



the
Oddfellows
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making friends, helping people

events **diary**

Oswestry District

August - December 2022



St Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Shropshire



We hope you can join us for our social events

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Oswestry District Events Diary. Members of the District have organised a varied programme of events for you all.

This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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

Contact Details

For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary

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Do you have a story or great photograph to share?

Please send us your news stories! Or perhaps a picture with a caption! Email, post, hand in, or telephone. We'd love to hear anything heart-warming, humorous, or simply very interesting!

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK

Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

EXTEND

Exercise Class

Every Monday afternoon, 2pm

The Oswald Room,
Memorial Hall,
Oswestry SY11 3EH

It's fun, friendly and all for £4. Sit on a chair and get fit and toned with popular music and songs. Contact Kath on 01691 828587.



Shropshire Discovery Tour Church Stretton

Join us as we explore Shropshire, famous for the beauty of its hills, picturesque market towns and fascinating history.

**19–23 September 2022
(4 nights)**

From £655 per person
(Full board)

Rooms for solo
travellers available



For further information and to book contact Mike Hall
0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) travel@oddfellows.co.uk

events diary

August 2022

Thursday 11 - Lunch at the Highwayman, 12.45pm

Come and join us at The Highwayman for some good food and even better company. Costs as per menu. **Address:** The Highwayman Pub, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2RT. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.



Monday 22 - Coffee Morning, 11am

Come and join us for a drink and a chat. Everyone welcome. Free event.

Address: The Memorial Hall, Oswald Room, Festival Square, Oswestry SY11 3EH. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.

September - Friendship Month

Thursday 8 - Lunch at the Highwayman, 12.45pm

Come and join us at The Highwayman for some good food and even better company. Costs as per menu. **Address:** The Highwayman Pub, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2RT. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Monday 26 - Coffee Morning, 11am

Come and join us for a drink and a chat. Everyone welcome. Free event.

Address: The Memorial Hall, Oswald Room, Festival Square, Oswestry SY11 3EH. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.

Coffee and Cake for Friendship Month

Wednesday 28 September, 10am to 12 noon

The Memorial Hall, Oswald Room,
Festival Square, Oswestry SY11 3EH

Come and join us for coffee and a cake, meet old friends and make new ones! Everyone very welcome, anytime between 10am to 12 noon. Free event. Contact Vivienne Osborne on 07706 036305.



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October

Thursday 13 - Lunch at the Highwayman, 12.45pm

Come and join us at The Highwayman for some good food and even better company. Costs as per menu. **Address:** The Highwayman Pub, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2RT. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.



Monday 31 - Coffee Morning, 11am

Come and join us for a drink and a chat. Everyone welcome. Free event. **Address:** The Memorial Hall, Oswald Room, Festival Square, Oswestry SY11 3EH. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.

November

Thursday 10 - Lunch at the Highwayman, 12.45pm

Come and join us at The Highwayman for some good food and even better company. Costs as per menu. **Address:** The Highwayman Pub, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2RT. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.

Monday 28 - Coffee Morning, 11am

Come and join us for a drink and a chat. Everyone welcome. Free event. **Address:** The Memorial Hall, Oswald Room, Festival Square, Oswestry SY11 3EH. Contact Arthur on 01691 671699.



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8 December, 12.45pm

The Station Grill, High Street,
Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain SY22 6AD

Come and join us for our festive lunch. Numbers required by Monday 14 November. Costs as per menu. Please contact Vivienne Osborne on 07706 036305 if you are interested or would like any further details.



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 Arthur on **01691 671699**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Members were delighted to finally get together at the first face-to-face AMC in three years in May this year. The three-day annual conference returned to Scarborough and kicked off with an 80s disco, a stunning firework display and a fantastically well-received concert from Oddfellows Brass.



Grand Master David Ogden (right) with the Mayor of Scarborough



A spectacular opening night firework display

At the conference, the Making a Difference Awards winners from 2020 to 2022 were presented with their trophies by Past Grand Master David Randall.

This year, the AMC saw the installation of three new Member Non-Executive Directors: Debbie Jex from Reading Branch, Karen Rose from Tunbridge Wells Branch and Alex Walker from North Gloucestershire Branch.

Thanks go to all who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses and to those working behind the scenes who made the conference such a success.



