

September 2024 – May 2025



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# out & about

Heart of England



*Warwick Castle*



Games



Craft



Day Trip/  
Travel



Sports



Friendship  
Month



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee  
Morning



Dining  
Out



Meetings



*Thursday 8 May 2025 – Trip  
to Trentham Gardens, Leigh &  
Knightley. We hope you can join us!*

## Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for Heart of England District Oddfellows.

As a local District of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them. We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared

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**District Office Opening Hours**

Wednesday 10am – 2pm

Friday 10am – 2pm

Other times can be arranged by  
calling the office.

The building and office are closed  
on Bank Holidays and between  
Christmas and New Year.

interest in socialising, making friends  
and helping people. This issue features  
details of all our upcoming events.

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

## A bit about us

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

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# Regular Events

## Craft and Chat



**Tuesday  
Twice a month**

Come along with your sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft you like and enjoy a natter with other members while you do it. Only one session in December due to Christmas holidays. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

8 October 2024	10 December 2024	25 February 2025	29 April 2025
29 October 2024	14 January 2025	11 March 2025	13 May 2025
12 November 2024	28 January 2025	25 March 2025	27 May 2025
26 November 2024	11 February 2025	8 April 2025	

## Coffee Morning Monthly Bingo



**First Wednesday  
of the month**

On the first Wednesday of the month, come along to our regular coffee morning and join us for prize bingo. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

2 October 2024	4 December 2024	5 February 2025	2 April 2025
6 November 2024	8 January 2025	5 March 2025	7 May 2025

## Coffee Morning Monthly Quiz



**Last Friday  
of the month**

Come along to our Friday coffee morning and join in our monthly prize quiz. Exercise those little grey cells! There won't be a quiz in December due to the Christmas holidays. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

25 October 2024	31 January 2025	28 March 2025	30 May 2025
29 November 2024	28 February 2025	25 April 2025	

# Weekly Event

## Leamington Coffee Morning



**Second Monday  
of the month**

Come and join us at our monthly coffee morning at a café in Leamington Spa. We meet on the second Monday of the month at Coffee Break Café in the Royal Priors shopping centre. You can sit and chat with friends and then have a drink or something to eat. Coffee Break Café, Upper Mall, Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4XT. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

**9 September 2024**

**9 December 2024**

**10 March 2025**

**14 October 2024**

**13 January 2025**

**14 April 2025**

**11 November 2024**

**10 February 2025**

**12 May 2025**

## Kenilworth Coffee Morning



**Last Monday of  
the month**

If you live in Kenilworth, then join us once a month for our coffee morning at The Almanac. This café is very central near the clock tower and bus stops. You can meet friends, have a coffee and something to eat if you want. All welcome. No meeting in December due to Christmas holidays and no meeting in May due to Bank Holiday. The Almanac, 89 Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1QJ. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

**30 September 2024**

**27 January 2025**

**28 April 2025**

**28 October 2024**

**24 February 2025**

**25 November 2024**

**31 March 2025**

## Warwick Coffee Morning



**Third Thursday  
of the month**

Join us for a monthly coffee and chat at Costa Coffee in Warwick town centre, in the corner of the town square. If you live in Warwick but can't get to Leamington, then join us once a month to catch up with friends. Costa Coffee, 40 Market Street, Warwick CV34 4SH. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

**19 September 2024**

**19 December 2024**

**20 March 2025**

**17 October 2024**

**16 January 2025**

**17 April 2025**

**21 November 2024**

**20 February 2025**

**15 May 2025**

# September 2024

**TUES**  
**03** **Social - Guys Cliffe & Leamington**



2pm



Free

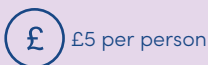


Come to the hall and enjoy an afternoon with friends and games. There will be refreshments and a raffle after the meeting. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.

**THURS**  
**05** **Katy's Crafternoon**



2pm



£5 per person



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT

Join the fun

Come along for a craft afternoon run by our member Katy. You will be decorating a plant pot. All materials will be provided. Bring along someone who isn't a member, all welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Let the District Office know on 01926 424112 if you would like to attend by Friday 30 August 2024.

