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making friends, helping people

Events & News

Making Friends in Coventry Godiva



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Quiz

Welcome to the latest combined newsletter and events diary from Coventry Godiva Oddfellows

Everyone is welcome at our events, so do please feel free to extend invitations to family and friends who may not currently be members. We would love more people to come and sample our hospitality and find out what we are all about. We like to think that we can make everyone very welcome and guarantee a good time.

Our values are rooted in the principles of friendship, love and truth; we aim to foster a sense of community, provide mutual support and build lasting relations. Put simply, we are a group of people from all walks of life who are brought together by a shared interest in socialising, making genuine friendships and helping people.

In true Oddfellowship spirit, therefore, we were very proud and pleased, back in May, to be able to make a donation to support the sterling work undertaken by Zoe's Place Baby



Zoe's Place cheque presentation.

Contact Details

For details about membership and the wide range of benefits available please contact:

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Hospice. The guided tour that we received moved everyone and I would urge you all to look them up and see how you too may support them.
www.zoes-place.org.uk/about/

I hope that the above few paragraphs may help you answer any initial questions from anyone who shows an interest in the Oddfellows and asks what we do. Perhaps you could even pass this booklet on? (Don't forget to make a note of all the event dates that are of interest to you first though!) And, just in case you need an incentive, there is of course the 'Refer a Friend' scheme.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Christine Luckett
Branch Secretary

Regular Zoom Events

Coffee and a Chat!



11am



Free



Online



Second Friday of the month

If you would like a relaxed cuppa and something to smile about within the comfort of your own home, then come along and join one of our monthly Zoom coffee mornings. We have regular visitors from all over the country and from abroad too. Pull up a chair, pour that drink and maybe open a sneaky packet of biscuits too. Contact Jan at jan.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk for the link to join.



10 October 2025

14 November 2025

12 December 2025

9 January 2026

13 February 2026

13 March 2026

Trivia Quiz



7pm



Free



Online



Third Wednesday of the month

Each month, Coventry Oddfellows hosts a fun quiz, covering a variety of subjects to test and challenge you. The quiz is run over a number of rounds, giving everyone the chance to find their strengths and weaknesses! In order to participate, please email jan.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk for the link to join.



15 October 2025

19 November 2025

17 December 2025

21 January 2026

18 February 2026

18 March 2026

Diary reminders for each of the above events will be posted on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OddfellowsCoventry>), along with any additional information: For instance, some of the quizzes may have a particular theme, so the super-keen amongst you may want to do a bit of research beforehand!

Regular Events

Coffee Club at Oddfellows House



11am



£1.50 per cup



Various Monday
of the month



Come and join our friendly group for a chat in our offices in the centre of Coventry. We're close to the railway station and on the main bus thoroughfare. Coffee, tea and biscuits are all on offer as well as friendship and a bit of banter! Everyone is welcome, but do let us know that you intend coming by contacting Chris or Jan one week prior to the event. Oddfellows House, 2 Queen Victoria Road, Coventry CV1 3JH. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.

20 October 2025
17 November 2025

15 December 2025
12 January 2026

16 February 2026
16 March 2026

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are
here to stay



To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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October 2025

THURS
02

Coffee with Friends at The Mocha Lounge



11am



First drink on us, then as per menu



The morning coffee (or tea) is always better when shared with friends and we would love for you join our sociable group. So, come along for a natter and find out about the many varied events that we hold. Your first coffee is on us! What's not to like? Book by Tuesday 30 September 2025. The Mocha Lounge, 1 Westmede Centre, Allesley, Coventry CV5 9AF. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



TUES
28

Dine Around at The Griffin



7.30pm



As per menu



A new venue for us – we like to ring the changes and this should be an attractive location for those members in Bedworth, Bulkington, Nuneaton and further afield. The menu looks good and reasonably priced, so put on your adventurous hat and come and join us for an evening of fun and laughter. Book by Tuesday 21 October 2025. The Griffin, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV10 7PJ. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



