

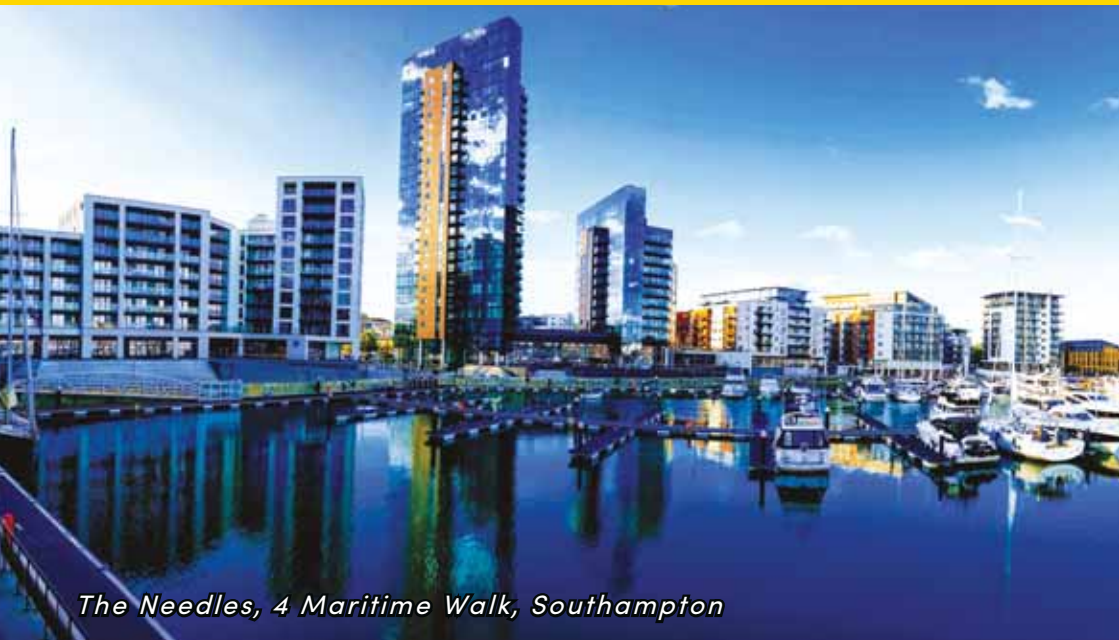
July 2023 – January 2024



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Southampton



The Needles, 4 Maritime Walk, Southampton



Music



Art/Crafts



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Dining Out



Walks



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Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



**Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea**



**Friendship
Month**



Friday 21 July – Away Day: Thames River Cruise and Cream Tea with Pub Lunch

Welcome to the latest edition of the Southampton District Out and About. 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.

The Vecta (Isle of Wight) events are now in a separate diary. Ask your Secretary or go to **www.oddfellows.co.uk/events** to see them.

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

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events that take your fancy – all are welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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. Find out more at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or call **0800 028 1810**.

**Colour coded
index for
social events:**

Lord Nelson Branch

Princess Royal Branch

Oswald Branch

Southampton District

Regular Events

Meeting and Catch Up

Lord Nelson Branch

**Third
Monday of
the month**



7.30pm



Free



Find out about our latest news and enjoy a social catch up with friends. Refreshments are available at the bar, everyone welcome. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



Meeting and Speaker

Princess Royal Branch

**First
Wednesday
of the month**



7.30pm



Free



Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



Coffee Morning

Lord Nelson Branch

**Second
Wednesday
of the month**



10.30am



Free



Come along to our monthly coffee morning at Claire's at Bury House. Open to members and non-members, everyone welcome. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO13 0YG. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



Meeting and Catch Up

Oswald Branch

**First
Friday of
the month**



7.30pm



Free



Please come and join us, for our monthly meeting and catch up. Chat with friends and hear all about our latest news and events. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton, Hants SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978.