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**SAT**  
**14** **Half Yearly District Meeting**



10am



Free



Come along and see how your District is run. This is a half day meeting with tea or coffee provided. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

**TUES**  
**17** **Harvest Supper**  
**Okens**



7.30pm



Members £8.50  
Guests £10



Our annual harvest supper is back! Come and join us at Oddfellows Hall. The raffle as usual is to be either items of fruit or vegetables. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Supper is supplied so you will need to book by Wednesday 11 September 2024 and let the District Office know on 01926 424112 of any dietary requirements.



# September 2024

ODDFELLOWS

**FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED  
**18**

## Cheese and Wine Evening



7pm



Free



Come and join us for a cheese and wine evening. A chance to bring along friends and family who are not members and introduce them to Oddfellows. You can sit and enjoy some wine with cheese, chat to members and play some indoor skittles if you feel like it. This event is free and open to all. Book by Friday 13 September 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette or Sue on 01926 424112.



**FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT**  
*Invite a friend*

THURS  
**19**

## Visit to Lord Leycester Hospital - Leigh & Knightley



10.30am



£11 per person



Come and join us for a guided tour round the historic Lord Leycester Hospital in central Warwick. It has recently been refurbished after a National Lottery Heritage Grant. Meet at the entrance to the hospital at 10.15am. Lord Leycester Hospital, High Street, Warwick CV34 4BH. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

FRI  
**20**

## Earl of Warwick Ceremonial Meeting



2pm



Free



Join us for a Ceremonial meeting. Come along and find out what Ceremonial Lodge is like. Everyone very welcome. If you want to take part then great, but if you just want to watch that's all right as well. There will be refreshments and a raffle afterwards. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

## Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

**All welcome**

ODDFELLOWS  
**FRIENDSHIP MONTH**  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)



# September 2024

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI

27

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



11am



Cost of refreshments



Our usual Friday coffee morning at the hall will once again be given over to Macmillan Coffee Morning today. All the proceeds from the sale of refreshments this morning will go to Macmillan. There will be home-made cakes on sale to enjoy with your tea or coffee. There will also be some competitions to take part in as well. This is for a really worthwhile cause, so please come along and support it. Bring along friends and family, all welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.



# October

TUES

01

## Napkin Folding - Guys Cliffe & Leamington



2pm



Free



Come along and gain some skills in napkin folding to decorate your dinner table and impress friends. This event will give you plenty of time to practice at home before Christmas! Napkins will be provided and there will be refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.



TUES

15

## Ten Pin Bowling Okens



1.45pm



£8.50 per person



Come along and have some fun and exercise! Let Sue Newton know if you'd like to come along. Everyone to meet at the venue. Book by Tuesday 8 October 2024. Ten Pin Bowling, Tachbrook Park Drive, Leamington Spa CV34 6RH. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.



# October

## **WED 16** Leigh & Knightley Ceremonial Meeting

 7.30pm

 Free



This will be a Ceremonial meeting with the District Officers Visit. If you've never been to a Ceremonial Lodge then feel free to come along and see part of our Oddfellows history. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

## **FRI 18** Games Afternoon Earl of Warwick

 2pm


 Free



Come along for a games afternoon. We have various games at the hall or bring along your own favourite to share with others. All welcome. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

## **SAT 26** Grand Draw Event

 11am

 Entry fee of 50 pence for adults and children enter for free



Come and join us at our Grand Draw Event. Once again we will have stalls including a biscuit tombola, bottle stall, home produce and games. Light refreshments will be available with home-made cakes and scones to buy. The proceeds go to the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) chosen charities. It's a fun couple of hours out of your day for a very worthy cause. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

# November

## **TUES 05** Bonfire Themed Afternoon - Guys Cliffe & Leamington

 2pm

 Free



This will be a bonfire themed afternoon with games and crafts. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.





