

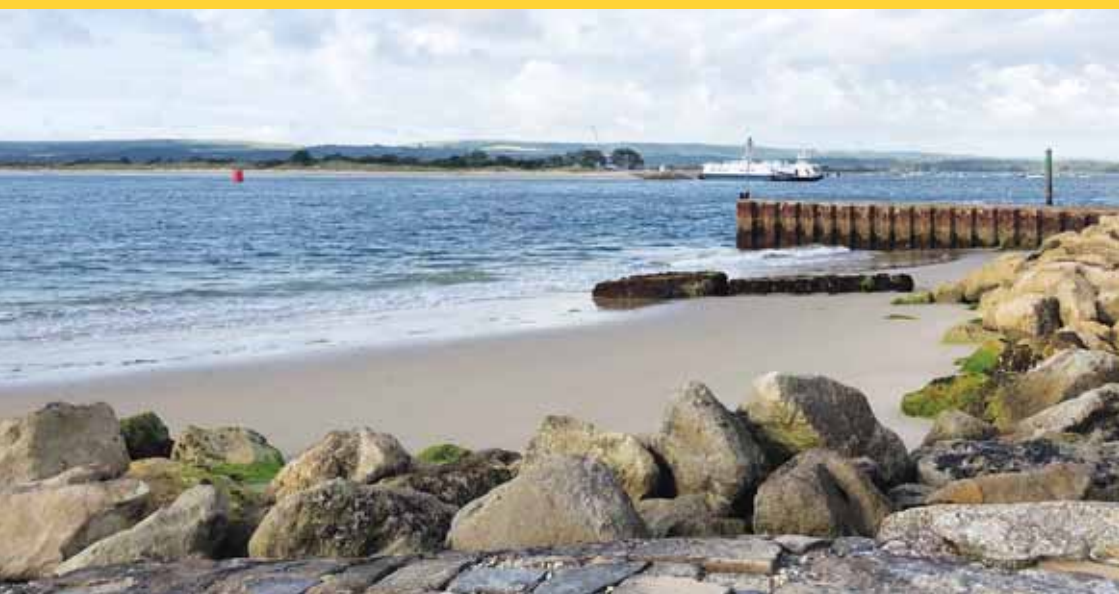
Autumn 2021



the **ODDfellows** SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

Brownsea Branch - Everyone Welcome



Music



Games



Tasting



Quizzes



Social



Talks



Walks



Dining Out



Travel



Friendship
Month



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea

Image by Suzanne McGowan of Brownsea Branch



District Friendship Charity Cream Tea - Wednesday 8 September 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for the Poole, Bridport & Yeovil District, 'Out & About'.

Each of our local Branches is part 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 interests in socialising, making friends and helping people.

Whilst everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events, even if you are not a member, our priority is keeping everyone safe. At the moment we are allowed to hold our events again, but it may be that the events will still be limited regarding numbers and we may wish to still wear our masks.

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember that it is essential to book for all the events in the current diary to avoid disappointment.

Now, more than ever, booking is a must as there may be restrictions on numbers due to current Covid restrictions. If numbers are limited, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Also, in the present climate of uncertainty events may have to be cancelled or amended, so please always check with the organiser.

Outdoor Events

Any event which is taking place outside will be weather dependent.

Therefore it is essential that you book for all events and provide us with an up to date contact number so that we can advise of any changes or cancellations.

Indoor Events

Will be subject to current government guidelines and venues may cancel bookings. Please bear with us in these uncertain times.

Please Remember

If you are feeling unwell, even if you know it is just a seasonal cold please do not attend any events as this may put other members at risk of illness.

Please Note

The members of each Branch are responsible for their own administration and the organising of events. If you are already a member and would like to become more involved please contact Andrew on 01202 743910, or your own Branch Secretary. Details of our Business Meetings can be found on pages 24 and 25.

Please remember that it is through friendship and social events that we try to help our members to get more out of life, and we offer care, advice and support in times of need.

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 our District Secretary on 01202 743910.

Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please call:

District Secretary: Andrew Hampton

Telephone: 01202 743910

Email:

andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk

Acorn Branch Social Secretary

Flo Munro

Telephone: 01202 820965

until 31 December 2021 only

Secretary: Margaret White

Telephone: 01202 775122 to be the contact from 1 January 2022

Brownsea Branch Social Secretary

Margaret White

Telephone: 01202 775122

Email:

margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

Hand-in-Hand Branch

Social Secretary

Stephen Slade

Telephone: 01305 260081

Email: mike.clarke@oddfellows.co.uk

Phoenix and Blackmore Vale

Branches Social Secretary

Judy Penfold

Telephone: 01963 363119

Email:

judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk

Pride of Bournemouth Branch

Social Secretary

Margaret White

Telephone: 01202 775122

Email:

margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
02

Coffee Morning
Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



Free



September is Friendship Month! This is a free event and everyone is welcome, so we hope you will bring along a friend for a chat and a cuppa, enjoy cakes, savouries, tea and coffee. Maybe we will have a few stalls for you to browse, and of course we will have a raffle for Julia's House so if you could bring along a prize that would be fantastic. Please give Margaret a call on 01202 775122 to let her know you will be coming - we don't want to run out of cake! Please book by Tuesday 31 August 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



WED
08

District Friendship
Charity Cream Tea



2.30pm



Free



September is our Society's Friendship Month so we hope you will join us for a chat during your Cream Tea and maybe bring a friend along. There will be a chance to win a prize on the raffle and everyone is very welcome to come and join in the fun.

A raffle prize would be lovely. This is a free event but donations for Dementia UK Admiral Nurses would be very welcome.

Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Keith on 01305 780823 to book your place by Monday 6 September 2021 at the latest, as numbers are limited. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

September - Friendship Month

SAT
11

Hawaiian Themed Lunch Acorn Branch



12 noon



£5



Please join us for an Hawaiian Themed Lunch for our Annual Friendship event. 'Fancy Dress Optional'. Suitable refreshments, cold drinks and of course a cuppa. Later on in the afternoon there will be either lemon drizzle cake or chocolate gateaux. A laid back event as we imagine we are on a desert island. As this is the friendship event please encourage a friend who may like to come and chat to us about the benefits of belonging to the Oddfellows.

Hopefully Covid regulations will be easier by this time, so we can enjoy goodies to purchase from the bring and buy, books and puzzles. There will be the usual raffle with all money going to Macmillan Caring Locally. Please contact Flo on 01202 820965 to book by Monday 6 September 2021. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

TUES
14

Afternoon Tea Phoenix Branch



2.30pm



Free



Please join us for our Friendship Month event, bring along a friend and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with us. Donations on the day towards refreshments would be appreciated. Booking is essential with Judy on 01963 363119 or email judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk. Book by Saturday 11 September 2021. The Gugg, Station Road, Stalbridge DT10 2RQ.



Our social events meet the current COVID-19 Secure guidelines

We're doing all we can to make our meet-ups as safe and as comfortable as possible, because staying connected matters. If you're in need of company, you're more than welcome to come along and join us in person or online.



www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

September - Friendship Month

WED
15

Friendship Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch



2.30pm



Free



ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



We are returning to the East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club for our Friendship Afternoon Tea. We expect that the new caterers will be able to put on a fantastic spread for us when lovely sandwiches, cakes and savouries will be available to try, so we hope you will come and join in the fun. Please bring a friend with you who might benefit from joining us - learn more about what we have to offer our members and have a relaxing afternoon together.



Please book early as this is a free event and places are limited. There will be a raffle for our Chairman's charity, Forest Holme Hospice, so if you could bring along a prize that would be fantastic. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 13 September 2021 please. East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL.

