

September - December 2020



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making friends, helping people

# *out & about*

Heart of England



*Leamington Town Hall*



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Meetings



## *Friendship Month Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 25 September*

### 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 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.**

## Contact Details

**District Secretary:** Yvette Glover

**Telephone:** 01926 424112

**Email:**

yvette.glover@oddfellows.co.uk

**Address:** Oddfellows Hall,  
6 Clarence Terrace,  
Warwick Street,  
Leamington Spa  
CV32 5LD

### **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.

## 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.

Social distancing regulations may be in place. All events in this diary are subject to confirmation and members should contact the District Office before booking.

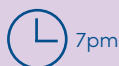
## September 2020 – Friendship Month

### ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



#### FRI 11 Friendship Month Online Quiz



Come and join us for an online quiz and invite friends along as well. Make an evening of it and set yourself up with a drink and nibbles. All welcome, members and non-members.

Contact Sue Newton on 01926 424112 in the District office nearer the time of the quiz and she will give you the Meeting ID and password.

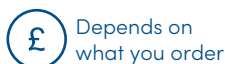
#### TUES 15 Okens & Leigh & Knightley Harvest Picnic



Join us at Hill Close Gardens in Warwick for a harvest picnic. Bring along your own picnic and drinks. Please bring either fruit or vegetable for a raffle after the meal. All welcome. Please give your name to Sue Newton on 01926 424112 in advance. Book by Friday 11 September 2020. Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF.



#### FRI 18 Earl of Warwick Social Meeting



Join us for a social gathering at a Leamington Spa town centre cafe. Bring along a friend, all welcome. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112. Leif Tea Rooms, 116 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4QP.

# September 2020 – Friendship Month

FRI  
25

## Friendship Month Macmillan Coffee Morning

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



10.30am



Depends on what you order



Come and join us to meet new people. Hopefully, make new friends, help to raise money and celebrate a great cause, the Macmillan Coffee Morning. This year we will be meeting in a cafe in the centre of Leamington Spa. Bring along a friend, all welcome.

Contact Yvette on 01926 424112.  
Leif Tea Rooms, 116 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4QP.



## October

FRI  
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### Earl of Warwick Social Meeting



2pm



Depends on what you order



Come and join us for a social gathering at a central Leamington Spa cafe. Bring along a friend all welcome. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112. The Neighbourhood, 44 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 5JS.



TUES  
20

### Leigh, Knightley & Okens Short Business Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Come and join us for a short business meeting followed by a game of Zingo. You will need to bring along a pack of playing cards. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All welcome. Please let the District office know on 01926 424112 in advance, if you want to attend the meeting. Book by Friday 16 October 2020. Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF.

# October

SAT  
31

## District Meeting



10am



Free



This autumn the District meeting is being held later than usual and due to social distancing requirements the meeting is not being held at the hall. The meeting will be a half day meeting. The meeting will take place at St Peters Conference Centre next to St Peters Church in Leamington Spa. The venue is very central and there is plenty of parking. This year if you want to attend the meeting please inform the District office on 01926 424112 in advance. This is to enable us to accommodate social distancing. Book by Friday 23 October 2020. St Peters Conference Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA.

# November

TUES  
17

## Leigh & Knightley & Okens Oddfellows Bake Off



7.30pm



Free



Make a cake or pudding (nothing bought!). Whichever tastes the best will get a prize!

So get baking. All welcome and there will be a raffle. Please let the District office know

on 01926 424112 in advance if you are going

to come along to the meeting. Book by Friday 13 November 2020. Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF.

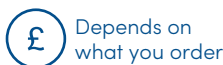


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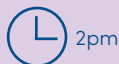


Join us for a social meeting at a central Leamington Spa cafe. Bring along a friend, all welcome. Contact Yvette on 01926 424112. Cafe Brasilia, Lower Ground Floor, Royal Priors Shopping Centre, The Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4XU.