# November

## SUN 10 Remembrance Service

🕒 10.30am 📅 Free



This is the annual service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church, Cubbington. Our District usually takes part in the parade from the village to the memorial in the church yard. If you want to join the parade then come to the village for 10.30am start or join the service at the memorial at the church. St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Cubbington, Leamington Spa CV32 7JT. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received where necessary.

## WED 13 Family Fortunes Leigh & Knightley

🕒 7.30pm 📅 Free



Join us for a fun evening of Family Fortunes. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

All welcome.

Oddfellows Hall, 22

New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP.

Contact Sue on 01926 424112.



## TUES 19 Social Evening Okens

🕒 7.30pm 📅 Free



Come along for a social evening. If you want to bring along a game you like. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

## FRI 22 Social Afternoon Earl of Warwick

🕒 2pm 📅 Free



This is social afternoon but also bring along a photo of you as a baby or toddler and see if others can identify you! All welcome. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

# December

WED  
04

## District Christmas Party



7.30pm



Members £8  
Guests £10



This is our District Christmas party. Start your festive season by coming and joining us at the hall for a festive evening with entertainment. There will be a buffet and a raffle. All welcome. Book by Wednesday 27 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

# January 2025

WED  
08

## Leigh & Knightley Ceremonial Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Come along and see what a Ceremonial Lodge is like. It is part of the Society's history and this is how we keep it alive. Come along and participate or just observe. All welcome. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

THURS  
16

## Lunch Out Earl of Warwick



12 noon



As per menu



This is lunch out at the Windmill Inn. This is always very popular so make sure you book early by Tuesday 7 January 2025. Windmill Inn, Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa CV31 3DD. Nearer the date contact Sue on 01926 424112 for menu choices.



# January 2025

TUES  
07

## Quiz and Afternoon Tea - Guys Cliffe & Leamington



2pm



Free, £5 for food



Come and catch up with friends after the Christmas break over a quiz and afternoon tea. If you have any leftover food you'd like to share, then bring that along. Don't panic, there will be other food as well. There will be a raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.

# February

## **TUES 04** Historical Houses Talk - Guys Cliffe & Leamington



An interesting afternoon of history. Kerry will be talking to us about historical houses. You may have visited some or none, but we will be transported back to the past and given some recommendations of where to visit. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.



# March

## **TUES 04** Shrove Tuesday - Guys Cliffe & Leamington



This is a games afternoon with pancake themed treats. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.



## **TUES 18** Coach Outing Leigh & Knightley



This will be a coach outing to Cirencester for some shopping and a bit of lunch then on to Colesbourne Gardens to see the snowdrops. There will be a short presentation, a guided tour and then tea or coffee and cake is included. The coach will depart from Packington Place car park. We should be back in Leamington by around 5pm. All welcome. Book by Friday 31 January 2025. Packington Place Car Park, 25 Packington Place, Leamington Spa CV31 1EP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.



# March

## TUES 18 Ten Pin Bowling Okens

🕒 1.45pm

£ £8.50 per person



Come and join us for ten pin bowling. This is great fun and good exercise! All welcome. Ten Pin Bowling, Tachbrook Park Drive, Leamington Spa CV34 6RH. Meet at the venue and let Sue know on 01926 424112 in advance if you want to come along by Tuesday 11 March 2025.



## FRI 21 Bees Talk Earl of Warwick

🕒 2pm

£ Free



Join us for a talk by Jane Medwell on Bees. There will be refreshments and a raffle after the talk. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.



# April

## TUES 01 Mystery Day Trip By Train - Guys Cliffe & Leamington

🕒 10am

£ Purchase your own ticket



Come and join friends for a mystery day trip on the train. Meet at Leamington Spa train station. Time will be confirmed nearer the event. And the destination revealed on the day! All welcome. Leamington Spa Train Station, Old Warwick Road CV31 3NS. Contact Laura on 07787 844284.

