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Christmas Party - Friday 6 December 2019, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the new edition of the news and events diary for North West Kent District

This events diary and newsletter is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area.

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

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 - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810 to speak to one of our team.

October 2019

WED
02

Fish and Chip Lunch (Newtown Afternoon Branch)

12.30pm

£ Members £3.50
Guests £5



Join us for a fish and chip lunch, an enjoyable afternoon with friends. Book by Wednesday 25 September. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.



WED
16

Lunch at the Toby Carvery (Woolwich District)

12 noon

£ As per
menu



Join the Woolwich District for a feast of tender, slow cooked meats, vegetables and crispy roasties with all the trimmings.



Toby Carvery is a popular venue for us to enjoy a meal together. Everyone welcome, please let us know if you are coming so we can book a big enough table and look out for you. The Toby Carvery, Crook Log Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 8EQ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

SAT
19

Charity Night for Ellenor/Dystonia with Chris Till (Flower of Kent)

7.30pm

£ £10 per ticket



Join the Flower of Kent Branch for a Charity Night for Ellenor/Dystonia with Chris Till. Bring own drink and nibbles. Please call Pam after 3pm for tickets and more info Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent, DA14 5HS, Contact Pam on 0208 3096897.



MON
21

Halloween Event (Hope of Dartford Branch)

8pm

£ Members Free
Guests £5



Come and join us for a spooky evening of games, dressing up and fun. There will be a raffle to raise money for charity. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.



November

WED
06

Games Afternoon
(Newtown Afternoon Branch)

 2pm

 Free



Come along and remember the old days to our board game afternoon with refreshments. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.



MON
18

Movie Night
(Hope of Dartford Branch)

 8pm

 Members Free
Guests £5



Come and join us for a lovely evening with friends, relaxing watching a movie. Sweets, drinks and popcorn provided. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.



FRI
29

Speaker, Bob Ogley
- My Life as a
Newspaper Reporter
(Woolwich District)

 7pm

 Free




Join the Woolwich District for this great speaker evening. Bob Ogley is a popular speaker and an author of over 20 books. Bob will be making a return visit to talk to us about his life as a newspaper reporter. A former editor of The Sevenoaks Chronicle, Bob was a journalist for more than 30 years before he left his newspaper to concentrate on writing books and giving his talks. Hall Place Sport Pavilion, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1PQ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

December

WED
04

Christmas Party
(Newtown Afternoon Branch)

 2pm

 Members Free
Guests £5



Come and have a lovely time at the Newtown Christmas Party. Book by Saturday 16 November. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.

January 2020

FRI
06

Christmas Party (Hope of Dartford Branch)



7.30pm



Members Free
Guests £5



Come and join us for a lovely start to December and the run up to Christmas, playing games, singing, eating, drinking, chatting with friends and having an enjoyable evening. Book by Monday 25 November. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.

SUN
29

Pantomime - Peter Pan with Steve McFadden from Eastenders



1pm



Members £15 per ticket
Guests £36 per ticket



Come and join us at The Orchard Theatre for this years pantomime. Places are limited so act fast! Book by Friday 20 September. The Orchard Theatre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1ED. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.

WED
08

Soup and a Sandwich (Newtown Afternoon Branch)



12.30pm



Members £3.50
Guests £5



Come and join us for lunch, this is a popular event so booking is essential. Book by Monday 30 December. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.



WED
15

Lunch at Istanbul Kitchen (Woolwich District)



12 noon



As per
menu



Join the Woolwich District for what will be their first visit to Istanbul Kitchen in Bexleyheath. A lunchtime menu is available offering a selection of turkish cuisine including kebabs, casseroles and grilled meats. There are also fish, seafood and vegetarian options. Istanbul Kitchen, 133 Broadway, Bexleyheath DA6 7EZ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.



January 2020

THURS
16

**Bodyguard Show at
The Orchard Theatre**
(Flower of Kent)



Join the Flower of Kent Branch for the Bodyguard Show at The Orchard Theatre – could be afternoon or evening. Cost: £37 per ticket with a £5 non-refundable deposit. Book by Wednesday 15 January. The Orchard Theatre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1ED. Please contact Pam on 0208 3096897 for more information and to book after 3pm.



MON
27

Movie Night
(Hope of Dartford Branch)



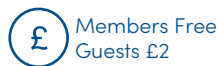
To ease you back in after Christmas and get you out on a winter's night. Come and join us for a film, with popcorn, drink and sweets. What a lovely way to spend an evening with friends. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.



February

WED
05

Swap Shop
(Newtown Afternoon Branch)

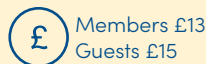


Please bring along an item that you would like to swap. Refreshments will be served. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.



SAT
15

**Legends of Soul
with Paul Cantarna**
(Flower of Kent)



Join the Flower of Kent Branch for the Legends of Soul with Paul Cantarna. Book by Friday 14 February. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Please contact Pam on 0208 3096897 for more information and to book after 3pm.