SAT
18

Bingo with Fish and Chips Supper Pride of Bournemouth Branch



7.30pm



£6.50



Eyes down and look in for our second Friendship Month event - please bring a friend if you can. Our bingo evenings are always good fun - why not come and join in and try to win a prize. Soft drinks will be provided, but if you would like something stronger please bring your own. We will also have a raffle for Julia's House, so prizes would be very welcome please. This is a popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment by Saturday 11 September 2021. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

September - Friendship Month

WED
22

Friendship Cheese and Wine Brownsea Branch



2.30pm



£3



We are trying something new this year for our Friendship Month event - a Cheese and Wine Afternoon at the Oakdale Conservative Club!

Please bring your friends along to meet us, hear about our Society, and enjoy a wonderful afternoon in good company in a lovely venue. There will be wine and cheeses to try, possibly a cheesy quiz and the opportunity to meet new friends.



This event is very reasonably priced to encourage new folk to come along and give us a try. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Please book by Monday 20th September 2021. Oakdale Conservative Club, 92 Derbys Lane, Poole BH15 3EU.

October

SAT
02

Skittles Night Phoenix Branch



7pm



£5



We are joining forces with U3A to hold our Skittles Night at The Swan - a hot supper is included in the price. We will hold a raffle during the evening, so prizes would be very much appreciated. Booking is essential, so please contact Judy to book your place on 01963 363119 or email judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk by Tuesday 28 September 2021. The Swan, High Street, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LL.



October

MON
04

Companions Coffee Morning Acorn Branch



10.15am



£3.50



Please come along and join with companions and friends for a morning 'Autumn' event where we will have a couple of 'Who, What and When' quizzes, also some photographs of famous folk to try and recognise. There will be a small prize for an Autumn photograph such as leaves, flowers or other.

Refreshments, morning coffee or tea. Hopefully we can display on the bring and buy, books and puzzles for wintertime. A free raffle for vegetable. Raffle prizes much appreciated with all money going to Macmillan Caring Locally. Please book with Flo on 01202 820965. Book by Friday 1 October 2021. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

THURS
07

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



Members £2
Guests £2.50



What could be better than coffee or tea, cake, savouries, a lovely venue and good company? Please come and join us for our regular Coffee Morning at Tuckton Social Club, meet new friends, have a chat over your coffee and generally put the world to rights. Contact Edna on 01202 677101. Book by Tuesday 5 October 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

SAT
09

Annual Lunch Phoenix Branch



12.30pm



TBC



Meeting at 12.30pm for 1pm, please come and join us for our Annual Lunch at The Quicksilver Mail. Please contact Judy to book your place on 01963 363119 or email judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk. Menus will be sent nearer the time to those who have booked a place. Book by Saturday 2 October 2021. The Quicksilver Mail, 168 Hendford Hill, Yeovil BA20 2RG.

October

SAT

16

Ploughman's Supper with Beetle and Quiz Pride of Bournemouth Branch



7.30pm



Members £3.50, Guests £4.50



We hope you will join us for our Ploughman's Supper, enjoy a game of beetle and a quiz or two. As usual we will hold a raffle for Julia's House, so if you can donate a prize that would be wonderful.

Tea and coffee will be provided but if you would like something stronger please bring your own. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Edna on 01202 677101. Book by Thursday 14 October 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



WED

20

Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch



3pm



£7.50 per person



We are returning to The Pilot once again for our October Afternoon Tea. We hope you will want to come and enjoy a chat over your tea and cakes and enjoy good company with friends old and new. Please book by Monday 18 October 2021. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA.

WED

27

Lunch Club at The Bridge House Hotel Brownsea Branch



12 noon



As per menu



We haven't been to the Bridge House for a while so we've decided to go back to this lovely venue. The views over the river are stunning and the carvery is always excellent. It would be lovely to welcome you for lunch, have a chat with friends, join in the raffle and generally put the world to rights. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 25 October 2021 please. Bridge House Hotel, 2 Ringwood Road, Ferndown BH22 9AN.

October

SUN
31

Annual District Lunch



12.30pm



See below



This year our Annual District Lunch will be held at a new venue for us – The Elstead Hotel in Bournemouth. We hope that many members and friends will be able to join us. The price for the lunch will be £20 per person to include a glass of wine or a soft drink. Our District Chairman this year is Keith Quinton and after lunch we will have a raffle to support his charity – Dementia UK Admiral Nurses, so raffle prizes would be very much appreciated as always. Keith looks forward to welcoming you to the Elstead Hotel – numbers are limited and booking is essential so please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 to book your place. In addition, we have arranged a weekend deal with the hotel, arriving on the Friday afternoon including DBB on the Friday and Saturday and to include the lunch on Sunday – all for an amazing £120 per person. There will be entertainment on both evenings. It is possible to also stay on the Sunday evening, bed and breakfast at an additional cost. Please contact Andrew as soon as possible if you are interested in the weekend deal as the rooms are selling fast. Please book by Monday 25 October 2021 for the lunch. The Elstead Hotel, 12-14 Nkyveton Road, Bournemouth BH1 3QP.

November

TUES
02

Supper and Bingo Brownsea Branch



7pm



£11 for Bingo, Supper
and a Drink



It's been a long time since we've been able to have our Supper and Bingo event again. We hope you will come and join in the fun, buy some raffle tickets for our Chairman's charity – Forest Holme, and maybe win a cash prize or two on the bingo. We're hoping Andrew, our bingo caller, will have got the hang of the job by now! We will have our supper at 7pm, followed by the bingo at about 8pm. Please book early with either Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 as we have to pre-order our supper. The price includes five games of bingo, your supper and a drink, but if you prefer not to have supper then it's absolutely fine to come along and just join in the bingo fun with us for just £5. Book by Friday 29 October 2021, The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA.

November

THURS 04 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £2
Guests £2.50



Our regular Coffee Mornings are a lovely opportunity to meet up with friends old and new, enjoy a chat over our coffee and cake, and hopefully win a prize in the raffle. We meet in a lovely venue and you can be sure of a warm welcome - why not bring a friend along to meet us? Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Tuesday 2 November 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



THURS 18 Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch

🕒 10.30am

£ £3.50



We are going back to The Pilot for our Coffee Morning in November. Have a relaxing morning with friends old and new and have a chat over your tea or coffee and tea cake. What more could you ask for? We hope you can come and join us. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 15 November 2021. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA.



THURS 11 Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment from Julia Pride of Bournemouth Branch

🕒 2.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



We would love to welcome you to our Afternoon Tea - sandwiches, cake, savouries, tea and coffee. Julia will be entertaining us once again and as today is Remembrance Day, we will have some suitable music to celebrate this special day. We will be raising money for Julia's House, so if you could bring along a raffle prize that would be very much appreciated. Why not come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in good company and hopefully meet some new friends. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Tuesday 9 November 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



November

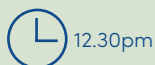
MON 22 Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning Acorn Branch



As usual we will be holding this popular Coffee Morning with festive refreshments, bacon rolls, assorted savouries, mince pies and that bit of Christmas cake with tea, coffee or orange juice. There will be a bumper bring and buy plus some new gifts for Christmas presents. As usual we will have a raffle for Macmillan Caring Locally which will include a Christmas hamper. Also a Christmas quiz for a bit of fun with a prize for the winner. Please come along and join in the fun, chat to friends and hopefully purchase some goodies and gifts ready for Christmas. The event will be free and will be held at the Three Cross Village Hall. Please book with Flo on 01202 820965 by Friday 19 November 2021. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.