## WED 09 Social Evening Bring and Share - Leigh & Knightley

🕒 7.30pm

£ Free



Come along for a social evening with friends. Bring something savoury that people can share, can be home-made or shop bought, as long as it can be shared. There will also be a quiz. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Sue on 01926 424112.

# April

## **SAT 12** Annual Summomed Meeting



10.30am



Free



This is our Annual Summomed Meeting. Come along and see how your District is run. We will also be installing the new District Officers. This is an all day meeting with a break for lunch. There will be a buffet lunch provided. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.

# May

## **THURS 08** Trip to Trentham Gardens Leigh & Knightley



9am



TBC



This is a coach trip to Trentham Gardens, near Stoke-on-Trent. The coach will pick-up at Packington Place. Packington Place Car Park, 25 Packington Place, Leamington Spa CV31 1EP. Times and prices are yet to be confirmed, but please ask Sue on 01926 424112 in the District Office for details. Book by Friday 18 April 2025.



## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at **f** HeartOfEnglandOddfellows

**X** OddfellowsUK



# Photos of Events



*Members on an outing to Stoneleigh Abbey.*



*John Barlow's 90th Birthday.*



*Our District Officers for 2024/2025.*



*Katy Guthrie our Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (Immediate Past Chairman) handing over the charity cheque for her appeal.*





*Member Mary Reading who turned 100 with her certificate from Manchester.*



*Our Annual Movable Conference (AMC) Deputies.*

## Obituary

**Charles Joyce**, 11 January 2024

**James Michael Leech**, 25 January 2024

**Frederick W Moloney**, 26 January 2024

**Cyril E Davis**, 6 March 2024

**Margaret Jean Godfrey**, 12 March 2024

**Mary J M Mcdermott**, 22 March 2024

**William H Faulkner**, 3 April 2024

**Patricia V Reeves**, 9 April 2024

**Olive M Greaves**, 10 April 2024

**Rosemary Kirk**, 17 April 2024

**Eric W Bicknell**, 19 April 2024

**Bryan G H Hunt**, 1 May 2024

**Marcia I Hunt**, 1 May 2024

**Joyce Davies**, 8 May 2024

**Derek C Alcock**, 24 May 2024

**Gwen Collard**, 4 June 2024

**Victor C Waite**, 4 June 2024

**Sheila Hayward**, 14 June 2024

**Brian Colbourne**, 24 June 2024

**Norman Frederick Cooper**, 17 July 2024

**Anne Hobbs**, 30 July 2024



# Looking for a venue?

- Parties • Meetings
- Exhibitions • Activity Groups

## Oddfellows Hall

Our venue and function room can accommodate all kinds of occasions

**Kitchen facilities, disabled facilities, and central location**



Details for charges and hiring please contact Yvette or Sue on **01926 424112** or email us at [yvette.glover@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:yvette.glover@oddfellows.co.uk)



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## Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

**The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).**

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



*Business conducted, AMC Llandudno*

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



*Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion*

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

## Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

**Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.**



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

# Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



## Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

## Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-



century ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that.

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."



## Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

*Working in the Spirit of Mutuality*

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and



District Chairman, and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."

## Claire Needham, Vale of York District Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

**The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."**

**Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).**

# Financial worries revealed



**Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?**

## Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

## Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

## Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



## Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

## Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

## Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

**Go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.**

**Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice) to find out more.**



# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



**None of us know what is around the corner...**

## Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Yvette on **01926 424112** or email **yvette.glover@oddfellows.co.uk**.

## Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



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

\*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

## Care and Welfare Helpline

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

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

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## Branch Contacts

### Earl of Warwick Branch

Meet on the third Friday of the month in the afternoon at the Oddfellows Hall.

**Social Secretary:** Yvette Glover/Sue Newton **Telephone:** 01926 424112

**Address:** Please contact the District Office.

### Guys Cliffe & Leamington Branch

Meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the afternoon at Oddfellows Hall.

**Social Secretary:** Laura Greenway **Telephone:** 07787 844284.

**Address:** 159 Glendower Avenue, Coventry CV5 8BD.

### Leigh & Knightley Branch

Meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the evening at the Oddfellows Hall.