# November

SUN  
29

## Take Away Christmas Afternoon Tea



2pm



£5



This year Christmas afternoon tea is going to be different. Due to social distancing we cannot hold the tea in the hall, so it will be a 'take away' afternoon tea. In the bag there will be sandwiches, scone, jam and cream, mince pie and a piece of cake. Each bag will hold an afternoon tea for one person. If possible please come along to the hall to collect your afternoon tea between 2pm to 2.30pm. If you cannot come and collect then local home delivery is available.

Cost: £5 per afternoon tea. Please pay for the tea when booking. Please call the District office on 01926 424112 to order your afternoon tea. Book by Friday 6 November 2020. Oddfellows Hall, 6 Clarence Terrace, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 5LD.

# December

TUES

01

## Joint Branch Christmas Social - The Golden Oldies



7.30pm



Free



All the Branches get together for a joint Branch Christmas social. Janet Wroe will be entertaining us with The Golden Oldies - a variety of songs and sketches. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Please let the District office know on 01926 424112 in advance if you want to attend the meeting. Book by Friday 27 November 2020. Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF.

THURS

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## Earl of Warwick Christmas Lunch



12 noon



TBC



This year the Earl of Warwick Christmas lunch will take place at the New Inn, Clifford Chambers, near Stratford Upon Avon. The lunch will be followed by a trip to the nearby Stratford Garden Centre. There will be a coach which will leave from Hamilton Place at 11.15am. Return approximately to Leamington Spa at 4pm to 4.30pm. Please contact the District office on 01926 424112 to put your name down in advance for the lunch. Members and non-members welcome. Book by Tuesday 1 December 2020. Hamilton Terrace Bus Stop, Hamilton Terrace CV32 4LY.





# Social distancing doesn't mean no socials...

One of the great things about the Oddfellows is sharing good times with friends.

*Why not  
join in?*

Although we can't see each other face to face right now, we're doing lots of great stuff online.

Visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/) to find out what's on this week or contact your local Branch.

# Cheese Mustard Onion and Herb Loaf Cake

## Ingredients

3 large eggs  
8oz self raising flour  
4oz butter/margarine  
90ml sunflower or olive oil  
1 teaspoon English mustard  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper to taste  
1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes to taste  
1 medium chopped red onion  
5oz grated cheddar cheese  
2 tablespoon sour cream or sour cream  
and chive dip

## Method

Pre heat oven to 170 (fan) grease and line a loaf tin, sauté the onion in little oil or butter until well cooked. Cool the onion then coat in some self-raising flour.

Whisk the eggs, mustard, butter, sour cream and oil together in a mixing bowl. Then add in the dry ingredients, grated cheese and onion and beat into a thickish cake batter. Add a dash of milk if it is too thick. Pour the batter mix into the loaf tin and bake for around 30 - 40 minutes or until skewer comes out clean. Cool and serve.



# Lockdown Cheese Biscuits

## Ingredients

6oz of plain flour.  
3oz of any grated cheese or you could use crumbled blue cheese.  
Glug of olive oil.  
1 Egg (no need to beat it).  
1 teaspoon or mixed herbs or dried rosemary/thyme.  
1 teaspoon of chilli flakes (optional)  
Glug of milk.

## Method

Pre-head oven to 170 (fan). Put all of the above ingredients into a bowl and mix together. Add a little milk until it forms a stiff dough that you can knead. Roughly knead for 30 seconds then roll out on a floured board to just under 1cm thick. Cut into rounds, use a medium size cutter. Put baking paper on a baking tray and cook for 25 minutes until golden. Let biscuits cool and then enjoy.





# Congratulations to Clive and Nancy on their Ruby Anniversary

Picture right is Clive and Nancy celebrating their Ruby Anniversary with wine and flower and a very beautiful rosy cake.



