team do their best but you can't beat an 'Edna' cake! We now also have savoury options to enjoy as not everyone has a sweet tooth.

In March we welcomed a speaker from Autism Wessex to tell us about the

wonderful work they do for those with Autism, whether they are children or adults. Several of our members have family members who are on the Autism spectrum and the talk was extremely informative. Autism Wessex is one of the charities that we support on a regular basis.



At the April Coffee Morning we had a very interesting talk from Darrell Sturmeay on Scams and Cyber Crime and how to avoid being caught out, either on-line or on the phone. Many questions were raised and Darrell was able to give us some very useful advice.

On Thursday 6 June we invited Julia to join us for a sing-a-long and we enjoyed some D-Day themed songs, along with our tea or coffee, cake and savouries - we all had a brilliant morning.



During our Coffee Mornings we always have a little raffle for our Chairman's charity and over the year a goodly sum is raised to add to the fundraising efforts.

We would like to thank all our members and friends who join us on a regular basis for our Coffee Mornings and support us so well. If you would like to join us we would love to see you - everyone is made very welcome - why not come along and join in the fun!







## District Fun Event

On Saturday 8 June the District held a fun event at West Moors Memorial Hall which, in spite of the weather proved to be very successful. There were 10 stalls with the cake stall being very popular, as was the plant stall. The bric-a-brac, books, cards and the tombola all did very well, however, the hamper of wine and groceries was still there at the end, but can easily be used at another event! Meanwhile the ladies in



the ante room and kitchen were preparing rolls, sausage rolls and delicious cakes, tea and coffee, which were all very well received. As it was a separate room folk could relax and chat to friends over a cuppa.

The chairman of the District, Ron Munro expressed his sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way. It was very much a joint effort which raised £834, with every penny being donated to Dorset Parkinson's Support Group Ferndown. Another event for the same charity will be held on September 28th in the same venue. Please come along and say hello to us. Everyone welcome.



## Pride of Bournemouth Healthy Afternoon Tea

This year for our Healthy Afternoon Tea we invited representatives from the Poole Heart Support Group and the Bournemouth Heart Club to tell us about their work and demonstrate some simple exercises to help keep us healthy. Sam from the Bournemouth Heart Club, firstly told us about the facilities and groups available at Bournemouth Hospital. Lesley from the Poole Heart Group explained that they operate slightly differently, meeting in various places and running several groups.

We all enjoyed joining in the exercises, whether we stood up or stayed sitting down, and would like to thank both Sam and Lesley for their input into what was a very entertaining and interesting afternoon. We all enjoyed the healthier options to eat during the tea, although of course there were still plenty of 'naughty' cakes to appreciate as well! Donations have been made to both the groups as a result of the money raised during the raffle.



## Henry Jönsson

The picture shows Henry Jönsson, aged 7 with his Gold Medal after winning his first judo competition for his age and weight group. Henry is a junior member of the Brownsea Lodge.







## Annual District Church Service

The Annual District Church Service was held on Sunday 9 June at St Mark's Church, Talbot Village, Bournemouth. The service was conducted by the Reverend Rupert Higgins who gave a meaningful address on the motto of the Society - Friendship, Love and Truth. He also spoke of the charitable works from which many people benefit. The service was well attended by the members of the District with visitors from other branches and Districts. Sincere thanks go to the ladies of Acorn Lodge who provided



the refreshments, cream scones, meringues, and other delicious cakes. Thank you to all who attended and the collection raised £131.85 which was donated to the church.



## Phoenix Lodge Lunch

On Thursday 23 June 27 members and friends of Phoenix Lodge came together for an enjoyable three-course lunch at the Henstridge Golf & Leisure Club. The atmosphere was lively and sociable. A change from our usual format, we did not have a guest of honour, instead a speaker had

been arranged by our Noble Grand, Sister Margaret Pople. Ivan Tinsdale, from the Sutton Bingham Reservoir in Somerset, arrived after the meal and chatted to us about his work there and the activities that can be had, such as fishing, walking around the reservoir and conservation.



## Pride of Bournemouth Coffee Morning/Beetle Drive/Fish and Chip Lunch

Some of us had never played 'Beetle' before so to begin with the morning was a bit 'hectic' but we soon got the hang of it and had a really enjoyable time. Marion kept us all on track and Julian went to collect the Fish and Chips just in time for lunch. We all appreciated the tasty fish and chips and agreed that it had been a really fun morning. We are planning to do it all again next February so we hope you would like to come and join in the fun!





# Pride of Bournemouth Bingo Mania

We had never tried a Bingo Mania event before but it was a wonderful evening with conventional Bingo, Card Bingo and Irish Bingo. Trevor was our excellent caller and we must thank him for running the evening so well for us all. Cash prizes for a full house were well received and the Card Bingo and Irish Bingo were also good fun. The refreshments were a 'bring and share' supper

and the table was overflowing with wonderful food, so our thanks must go to everyone for joining in. The raffle was well supported as usual and our Chairman's charity - the Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital - benefited by over £100 as a result which was fantastic - thanks so much to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.