July

SUN 02 Annual Summer Picnic in the New Forest Princess Royal Branch

🕒 12 noon 💷 Members £5
Guests £6 🍴🍷🍴

Enjoy a lovely picnic, in a beautiful private garden in the New Forest. Spread the word to family and friends, everyone is welcome including Teddy Bears! Food will be provided, just bring your seating and drink. Gunsfield Cottage, Gunsfield Cottage, Comptons Drive, Plaitford, Romsey SO51 6ES. Contact Peter on 01252 312643 or Barbara on 01329 313077.



WED 05 Nelson and HMS Victory with Colin Van Geffen Princess Royal Branch

🕒 7.30pm 💷 Free 🗣️🗣️

Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.

SAT 15 Annual Garden Party, Gosport Lord Nelson Branch

🕒 3pm 💷 £5 🍴🍷🍴

Join us for our annual garden party. Bring friends and family. Everyone welcome. Food and drinks provided. You just need to bring a cover, sun cream and a hat to avoid the sun, we hope will show! Remember Slip-Slop-Slap. Nearest bus stop: Frater 11, E2 Eclipse. 16 Lerryn Road, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



Further events are being added, see:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

FRI
21

Away Day: Thames River Cruise and Cream Tea with Pub Lunch, Oswald Branch



11am



Members £25
Guests £35



Fancy cruising down the river on a sunny afternoon? Well you can if you bring the weather with you. Enjoy a two hour Thames River Cruise along the Runnymede Stretch, with a cream tea on board. Pub lunch en-route to the boat (charge extra). The coach will leave Festival Hall at 11am and is included within the cost. Return is anticipated around 7.30pm. Please bring your friends to enjoy the day too. Booking is essential by Wednesday 12 July. Nearest Bus stop Knighton Road Bluestar 13. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton, Hants SO19 7QR. Contact Terry on 023 80360109.



FRI
28

Roving Coffee Morning at Curdridge Southampton District



11am



As per menu



Coffee morning! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. This month join us for coffee at Pink Mead Bistro & Tearooms. Bus stop Pinkmead Farm 28/28A/618 or King's Corner 49. Pink Mead Bistro & Tearooms, King's Corner, Botley Road, Curdridge, Southampton SO30 2HA. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978. Next month we will be meeting at Banana Warf in Port Hamble Marina.



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

August

WED
02

**Bishops, Sex and
Money Talk with
Anthony Strafford**
Princess Royal Branch



7.30pm



Free



Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.



FRI
18

**Roving Coffee Morning
at Banana Warf,
Hamble-Le-Rice
Southampton District**



11am



As per menu



It's Coffee morning time at the Marina! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. Bus stop The Square 15, 49h, 405/406. Banana Warf Hamble, Port Hamble Marina, Hamble-le-Rice, Southampton SO31 4QD. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978. Next month we will be meeting at The Tea Party, Lee on the Solent.



Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun

All welcome

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER**



Make friends with the Oddfellows



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit **www.friendshipmonth.com**

September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT
02

Afternoon Delight: The Southampton Salty Sea Dogs and Ploughman's Lunch, Merryoak near Bitterne Oswald Branch



1pm



Members £7.50
Guests £9.50



Saturday afternoon event! Southampton Salty Sea Dogs: Some old sea salts and some who are just salty and like singing Sea Shanties!

Join us for an afternoon of entertainment as the Sea Dogs regale us with their Sea Shanties. A ploughman's lunch will be provided.

We are encouraging members to bring a friend, see back page for more information on Refer A Friend. Bus stop Knighton Road Bluestar 13. Book by Saturday 19 August. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton, Hants SO19 7QR. Contact Terry on 023 80360109.