WED
19

Lunch at Eltham Grill (Woolwich District)

L 12 noon

£ As per menu



FRI
28

Delia Taylor: 'The Golden Age of Hollywood' (Woolwich District)

L 7pm

£ Free



Join the Woolwich District for lunch. The Eltham Grill is a very popular cafe with a large selection of fish and other dishes at very reasonable prices. Come and join us, bring your friends, no need to book, but by letting us know in advance you are coming we can look out for you and make sure we have a big enough table. Parking is available at Sainsburys, fees apply. Eltham Grill, 2-3 Chequers Parade, London SE9 1DD. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.



Join the Woolwich District for this fascinating talk. Delia will be making a return visit to talk to us about the golden age of Hollywood in the 1930s, when people visited the cinema to forget the impact of the Great Depression. It was during this period that people flocked to see the Busby Berkeley musicals, the birth of technicolour and the first film from Walt Disney. There are lots of clips of the stars and music of this era and we will wallow in pure nostalgia. A real treat for film fans of this era. Hall Place Sport Pavilion, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1PQ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

March

MON
24

Quiz Night (Hope of Dartford Branch)

L 8pm

£ Members Free
Guests £5



WED
04

Arts and Crafts Afternoon (Newtown Afternoon Branch)

L 2pm

£ Members £3.50
Guests £5



We are giving our resident quiz master a rest and a chance to take part instead. New hosts for a fun quiz, come and have a great evening with friends. Book by Monday 3 February. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.

Come and join us for something a bit different, painting and crafts. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Chris on 01322 221129.



March

WED
18
Lunch at The Bull
Beefeater in Swanley
(Woolwich District)



Join the Woolwich District for a return visit to The Bull. A large menu and ample free parking outside the restaurant. Everyone welcome. The Bull Beefeater, London Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 7QD. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.



MON
23
Talk by Henry VIII
(Hope of Dartford Branch)



Come and learn about the man, ask the man himself questions. A fun evening with friends. Book by Monday 2 March. The Oddfellows Hall, 42 The Brent, Dartford, Kent DA1 1YN. Contact Sarah on 01322 274822.



FRI
27
Speaker -
Greenwich and
Bexley Community
Hospice.
(Woolwich District)



Join the Woolwich District for this talk on Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice, which is a local charity offering free compassionate care and support for people with terminal illnesses, their families and carers in the London Boroughs of Royal Greenwich and Bexley. They care for over 2,500 people each year at home, in care homes, Day Hospice, Hospice based clinics and in hospital. They receive about a third of their funding from the NHS, which means they depend on the generosity of the local community to fund much of the care they provide for local people. Hall Place Sport Pavilion, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1PQ. Contact Nicola on 01322 348315.

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

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

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To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Iris Loivette on **01322 272511** or Ann Yearsley on **01322 345587**.

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

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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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Our Making a Difference 2019 Award winners!

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 or contact your Branch Secretary.



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

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

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.



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



Oddfellows Brass gave a rousing public performance on Sunday



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

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.



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.

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.

Branch Meetings

We regularly hold Branch meetings and all members are welcome to attend. Visitors are generally welcome to attend and observe all meetings with permission granted by the secretary prior to the meeting. We share and discuss the business of the Branch includes social events, finance, care, development, publicity and promotion.

This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. Most evenings are rounded off with refreshments and a chance to socialise.

Meeting address: 42 The Brent, Dartford DA1 1YN Mondays at 8pm.
The dates are:

14 October 2019	9 December 2019	17 February 2020
28 October 2019	6 January 2020	2 March 2020
11 November 2019	20 January 2020	16 March 2020
25 November 2019	3 February 2020	30 March 2020

At a glance

October 2019

Wed 2	Fish and Chip Lunch (Newtown Afternoon Branch)	12.30pm
Mon 14	Branch Meeting	8pm
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Sat 19	Charity Night for Ellenor/Dystonia with Chris Till (Flower of Kent)	7.30pm
Mon 21	Halloween Event (Hope of Dartford Branch)	8pm
Mon 28	Branch Meeting	8pm

November

Wed 6	Games Afternoon (Newtown Afternoon Branch)	2pm
Mon 11	Branch Meeting	8pm
Mon 18	Movie Night (Hope of Dartford Branch)	8pm
Mon 25	Branch Meeting	8pm
Fri 29	Speaker, Bob Ogley - My Life as a Newspaper Reporter (Woolwich District)	7pm

At a glance

December

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Fri 6	Christmas Party (Hope Of Dartford Branch)	7.30pm
Sun 29	Pantomime - Peter Pan with Steve McFadden from Eastenders	1pm

January 2020

Wed 8	Soup and a Sandwich (Newtown Afternoon Branch)	12.30pm
Wed 15	Lunch at Istanbul Kitchen (Woolwich District)	12 noon
Thurs 16	Bodyguard Show at The Orchard Theatre (Flower of Kent)	2pm
Mon 27	Movie Night (Hope Of Dartford Branch)	8pm

February

Wed 5	Swap Shop (Newtown Afternoon Branch)	2pm
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Mon 23	Talk by Henry VIII (Hope of Dartford Branch)	8pm
Fri 27	Speaker - Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice (Woolwich District)	7pm

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.