SUN 28 Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch Pride of Bournemouth Branch



We will be joining our friends from Brownsea Branch for our Christmas festivities once again at the Riviera Hotel. We are always made very welcome at the Riviera and it will be wonderful to celebrate together after this difficult time for us all. The price includes a glass of wine.

We will hold a raffle and the proceeds will be split between Julia's House and Forest Holme, so prizes would be very much appreciated please. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place please, as we need to pre-order our menu choices. Book by Monday 22 November 2021. Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road, Alum Chine BH4 8JF.

March

SAT 19 Skittles Night Phoenix Branch

 7pm

 £5



We are holding a Skittles Night with U3A once again at The Swan. The price includes a delicious hot supper - we hope you can join us! Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book by Wednesday 16 March 2022. The Swan, High Street, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LL.

WED 30 Lunch Club Brownsea Branch

 12 noon


 As per menu



We didn't make it to the Carpenter's Arms last year so we are going to try again this year! This comes very highly recommended so why not bring along a friend to meet us. We hope to be able to have a raffle for our Chairman's Charity - Forest Holme - so if you could bring a prize that would be lovely. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 by Monday 28 March 2022. The Carpenter's Arms, 103 Burley Road, Bransgore, Christchurch BH23 8BA.

SAT 26 Bingo Mania Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 7.30pm

 Members £4
Guests £4.50



It's Bingo Mania time once again! We will have conventional bingo, Irish bingo and maybe card bingo too. We will provide the tea and coffee but if you would prefer an alcoholic drink then please bring your own. This will be a bring and share event and the raffle will raise funds for Julia's House once again. Please book with Edna on 01202 677101 by Thursday 24 March 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

April

THURS 07 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am

 Members £2.50
Guests £3



Our regular coffee mornings are always a nice way to spend an hour or so enjoying good company, a chat over tea or coffee, lovely cakes and savouries. As usual we will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity, so raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. If you would like to come along and join in the fun please give Margaret a call on 01202 775122 - why not bring a friend to meet us - the more the merrier! Book by Tuesday 5 April 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

December

THURS
02

Christmas Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am

 Members £2
Guests £2.50



What better way to start your Christmas festivities than by joining us for a mince pie,



cakes and a coffee? Our Christmas Coffee Morning should be great fun and we hope you will be able to come along, meet up with friends old and new, try to win a prize in our raffle and enjoy a relaxing morning with us. This is always a popular event, so please book early with Margaret on 01202 775122 to avoid disappointment by Tuesday 30 November 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

SAT
04

Blackmore Vale Christmas Lunch Phoenix Branch

 12.30pm


 TBC



Meeting at 12.30pm for 1pm please come and join us for our Christmas Lunch at the Fiddleford Inn. Booking is essential so please contact Judy on 01963 363119 or email judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk to book your place. Menus will be sent nearer the time to those who have booked a place. Book by Saturday 27 November 2021. Fiddleford Inn, Fiddleford, Sturminster Newton DT10 3BX.

TUES
07

Christmas Party Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 7.30pm

 Free



Our Christmas parties are always an excellent excuse to have a really good time! We have a bring and share supper, a game or two, sometimes a Christmas quiz. As always this is a very popular free event, so please contact Edna on 01202 677101 as soon as possible to book your place to avoid disappointment. We will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity - Julia's House, so if you could bring a prize that would be fantastic. Book by Tuesday 30 November 2021. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

December



WED **08** **Christmas** **Coffee Morning** **Browsea Branch**

 10.30am  £3.50



Come and join in the festivities at our Christmas Coffee Morning at The Elstead Hotel. Enjoy a mince pie or two with your coffee and have a relaxing morning with us in their lovely conservatory. Have a chat over your coffee and catch up with friends. We may even have crackers and a quiz. We will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity, Forest Holme Hospice, so prizes would be welcome. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 6 December 2021. The Elstead Hotel, 12-14 Knyveton Road, Bournemouth BH1 3QP.

SAT **18** **Christmas Lunch** **Phoenix Branch**

 12.30pm  TBC



It would be lovely to see you at our Christmas Lunch. We will be meeting at 12.30pm for 1pm at the Quicksilver Mail and we hope you will be able to join us. Booking is essential so please contact Judy to book your place on 01963 363119 or email judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk. Menus will be sent nearer the time to those who have booked a place. Book by Saturday 11 December 2021. Quicksilver Mail, 168 Hendford Hill, Yeovil BA20 2RG.



SAT **11** **Christmas Event** **Acorn Branch**

 1.30pm  £3.50



'Jolly Holly' Christmas Afternoon. Before we have our tea mid afternoon please come and join us for some singing and a quiz. New Christmas gifts, books, puzzles and bring and buy, all to purchase at reasonable prices. We will hold a tombola with assorted prizes, some being festive food and drink plus others. Hopefully our 'Choir' will be in attendance as they raise the roof with '5 Gold Rings'. Raffle prizes would be very much appreciated with all money going to Macmillan Caring Locally. A free raffle to win a Christmas cake. The last event of the year to wish friends and members a Happy and Peaceful Christmas Season. Please book by Tuesday 7 December 2021 with Flo on 01202 820965. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.



January 2022

THURS
06

New Year Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £2.50
Guests £3



We hope you will want to join us for our New Year Coffee Morning - let's hope that 2022 will be a much happier year for us all. We will have our usual coffee, tea, cake, savouries and of course hold a raffle for Edna's charity - Julia's House. Raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. Contact Edna on 01202 677101 to book by Monday 3 January 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



TUES
11

Tea Party Acorn Branch

🕒 2pm

£ £3



Please join us for our first Tea Party of the year at Three Cross Village Hall. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 for more details and to book your place by Saturday 8 January 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.



WED
12

District Charity Coffee Morning

🕒 10.30am

£ £2.50



We are hoping to return to the Community Room at Fairfield, Chickerell, for another Coffee Morning raising money for Dementia UK, Admiral Nurses. Just relax, enjoy a chat, tell everyone about the presents you had over a piping hot tea or coffee. Being the first Coffee Morning of the year there could be some great raffle prizes so if you were given something that you already have, bring it along and we'll raffle it for you! Contact Keith on 01305 780823 or Andrew on 01202 743910 to book your place by Monday 10 January 2022. The Community Room, Fairfield, Chickerell, Weymouth DT3 4AU.



January 2022

WED
19

Carvery Lunch Brownsea Branch

L 12 noon

£ As per menu



Meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm, we would like to invite you to join us for a carvery lunch at The Bridge House. Enjoy a good meal and a chat with friends. We will be holding a raffle for Forest Holme, so a prize would be very much appreciated please. There is a lovely antiques market just next door so you could have a coffee there first and maybe browse the market and find a bargain. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 17 January 2022. Bridge House Hotel, 2 Ringwood Road, Ferndown BH22 9AN.

SAT
22

Afternoon Tea and Musical Quiz Pride of Bournemouth Branch

L 2.30pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



We have invited Julia to join us once again for a musical quiz event. Afternoon Tea will be served, tea and coffee, followed by a raffle for our Chairman's charity - Julia's House, so a raffle prize would be much appreciated. Come and have a chat over your afternoon tea, cake and savouries, enjoy the quiz and maybe win a prize or two. Booking is essential, so please call Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place by Thursday 20 January 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

February

WED
02

Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch

L 3pm

£ £15 for two



We hope you will want to join us again at The Pilot, have a superb tea and a chat with friends. As usual we will have a raffle for Forest Holme Hospice, so if you could bring a prize that would be wonderful. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book by Monday 31 January 2022. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA.

