

July - December 2024



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out & about

Making Friends in Salisbury



View of Salisbury Cathedral across the Harnham Water Meadows



Theatre



Crafts



Travel



Dining Out



Quizzes



History



Social



Talks



Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Trip to Wilton House and Wilton House Café – Wednesday 24 July

Welcome to the latest edition of your Salisbury Out and About

We are a network of friends who enjoy life and help others.

We organise a wide range of social events and meals out, open to both members and non-members, to enable you to meet new people.

Membership is open to all.
This events diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in the area.

Further events are being added, see:
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

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Dates are sometimes subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.

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Notice

We are always looking for people to attend our monthly business meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Salisbury Methodist Church, St. Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF. If you would like to come along and learn more about us (on a non-obligation basis) please email Angela on angela.harmsworth@oddfellows.co.uk.

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Regular Events

Coffee Morning



10.30am



Pay for what you order



Everyone
welcome

Meet new
friends in
Salisbury

Held fortnightly on Thursday

11 July

22 August

3 October

14 November

25 July

5 September

17 October

28 November

8 August

19 September

31 October

12 December

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Evening Social



7pm



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4 July

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18 July

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7 November

19 December

1 August

26 September

21 November

15 August

10 October

Come and meet new friends at our relaxed social gatherings. We normally meet at the Pheasant pub in Salisbury, but we do try different places from time to time so it is best to contact Ange beforehand to check where we are going to be, then we can look out for you. Costs: Free event, just pay for what you order. The Pheasant Inn, 19 Salt Lane, Salisbury SP1 2DT. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.



July 2024

WED 03 Lymington Lodge



Pay for refreshments/lunch



Informal meeting to allow members present to catch up with what is happening, followed by lunch for those who wish to stay. A small raffle is held the proceeds of which help towards the cost of the Christmas party. The White Hart Hotel, Newbury Street, Whitchurch RG28 7DN. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776.

TUES 16 Afternoon Tea at Chez Marie and Alan's pad



2.30pm



Donation to local charity



Our lovely members, Marie and Alan are hosting an afternoon tea at their beautiful pad on the edge of the New Forest.



Fingers crossed for lovely weather! This event is weather dependent, if the weather is bad the event will sadly need to be cancelled. Book by Friday 5 July. Marie & Alan's, 1 Nursery Gardens, Wood Green, Fordingbridge SP6 2AL. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

WED 24 Trip to Wilton House and Wilton House Café



10am



Entry Fee £7.25
Afternoon Tea £20.95



An outing to the gorgeous and regal stately home of Wilton House and their gardens followed by afternoon tea at the restaurant.



Entry is £7.25 (OAP) and tea is £20.95 per person, but you can take home what you don't eat! Wilton House, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 0BJ. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

August

WED 07 Social Lunch



12 noon



Pay for what you order



Lymington and Lion and Oak branches social lunch. No business element. Book two days in advanced. The John Russell Fox (Wetherspoons), 10 High Street, Andover SP10 1NY. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776.



August

SUN 11 Day Trip to Roche Court Sculpture Park



10am



Free



Day trip to the gorgeous Roche Court Sculpture Park – this incredible beautiful venue is free of charge. There is no café there but weather permitting we suggest to take a picnic. Roche Court Sculpture Park, Roche Court, East Winterslow, Salisbury SP5 1BG. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 04 Lyminster Lodge



11am



Pay for refreshments/lunch



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September

SAT 07 Day Trip to Heale House and Gardens



10am



£14 entry fee



Heale House and its eight acres of beautiful gardens lie beside the river Avon at Middle Woodford, just



north of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Much of the house is unchanged since King Charles II hid there in 1651. Have a wander around and then a spot of refreshment at their café. Heale House, Middle Woodford SP4 6NT. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

SUN 22 Annual District Lunch



12.30pm



Two courses £25, Three courses £30

Date to be confirmed,
Annual District Lunch – formal.
Open to guests



from other Districts and non-members also. Menu will be available nearer the time and choices will be required in advance. Book by Monday 9 September. The White Hart, 1 St Johns Road, Salisbury SP1 2SD. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776 or Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

September

FRI
27 **Salisbury Ghost Walk**

L 7pm

£ £12



The city of Salisbury is one of the most haunted and ancient in England. It's history can be traced back to 2,500 BC and as a result has a diverse, complex and bloody history. Yet behind the busy hustle and bustle activities of modern day life, The tales of a more sinister kind; a history that includes demonic apparition, disease, witchcraft, death, ghosts, poltergeists and murder. Join Haunting Nights on a journey into the paranormal Hot Spots of Salisbury. Start time to be confirmed, but it lasts about an hour and is based around the city centre. Tickets via Ange Hamilton on 07999 836038.