WED
06

The Good, the bad and the downright funny - Hampshire Constabulary Talk by Jackie Dimmock Princess Royal Branch



7.30pm



Free



Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TALK



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September - Friendship Month

FRI
08

Skittles and Pub Meal in a Basket, Stubbington Lord Nelson Branch



7pm



£12.50
Children (under 13) £8.50
Drinks extra



See you for a fun and friendly competition of Skittles at The Crofton, the award-winning Pub with Real Ales, with a delicious home cooked meal in a basket to accompany. Booking essential including meal choice. Try your skills or simply come for good company and laughter. **We are encouraging members to bring a friend, see back page for more information on Refer A Friend.** Bus stop Crofton Lane 21.

Beef chilli and rice, steak and ale pie with chips, chicken and chips, fish and chips, sweet chilli stir fry and rice (vegan), ham or cheese salad. Chilli, chicken and ham and cheese salad is GF on request. Children (Age 3-12 years):

Tomato pasta with garlic bread, chicken nuggets, cod goujons with chips or beef burger with chips. Book by Friday 25 August. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.



WED
20

Roving Coffee Morning at The Tea Party, Lee-on-the-Solent Southampton District



11am



As per menu



It's Coffee morning time at the beach! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we

will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. Bus stop West Point X5. The Tea Party, 144 High Street, Lee-on-the-Solent, Gosport PO13 9DD. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978. Next month we will be meeting in Hillier Garden Centre, Botley.



October

WED
04 **Looking Right Ahead**
Talk with Geoff Watts
Princess Royal Branch

 7.30pm

 Free



Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.

Roving Coffee Morning
at Hillier Garden
Centre, Botley
Southampton District

WED
25

 11am

 As per menu



It's coffee morning time at a local garden centre! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too, **bus stop none close by.** Mulberry & Thyme Restaurant, Hillier Garden Centre, Woodhouse Lane, Botley SO30 2EZ. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978. Next month we will be meeting in Garsons Garden Centre, Titchfield Fareham.

SAT
14 **Oddfellows Brass Band**
Concert and Light
Refreshments, Bitterne
Oswald Branch

 2pm

 £10



Saturday afternoon event! Let the award winning brass band 'Oddfellows Brass' entertain you with a varied



programme delivered in a fun and friendly fashion. Spread the word, bring family and friends. All ages welcome. Nearest bus stop Peartree, Osterley Road Bluestar 10. Book by Saturday 14 October. Pear Tree Church Hall, 80 Pear Tree Road, Bitterne, Southampton SO19 7RT. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978.



Further events are being
added, see:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

October

SAT 28 **Indoor Kurling and Ploughman's Lunch, Merryoak near Bitterne**
Oswald Branch



Saturday afternoon event! Why not join us for an easy, fun session of indoor kurling at 12.30pm followed by a ploughman's lunch at 2pm. Spread the word and bring family and friends. All ages and abilities welcome. Hope to see you there! Nearest bus stop Knighton Road Bluestar 13, Book by Monday 23 October. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton, Hants SO19 7QR. Contact Terry on 023 80360109.

November

WED 01 **Crimean War Talk with Colin Carter**
Princess Royal Branch



Join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.



November

WED 08 **Pub Lunch at The Hut Beefeater, Eastleigh**
Oswald Branch



Enjoy a delicious two course lunch in friendly company and relaxed surroundings at the Beefeater Restaurant, The Hut. Everyone is welcome! Booking is essential including choice of main and dessert. Bus stop The Hut Bluestar 1, Book by Wednesday 1 November. The Hut Beefeater, Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 3DJ. Contact Terry on 023 80360109.



