

January - June 2024



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Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Skittles with Fish and Chips – Saturday 27 January

Welcome to your combined Newsletter and Events Diary

This is your events diary and newsletter so if you have any ideas for items please send them in. Maybe you have a recipe, joke or celebration that you would like to share with other members? Why not write about a social event you've attended or send in photographs? All items will be gratefully received. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

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

More contact details can be found on page 18.

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. To find out more visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

Regular Events

Afternoon and Evening Get-Togethers

 1.30pm
and 7pm

 As per menu



Come and join us at ‘The Pub’, a visit to a local Public House – The Railway Tavern. Our Social Organisers have arranged an area for ourselves where you can enjoy a good drink and great company, so come along, it will be great to see you. The Railway Tavern, Station Road, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7EJ.

- 9 January

13 February

12 March
- 9 April

14 May

11 June

Tuesday



Coffee Morning

 10.30am

 Pay your own drinks



These coffee mornings that were introduced for the benefit of our members, have proved very popular. Our members have told us that they look forward to these get togethers for a good old natter whilst enjoying a nice cup of coffee and light refreshments, especially now that the dark nights are upon us. We have these coffee mornings starting at 10.30am once a fortnight on a Thursday and below are the dates for the next six months. Remember the winter months; can be long days for people to be on their own and it will be a nice opportunity for you to have a trip out and meet your friends and meet new ones. You will always will be made very welcome. Mere Park Garden Centre, Off A41 Newport Shropshire, Stafford Road, Newport TF10 9BY.

Thursday



- 18 January

1 February

15 February

29 February
- 14 March

28 March

11 April

25 April
- 9 May

23 May

6 June

20 June

Regular Events

Craft and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Wednesday

Come and join us for a afternoon of crafting, or enjoy playing games with others. Cosy Hall, 6 Water Lane, Chetwynd End, Newport TF10 7LD.

17 January 20 March 15 May
21 February 17 April 19 June

Social Evening



9pm



Free



Thursday

Come and join us for an evening of fun with refreshment provided. Everyone welcome. Hartington British Legion Club, Church Street, Hartington, Buxton SK17 0AW.

25 January 28 March 30 May
29 February 25 April 27 June

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 oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Ayr' in the place name search box

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Booking and cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.

January 2024 February

SAT
20 **Burns Night**



8pm



TBC



Burns Night with entertainment. Everyone welcome. Hartington British Legion Club, Church Street, Hartington, Buxton SK17 0AW.



SAT
27 **Skittles with Fish and Chips**



8pm to
10.30pm



£15 per person



Due to popular demand we have once again arranged a skittles and fish and chips supper at the Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX. The cost will be £15 per person and numbers will be limited. Booking, payment and food orders must be received no later than Thursday 11 January. The bar will of course be open. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



SAT
24 **Flix in the Sticks**



7pm for
7.30pm



£5



We have arranged to join in with Flix in the Sticks at Church and Chetwynd Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Church Aston, Newport TF10 9JG. The film being shown is Les Miserables. Filmed during the stage performance in London. If you haven't seen this wonderful film, or even if you have, come along and bring a box of tissues with you!

The cost is £5 per person and the licensed bar will be open. Booking is essential please by Tuesday the 13 February. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.

March

SAT
23

Quiz Night with Wine and Cheese Supper



8pm to 10.30pm



£12



This is a first, a quiz night with a wine and cheese supper included to be held at Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX. Our quiz master is David Healey, who has volunteered his services so please come along and support him and enjoy a selection of cheese, savoury nibbles and wine. Cost £12 per person. Teams of six to each table. There will be a small prize for the winning team (the bar will not be open on this occasion). Booking essential by Monday 4 March as numbers are required for supplying refreshments. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



April

SUN
14

Sunday Lunch



12.30pm
for 1pm



As per
menu



Sunday lunch in Chapters restaurant. We have once again booked this popular restaurant. 12.30pm arrival. 1pm service. Lilleshall National Sports and Conferencing Centre, Nr Newport TF10 9LQ. Menu and cost to be announced. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



May

SAT
11

Bowls Match with Refreshments at Newport Bowling Club



1pm to
5pm



Free



We are hosting the Parwich Bowling Team and their friends in a return competition,

which will hopefully enable Newport Branch to win back the trophy. Teams of bowlers will be required. Newport Bowling Club, Granville Avenue, Newport TF10 7DX. Further information to be announced. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



