

October 2026 - March 2027



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Events & News

Worcester Branch



Worcester Cathedral



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History



Social



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Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Service of Remembrance – Sunday 8 November 2026

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Worcester District Oddfellows Out and About

As a local District of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

We are basically a group of friends brought together through a shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people. This issue features details of all our upcoming events.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to

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you, your family and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

If any member has an interesting story they would like to share with our members, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Carol, Branch Secretary

Regular Event

Ten Pin Bowling



Come and join us for a game of ten pin bowling. Bowl Extreme, Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Road, Worcester WR3 7SN. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

2026

13 October

10 November

8 December

2027

12 January

9 February

9 March

**Second Tuesday
of the month**



Coffee Mornings



Come and join us for a coffee and a chat. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.



**Third Wednesday
of the month**

**Webbs Garden Centre, Worcester
Road, Wychbold, Worcester WR9 0DG.**

21 October 2026

16 December 2026

17 February 2027

**Cherry Lane - Barnett Hill, Worcester
Road, Clent, Barnett Hill, Stourbridge
DY9 0EE.**

18 November 2026

20 January 2027

17 March 2027

Booking and Cancellations

For events that require booking, we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to insufficient numbers. Please note that, where a charge applies, your place is not guaranteed until full payment has been received.

October 2026

TUES
06

Quiz at Elizabeth Mills Centre



7pm



Free



Time to get those thinking caps on for one of Kath's great quizzes. We will be holding a raffle. Tea or coffee will be provided. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

MON
12

Board Games



2.15pm



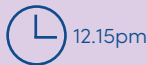
Free



Enjoy a relaxed session playing a variety of board games, with something for everyone to enjoy. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Heather on 07418 047897.

MON
26

Indoor Carpet Bowls



12.15pm



Free



Enjoy a game of indoor carpet bowls, suitable for all abilities and experience levels. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

SUN
18

District Annual Lunch



12 noon



£35



We hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual lunch. Book by Friday 2 October 2026. Worcestershire County Cricket Club, New Road, Worcester WR2 4QQ. Contact Carol on 07503 468524.



November

TUES 03 Beetle Drive

L 7pm

£ Free



Join us for a beetle drive - a fast-paced dice game for all ages. No experience is needed, so come join in the laughs! Tea or coffee will be provided and there will be a raffle too. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

MON 16 Quiz at St Mark's Church Hall

L 2.15pm

£ Free



Put your knowledge to the test with an enjoyable quiz covering a variety of topics.



Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Heather on 07418 047897.

SUN 08 Service of Remembrance

L 9.30am

£ Free, Lunch as per menu



We shall be joining the service of remembrance at Worcester Cathedral, followed by lunch (venue to be confirmed). Places are limited at the cathedral, so please book by Saturday 31 October 2026. Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA. Contact Carol on 07503 468524.

MON 23 Bingo at The Lyppard Hub

L 12.15pm

£ £1.50



An Oddfellows favourite. Try your luck with a lively game of bingo and enjoy a sociable session with friends and fellow players. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



November

THURS 26 Committee of Management Meeting



2pm



Free



Committee members only. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Carol on 07503 468524.

December

TUES 01 Christmas Games



7pm



Free



Enjoy some festive fun with a selection of Christmas games and activities to get everyone into the seasonal spirit. Tea or coffee will be on offer, and there'll be a raffle too. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

December

MON 14 Christmas Party with Music by Making Tracks



2.15pm



Free



Come and join us for our Christmas party. St Marks Church Hall, Cherry Orchard, Worcester, WR5 3DW. For more information please contact Heather on 07418 047897



MON 21 Christmas Meal



12.15pm



As per menu



Details are to be confirmed. Book by Monday 23 November 2026. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

January 2027

TUES 05 Bingo at Elizabeth Mills Centre



7pm



£1.50



Enjoy a game of bingo, with plenty of chances to join in and have a great time. We will be holding a raffle. Tea or coffee will be provided. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

January 2027

MON
11

New Year Meal



12 noon



As per
menu



Details to be confirmed. Book by Monday 14 December 2026. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Heather on 07418 047897.