THURS
09

Half Yearly Meeting



7pm



Free



The annual Half Yearly Meeting will be held at 7pm at our office in Queen Victoria Road. Booking is essential for catering purposes as a light snack will be provided. Book by Thursday 2 October 2025. Oddfellows House, 2 Queen Victoria Road, Coventry CV1 3JH. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



November

TUES
04

Coffee with Friends at Revive Coffee Shop



11am



First drink on us,
then as per menu



The Revive Coffee Shop is a community café based at St Martins, Finham. It aims to use all their own grown produce in the food that they serve and the profits from their ethical coffee blend 'Fireside' go to support Rwandan Genocide Survivors. So, come and join our sociable group for a coffee and chat and support this great cause at the same time. Oh... you may want to bring a cushion to sit on as the chairs are made from the old pews! Book by Tuesday 28 October 2025. Revive Coffee Shop, 136 Green Lane CV3 6EA. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.

SUN
09

Remembrance Parade



9.30am



Free



Come and join the District Officers and Midland Group Conference Officers as they



parade to the War Memorial Park in Coventry for the Remembrance Service and laying of wreaths. Meet at the Oddfellows office at 9.30am or Spencer Road at 10am. Oddfellows House, 2 Queen Victoria Road, Coventry CV1 3JH. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.

SAT
08

Annual District Dinner Dance



6.30pm



£25



We all like a good dance and this is a great opportunity to get together with members from all over the country for an evening of fun and entertainment. The annual dinner dance is always one of the highlights of the year. We will be meeting at 6.30pm for dinner at 7pm with carriages at midnight. Further details including the menu and options on accommodation can be obtained from the District Office. Booking is required by Friday 20 October 2025. Coventry & North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Binley Road, Coventry CV3 1HB. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



November

WED
12

Ten Pin Bowling



7pm



Cost of bowling



Anyone can have a go at ten pin bowling. Whether you prefer to play seriously, or just for fun with bumpers, or even from a wheelchair or using a ramp to hold the ball, there is a way for everyone to get involved. So, come and join us for a fun, sociable and only slightly competitive few hours. Book by Monday 10 November 2025. Tenpin Coventry, Crosspoint Business Park, Olivier Way, Coventry CV2 2SH. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



WED
26

Dine Around at The Bulls Head



7.30pm



As per menu



The Bulls Head is located in the picturesque village of Brinklow, the home also of 'The Tump', as it is referred to locally. Is it the remains of a Norman Motte and Bailey Castle? Is it the burial place of Brynca? It has never been excavated, so we will never know, but one thing is for certain and that is that you will work up a healthy appetite if you go for a walk up 'The Tump!' Come and join us for an enjoyable evening, but be sure to book your place early by Wednesday 19 November 2025. The Bulls Head, Coventry Road, Brinklow CV23 0NE. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



December

WED
03

Coffee with Friends at Famers Fayre



11am



First drink on us, then as per menu



The morning coffee or tea is always better when shared with friends and we would love for you to join our sociable group. So, come along for a natter and find out about the many varied events that we hold. Your first cup of coffee is on us! What's not to like? This month we are visiting the Farmers Fayre; this family business, trading for over 20 years, also has over 500 lines of local or British produce in the adjacent shop. From sausages to soups, cheeses and chutneys, seasonal fruits and vegetables, freshly baked breads and cakes. I bet you won't leave without purchasing a little something! Book by Wednesday 26 November 2025. Farmers Fayre, National Agricultural Centre, Avenue M, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



December

FRI
19

Christmas Dinner at The Millpool



7.30pm



As per menu



We get together every month for a relaxed meal out and the Millpool is one of our favourites - hence it being the venue for our Christmas dinner. The food is home-made, the prices reasonable and the laughter and camaraderie get thrown in free of charge! Come and join us for

some festive cheer! Book by Friday 5 December 2025. The Millpool, Hipswell Highway, Coventry CV2 5FR. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