## Obituaries

Edward Arnett  
Brenda Arnett  
Gladys Baldwin  
Barry Bolland  
Kathleen Brookes  
Lily Brown  
Geoffrey Buckley  
Marjorie Carless  
Leslie Cheney  
Alan T Cheney  
Frederick Clarke  
Janet Cleeton  
Beryl Colledge  
Barry Cox

Phyllis Cross  
Kenneth Doughty  
Margaret Francis  
Carol Goldstraw  
Joseph Grantham  
Wilfred Harris  
Doreen Harris  
Dora Holmes  
Derek Ledbrooke  
Norman Lines  
Anne Mactier  
Arthur Mactier  
Ann Marriott  
David Patten

Margaret Pattenden  
Sybil Philipps  
John Quirke  
Margaret Rackham  
Patricia Semple  
William Smith  
David Smith  
Geoffrey Stanley  
Malcolm Stonehouse  
Phyllis Timms  
Ronald Trenchard  
William Tugwood  
Paul Watkins  
George West



# 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@manchestercab.org



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

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

## Time to say “Thank you!”



**It's true that lights shine brightest on the darkest of days as, since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, we've witnessed countless acts of kindness and the best of humankind.**

Jane Nelson, CEO, says, “Oddfellows has its own very special brand of friendship which goes a long way in helping our members through some difficult times, and these past few weeks have been extremely difficult for so many people. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Branches and all our volunteers for the fantastic way that they all rose to the challenge, and we can't thank them enough for their efforts.”

As with other local organisations supporting older or vulnerable people, including many who live alone or who

are shielding, our volunteers make a huge difference to the scale of help we can offer, such as making welfare check-in calls, organising essential shopping and providing company through befriending and online events.

Once again, our most heartfelt thanks go to the individuals who have given their time freely to be a friend to those in desperate need. We will not forget your kindness, and we hope that their example continues to inspire many others to offer their help where possible, long into the future.

Interested in becoming an Oddfellows member volunteer? Speak with your Branch Secretary, or take a look at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/social/volunteering/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/social/volunteering/)

# Our emergency appeals

At times of crisis, the Society has always looked for ways to help. Which is why, when our friends in Australia were fighting against bush fires at the end of 2019, our members rallied to offer their support.



Reflecting on the donations, Oddfellows CEO Jane Nelson said: “Thank you again to all who have contributed to the Appeals, and for enabling those in need to receive the support they so desperately need, as well as to draw comfort from the knowledge that they have not been forgotten.”

We're pleased to tell you that the total amount raised by our members was £7,600. This money has gone directly to those affected, to help rebuild communities and provide valuable support.

We also launched our Coronavirus Emergency Appeal, in support of The Silver Line and the National Emergencies Trust's critical work during the pandemic. Both organisations work hard to ensure help and comfort is provided to those who desperately need it.



# We'd love to see you at our online events

**Just because you aren't able to come along to our usual face-to-face events at the moment, it doesn't mean that you should have to miss out on all of the fun!**

Lots of our Branches are hosting online events, open to members from across the country, through Facebook Live or Zoom video conferencing. Don't have a smartphone or a computer with a camera? There's a phone-in option as well, so it's accessible to all.

Whether you're looking for exercise motivation with our Seated Yoga class, hosted by Swansea and Bridgend, or you'd like to test your general knowledge with Ipswich's weekly trivia quizzes, there is something for everyone. If you're struggling to get set up on Zoom, our Branches are on hand to help.



Give your local Social Organiser a call and they can talk you through the process. It's a free-to-use video conferencing tool, and it's a great way for you to stay in touch with your fellow members.

Facebook is another option. Lots of Branches have their own Facebook page updated regularly with events, news, fun quizzes and a little bit of humour to keep us smiling through these tough times. If you haven't liked your local Oddfellows page yet, get in touch with your Branch Secretary to ask for the link.

## Oddfellows Travel Unveiled

Despite there being restrictions on how and where we can travel at the moment, we're busy behind the scenes creating a brand new line-up of short breaks, longer trips and cruises for 2021 under the new name Oddfellows Travel (formerly Active Travel Club).