MON
25

Quiz at The Lyppard Hub



12.15pm



Free



Time to get those thinking caps on! Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



February

TUES
02

Games Evening



7pm



Free



Enjoy a sociable session with a variety of fun games and activities for everyone to enjoy. We will be holding a raffle. Tea or coffee will be provided. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

MON
08

Keep Fit with Jess



2.15pm



Free



Get moving and enjoy a fun and friendly keep fit session with Jess, suitable for a range of abilities. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Heather on 07418 047897.

February

MON 22 Countdown



You've seen it on TV, why not join us and have a go yourself. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

THURS 25 Committee of Management Meeting



Committee members only. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Carol on 07503 468524.

March

TUES 02 Horse Racing



Place your bets with our resident bookie, Jeff. We will be holding a raffle. Tea or coffee will be provided. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.



March

MON 08 Fire Safety Talk



Join us for an informative and practical fire safety talk, with useful tips and advice to help keep you and your home safe. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Heather on 07418 047897.



MON 22 Fish and Chips Lunch



Come along and enjoy a British favourite. We will also be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

Give someone a great start in life **for only £10!**



**It's never too early to start
making friends for life.**

We laugh as we learn together and give each other a helping hand through the ups and downs of growing up. That's what being a Young Oddfellow is all about.

If you have a family member aged 17 or under, and would like them to experience the friendship and support of the Oddfellows, we'd love to welcome them.

There are lots of great reasons* to join Young Oddfellows – to find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/young-oddfellows

**As a parent, grandparent or guardian,
you can join them online or ask your
Branch Secretary for an application form.**



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Past Social Events

A Talk on Madresfield



On Monday 8 June, we were delighted to welcome Marguerite Collins, who gave us a fascinating talk about Madresfield and its history.

Marguerite shared some wonderful stories and interesting facts, giving us a real insight into the local area and its past. It was an enjoyable and informative afternoon, and it was lovely to see so much interest from everyone who attended.

A big thank you to Marguerite for taking the time to visit us and for sharing her knowledge with the group.

A Special Meal at The Retreat



On Monday 13 July, we enjoyed a lovely get-together at The Retreat, which kindly opened exclusively for our group for the occasion.

We were treated to some fantastic food and a warm welcome, making it a really enjoyable and relaxed afternoon for everyone. There was plenty to choose from, but the Belgian waffles were definitely a highlight and went down particularly well!



A big thank you to everyone at The Retreat for opening especially for us and looking after us so well. And, of course, a special thank you to Heather for organising the outing and making sure everyone had such an enjoyable time.

Annual Day Trip - A Grand Day Out at Trentham!

On Monday 27 July, we set off on our much-anticipated annual day trip, this year heading to the lovely Trentham Gardens.

We travelled with Commandery Coaches, and with the sun shining, we couldn't have asked for better weather! Everyone had plenty of time to explore the beautiful gardens, have a wander around, stop for refreshments and, most importantly, enjoy each other's company.



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A couple of our group decided to take a walk on the wild side and visit Trentham Monkey Forest, where they got to see the monkeys roaming freely – certainly something a little different!

It was a brilliant day out, full of sunshine, laughter and good company. A very big thank you to Jeff for organising everything and making the day such a success.

Here's to another great trip next year – we wonder where we'll end up!