SUN 19 **Southampton District Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley**
Southampton District



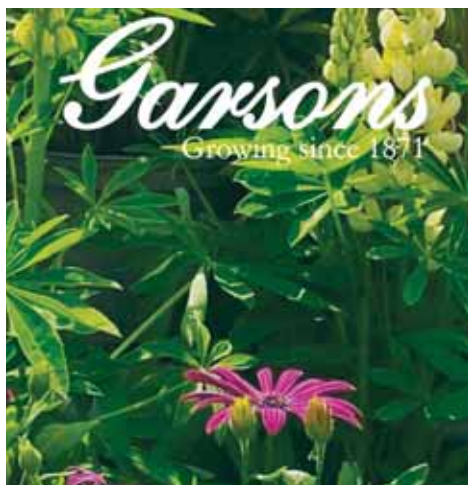
Southampton District would like to invite you to lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley. Good company and good food. Everyone is welcome! Bus stop Colebrook Avenue X11. Book by Sunday 5 November. Pirrie Park Bowling Club, 78a Wilton Crescent, Shirley, Southampton SO15 7QE. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

November

FRI
24 **Roving Coffee Morning**
at Garsons Garden
Centre, Titchfield
Southampton District



It's coffee morning time at a local garden centre! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Almost certainly the Christmas decorations will be up. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. **Bus stop none close by.** The Orangery Tea House, Garsons, Fontley Road, Titchfield, Fareham PO15 6QX. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978. Next month we will be meeting in Brambridge Garden Centre, Colden Common, Eastleigh.



December

SUN
03 **Christmas Lunch at**
Pirrie Park Bowling
Club, Shirley
Princess Royal Branch



Christmas lunch and all the trimmings! A paid bar will be open for drinks. Good Company and good food. Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome! Booking essential by Sunday 19 November. Bus Stop Colebrook Avenue X11. Pirrie Park Bowling Club, 78a Wilton Crescent, Shirley, Southampton SO15 7QE. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.

WED
06 **Christmas Quiz**
Princess Royal Branch



Get your Christmas quiz heads on! Come and join members and friends for our regular monthly meeting, followed by refreshments and our Christmas quiz. Bus stop L Bluestar T3, T4. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077 or Peter on 01252 312643.



December

FRI
08

**Roving Coffee Morning at Brambridge Garden Centre,
Colden Common, Eastleigh
Southampton District**



11am



As per menu



It's coffee morning time at a local garden centre! Come and have a tea or coffee and a chat with friends. Marvel at the Christmas scene, hopefully musical again and all the decorations. Everyone welcome. Don't worry if you are coming alone, there will always be a friendly face to welcome you and you will soon be part of the group. Call or text to say you are coming and we will look out for you. Or just turn up on the day, that will be fine too. This month join

us for coffee at The Orangery Tea House. **Bus stop none close by.** The Country House Restaurant, Brambridge Garden Centre, Kiln Lane, Brambridge, Colden Common, Eastleigh SO50 6HT. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978.



January 2024

SUN
21

**Late Christmas Lunch, Woolston
Oswald Branch**



12.30pm



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Join us for a delicious three course Christmas lunch when all the festivities have abated and you are missing turkey and Christmas pud (other dishes available)! A chance to celebrate with friends and family. Everyone welcome. A paid bar will be open for drinks.

Nearest bus stop Bluestar 7, 15, 19. St Patrick's Church Bluestar 13. Radstock Road. Book by Sunday 14 January 2024. Masonic Hall, Manor Road South, Woolston, Southampton SO19 2DS. Contact Terry on 023 80360109.



Annual conference returns to Eastbourne



Conducting important business in Eastbourne.

The May sun shone on the south coast as members from up and down the UK converged on the seaside town for the Society's annual conference. A highlight in the Oddfellows' calendar, the Annual Movable Conference (AMC) is a chance for members to catch up, reflect on the previous year, and discuss and vote on how the Society is run, as well as welcome the new Grand Master (Chairman) – Vale of York's Barbara Needham.

Hosted by Brighton and Sussex Oddfellows, there was a number of social activities in the schedule too. Before business got underway, members and the public were treated to another fantastic performance by Oddfellows Brass – a high point for many each year. Other events held throughout the week included the black and white-themed welcome evening, a church service where remembrance wreaths were laid, a day trip to Rye, a bowls tournament, and the Farewell Dance.



Members enjoyed the Roy Harmer Bowls Tournament.