February

THURS 03 Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  Members £2.50
Guests £3 

We will be meeting once again for our regular Coffee Morning at Tuckton Social Club. We hope you will come and join in the fun and have a relaxing morning, a chat over your tea or coffee, and enjoy one of our lovely cakes. We do savouries too for those who do not have a sweet tooth. This is an opportunity to meet new friends in a lovely venue. We will have a raffle as usual for our Chairman's charity - Julia's House - so a prize would be very much appreciated. Please book by Tuesday 1 February 2022 with Margaret on 01202 775122. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

TUES 08 Tea Party Acorn Branch

 2pm  £3 

Please join us for our Tea Party at Three Cross Village Hall. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122

for more details and to book your place by Friday 4 February 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.



WED 09 District Charity Coffee Morning

 10.30am  £2.50 

Please come along and support Keith, enjoy a chat over your coffee, join in the raffle and have a relaxing morning with friends. Prizes for the raffle are always welcome - raising funds for Dementia UK, Admiral Nurses as usual. Coffee and cake will be the order of the day so please come and join us. Contact Keith on 01305 780823 or Andrew on 01202 743910 to book by Monday 7 February 2022. The Community Room, Fairfield, Chickerell, Weymouth DT3 4AU.

THURS 10 Coffee/Beetle Drive/ Fish and Chips Lunch Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  Members £6.50
Guests £7 

You may think that beetles and fish and chips don't go together, but you need to come and give it a go! Enjoy a natter over your coffee, beetle your way towards lunch and then enjoy the fish and chips. If you can bring a friend or neighbour it will be lovely to welcome them. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book by Tuesday 8 February 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



February

THURS
17

Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



As per menu



We would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning back at the Tennis Club. Enjoy a relaxing morning in good company and have a chat over your coffee and hopefully win a raffle prize. We are still raising funds for Forest Holme so a prize would be fantastic. Please book with Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 by Monday 14 February 2022. East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL.

March

THURS
03

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



Members £2.50
Guests £3



Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake, savouries, a raffle for Julia's House, all in good company will be the order of the day. Come and join in the fun, have a natter over your coffee and meet friends old and new. A raffle prize would be very much appreciated. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 by Tuesday 1 March 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

March

TUES
08

Tea Party Acorn Branch



2pm



£3



We will be having another Tea Party at Three Cross Village Hall for



our March event and hope you will be able to come and join in the fun. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 for more details and to book your place. Book by Friday 4 March 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

SAT
19

Celebration Event Acorn Branch



1.30pm



TBC



This will be a special event to honour Janice Ovens who is a member of Acorn Branch and will be the Chairman of the District at this time. There will be more details in the Spring 2022 events diary. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Wednesday 16 March 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

April

FRI
08

Buffet Night Phoenix Branch

7pm

£ As per menu



We hope you can join us for our Buffet Night at the Red House in Yeovil. The price will be as per the menu but as we go to print it is £9.95. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book by Tuesday 5 April 2022. The Red House, Dorchester Road, Yeovil BA22 9RA.

SAT
09

Event details to follow Acorn Branch

12 noon

£ TBC



Details of this event will be in the Spring diary. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Wednesday 6 April 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

WED
20

Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch

10.30am

£ As per menu



It would be lovely to see you for our coffee morning at The Spire. They do a lovely selection of cakes and sandwiches, so why not bring a friend along to meet us. Have a chat over your coffee, put the world to rights and enjoy a relaxing morning in lovely surroundings. After your coffee you could enjoy some retail therapy in the High Street shops or a walk down to the Quay to look at the views. We hope you can make it. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 18 April 2022. The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF.

May

THURS
05

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

10.30am

£ Members £2.50
Guests £3



We hope you will come and join us at our regular coffee morning. Tea, coffee, cake and savouries to enjoy and the chance to have a chat and enjoy each others company - what could be better? As always prizes would be very welcome for the raffle as we are raising money for our Chairman's charity. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 by Tuesday 3 May 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

May

TUES
10

Afternoon Tea Acorn Branch

L 2pm

£ TBC



Please join us for our Afternoon Tea - more details will be available in the Spring 2022 diary. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Friday 6 May 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.

WED
18

Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch

L 3pm

£ £5



We hope you can come and join us for a lovely Afternoon Tea at Julie and Andrew's house. We will be hoping for fine weather



so that we can enjoy their beautiful garden, but if it's a bit chilly we will be indoors. We will be raising funds for our Chairman's charity once again by having a raffle so prizes would be gratefully received and we may have a quiz or two. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 to book your place by Monday 16 May 2022. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT.

THURS
19

Posh Afternoon Tea Phoenix Branch

L 2.30pm

£ TBC



We are having a Posh Afternoon Tea at Stur of the Moment - please come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon with us. Contact Judy on 01963 313119 to book your place by Monday 16 May 2022. Stur of the Moment, Sturminster House Market Place, Bath Road, Sturminster Newton DT10 1AS.



June

THURS
02

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

L 10.30am

£ Members £2.50
Guests £3



Our coffee mornings are a really nice way to keep in touch with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a cake or two. We always have savoury alternatives because we understand that not all our members and friends have a sweet tooth. As usual we will have a raffle for our Chairman's charity so prizes would be much appreciated. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book by Tuesday 31 May 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

June

TUES
14

Afternoon Tea Acorn Branch



2pm



TBC



We will be having another Afternoon Tea in June and hope you will be able to join us. More details to follow in the Spring 2022 diary. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122. Book by Friday 10 June 2022. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6SG.



SAT
18

Blackmore Vale Annual Lunch Phoenix Branch



12.30pm



As per
menu



Please join us for our Annual Lunch at the Virginia Ash. We



hope you will want to come and enjoy a lovely lunch with friends old and new. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book by Wednesday 15 June 2022. The Virginia Ash, Sherborne Road, Henstridge BA8 0PL.

THURS
23

Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment from Julia Pride of Bournemouth Branch



2.30pm



Members £5, Guests £5.50



We would like to invite you to join us for an afternoon of musical entertainment from Julia who is a member of our Branch and a professional musician. We will enjoy a lovely afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes and savouries, a raffle for our Chairman's charity and hopefully be able to sing along

with Julia. We hope you will be able to join us and maybe bring a friend or neighbour along too - everyone's welcome. Please book with Margaret on 01202 775122 by Tuesday 21 June 2022. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.



June

WED
29

**Afternoon Tea
and Bingo**
Browsea Branch



2.30pm



£5



Sandra and Nigel have kindly invited us back to their lovely garden for afternoon tea and to enjoy a game or two of bingo. Come and relax in the sunshine (hopefully) enjoy good company, good food, a good natter and hopefully win a prize on the bingo or the raffle. We will be raising funds for our Chairman's charity once again. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910. Book by Monday 27 June 2022. Sandra and Nigel's House, 176 Verity Crescent, Poole BH17 8TZ.



Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

Our online events are
here to stay



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'online' in the place name search box

OE/0521A6

Business Meetings

Please contact your Branch Secretary to ensure your business meeting is taking place, and whilst the pandemic continues it is essential to let your secretary know that you will be coming due to track and trace requirements. We share and discuss the business of the branch including social events, finance, care, development, publicity and promotion. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know other members as well as making new friends. Most evenings are rounded off with light refreshments and a chance to socialise.