June

FRI
07

Jig Afternoon Tea Dance with Entertainment



2pm to
4pm



£10



The popular Newport Ukulele Band has been booked to entertain us. The venue is the Susan Miles room at Cosy Hall, 6 Water Lane, Chetwynd End, Newport TF10 7LD. Come along and enjoy a dance, a sing along or just enjoy their music. Cost £10 per person including refreshments. Booking and payment by Thursday 23 May. Contact Glynis on 01952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



SUN
30

Sunday Lunch



12.30pm
for 1pm



As per
menu



Lunch in Chapters restaurant. 12.30pm for service at 1pm. Further details, menus, costs to be announced. Lilleshall National Sports and Conferencing Centre, Nr Newport TF10 9LQ. Contact Glynis on 1952 820693 or Christine on 07776 357409.



Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact George by phone on 01952 814377 or email george.brotherton@oddfellows.co.uk

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News from around the District

Parwich Loyal Laurel and Crown Branch

On Saturday 1 July, we saw the start of the annual Wakes Week with the traditional parade around the village taking place which was led by the Districts Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) and the Seaforth Highlanders pipes and drums, over 70 members set off from the Sycamore Inn along with members from the Hartington and Newport Lodges. After having two stops along the way for light refreshment and drinks and being entertained by the highlanders pipes and drums in lovely surroundings, the parade made its way through the village to the Parish Church for a service of thanksgiving with music being provided by the pipe and drums.

Following the service, the parade continued through the village having a few more stops on the way to the Parish Hall, where 96 members sat down and enjoyed a splendid dinner, followed by a few speeches that took place. The afternoon ended by the Branch Secretary of the Laurel and Crown Branch presenting the band master with a gift and a wee dram to mark this occasion.

An evening of song and dance then took place on the village green to round off the day's event.

During the week quite a few events took place which ended the week with a strong men/women event at the local inn with the competition being won

by a young Oddfellow who blew the competition away.

This year's annual fun day event was a huge success with over 25 entries for the dog show in which children and adults from the Branch enjoyed the day with plenty of food being made available. The day ended with prizes being given out to all the winners.

Once again the Branch Chairman of the Laurel and Crown Branch is leading a Lodge delegation of eight members on an east European cultural visit to Budapest in Hungary, having organized this trip in previous years, which have been a success.



Future Events

On Thursday 15 February 2024, the Branch will be celebrating its 188th anniversary either at the Parwich Village Hall or the Sycamore Inn (further details to follow).

Other events that have been arranged are an Easter quiz night and the annual parade and feast (more details to follow).

Hartington Loyal Cavendish Branch



On parade at Hartington.

The Branch's wakes day took place on a very hot Saturday in September for their annual parade, visiting the decorated wells around the village after which members sat down to their annual feast enjoyed by all. In the evening, members and guests

enjoyed live entertainment held at the Royal British Legion Club. This was followed on the Sunday afternoon by a walk around and treasure hunt, with at least 30 people taking part. During the week more events took place and on the Monday evening a beetle drive and bingo with 20 members enjoying the night, then on the Thursday night a quiz night was held with eight teams taking part.

Our tennis ball run on Saturday 4 November proved to be very successful with many of the members joining in and also members of the village also taking part.

Other events that have been organised in December are a Christmas get-together with entertainment and a Christmas raffle.

Newport/Church Stretton Fountain of Peace and Caradoc Branches

The Branches twice monthly coffee morning continues to be successful, attracting many members where they can all join together for a coffee and a good chat amongst themselves.

The members have also enjoyed the many social events that the social organisers have put on, including the recent Friendship Month event. The most recent being the short trip to visit the Oswestry District to see the Oddfellows Brass in concert which had been very enjoyable.

The Branches monthly social meetings are also proving to be very successful with many members attending to hear and find



Members enjoying an Oddfellows Brass Band concert.

out what's going on within the District and local Branches with some of our newer members joining in.

Coach Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon Charter Market

On Friday 14 July, 35 members arrived in Stratford by coach only to discover that due to very wet weather conditions the Charter Market was reduced to three small stalls. However, despite the rain everyone found things to do and agreed that

the trip had been worthwhile. It was suggested that we try again next year, perhaps to include a river cruise or book a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. The coach dropped everyone off in Newport at 5pm, happy but slightly damp.

September Friendship Month

On Saturday 16 September in the Parish Rooms, Newport, members and friends gathered for Friendship Afternoon Tea. 40 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of tea or coffee and cakes with entertainment provided by the Newport Ukulele Band, a raffle was held and a number of enquiries were made about joining the Fountain of Peace Branch of Oddfellows. Peter Moulard, the Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), gave an introductory talk on what the



Members at our Friendship Month event having a good old sing along with the ukulele band.