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

The Oddfellows is known for the kindness and generosity of its members and we take the opportunity every year to celebrate the efforts of members who've been nominated for going the extra mile in our Making a Difference Awards.

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

This year, we introduced a new category, the 'Achieving Together' award. It was created to celebrate two people who have worked together to achieve more than they could alone, and whose partnership has significantly improved the lives of members, their Branch or the Society.

Our congratulations go to this year's Making a Difference Award winners...



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*

Julie Webster, from St Helens and Warrington Oddfellows, for Enriching Lives Socially

Julie said: “Being a Social Organiser is really hard work sometimes, but it's very rewarding. Seeing people, especially people on their own, some of whom don't have family or friends close by, really enjoying themselves and laughing so much they have tears rolling down their faces, makes it all worthwhile. We're there for each other, one big family. I think the pandemic highlighted this more than anything.”



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

Shirley Walton, from South East Lancashire Oddfellows, for Giving Something Back

Shirley said: “We can all give something back, even if it's just a kind word or a smile. In the Oddfellows, we all give back, through care and welfare, running events and making sure people get together. But we receive so much just by being a member. We are what we say, a friendly society run by members for members.”



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

Sylvia Alcorn, from Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows, for Giving a Helping Hand

Sylvia said: "It's just nice to be a friend to someone. Even if they have family, they can have a completely different conversation with me and I just love it. They're so pleased to see you when you come through the door."



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

Doug and Phyllis Austin, from Leeds Oddfellows, for Achieving Together

Husband and wife, Doug and Phyllis Austin, were awarded the Society's inaugural Making a Difference Award for 'Achieving Together'

in recognition of the kindness they have shown to fellow Leeds members over more than 30 years.

We are saddened to share that Doug died in March this year aged 93. Phyllis was also unable to attend the ceremony in Scarborough due to ill health. Their daughter, Pat Perkins, and her husband Noel, attended the awards ceremony at the Oddfellows' annual conference to accept her parents' awards on their behalf.



Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our Society is full of members like this who have a natural drive to do good and the Oddfellows simply wouldn't be the same without them. Our winners fully deserve this recognition."

Know a member who goes above and beyond at your local Branch? Nominate now for the 2023 awards.

Download a member nomination form from oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your local Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The new recipient of our UK medical research fund, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, was agreed at this year's annual conference.



From 2022 to 2024, we're supporting the Centre for Cancer Immunology based at the University of Southampton. £100,000 in funding has been granted to enable the Centre's study of a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

The ultimate goal is to create a vaccine that could fundamentally change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head, neck oesophageal and bladder cancers. The research is led by Dr Tim Fenton and Professor Edd James who will also be supervising a full-time PHD student funded by the Oddfellows.



We look forward to hearing how the Centre's research is progressing and sharing some insights with you when the Board makes its first visit later in the year.

Find out more about how the Oddfellows gives back at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/

At a glance

August 2022

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| Mon 1 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 8 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Thurs 11 | Lunch at the Highwayman | 12.45pm |
| Mon 15 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 22 | Coffee Morning | 11am |
| Mon 22 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |

September - Friendship Month

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| Mon 5 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Thurs 8 | Lunch at the Highwayman | 12.45pm |
| Mon 12 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 19 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 26 | Coffee Morning | 11am |
| Mon 26 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Wed 28 | Coffee and Cake for Friendship Month | 10am |

October

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| Mon 3 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 10 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Thurs 13 | Lunch at the Highwayman | 12.45pm |
| Mon 17 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 24 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 31 | Coffee Morning | 11am |
| Mon 31 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |

November

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| Mon 7 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Thurs 10 | Lunch at the Highwayman | 12.45pm |
| Mon 14 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 21 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 28 | Coffee Morning | 11am |
| Mon 28 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |

At a glance

December

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| Mon 5 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Thurs 8 | Christmas Lunch at The Station Grill | 12.45pm |
| Mon 12 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |
| Mon 19 | Extend Exercise Class | 2pm |

**Online
events you
can enjoy
from the
comfort of your
own home...**



**Talks, coffee mornings, exercise
classes, quizzes, fun & games and
much more**

**Visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'Kelso' in the place name box**

Need help to attend an online event? Just give your local Social Organiser or Branch Secretary a call or email events@oddfellows.co.uk

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