Celebrations 2026/2027

November 2026

Neil is celebrating his
50th birthday

Julie is celebrating her
70th birthday

December 2026

Carol is celebrating her
50th birthday

Peter is celebrating his
70th birthday

Malcolm is celebrating his
80th birthday

David is celebrating his
80th birthday

Margret is celebrating her
90th birthday

January 2027

Jacob is celebrating his
20th birthday

Vicky is celebrating her
60th birthday

Anthea is celebrating her
70th birthday

Adrian is celebrating his
80th birthday

Stella is celebrating his
80th birthday

Roger is celebrating his
80th birthday

Patricia is celebrating her
90th birthday

March 2027

Denise is celebrating her
60th birthday

Michael is celebrating his
70th birthday

Jackie is celebrating her
70th birthday

Patricia celebrating her
80th birthday



100 Club 2026

Date	£10	£5
April	Lyn	Neil
May	Sue	Ewan
June	Jeff	Teresa
July	Delia	Ewan
August	Eileen	John

REFER A FRIEND

**Share the love
and make
someone smile**



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.

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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 Carol on **07503 468524** or email **carol.pratt@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@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**

Meet Grand Master Debbie Jex



For Debbie Jex, the Oddfellows has been part of her life for more than 50 years. Recently elected as Grand Master, she remains characteristically modest about the honour.

“I know it’s a huge honour and I am immensely proud,” she says. “But half the time I’m just the District Secretary at Reading Oddfellows until somebody reminds me I’m the Grand Master.”

Debbie first joined the Society as a child when her parents became members. However, it was in 1993, when she became Lodge Secretary, that her deeper involvement began.

“That’s when I got pulled in,” she jokes.

Over the years, the Society has provided much more than a role. It has become a source of friendship, connection and lasting memories.

“It’s not just a job now, it’s a way of life. It’s a huge part of my social life, a huge part of my friendship group.”

Looking back, Debbie believes the relationships she has built through the Oddfellows have enriched her life.

“I’ve attended some lovely events and made friends with lots of lovely people all over the country. So it’s definitely enriched my life.”

As Grand Master, Debbie sees her role as representing and championing members.

“I’m there to champion our members and make sure we’re doing the best we can for them.”

She is also excited about meeting members across the country and helping more people discover the support and friendship the Society offers.

“I’d like more members to know what a wonderful caring and benevolent Society this is.”

After decades of service, Debbie’s message remains simple:

“The Oddfellows is there for you if you need it.”

Read the full interview on the Oddfellows’ website at:
www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Friendship Month 2026: celebrating connection, community and companionship

Another Friendship Month has come to a close, with Oddfellows branches across the UK welcoming members, friends and guests to a wide range of free and low-cost taster events designed to bring people together and celebrate the value of friendship.

From coffee mornings and social lunches to walks, talks and special gatherings, September provided countless opportunities for people to reconnect with existing friends, make new connections and enjoy good company.

Keep friendships warm

This year's campaign focused on the importance of staying in touch as we move into the colder months, when opportunities to get together can sometimes reduce and feelings of isolation can become more common.

The campaign struck a chord with people across the country. Branches reported strong attendance at events and were especially pleased to welcome newcomers discovering the Oddfellows for the first time.

"A huge thank you"

Pam Casey, Secretary of the Order, said: "A huge thank you goes to every branch, volunteer, organiser, member and guest who helped make Friendship Month 2026 such a success.

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Concord Oddfellows celebrated Friendship Month in style at their popular coffee morning in Aldershot.

"Your enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to others demonstrated the positive difference that friendship can make in our communities."

Steph Hopes, Branch Secretary for Concord Oddfellows, said: "We welcomed several people who had never attended an Oddfellows event before. By the end of the morning, everyone was chatting as though they'd known each other for years. It was a fantastic atmosphere."



Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows met up for a round of adventure golf.

Sharon Hulse-Cottle, Branch Secretary of Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows, said: “Our members did a brilliant job of helping newcomers feel at ease. By the end of the event, there was a real buzz in the air. It was lovely to see new faces becoming part of the group.”

Expert support

Friendship Month also helped raise awareness of the wider benefits of friendship. During the campaign, expert anthropologist Dr Anna Machin supported the initiative by sharing insights into the importance of maintaining meaningful relationships and making time for regular face-to-face contact.