January 2026

MON
05

Coffee with Friends at Smiths Nurseries and Garden Centre



11am



First drink on us,
then as per menu



The morning coffee or tea is always better when shared with friends and we would love for you to join our

sociable group. So, come along for a natter, have a browse around this great garden centre and have your first cuppa on us. Book by Tuesday 23 December 2025. Smiths Nurseries and Garden Centre, Baginton, Warwickshire CV8 3BA. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



THURS
29

Dine Around at Hickory's Smokehouse



7.30pm



As per
menu



The authentic tastes of the Deep South are to be experienced at this barbeque style restaurant along with genuine southern USA hospitality. This is a new venue for us, so come along, have a fun evening and tell us what you think! Everyone is welcome. Book by Thursday 22 January 2026. Hickory's Smokehouse, 216 Cromwell Lane, Coventry CV4 8AP. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



February

THURS
05

Coffee with Friends at Oakes Farm Shop



11am



First drink on us, then as per menu



A new venue recommended by one of our local members, this family run business with a seating capacity for 82, has come a long way from the early days of a stand with an 'honesty box' at the side of the road! The menu, should you be tempted to have something to eat, is both wholesome and freshly made, featuring local produce. Your first drink however is on us, so come along and have a natter and meet some new faces. Book by Thursday 29 January 2026. Oakes Farm Shop, Balsall Street, Balsall Common CV7 7AQ. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



TUES
24

Dine Around at The Roseycombe



7.30pm



As per menu



There will be a warm welcome at The Roseycombe, with good food and a great atmosphere, plus what is nicer than dining with friends? All are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening. Book by Tuesday 17 February 2026. The Roseycombe Pub, Rugby Road, Coventry CV3 2AY. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



TUES
10

Lunch at Hogans Bar and Bistro



12 noon



As per menu



Hogans Bar and Bistro has been a family run restaurant for over 35 years. Its cosy atmosphere, along with great value home-made food and excellent service, is the reason we keep going back. You won't be disappointed! So, come and join us for a bite to eat and meet some new faces. Book by Tuesday 3 February 2026. Hogans Bar & Bistro, John Reay Golf Centre, Sandpits Lane, Keresley, Coventry CV7 8NJ. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



March

WED
04

Coffee with Friends at Malt Kiln Farm Shop



11am



First drink on us,
then as per menu



This farm shop has a butchers counter, a deli counter and a coffee shop as well as an extensive 'pick your own' area for seasonal fruit and vegetable. To find out what is available nearer the time, check out their website: www.maltkilnfarmshop.co.uk. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat. Your first cuppa will be on us! Book by Wednesday 25 February 2026. Malt Kiln Farm Shop, Stretton-under-Fosse CV23 0PE. To find the location go to <https://what3words.com> and input: ///Awkward.Depth.Goes. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



TUES
31

Dine Around at The Rose and Castle



7.30pm



As per
menu



A warm welcome awaits you at The Rose and Castle on the outskirts of Coventry; the pub prides itself on producing home-cooked food, everything from starters to desserts. A recent find for our group, but now a firm favourite. Book by Tuesday 24 March 2026. The Rose and Castle, Main Road, Ansty, Coventry CV7 9HZ. Contact Christine on 024 76632900 or Jan on 07579 766208.



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Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

Nur Zainal, whose PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

Incredible total raised for good causes



Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”

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 Christine on **024 76632900** or email **christine.luckett@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



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

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

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

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At a glance

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Wed 15	Trivia Quiz	7pm
Mon 20	Coffee Club at Oddfellows House	11am
Tues 28	Dine Around at The Griffin	7.30pm

November

Tues 4	Coffee with Friends at Revive Coffee Shop	11am
Sat 8	Annual District Dinner Dance	6.30pm
Sun 9	Remembrance Parade	9.30am
Wed 12	Ten Pin Bowling	7pm
Fri 14	Coffee and a Chat!	11am
Mon 17	Coffee Club at Oddfellows House	11am
Wed 19	Trivia Quiz	7pm
Wed 26	Dine Around at The Bulls Head	7.30pm

December

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