Acorn Branch

Secretary: Margaret White, 15 Playfields Drive, Poole, BH12 2EG

Telephone: 01202 775122 **Email:** margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Ferndown United Church, 505 Wimborne Road, East Ferndown BH22 9NF. Dates as follows:

Monday 20 September	Monday 17 January	Monday 16 May
Monday 18 October	Monday 21 February	Monday 20 June
Monday 15 November	Monday 21 March	
Monday 20 December	Monday 18 April	

Browsea Branch

Secretary: Andrew Hampton, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT

Telephone: 01202 743910 **Email:** andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at East Dorset Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL. Dates as follows:

Tuesday 21 September	Tuesday 18 January	Tuesday 17 May
Tuesday 19 October	Tuesday 15 February	Tuesday 21 June
Tuesday 16 November	Tuesday 15 March	
Tuesday 21 December	Tuesday 19 April	

Hand-in-Hand Branch

Secretary: Stephen Slade, 21 Great Western Road, Dorchester DT1 1UF

Telephone: 01305 260081 **Email:** mike.clarke@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1UP. Dates as follows:

Tuesday 14 September	Tuesday 11 January	Tuesday 10 May
Tuesday 12 October	Tuesday 8 February	Tuesday 14 June
Tuesday 9 November	Tuesday 8 March	
Tuesday 14 December	Tuesday 12 April	

Business Meetings

Phoenix Branch (Incorporating Blackmore Vale)

Secretary: Judy Penfold, 39 Grosvenor Road, Stalbridge DT10 2PL

Telephone: 01963 363119 **Email:** judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil BA20 2BU. Dates as follows:

Tuesday 21 September

Tuesday 19 October

Tuesday 16 November

Tuesday 21 December

Tuesday 18 January

Tuesday 15 February

Tuesday 15 March

Tuesday 19 April

Tuesday 17 May

Tuesday 21 June

Pride of Bournemouth Branch

Secretary: Margaret White, 15 Playfields Drive, Poole, BH12 2EG

Telephone: 01202 775122 **Email:** margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Dates as follows:

Tuesday 28 September

Tuesday 26 October

Tuesday 23 November

Tuesday 25 January

Tuesday 22 February

Tuesday 22 March

Tuesday 26 April

Tuesday 28 June

Traditional Meetings

Wessex Provincial Branch of Past Grands

Secretary: Robert Southam

Address Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

Telephone: 01202 734705

This is a ritual Branch and all members who have taken their Purple Degree are welcome to attend. Please contact Robert for venue and date details.

Bournemouth and District Minor Degree Branch

Secretary: Robert Southam

Address: Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

Telephone: 01202 734705

This is a ritual Branch and the taking of the Minor Degrees is a prerequisite for being Noble Grand (Chairman) of one's Branch. Please contact Robert for venue and date details.

At a glance

September 2021 - Friendship Month

Thurs 2	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Wed 8	District Friendship Charity Cream Tea	2.30pm
Sat 11	Hawaiian Themed Lunch (Acorn Branch)	12 noon
Tues 14	Afternoon Tea (Phoenix Branch)	2.30pm
Wed 15	Friendship Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm
Sat 18	Bingo with Fish and Chips Supper (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 22	Friendship Cheese and Wine (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm

October

Sat 2	Skittles Night (Phoenix Branch)	7pm
Mon 4	Companions Coffee Morning (Acorn Branch)	10.15am
Thurs 7	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Sat 9	Annual Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12.30pm
Sat 16	Ploughman's Supper with Beetle and Quiz (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 20	Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
Wed 27	Lunch Club at The Bridge House Hotel (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
Sun 31	Annual District Lunch	12.30pm

November

Tues 2	Supper and Bingo (Brownsea Branch)	7pm
Thurs 4	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Thurs 11	Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment from Julia (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm
Thurs 18	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
Mon 22	Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning (Acorn Branch)	10am
Sun 28	Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	12.30pm

At a glance

December

Thurs 2	Christmas Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Sat 4	Blackmore Vale Christmas Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12.30pm
Tues 7	Christmas Party (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 8	Christmas Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
Sat 11	Christmas Event (Acorn Branch)	1.30pm
Sat 18	Christmas Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12.30pm

January 2022

Thurs 6	New Year Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Tues 11	Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Wed 12	District Charity Coffee Morning	10.30am
Wed 19	Carvery Lunch (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
Sat 22	Afternoon Tea and Musical Quiz (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm

February

Wed 2	Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
Thurs 3	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Tues 8	Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Wed 9	District Charity Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 10	Coffee/Beetle Drive/Fish and Chips Lunch (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Thurs 17	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am

March

Thurs 3	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Tues 8	Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Sat 19	Celebration Event (Acorn Branch)	1.30pm
Sat 19	Skittles Night (Phoenix Branch)	7pm
Sat 26	Bingo Mania (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 30	Lunch Club (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon

At a glance

April

Thurs 7	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Fri 8	Buffet Night (Phoenix Branch)	7pm
Sat 9	Event details to follow (Acorn Branch)	12 noon
Wed 20	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am

May

Thurs 5	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Tues 10	Afternoon Tea (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Wed 18	Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
Thurs 19	Posh Afternoon Tea (Phoenix Branch)	2.30pm

June

Thurs 2	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Tues 14	Afternoon Tea (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Sat 18	Blackmore Vale Annual Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12.30pm
Thurs 23	Afternoon Tea with Musical Entertainment from Julia (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm
Wed 29	Afternoon Tea and Bingo (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm

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:



[www.facebook.com/
Dorset-Yeovil-Oddfellows](https://www.facebook.com/Dorset-Yeovil-Oddfellows)



[www.twitter.com/
OddfellowsUK](https://www.twitter.com/OddfellowsUK)

The Oddfellows is the trading name of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society Limited, incorporated and registered in England and Wales No. 223F.
Registered Office: Oddfellows House, 184-186 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WB

Wessex Wanderer

News and views from your local friendship group

Annual District Church Service

Keith Quinton, our District Chairman, was delighted to welcome nearly 50 guests, representing 5 different Districts, to our Annual Church Service which was held at St Mark's, Talbot Village once again.

The Reverend Rupert Higgins spoke on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and likened our work supporting our members during the lockdown to that of the Samaritan. Everyone enjoyed a superb afternoon tea provided by the ladies and gentlemen of the District.

Mr Tony O'Hara, President of the Southern Group Conference responded to the welcome given by Keith, thanking him for his invitation and everyone for their hard work on the day.

The picture shows our District Secretary, Andrew Hampton, sweeping up after the event and complaining that this was not part of his job description!

Keith would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Church Service – the collection was split equally between the church and Keith's charity – Dementia UK Admiral Nurses.



*St Mark's Church, Talbot Village
Michael Ford and licensed
for reuse under this Creative
Commons Licence.*



Welcome to the 32nd edition of the Wessex Wanderer

We hope you will enjoy reading the articles that have been submitted for inclusion in this issue.

How to contact your District

District Secretary: Andrew Hampton
Address: 105 Sandbanks Road,
Poole, Dorset BH14 8BT

Telephone: 01202 743910
Email:
andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk

Join the conversation



[www.facebook.com/
dorset-yeovil-oddfellows](https://www.facebook.com/dorset-yeovil-oddfellows)

Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM): District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):
District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):
District Secretary – responsible for administering Branches

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):
Immediate Past District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM): Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

Brother and Sister:
Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family

Pride of Bournemouth Coffee Mornings at The Elstead Hotel

Throughout lockdown we have been unable to hold any events at Tuckton Social Club, but luckily The Elstead Hotel were able to help by allowing us to hold small Coffee Mornings, when the government restrictions permitted.

So a maximum of 15 members and friends met at the hotel several times during June and July, all socially distanced, sanitised and wearing our

masks until seated. It was lovely to be able to meet up and have a chat, put the world to rights and enjoy each other's company. We also held Covid-19 secure raffles – we had to put the prizes in bags 72 hours before the raffle to ensure everyone was safe, no tickets were issued – Edna organised the raffles very safely and we were able to raise over £300 from the raffles and donations at the events for Julia's House.