October

SAT
26 **Skittles Evening**

L 6pm

£ TBC



Join us for an evening of skittles, fun and frolicks. It is always a good laugh, no body takes it too seriously - most important thing is getting together and having a giggle. We are just in the process of organising the venue, so best to check with Ange first. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.



October

WED
02 **Lymington Lodge**

L 11am

£ Pay for refreshments/lunch



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November

WED
06 **Social Lunch**

L 12 noon

£ Pay for what you order



Lymington and Lion and Oak branches social lunch. No business element.

Book two days in advanced. The John Russell Fox (Wetherspoons), 10 High Street, Andover SP10 1NY. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776.



November

THURS
14

Crafts and Coffee Morning



10.30am



Pay for what you drink/eat



Come along and join us for a coffee (or whatever takes your fancy!) and a chat. On this occasion we will be selling a small variety of local crafts. Meet new friends in a lovely surrounding, very close to the gorgeous Cathedral Close. All welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. We meet every other Thursday, so there is always a regular get together. Just pay for what you order. The White Hart, 1 St Johns Road, Salisbury SP1 2SD. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.

SAT
16

Book Swap at Ange's Pad



2pm



Free



A repeat event as our members have requested another 'Book Swap' at Ange's pad! There will be refreshments and just bring along a book or two to swap - you never know what you might find! 8 Esmonde Place, Longhedge, Salisbury Wilts SP4 6RW. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.



December

WED
04

Christmas Lunch



12 noon



Pay for what you order



No business meeting unless anything urgent arises, Otherwise just Christmas celebrations, maybe a quiz



or a game of some sort. Nothing too taxing. Book by Wednesday 20 November. The White Hart Hotel, Newbury Street, Whitechurch RG28 7DN. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776.

THURS
05

Christmas Evening Social



7pm



Pay for what you order



Our annual Christmas evening social. It is always a good giggle and the food is always lovely. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038.



December

TUES
10

Branch Business Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Usual monthly business meeting of the Branch. All members welcome. If you are a prospective member you may be permitted to attend one meeting before you join, just to be sure that we are what you are looking for and vice versa. Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF. Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776 if you would like to attend prior to joining.

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12

Christmas Coffee Morning



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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. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

Oddfellows Travel 2024

Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour - Malhamdale

Fri 11 - Mon 14 October (3 nights)



Staying at Newfield Hall with HF Holidays. Classic single room £454. Classic twin room or double room £454 per person – based on 2 people sharing. Full board.

Contact Emma Gorst **0161 214 4634** or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk

Oddfellows Travel holidays are arranged through third party providers, please reference their terms and conditions before booking.

Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

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REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile



Why not make someone's day by telling them about the Oddfellows?

You might be surprised who would appreciate getting involved – membership brings lots of benefits and so much more*.

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

Branch Business Meeting

Various Tuesdays 7.30pm, free

All members are welcome to attend just to see what we are all about. No obligation to become more involved than you wish to, but we would like to see you there.

Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury SP1 1EF.
Contact Angela Harmsworth on 01747 833776.

9 July, 6 August, 10 September, 1 October, 12 November and 10 December

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.

Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Angela Harmsworth on
01747 833776 or Angela Hamilton on 07999 836038

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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 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-a-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.

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 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 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 Angela on **01747 833776** or email **angela.harmsworth@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@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**

At a glance

July 2024

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Thurs 4	Evening Social	7pm
Tues 9	Branch Business Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Tues 16	Afternoon Tea at Chez Marie and Alan's Pad	2.30pm
Thurs 18	Evening Social	7pm
Wed 24	Trip to Wilton House and Wilton House Café	10am
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning	10.30am

August

Thurs 1	Evening Social	7pm
Tues 6	Branch Business Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 7	Social Lunch	12 noon
Thurs 8	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sun 11	Day Trip to Roche Court Sculpture Park	10am
Thurs 15	Evening Social	7pm
Thurs 22	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 29	Evening Social	7pm

September – Friendship Month

Wed 4	Lymington Lodge	11am
Thurs 5	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sat 7	Day Trip to Heale House and Gardens	10am
Tues 10	Branch Business Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 12	Evening Social	7pm
Thurs 19	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sun 22	Annual District Lunch	12.30pm

September – Friendship Month

Thurs 26	Evening Social	7pm
Fri 27	Salisbury Ghost Walk	7pm

October

Tues 1	Branch Business Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 2	Lymington Lodge	11am
Thurs 3	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 10	Evening Social	7pm
Thurs 17	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 24	Evening Social	7pm
Sat 26	Skittles Evening	6pm
Thurs 31	Coffee Morning	10.30am

November

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December

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