## Acorn July Tea Party

It was a pleasure to welcome four new visitors to the event which was well attended at West Moors Memorial Hall. Make something from 12 sticks of spaghetti and eight marshmallows proved great fun. The displays ranged from dogs, centipedes, swing seats, gentleman with hair and astrodomes, with no two tables making the same item. As it was warm the marshmallows started to melt so some were eaten, others

propped up and good fun was had by all. The sunshine quiz went well with some of the questions related to songs containing the word 'sunshine'. The displays of summer hats were very colourful with Dee and Doreen being the winners. Doreen's was an umbrella as it sometimes rains in the summer? As always the refreshments went well and grateful thanks to all who brought bring and buy and raffle prizes. A Happy summer event.



## Pride of Bournemouth Quiz Night



June was a busy month for the Pride of Bournemouth members and friends and it ended with a 'bring and share' supper and quiz at Tuckton Social Club. Margaret Gibbins had prepared the quiz and picture quiz questions, although she wasn't able to come on the night as she was poorly, and we would like to thank her so much for her hard work. Andrew also provided a round of questions after supper and we all enjoyed trying to find the answers in the depths of our memories. The evening was rounded off with the usual raffle in aid of Marion's charity for the year. Thanks to all who came and joined in the fun evening.



# Brownsea Afternoon Tea at Sandra and Nigel's

So, this time we invaded Sandra and Nigel's house and the weather really let us down!! It started off quite promising and the garden was looking brilliant, but oh dear the rain didn't just fall, it was a downpour! Luckily we had managed to eat most of our tea before the deterioration took place and whilst some

de-camped to the lounge the rest of us sheltered in the summer house or under the awnings for the raffle. Our spirits weren't dampened though and we still all had a great time, a good laugh and enjoyed each other's company. Thanks to those who came and supported us once again.



## Brownsea Early Evening BBQ

Sandra and Nigel welcomed almost 30 people to their lovely garden in July. Nigel was the chef again and produced a wonderful assortment of food to have with the salad and potatoes. Their daughter Helen and her husband Neil provided the quiz which proved to be quite entertaining and Margaret and Bill headed up the winning team and went home with a bottle of wine. The raffle, in favour of Forest Holme, was well supported and we thank all who came for bringing along the prizes and buying the raffle tickets. Unfortunately our photographer was on holiday this time so we have no pictures to share with you!

## Obituary for Brother 'Chris' Christopher Bloomfield PPGM

**It was with huge sadness that we said goodbye to Brother Chris Bloomfield this year. Chris was only 63 years old when he passed away, a few days short of his 64th birthday. Chris was a staunch member of the Phoenix Lodge, having served his lodge as chairman several times, before becoming a valued member of the Poole, Bridport & Yeovil District Committee of Management. Attendance at a Phoenix Lodge meeting involved an approximately 90 mile round trip for Chris and Ruth.**

Chris was always there for his colleagues and friends, nothing was too much trouble for him – if someone needed a helping hand he was there for you. Chris had a joke for every occasion and could always put a positive slant on everything. He was never afraid to say what he thought – but always had a good reason to take the decision he took. He would never take on a role within the Oddfellows until he felt he was ready to do it properly and with confidence – he brought the discipline he had learnt



during his career in the forces to his life in Oddfellowship. When he accepted his nomination to take office on the Southern Group Conference Executive Committee we knew he would do it extremely well and be a credit to the Conference and his District. Sadly not long after being elected to the executive committee in April 2018 Chris was diagnosed with terminal cancer and took the decision to resign from the SGC committee.

'Family' was very important to Chris and he was so important to them as could

be seen from the many tributes from his grandchildren which were included in his Service of Thanksgiving on 21 February. Chelsea said 'My greatest memory of Grandad was him getting his new "sports car" and picking me up from school playing "Beyonce". I will miss his massive hugs and having the answer to any questions I ever had.'

Chris's military discipline shone out once again at his wonderful funeral where he had planned everything with Ruth, even down to choosing his own pall bearers from the undertaker friends he had worked with over the years. What a tribute to Chris his funeral was with representatives from all over the Southern Group area joining the family, his church family and work colleagues from the funeral fraternity. We heard lovely tributes paid to Chris from his family and friends during the service – some funny, some sad, but all heartfelt and sincere.

We miss Chris so much, as both our colleague and our friend. His passing to the grand lodge above was a great loss to his lodge, our District and the Southern Group Conference, but most importantly of all to his family to whom we send our love.



## Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!



*Bill, Vivienne, David and Faye with Grand Master Bill Henchcliff after being presented with their awards.*

**To celebrate our wonderful members and their contributions to the Society as a whole, we launched the first official Making a Difference Awards late last year, and after careful consideration from the judges, we're ready to reveal the winners!**

The judges had a hard time selecting this year's winners, with many worthy nominations received across the awards' categories. But after much deliberation,

four fabulous members were announced at this year's annual conference.