Oddfellows stand for and had put together a display of memorabilia.

Welcome to our new members

Judith Dickson

Sylvia Mills

Valerie Waltho

Joan Furlong

Glenys Grasham

Ann Colebourne

Anne Smith

Russell Smith

Tony Reynolds

Phil Cooke

June Purchase

Danny Purchase

Judy Gough

Rosemary Craig

Judith Brogan

Junior members

Felix Webber

Emily Beech

Arthur Beech

River Cruise on the Sabrina, Shrewsbury and shopping in town

On Thursday 24 August our mini bus collected 16 members from the Newport coach park and dropped everyone at the Victoria Quay in Shrewsbury, where we met four more members who were joining us. On board the Sabrina everyone was served with coffee and biscuits and the tour guide gave a running commentary on interesting buildings etc, as we went up river, throwing in a few jokes along the way. On leaving the boat, several members walked along the wharf to the Dingle gardens to look at the fountain which was presented by the Independent Order



Members enjoying a river cruise.

of Oddfellows MU Shrewsbury District, 1889. Made by the Coalbrookdale Company. Members were then free to shop in the town, or to have lunch and the mini bus collected everyone at 4pm for the return journey home.



Members in the Dingle at Shrewsbury, with the Oddfellows fountain in the background.

Sunday Lunch at Chapters Restaurant, Lilleshall

It was a wonderful sunny day on Sunday 8 October, when 46 members met at the restaurant situated within the Lilleshall Sports Complex near Newport. The bar was quite busy as everyone purchased their drinks and we sat down for the meal at 1pm. In a beautiful oak panelled dining room. The service was excellent and everyone agreed the food was good and the ambiance friendly. We shall be booking again for later in the year. Some members took a stroll around



Sunday lunch at Lilleshall Hall.

the beautiful gardens after lunch as the weather was quite hot.

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

Obituaries

Peter Handley

Roy Davis

Nora Davis

Dave Edwards

Rosamund Sargent

Neville Guy

Meet the Grand Master

Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham was officially welcomed as the Society's Grand Master (Chairman) during the annual conference in May, a position she'll hold for two years.



The oldest of five in a close family, at weekends they would often travel around Yorkshire and go camping. It was during these trips she met Peter, a member of the Oddfellows since birth who would go on to become Grand Master himself.

Barbara joined the Oddfellows' Good Samaritan Lodge in Goole when she married Peter in 1973. "It was all arranged within four weeks," she said. "Nothing like the expensive events that happen today!"

"I borrowed my sister-in-law's wedding dress. Peter got a new suit. We catered ourselves in the local village hall. I think the wedding cost us £14, which is all you had to pay for the licence, and then we went away camping for our honeymoon."

Barbara and Peter would later welcome daughter Claire into the world, herself an Oddfellow, who would go on to have a successful accountancy career.

Barbara's career was in primary education, most notably a 30-year stint at a school

in Broughton where she ultimately became Head Teacher.

"It was something that I'd always wanted to do ever since I went to school. I never wanted to do anything else," Barbara said.

Despite representing the Society in a variety of roles, Barbara says that never in her wildest dreams did she anticipate becoming Grand Master.

"It's a great honour because you're just a custodian," she said. "Although you wear the chain and you're the figurehead, that's not what makes you an Oddfellow. What makes you an Oddfellow is what's in your heart."

"I just want to do my best, because the ethos of Oddfellows is what we should all live by. The whole world would be a better place if people looked after each other."

Find out all the ways you can get involved in the Society by visiting
www.oddfellows.co.uk/society-involvement



Barbara Needham (middle right) with daughter Claire (left), husband Peter (middle left) and sister Vivienne (right).

Thanks for filling your September with friendship!

Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows' CEO, has reflected on another successful Friendship Month:

"Wow, what a brilliant Friendship Month we had! All our Branches have worked extremely hard to make each and every one of near 250 special taster events a great success.

"Be it coffee mornings, music events, walks, meals or games, we've loved seeing

the happy, smiling faces of people enjoying the benefits of friendship.

"To everybody who attended, hosted or volunteered at our Branches' Friendship Month events this year, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! It's your hard work that ensures our continued success."

Take a look at some of the fun that's been had by some of our Branches!



Brighton and Sussex members enjoying a coffee morning.