Apprenticeship Educational Award Winner

Kerry Luckett, from Coventry Godiva Oddfellows, has been chosen as the latest recipient of an Oddfellows Apprenticeship Educational Award.



Kerry Luckett.

Kerry, who says she is “very honoured” to have received the award, will use the money to buy a new laptop to help with

the classroom elements of her Optical Assistant course with Specsavers.

The Oddfellows has been backing its members who choose to undertake an apprenticeship since 2017 by providing selected applicants with a £250 non-refundable grant to go towards their studies.

Find out more about the Educational Awards by visiting
www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Five stars shone at the 2023 Making a Difference Awards

This year we were privileged to recognise five of our wonderful members with a Making a Difference Award during a ceremony at our annual conference.



Sue Davies Cleveland and Durham Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

This award recognises Sue's embodiment of the ethos of the Society. She joined the Oddfellows after her husband died in 2004, and within just three months of becoming a member she had already volunteered to write the Branch's newsletter.



Sue went on to organise a popular luncheon club and has helped out at a variety of other social events and on the Committee of Management.

"Oddfellows has been a lifeline to me because I have made so many new friends since joining. I have had so many new experiences and learned so much," said Sue.

"With the Oddfellows, you are never alone for long. You are made welcome at any event."

Keith and Margaret Glanville Derby Derwent Valley Achieving Together

With more than 120 years of membership between them, husband and wife, Keith



and Margaret Glanville, topped the 'Achieving Together' category for their team effort to significantly improve the lives of other members and make their Branch and the Society the best they can be.

Both have served in various roles at the Derby Derwent Valley Branch, from volunteering to both becoming Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) – Keith twice!

Margaret described how they enjoy what they do and they were both in "absolute disbelief" when they found out. Keith added: "I've been around the block a bit and I wouldn't have missed Oddfellowship for the world."

Karen Dyke **Thames and Kennet** Giving a Helping Hand

Branch Secretary at Thames and Kennet, Karen frequently goes way beyond the role's expectations. She is also a welfare visitor, providing a friendly face while checking in on fellow members, often in her own time.

She is also known to give members lifts to appointments and hospital visits, and is always just a phone call away if she is needed.

Karen described working for the Oddfellows as "more than just a job", adding: "You can do a nine-to-five but for me it's more than that. It's about making my members happy and being there when they need me."



Marilyn Hayward **Thames and Kennet** Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Marilyn's contributions to the running of Thames and Kennet Branch's social events.

Marilyn moved to Reading from Sidcup to be closer to her son when her husband died, which she described as a "big step to make".

After trying a number of social groups without much success, she then discovered the Oddfellows.

She said: "I've tried to make people feel welcome and let them know that we want to see them again. That often doesn't happen at other places. You feel like you belong here."



CEO of the Oddfellows, Jane Nelson, said: "Congratulations to all this year's winners – each of you are shining examples to us all and we are lucky to have you. The contributions you have made are invaluable to the Society and our members."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2024 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Members updated on HA Andrews Memorial Fund project



Left to right: Professor Edd James, the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson, Nur Zainal, and Immediate Past Grand Master (Past Chairman) David Ogden.

The recipients of the HA Andrews Memorial Fund have described the honour they feel and explained how the Oddfellows' backing is fundamental to what they do.

Nur Zainal, a PhD student at the University of Southampton whose studies are being sponsored by the Fund, and one of the leaders of the research, Professor Edd James, came to the Society's annual conference in Eastbourne in May to discuss their project's progress.

The first year has been spent teaching Nur the skills she will need to carry out the research. She described the funding as "essential" and said she was honoured to receive the Oddfellows' backing.

Edd added: "Funding is shrinking, so the Oddfellows' ability to have this funding means that we can do these projects.

"This could be a step to going into clinical trials and getting much bigger sources of

funding to then take what Nur identifies and finds out during her PhD to patients and clinics in the future."