Blackmore Vale Annual Walk

Saturday 19 June

Well, this was an interesting time to arrange a walk, what with not knowing which pub would be open and when. However, with a non-member friend, we followed the map supplied by Hall & Woodhouse Public House Walks for The Rose & Crown at Longburton, published as 3.2 miles. Described as a varied, interesting and gently undulating walk that includes open fields, peaceful lanes, wooded paths and orchards. Lots to see and enjoy. It certainly was true.

We attempted this walk two times, the first time on the 8th April, the weather was good, and not much foliage to block the views. However, we found that part of the walk had been diverted through a stream, so in order to find a dry way, we had to climb several stiles. The other half of the walk was lovely, but ended in a climb over a stile. Still, it was a pleasant walk.

We tried again on the 10th June, missing out the first part and found that there was one stile that had to be climbed over, but that was it. We also noticed a lot more foliage.

The 19th June was walk day. Eight members enjoyed the walk, even if the foliage had almost hidden the tracks. There was plenty to see and walk through – apple orchards, a hare, some fungus (dear Ronnie couldn't wait for lunch). Even though there had been a fair bit of rain for a couple of days before, there was very little mud.

At the pub, two members left to be replaced by two other members for a much-needed drink and a meal. The Rose & Crown provided an excellent service, the food was freshly cooked, hot and tasty. We thoroughly recommend a visit.



Acorn June Tea Party

Although we were limited to 30 members and friends it was a pleasure to be able to hold the Acorn June tea party. The event soon got under way and members took turns to browse the Bring and Buy. It was a chance to exchange paperbacks and puzzles after being in lockdown. The stall did a brisk trade together with homemade jam and marmalade.

Meanwhile the refreshments were being plated as at this time we were unable to have a buffet. The quiz got everyone thinking and as always people were very generous with bringing raffle prizes. It was a pleasure to have our new Secretary, Margaret together with her husband Julian at the event. All monies raised go to Macmillan Caring locally so a huge thank you to everyone for attending and making it a fun afternoon.



Afternoon Tea Brownsea

Sandra and Nigel welcomed members and friends to their beautiful garden in June. We were supposed to be having a game of Bingo, but as our numbers were limited we decided against the Bingo and just enjoyed each other's company and a good natter! It was brilliant to be able to meet face to face again and our thanks must go to Sandra and Nigel for their hard work and for providing such a lovely tea.

Early Evening BBQ Brownsea

We had a wonderful time at our BBQ in July. We were hosted once again by Sandra and Nigel and were able to enjoy their garden in the lovely sunshine. We held a raffle for Forest Holme which raised £45 and we would like to thank everyone for bringing along the prizes and buying the raffle tickets. It was a case of good food, good company and enjoying a relaxing time together. Hopefully the events in the new diary will be able to go ahead without restrictions, but of course we will just have to hope for the best and look forward to seeing more friends again soon.

Annual Lunch Blackmore Vale

Blackmore Vale Lodge had its Annual Lunch on Saturday 24 July at the Virginia Ash. Eleven members enjoyed a substantial meal which was well cooked, hot and tasty. The staff were polite and efficient.

We all had a lot to catch up on so it wasn't as quiet as it would normally have been while eating!

Here's looking forward to the next event.

Boat Trip on the River Stour Pride of Bournemouth

In July we enjoyed a lovely Boat Trip, leaving Tuckton Tea Rooms at 10.45am and either going as far as Christchurch or all the way to Mudeford, and back again. The weather was not brilliant, but we managed to avoid the rain and some of us had a lovely coffee and cake at the Boathouse in Christchurch, whilst others had a look around the shops before returning to the Tea Rooms. Margaret and Julian unfortunately had to 'abandon ship', due to a family illness, just as we were leaving the dock, which was a shame, but everyone else had an enjoyable morning. Hopefully we will do the trip again next year.



Acorn July Tea Party

The Acorn July tea party afternoon was again limited to 30, and although we were unable to have our musical afternoon with Julia, members and friends were again pleased to meet up to say hello and have a chat.

Everyone arrived wearing masks which thankfully were able to be removed as folk took their seats. Meanwhile the Bring and Buy was loaded onto the tables where the china and kitchen bits and pieces proved to be popular. As the theme of the afternoon was "Summertime" the quiz echoed summer songs and general knowledge. As always the plated refreshments proved popular especially the homemade sausage rolls and cakes. Although there were only 30 of us someone mentioned we made as much noise and had as much fun as if we were greater in number!

A free raffle for tins for the store cupboard was appreciated and our usual raffle was so well supported. Thank you to everyone and hopefully at future events we can

increase our numbers for other members and friends to be able to come along.

Julie's lovely 70th Birthday Cake



Thanks to Michelle for making a wonderful, tasty, chocolatey Birthday Cake for Julie. The only trouble was the chocolate melted because it was such a hot day. The cake didn't last long!

68 Years of Marriage!

This is the write up that appeared in the local paper following the wedding on 21st March 1953 of Rodney and Carol.

“Married on Saturday 21st March, Carol Elizabeth Annie Jones, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W Jones of Ringwood and Philip Rodney Wallis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Wallis of Ringwood.

The bride, wearing white figured taffeta, was given away by her father and was attended by her sisters, Maureen Angela and Wilma Brenda, both dressed in marina green taffeta. The bride carried a bouquet of carnations and the bridesmaids’ mimosa and narcissi. The reception was held at the Co-Op Hall before the couple left for their honeymoon in Suffolk.”

Congratulations Rodney and Carol!



Sandbanks Road River



This was the view from our bedroom window as the heaven’s opened and deposited a months worth of rain in about four hours. This is the main road to Sandbanks beach and it very quickly became a river.

The reason the traffic was stopped was because about 100 yards down the road it was completely flooded and some of the boy racers thought they could drive through it at 60 miles an hour and quickly learnt that they couldn’t!

The breakdown trucks spent a very profitable three or four hours pulling them all out of the flood and we thought it appropriate when the chap towing a boat pulled up outside. We thought Noah had come to our rescue!

Edna has gone mad with the pink paint!

Poor Norman thought he would have a lay in one morning whilst Edna tended to their beautiful garden. Little did he know that she finished the dead heading and watering early that morning and decided to get the paintbrush out! As you can see from the picture the colour of the day was Pink!! These are just some of the items that fell foul of the paintbrush that morning. Norman has grown to like pink – he had no option really!



Holiday Haiku

“ Well, hello Devon
Two flat tyres and lots of rain
So, goodbye Devon.”

Bob and Judy Penfold went on holiday to Devon in May, the week before eating indoor restrictions were lifted. It was wet. There’s nothing much else to say.



Obituary Bill Coombes



So many of you supported Bill in his fundraising efforts selling his secret recipe for pickled onions last Christmas. His efforts raised well over £2,000 in support of the Poole Hospital Cancer Department for Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy, Macmillan Cancer Care and Forest Holme.

Unfortunately Bill lost his personal battle with cancer in July this year and our thoughts are with Margaret, Michelle and Nicky and all their family.

Annual Garden Party

Pride of Bournemouth

We were a bit worried that we might have to cancel or postpone our Pride of Bournemouth Annual Garden Party this year. We put up multiple gazebos, just in case, but luckily the rain held off and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon in Edna and Norman's beautiful garden.