Dog race night at Dorset and Yeovil.



Mitcham, Reigate and Crawley friends keeping cool from the sunshine.



A friendly game of badminton in Mid-Surrey.



Delicious pancakes at a Handforth and Altrincham event.



Too many friends to fit in a frame at Ipswich.



Relishing friendship and fresh air on a walk in Nottingham Trent.

Help with Lasting Power of Attorneys

Arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can seem daunting, so our Head of Care and Welfare, John Aitken (pictured right), has answered some frequently asked questions about them.



What is an LPA?

There are two types and you can do one or both:

A property and financial affairs LPA covers decisions about money matters, for example buying and selling property, dealing with bills and running bank accounts. You can start using this at any time.

A health and welfare LPA covers decisions about health and care matters including medical treatment, where someone should live and who they should have contact with. This can only be used once the person has lost capacity.

What is 'losing capacity'?

This means no longer having the understanding or mental faculties to make decisions. Once someone loses capacity it is too late to set up a Power of Attorney. If this were to happen, family members would need to apply to the Court of Protection to take control of their assets and finances, which can be a lengthy and costly process.

How do LPAs work?

The person making the application is the 'donor' and can give power to an 'attorney' to make decisions and take actions on their behalf.

The donor can choose multiple attorneys and specify which decisions they can make. If there is more than one attorney, the donor can specify whether they can act alone or must make decisions together.

The LPA must be signed either by a solicitor or someone else of the donor's choosing to certify the LPA and confirm that they understand and have not been pressured into it.

Family members can't do an LPA for someone. Like a will, people must do it for themselves with no coercion.

How much does it cost?

It costs £82 to register each type of LPA (so £164 in total) with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). People on means-tested benefits or a low income can get an exemption or reduction of this fee. If you choose to use a solicitor, their costs will need to be added.

For more advice on LPAs, including how to make an application and links to relevant websites, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-with-lasting-power-of-attorneys



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 George on **01952 814377** or email **george.brotherton@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**

Branch Meetings

Social Branch meetings for the Fountain of Peace/ Caradoc Branches

Monday 8 January

Monday 5 February

Monday 4 March

Monday 13 May

Monday 10 June

All these meetings are held in the Newport Cottage Care Centre, Station Road, Newport, Shropshire starting at 7.30pm. Please come along, you will be made very welcome.

District Meeting Dates 2024

Monday 8 April

Annual General Meeting at the Newport Cottage Care Centre, Station Road, Newport, Shropshire at 7pm.

Branch Contact Details

Please remember we are here to help

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At a glance

For details of these events and pick up times please see main body of events diary which will give you all the details you require to make a booking.

January 2024

Mon 8	Branch Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7.30pm
Tues 9	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Wed 17	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Thurs 18	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Sat 20	Burns Night at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	8pm
Thurs 25	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm
Sat 27	Skittles and Fish and Chips Supper at Newport Bowling Club, Newport	8pm

February

Thurs 1	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Mon 5	Branch Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7.30pm
Tues 13	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Wed 21	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Sat 24	Flix in the Sticks at Church Aston Village Hall, Wallshead Way, Newport	7pm
Thurs 29	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Thurs 29	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm

March

Mon 4	Branch Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7.30pm
Tues 12	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Thurs 14	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Wed 20	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Sat 23	Quiz with Cheese and Wine Supper at Newport Bowling Club, Newport	8pm
Thurs 28	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Thurs 28	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm

At a glance

April

Mon 8	District Annual General Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7pm
Tues 9	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Sun 14	Lunch at the Chapters Restaurant, Nr Newport	12.30pm for 1pm
Wed 17	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Thurs 25	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm

May

Thurs 9	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Sat 11	Bowls Match at Newport Bowling Club, Newport	1pm to 5pm
Mon 13	Branch Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7.30pm
Tues 14	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Wed 15	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Thurs 23	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Thurs 30	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm

June

Thurs 6	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Fri 7	Jig Afternoon Tea Party with Entertainment at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm to 4pm
Mon 10	Branch Meeting at Cottage Care Centre, Newport	7.30pm
Tues 11	Railway Tavern at 62 Upper Bar, Newport	1.30pm & 7pm
Wed 19	Craft and Games Afternoon at Cosy Hall, Newport	2pm
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning at Merepark Garden Centre, Newport	10.30am
Thurs 27	Social Evening at Royal British Legion Club, Hartington	9pm
Sun 30	Lunch at Chapters Restaurant, Nr Newport	12.30pm for 1pm

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