The Centre for Cancer

Immunology received £100,000 in 2022, split over three years. The research team is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine. If successful, this could profoundly change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head and neck, oesophageal and bladder cancers.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund was created in 1971 to honour a remarkable Society Secretary, Herbert Arthur Andrews. It provides financial support over a two or three year period to a UK project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research. To date, thanks to generosity of individuals and Branches, it has donated £1,214,000.



Nur Zainal addresses AMC.

Find out more about the HA Andrews Memorial Fund at www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews



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 Barbara on **01329 313077** or email **barbara.jackson@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

***Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.**

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**

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 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Branch Meetings

Find out about our latest news and enjoy a social catch-up with friends. Refreshments are available at the bar, everyone welcome.

Lord Nelson Branch

Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm at The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Barbara on 01329 313077.

Dates are:

17 July

18 September

20 November

21 August

16 October

18 December

Oswald Branch

First Friday of the month at 7.30pm at Festival Hall Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton, Hants SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07977 306978.

Dates are:

7 July

1 September

3 November

4 August

6 October

1 December

Princess Royal Branch

First Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton SO40 3RS. Branch meeting, followed by a guest speaker. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

Dates are:

5 July

6 September

1 November

2 August

4 October

6 December

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At a glance

July 2023

● Sun 2	Annual Summer Picnic in the New Forest (Princess Royal Branch)	12 noon
● Wed 5	Nelson and HMS Victory with Colin Van Geffen (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 7	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 12	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Sat 15	Annual Garden Party, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	3pm
● Mon 17	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 21	Away Day: Thames River Cruise and Cream Tea with Pub Lunch (Oswald Branch)	11am
● Fri 28	Roving Coffee Morning at Curdbridge (Southampton District)	11am

August

● Wed 2	Bishops, Sex and Money Talk with Anthony Strafford (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 4	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 9	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Fri 18	Roving Coffee Morning at Banana Warf, Hamble-Le-Rice (Southampton District)	11am
● Mon 21	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm

September - Friendship Month

● Fri 1	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Sat 2	Afternoon Delight: The Southampton Salty Sea Dogs and Ploughman's Lunch, Merryoak near Bitterne (Oswald Branch)	1pm
● Wed 6	The Good, the bad and the downright funny - Hampshire Constabulary Talk by Jackie Dimmock (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 8	Skittles and Pub Meal in a Basket, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	7pm
● Wed 13	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Mon 18	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 20	Roving Coffee Morning at The Tea Party, Lee-on-the-Solent (Southampton District)	11am

At a glance

October

● Wed 4	Looking Right Ahead Talk with Geoff Watts (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 6	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 11	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Sat 14	Oddfellows Brass Band Concert and Light Refreshments, Bitterne (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● Mon 16	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 25	Roving Coffee Morning at Hillier Garden Centre, Botley (Southampton District)	11am
● Sat 28	Indoor Kurling and Ploughman's Lunch, Merryoak near Bitterne (Oswald Branch)	12.30pm

November

● Wed 1	Crimean War Talk with Colin Carter (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 3	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Wed 8	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Wed 8	Pub Lunch at The Hut Beefeater, Eastleigh (Oswald Branch)	1pm
● Sun 19	Southampton District Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● Mon 20	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 24	Roving Coffee Morning at Garsons Garden Centre, Titchfield (Southampton District)	11am

December

● Fri 1	Meeting and Catch-up (Oswald Branch)	7.30pm
● Sun 3	Christmas Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley (Princess Royal Branch)	12.30pm
● Wed 6	Christmas Quiz (Princess Royal Branch)	7.30pm
● Fri 8	Roving Coffee Morning at Bambridge Garden Centre, Colden Common, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	11am
● Wed 13	Coffee Morning (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● Mon 18	Meeting and Catch-up (Lord Nelson Branch)	7.30pm

January 2024

● Sun 21	Late Christmas Lunch, Woolston (Oswald Branch)	12.30pm
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October 2023 - March 2024



out & about

Isle of Wight



Isle of Wight, United Kingdom



Music



Art/Crafts



Online



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Friendship
Month



Monday 11 March – Farm Shop visit, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Isle of Wight Branch Out and About. Members of the Branch 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 – all are welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Front cover image by Lison Zhao

Contact Details

For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary:

Maretta Heap

Address: 20 St Thomas Square,
Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG

Telephone: 01983 523115

Email:
maretta.heap@oddfellows.co.uk

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.