Rest assured, we're still working with our trusted third-party travel partners, Fred. Olsen, Warner Leisure Hotels, Haven and Leger Holidays who are ABTA and ATOL

protected, so you can be confident your booking is in good hands.

When you're thinking about taking your next trip, don't forget to look at what we have to offer. Whether you're a foodie, a culture vulture or a history buff, we hope to have a holiday that you'll love.

Visit Oddfellows Travel at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)

# Boredom Busters

We've put together some fun puzzles to help distract your mind and pass the time. How quickly can you crack them?

## Anagrams – rearrange the letters to guess the word!

Doledwolfs

Henisfirpd

Clodkonw

Behpmimers

Beefnits

## Riddles

Can you guess the answers to these quarrelsome questions?

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. What goes up, but never comes down?
3. What question can you never honestly answer yes to?
4. This belongs to you, but everybody else uses it. What is it?
5. How can a pocket be empty, but still have something in it?

## Where is the ping pong ball?



## Dingbats

What's this well-known phrase?

**E Y E S**

Answers:

Where is the ping pong ball? (C)  
 Riddle: 1. An egg, 2. Your age!, 3. Are you asleep?, 4. Your name  
 Dingbats: Eyes wide open  
 Anagrams: Oddfellows, Friendship, Lockdown, Membership, Benefits



# Branch Contacts

## Earl of Warwick Branch

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

**Social Secretary:** Arthur Baker/Sue Newton

**Telephone:** 01926 424112

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

## Guys Cliffe Branch

Meet on the fourth Monday of the month in the evening at Oddfellows Hall.

**Social Secretary:** Pat Goode

**Telephone:** 01926 313170

**Address:** 11 Wilnecote Grove, Leamington Spa CV31 1YR.

## Leamington Branch

Meet on the first Monday of the month in the evenings at the Oddfellows Hall.

**Social Secretary:** Mary Ray-Clues

**Telephone:** 01926 334723

**Address:** 4 Marloes Walk, Leamington Spa CV31 1PA.

## 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.

## Okens Branch

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening at Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF.

**Social Secretary:** Sue Newton

**Telephone:** 01926 429312

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

## Edmondscote Provincial Lodge of Past Grands

Meet on the second Friday of the month in the evening at the Oddfellows Hall (September - April). (For qualified members only).

**Secretary:** Vic Partridge

**Telephone:** 01926 493741

**Address:** 75 Wathen Road, Warwick CV34 5BB.

# At a glance

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## September 2020 - Friendship Month

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| <b>Fri 11</b>  | Friendship Month Online Quiz               | 7pm     |
| <b>Tues 15</b> | Okens & Leigh & Knightley - Harvest Picnic | 7.30pm  |
| <b>Fri 18</b>  | Earl of Warwick Social Meeting             | 2pm     |
| <b>Fri 25</b>  | Friendship Month Macmillan Coffee Morning  | 10.30am |

## October

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| <b>Fri 16</b>  | Earl of Warwick Social Meeting                               | 2pm    |
| <b>Tues 20</b> | Leigh & Knightley & Okens Short Business<br>Business Meeting | 7.30pm |
| <b>Sat 31</b>  | District Meeting   | 10am   |

## November

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| <b>Tues 17</b> | Leigh & Knightley & Okens Oddfellows Bake Off | 7.30pm |
| <b>Fri 20</b>  | Earl of Warwick Social Meeting                | 2pm    |
| <b>Sun 29</b>  | Take Away Christmas Afternoon Tea             | 2pm    |

## December

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| <b>Tues 1</b>   | Joint Branch Christmas Social - The Golden Oldies | 7.30pm  |
| <b>Thurs 10</b> | Earl of Warwick Christmas Lunch                   | 12 noon |

Come and join us at  [HeartOfEnglandOddfellows](#)

## 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.

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