Jane Nelson, CEO said: "So many of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and get support. It's important that we reward those who go above and beyond for their Branch when we can and the Making a Difference Awards is the perfect way to do this.

"Huge congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated, and doesn't go unnoticed."

Member nominations for 2020 are now open. Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, fundraising, caring for other members, or doing their very best for the Branch? Download a member nomination form from [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference) or contact your Branch Secretary.

## 2019 Making a Difference Award Winners

### FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

**Vivienne Simpson**

Burton-on-Trent District

### FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

**Bill Rainsbury**

North West Kent District

### FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

**David Smith**

Cleveland and Durham District

### FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

**Faye Chadwick**

Huddersfield District

## Meet our new Grand Master: David Randall, Gipping Branch Secretary

**How did it feel being installed in front of such a large crowd at the AMC?**

It was such a proud moment and one I will cherish forever. My involvement in the Oddfellows is something I take very seriously, and I'm pleased to be able to use my time as Grand Master to raise awareness of the Oddfellows and the benefits of becoming a member with the general public, as well as doing my best to meet as many members as possible around the country.

**So what's your Oddfellows background?**

I became a member in 1992. However, I had been attending the local Branch's social events for about 20 years prior. So recruiters... never give up on a possible new member! My father-in-law was a long-serving Castle



Branch (Colchester) officer and trustee, so he encouraged me to finally sign up. I guess I was always going to join once I married his daughter! For those of you who don't know, my wife of 47 years is Diana Randall, Secretary of Castle Branch, so there's always a little healthy Branch competition.

**Do you have a standout memory from your 47 years of being involved with the Society?**

Yes – the pride I felt when attending my District's Provincial Grand Master Dinner in 2010. We were celebrating 200 years of Oddfellowship, my wife was the Provincial Grand Master and the then Grand Master, Alan Cole, was our guest of honour. I was Provincial Deputy Grand Master and I couldn't have felt happier to be part of such a meaningful Society.

**How would you sum up the Oddfellows in just six words?**

Friendship that just keeps giving more.

**And now for some less serious questions...**

**Where's your favourite place in the world?**

That would have to be the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

**Who is your favourite author?**

John Grisham, I have read every one of his fiction books and his one non-fiction book.

**You're stranded on a desert island.... What three items would you take with you?**

Matches, a sharp knife and the woman I love, if she'd come with me! If she wouldn't, then I'd probably take a fishing line.

**Who would play you in the movie of your life?**

Matt Damon.

## Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference takes place in Sunny Southport

**For 2019, our Annual Movable Conference (AMC) returned to Southport and we really did have the weather on our side! Each year our members get together to catch up, celebrate the past 12 months, vote on important Society matters, and of course, welcome the new Grand Master (Society Chairman).**

With a jam-packed schedule mixing business with pleasure, AMC is a great opportunity for members to learn about

the business side of the Society and our traditions, as well as meet and mingle with other Branches.

At our conference, Deputies vote on decisions that will impact the Society's business focus moving forward. For example, this year it was decided that our H A Andrews Memorial Fund would support Lupus Trust with a donation of £85,000 over three years. Plus, to celebrate our growing membership, we presented

a number of Branches with our annual recruitment awards.

These include the Ken Hughes Silver Salver Award, won this year by Pride of Woolwich Branch, and the Lillian Ogden Recruitment trophy, awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch. Members can help their Branches to win awards too, as we also present the Refer a Friend Awards, to recognise Branches which have a great network of strong member advocates.



*Oddfellows members enjoyed the annual bowls competition*



*Business began by paying tribute to some of our late Past Grand Masters: Sydney Bolton, Andrew Porter, and Keith Adamson*



*A 60s themed dance kicked off the celebrations at the Grand Master's Welcome Party*



*Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday*



*An array of Oddfellows merchandise was available for members to purchase*



*The "Refer a Friend" Award for the highest number of member advocates was awarded to Ormskirk and Southport Branch, with 31 members recruiting a new member in 2018*

## Thank you Bill Henchliff

**A huge thank you as always to our now Immediate Past Grand Master Bill Henchliff, who says:**

"It has been a great honour to be Grand Master of the Order. I couldn't possibly choose a favourite moment from the past year, but meeting all the members across the country, especially the two Centenarians from Hartlepool and Derby, has been quite special. The support and advice I have received from my colleagues on the Board, from the CEO and Insurance Director, and the External Non-Executive Directors has been invaluable."

Bill has some sound words of advice to welcome the new Grand Master, David Randall: "Be yourself and enjoy the year, it goes very quickly!"

If you have a business head, or a passion for organisation, why not get involved with your Branch's Committee of Management? And if you'd be interested in becoming a Deputy at a future AMC, you can find out how by visiting our website, or speaking to your Branch Secretary.