**Social Secretary:** Sue Newton **Telephone:** 01926 429312

**Address:** 37 Landor Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2JY.

### Oakens Branch

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening at Oddfellows Hall, 22 New Street, Leamington Spa CV31 1HP.

**Social Secretary:** Sue Newton **Telephone:** 01926 429312

**Address:** 37 Landor Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2JY.

### Edmondscote Provincial Lodge of Past Grands

This Lodge is now closed.

# At a glance

## September 2024

<b>Tues 3</b>	Social – Guys Cliffe & Leamington	2pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Katy's Crafternoon	2pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Sat 14</b>	Half Yearly District Meeting	10am
<b>Tues 17</b>	Harvest Supper – Okens	7.30pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Cheese and Wine Evening	7pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Visit to Lord Leycester Hospital – Leigh & Knightley	10.30am
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning – Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Earl of Warwick Ceremonial Meeting	2pm
<b>Fri 27</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Mon 30</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am

## October

<b>Tues 1</b>	Napkin Folding – Guys Cliffe & Leamington	2pm
<b>Wed 2</b>	Coffee Morning – Bingo	1pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 15</b>	Ten Pin Bowling – Okens	1.45pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Leigh & Knightley Ceremonial Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning – Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Fri 18</b>	Games Afternoon – Earl of Warwick	2pm
<b>Fri 25</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon
<b>Sat 26</b>	Grand Draw Event	11am
<b>Mon 28</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am
<b>Tues 29</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm

## November

<b>Tues 5</b>	Bonfire Themed Afternoon Guys Cliffe & Leamington	2pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Coffee Morning – Bingo	1pm
<b>Sun 10</b>	Remembrance Service	10.30am
<b>Mon 11</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am

## November

<b>Tues 12</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	Family Fortunes – Leigh & Knightley	7.30pm
<b>Tues 19</b>	Social Evening – Okens	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning – Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Fri 22</b>	Social Afternoon – Earl of Warwick	2pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am
<b>Tues 26</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 29</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon

## December

<b>Wed 4</b>	Coffee Morning – Bingo	1pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	District Christmas Party	7.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 10</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning – Costa Coffee	10.30am

## January 2025

<b>Tues 7</b>	Quiz and Afternoon Tea – Guys Cliffe & Leamington	2pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Coffee Morning – Bingo	1pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Leigh & Knightley Ceremonial Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning – Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Lunch Out – Earl of Warwick	12 noon
<b>Mon 27</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am
<b>Tues 28</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon

## February

<b>Tues 4</b>	Historical Houses Talk – Guys Cliffe & Leamington	4pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Coffee Morning – Bingo	1pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am

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## February

<b>Tues 11</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Coach Outing - Leigh & Knightley	9am
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning - Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Mon 24</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am
<b>Tues 25</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon

## March

<b>Tues 4</b>	Shrove Tuesday - Guys Cliffe & Leamington	2pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Coffee Morning - Bingo	1pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 11</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Ten Pin Bowling - Okens	1.45pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning - Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Fri 21</b>	Bees Talk - Earl of Warwick	2pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon
<b>Mon 31</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am

## April

<b>Tues 1</b>	Mystery Day Trip By Train Guys Cliffe & Leamington	10am
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## April

<b>Wed 2</b>	Coffee Morning - Bingo	1pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	Social Evening Bring and Share - Leigh & Knightley	7.30pm
<b>Sat 12</b>	Annual Summoned Meeting	10.30am
<b>Mon 14</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning - Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Fri 25</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon
<b>Mon 28</b>	Kenilworth Coffee Morning The Almanac	10.30am
<b>Tues 29</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm

## May

<b>Wed 7</b>	Coffee Morning - Bingo	1pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Trip to Trentham Gardens - Leigh & Knightley	9am
<b>Mon 12</b>	Leamington Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 13</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Warwick Coffee Morning - Costa Coffee	10.30am
<b>Tues 27</b>	Craft and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Coffee Morning Quiz	12 noon

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