Our numbers were limited because we wanted to keep everyone safe, but even so we welcomed members and friends who all enjoyed getting together, buying items from the Bring and Buy stall, and taking our chances on the raffle - which was very well supported as always. It was lovely to welcome members from Acorn



and Brownsea and one of our own newest members, Brenda, to the party. Our thanks must go as always to Edna and Norman for their hospitality, to Edna's friend, Elaine, and Angela, Edna and Norman's daughter, who helped in the kitchen and to Anita for running the Bring & Buy stall for us.

Edna and Norman would like to thank all those who came along and made the afternoon such a success. At the end of the day Edna and Norman had raised over £220 for Edna's charity – Julia's House – and we had all had a wonderful time!



Coffee Morning

Brownsea

Although we were few in number we enjoyed a lovely Coffee Morning in July at the Pilot on Canford Heath. It was brilliant to be able to get together for a natter and we all enjoyed the lovely toasted tea cakes. The raffle, which raised funds for Forest Holme Hospice, was very well supported and Margaret would like to thank everyone who brought along prizes and purchased the raffle tickets.



Happy 102nd birthday to Maud Jones



Maud Jones of the Pride of Bournemouth Lodge celebrated her 102nd birthday on the 12 May this year. And she still walks to the Lodge room for the socials!

Flower Power in Lockdown

As we are going into the winter months we thought we would include some summery pictures of flowers and gardens that have been taken by our members this summer. We hope you enjoy looking at them and that they remind you of better times to come.





Can you help Acorn Lodge?

The Acorn Branch is hoping to be able to appoint a new Financial Secretary in the new year. At the moment Margaret White is helping in this capacity and will be available to assist with training the new secretary.

The Branch Secretary will be responsible to the Committee of Management for the secretarial and financial administration of the Branch and for looking after the members.

The person appointed will be using the Society's designated computer programme and training for this would probably take place over a few days at our head office in Manchester.

The job involves, for example

- Processing receipts and payments
- Preparing annual financial statements for the Committee of Management prior to submission to an external appointed accountant
- Completing all year-end documentation for submission to Unity Office
- Preparing and updating financial reports and budgets on a monthly basis following completion of the monthly bank reconciliation
- Preparing other returns or documents required by the District, Unity or any other statutory body

In addition it would be necessary for the Secretary to attend monthly Business Meetings which are held in Ferndown, Committee of Management meetings (every six weeks or so) and Trustees' meetings as required. This would involve the preparation of agendas, recording of minutes and the implementation of decisions made.

Other responsibilities include dealing with membership applications and correspondence, collection of contributions, maintenance of membership records, processing Branch and Unity benefits, and actively seeking to increase the membership of the Branch. Liaison with

the Branch Welfare Officer and Social Secretary to support the members will also be an essential requirement.

Liaison with Unity Office and the District will also be required as necessary.

At present this is an annualised post of 10 hours per week for £12 per hour, working from home.

In addition the Branch is also looking to appoint a new Social Secretary as Flo Munro is retiring at the end of 2021 after many years of service.

This role involves the co-ordination, organisation, administration and development of social events for the Branch.

Key tasks would involve

- Organising and over-seeing social events – at least one per month. All the venues for the 2022 social events have already been booked at the Three Cross Village Hall in Three Legged Cross.
- Undertaking all administration involved in the social events, including collecting money, dealing with bookings, confirming venues and maintaining a log of attendees
- Promoting events internally and externally
- Completing risk assessments as necessary

At present this is a voluntary role, but remuneration will be by agreement with the Trustees and the Committee of Management.

It may be possible to combine both the Branch Secretary and Social Secretary roles.

If you feel that you, a member of your family or a friend would be interested in helping the Branch, please contact Margaret for more information such as job description, person specification etc on 01202 775122 or email margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

Alphabet Soup

Ladle the letters from the soup tureen and fit one into each of the 26 blank squares on the table below, so that the finished result is a complete crossword containing English words. All of the letters in the tureen must be used – thus no letter is used more than once. When rearranged, the letters in the filled bowls spell out a variety of pea. Answers on the back page.

C	A	R	P		U	U	U	A	W	U
U		A		J		U		V		L
B	A	U	U	O		A	R	O	U	A
E		D		L		K		U		U
		O	U	T	S	U	T			U
G	E	M			U			U	A	N
U				S	T	A	N	U	A	
M		P		U		I		U		H
U	A	U	M	Y		U	U	A	U	A
L		U		S		H		D		Z
E	U	G	U	U	Y		U	E	F	U

Sudoku (Answers on the back page)

Place one of the numbers from 1 to 9 into every empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

1	8			2			7	9
	3			1			4	
		9	7		6	3		
7	2		5		9		6	1
		5	4		1	7		
4	1		2		7		3	5
		1	6		5	8		
	6			7			5	
8	5			4			9	7

Care & Welfare Support for our Members

We hope that you are all aware of the amazing support that is available to our members. We thought we would just outline a few of the wonderful ways that our members have been helped in recent times.

Support from Home Instead has been organised for several members. An elderly lady suddenly lost her long time carer at very short notice – the lodge stepped in and with the help of head office organised Home Instead to help until permanent care could be sorted out. Members have also received help after leaving hospital for various reasons eg following a heart attack, a shoulder operation, a fall etc. There is a qualifying period of membership before you become eligible for Convalescence Benefit support.

Benevolence Grants have been given to help with transport to hospital appointments, for essential equipment, etc etc. Benevolence grants are available from day one of membership.

Please remember that we are here to help – if we don't know, then we can't help. If you think that we can help you, then please contact either your Lodge Secretary or the District Secretary for advice.

It is also possible to phone our head office directly for support if you would prefer. The Care & Welfare Department are wonderful and are ready to give you advice and support. Also the dedicated Oddfellow Citizen's Advice Line is available to all members. Please see below for more information.

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Andrew on **01202 743910** or email andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk or contact your Branch Secretary.

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

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

*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.

The Oddfellows Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

As much as we were all hoping for the opportunity to get together and host our 2021 AMC in person, the global pandemic had other plans and so we saw the conference held virtually over Zoom, and broadcast live via YouTube.

This is only the second time since 1944 that there hasn't been an in-person Annual Movable Conference. The AMC is usually a three-day conference which gives our network of 115 Branches a

chance to have their say in the way the Society is run, celebrate its successes and developments over the past 12 months, and enjoy a catch-up with other Branches over dinner. This year however, the Directors gathered in the Unity Office Boardroom whilst everyone else stayed at home and Deputies logged in via Zoom to listen in and make their contributions to conference.

Despite the distance between us all, the AMC was its usual hive of activity, and thanks go to all the Deputies who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the incredible IT team who worked tirelessly to ensure all Deputies were able to log in successfully, the conference was broadcast seamlessly, and everything ran as it should.

Welcoming our newest Grand Master, David Ogden

One of the key elements of AMC is the installation of the new Grand Master, or Chairman of the Society. This is one of the most prestigious and respected roles in the Society, and requires a considerable commitment. As Grand Masters they need to have progressed through the ceremonial side of the Society and usually will have served for at least four years as a Director, before being nominated to be Grand Master.

Our Immediate Past Grand Master, David Randall, spent two years in the role, instead of the usual one, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and has this year welcomed his successor, David Ogden.

Despite there being no live audience, the ceremony featuring his installation as Grand Master was streamed on YouTube. The Society would like to thank David Randall for his hard work

during his time as Grand Master, and wish David Ogden all the best for his term.

Keep an eye out for our interview with the new Grand Master in the next edition of Society News!



Face-to-face get-togethers are back, but online events are here to stay

Many members have been missing that wonderful feeling of seeing and socialising with friends in a group setting, and we're pleased to let you know that our Branches have restarted their face-to-face events, or are getting ready to restart them again very soon.