While Friendship Month may be over, the opportunities certainly aren't. With a busy

programme of events planned throughout autumn, winter and beyond, there are still plenty of ways to meet new people, try something different and strengthen existing connections.

You can always find details of upcoming local and online events at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events



Birmingham Oddfellows shared positive messages of friendship at its events.

Important update to some membership benefits

As part of our regular review of the services and support we provide, three discretionary, non-contractual membership benefits were withdrawn on 16 September 2026.

The benefits affected are **Legal Aid Scheme, Accidental Death Benefit and Emergency Financial Aid.**

The change applies to new Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members joining from 16 September 2026, and to existing Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members when they renew their membership.

Existing members will continue to have access to these benefits until their renewal date.

Any claims, applications or cases already received and in progress will continue

to be considered and fulfilled in accordance with the relevant benefit terms and conditions.*

As with all member benefits, the Society regularly reviews its offering to ensure it remains relevant, appropriate and sustainable. While these three discretionary benefits have been withdrawn, no other membership benefits have been affected.

The Society remains committed to providing members with valuable support, friendship and opportunities to connect with others.

Members who have questions about how this change affects them or their membership can contact the Membership team on **0800 028 1810** for further information, or email **membership@oddfellows.co.uk**

Apprenticeship Educational Awards

If you're starting an apprenticeship, the Oddfellows' Apprenticeship Educational Awards could help with some of the costs along the way. Each year, up to three eligible members can apply to receive a non-repayable bursary of £250 per year for the duration of their apprenticeship.*

The award can be used towards expenses such as textbooks, equipment, rent, bills and other practical costs.

To apply, members must have at least five years of continuous Oddfellows membership (which can include Young Oddfellows membership) and be starting their first apprenticeship. This is a discretionary benefit and applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To find out more or request an application form, contact your Branch Secretary as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by 31 December each year.

*Terms and conditions apply to all Oddfellows benefits, which are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Financial benefits are awarded at the Society's discretion, not guaranteed, and claim applications may be declined. For full details, call 0800 028 1810 or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Social Events at a glance

October 2026

Tues 6	Quiz at Elizabeth Mills Centre	7pm
Mon 12	Board Games	2.15pm
Tues 13	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am
Sun 18	District Annual Lunch	12 noon
Wed 21	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 26	Indoor Carpet Bowls	12.15pm

November

Tues 3	Beetle Drive	7pm
Sun 8	Service of Remembrance	9.30am
Tues 10	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 16	Quiz at St Mark's Church Hall	2.15pm
Wed 18	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 23	Bingo at The Lyppard Hub	12.15pm
Thurs 26	Committee of Management Meeting	2pm

December

Tues 1	Christmas Games	7pm
Tues 8	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 14	Christmas Party with Music by Making Tracks	2.15pm
Wed 16	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 21	Christmas Meal	12.15pm

January 2027

Tues 5	Bingo at Elizabeth Mills Centre	7pm
Mon 11	New Year Meal	12 noon
Tues 12	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am
Wed 20	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 25	Quiz at The Lyppard Hub	12.15pm

February

Tues 2	Games Evening	7pm
Mon 8	Keep Fit with Jess	2.15pm
Tues 9	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am

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Social Events at a glance

February

Wed 17	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 22	Countdown	2.15pm
Thurs 25	Committee of Management Meeting	2pm

March

Tues 2	Horse Racing	7pm
Mon 8	Fire Safety Talk	2.15pm
Tues 9	Ten-Pin Bowling	10am
Wed 17	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 22	Fish and Chips Lunch	12.15pm

Committee of Management

Committee of Management Branches are responsible for their own business activities and administration. This is done through a Committee of Management supported by the Secretary.

Attendance at this event is for Committee of Management members only, unless agreed in advance with Carol Pratt.

Volunteering

If you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities here at Worcester Oddfellows, including joining the Committee of Management please contact Carol Pratt for more information.

**Learn, have fun,
and stay in touch
from home**

We've online events for all to enjoy.
Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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