So whether you're feeling up to a walk in the great outdoors, or you're keen to get back to your local coffee morning, our Branches are beavering away behind the scenes to make sure their events are COVID-secure, and our members are safe.

Not feeling up to getting together yet? That's fine too. Lots of people will still

feel anxious about mixing with groups indoors or outdoors, and we know it will take a while for things to feel "normal" again. But we don't want you to miss out, which is why our online events are here to stay. From local guest talks streamed live from your Branch, to our weekly national coffee mornings, online events will continue for as long as our members would like them to.

Help is available to get you set up to access the online events, should you need it. Call our membership team on **0800 028 1810**, or email events@oddfellows.co.uk to receive a how-to guide for using Zoom video conferencing.



If you'd like to join in with one of our events, in-person or online, find out what's coming up by visiting our website: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events or speak to your local Branch Secretary to request a local events diary.

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners!

Each year, we recognise and celebrate the efforts of members who have gone above and beyond for their local Branch, fellow members, and the Society as a whole. Without these individuals (and there are many!), the Oddfellows wouldn't be the warm and welcoming organisation it is today.

This year, faced with a global pandemic and numerous lockdowns which left many members isolated, the kindness and dedication of our Making a Difference Award nominees truly shone through. Our judges were blown away by the way Oddfellows communities rallied together to help each other through such a difficult year, and so choosing the winners was more difficult than ever. Without further ado, our 2021 Making a Difference Award winners are...



Wendy, from Ipswich Oddfellows

Wendy Atkins, from Ipswich Oddfellows, for Working in the spirit of mutuality

Wendy said: "It was a big surprise and I feel honoured to have won. I've done all sorts for the Ipswich Oddfellows over the years, but I enjoy my role as social organiser most of all. Since we've started running online events, I've had to think outside the box and see how our in-person events can translate onto Zoom, which has been a fun challenge.

I've extended the hand of friendship to other Branches to offer help and support with their online meetings."



Paul, from South London Oddfellows

Paul Fitton, from South London Oddfellows, for Enriching lives socially

Paul said: "It was a lovely surprise when I found out I'd won. Organising social events for my local group is more than just a job for me, it's fun and fulfilling. Helping people meet and make new friends in the area is wonderful."



Janice, from Reading Oddfellows

Janice Tomlin, from Reading Oddfellows, for Giving a helping hand

Janice said: "I had no idea I'd even been nominated, so it was a shock when I was told I'd won the award, but I was incredibly pleased! I know how it feels to be on your own a lot, so being a listening ear for other members during such a difficult year has been a tonic for me as well, in many ways."

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our members are at the heart of everything we do as a Society, and it's people like Paul, Wendy and Janice who keep the wheels turning. As much-loved members of their local Branches and the Society as a whole, these Awards are truly well-deserved."

Working together to Make a Difference for 2022

We are excited to introduce a new 'Achieving Together' category for our Making a Difference Awards.

Members nominated for the Achieving Together Award should be a team of two, and could be married, partners, family relations, or good friends who collaborate with, and support each other, to achieve more than they could alone.

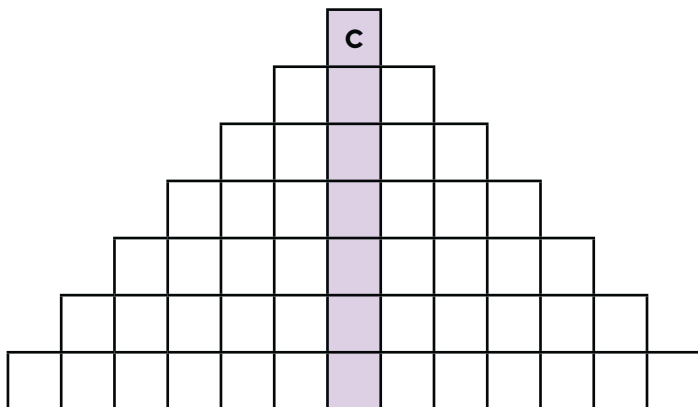


Have your say!

If you know a Society star who goes above and beyond, or a duo whose combined efforts make your Branch a warm and welcoming place for all, download a Member Nomination form from www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

Pyramid (Answers below)

Every clue in this puzzle is an anagram leading to a single-word solution. Correctly solve the anagram on each level of the pyramid and another word will appear, reading down the central block of columns.



ODE

TIMER

FOND ICE

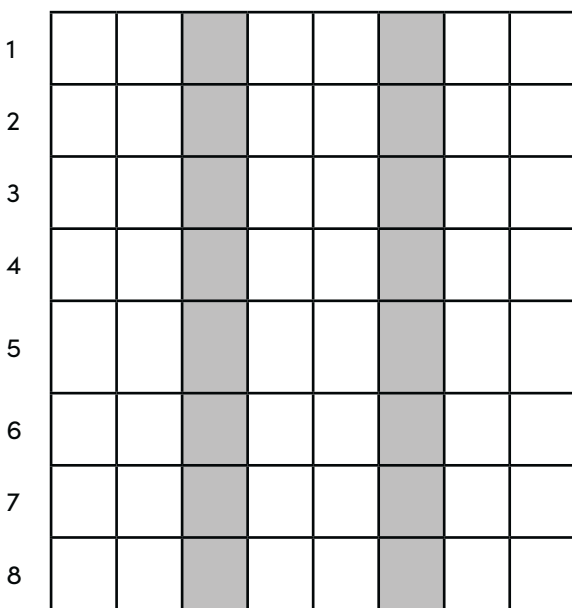
MAD POLICY

RELOCATE BIN

ONCE TINY FORCE

Columns (Answers below)

Place the answers in order across the horizontal rows. When completed correctly, reading down each of the shaded columns will reveal the name of a plant.

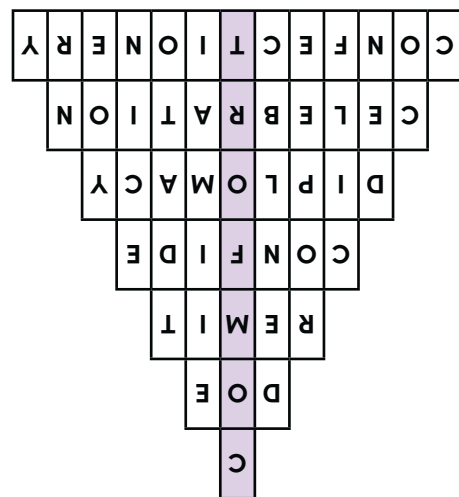


1. Collarbone
2. Put up with
3. Amulet, charm
4. Shiitake, for example
5. Government representative abroad
6. Former British coin worth 5 new pence
7. Patron saint of children
8. Unnecessary

Alphabet Soup Answers on page 9



Answer is ONWARD



Pyramid Answers

Sudoku Answers on page 9

1	8	6	3	2	4	5	7	9
5	3	7	9	1	8	2	4	6
2	4	9	7	5	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	5	8	9	4	6	1
6	9	5	4	3	1	7	8	2
4	1	8	2	6	7	9	3	5
3	7	1	6	9	5	8	2	4
9	6	4	8	7	2	1	5	3
8	5	2	1	4	3	6	9	7

C	L	A	V	I	C	L	E
T	O	L	E	R	A	T	E
T	A	L	I	S	M	A	E
W	U	S	H	R	O	A	E
D	I	P	L	O	M	A	T
S	H	I	L	L	I	N	G
N	I	C	H	O	L	A	S
N	E	E	D	L	E	S	S

Columns Answers