Regular Events

Dates can be found on the at a glance section

Monday Music Musing on Zoom

First and Third Monday



3pm



Free



A relaxing afternoon of music, poetry, storytelling etc. Come along and contribute or just listen. We usually have a wide variety of performers from all over the country. Zoom Meeting ID: 420 044 9988. Password: 942052.



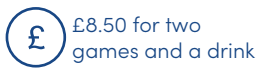
2023: 2 October, 16 October (Members £1, Guests £3 at Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas' Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO301SG), 6 November, 20 November, 4 December and 18 December. 2024: 1 January, 15 January, 5 February, 19 February, 4 March and 18 March

Ten Pin Bowling

Fourth Monday of the month



2pm



£8.50 for two games and a drink



Anyone can have at a go at ten pin bowling in Ryde. Whether you prefer to play seriously, or just for fun with bumpers, or even from a wheelchair or using a ramp to hold the ball, there is a way for anyone to get involved. The cost for two games includes a hot drink and there is plenty of time to chat and get to know people. Ryde Superbowl, The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2EL.



27 November 2023

22 January 2024

26 February

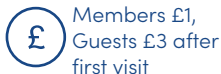
25 March

Coffee Morning at Ryde Library

Third Tuesdays



10.30am



Members £1,
Guests £3 after
first visit



Join us for a friendly cuppa and a piece of cake at Ryde Library on the third Tuesday of each month. Make some new friends and meet up for a chat. Ryde Library, 101 George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2JE.



17 October 2023

21 November

19 December

16 January 2024

20 February

19 March

Contact Maretta on 01983 523115 for more details

Regular Events

Dates can be found on the at a glance section

Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club

Various Wednesdays



12.30pm



Cost of lunch
plus £1 for guests
playing cards



Join us for lunch and/or a friendly game cards. Please book in advance and say whether you would prefer to play Hearts, Whist or something else. Conservative Club, 40 Pyle Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1XB.

18 October 2023
15 November

13 December
10 January 2024

7 February
6 March

Cards Afternoon

Various Wednesdays



1.30pm



Members £1
Guests £3



Join us for a friendly game of Whist, Cribbage or Hearts, with cake and a cuppa. Please book in advance and say which game you prefer. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG.



4 October 2023
1 November

29 November
27 December

24 January 2024
21 February

20 March

Coffee Morning with Optional Dance

Every other Friday



11am



Members £1
Guests £3



Join us for a cuppa and a chat. There will also be optional line dancing, provided by Carol McGuire, who runs dancing classes in the hall. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG.



2023: 13 October, 27 October, 10 November, 24 November, 8 December and 22 December. 2024: 5 January, 19 January, 2 February, 16 February, 1 March, 15 March and 29 March

Contact Marettta on 01983 523115 for more details

Regular Events

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Get Together at the Hideaway

First Friday of the month



12 noon



As per menu



A friendly gathering of members for a chat over lunch, originated by a group of new members in Shanklin who had joined during lockdown and only met online. As soon as they were able to meet up outside, they did and have been doing so once a month ever since, welcoming new members from all over the Island. The Hideaway, Cliff Path, St Boniface Cliff Road, Shanklin PO37 6ET.



6 October 2023
3 November

1 December
5 January 2024

2 February
1 March

Online Games



3pm



Free



The games afternoon that started during lockdown but stayed with us, as it is such good fun! Link up with friends from across the country for a chatty hour or so, playing whatever Monica has found to amuse us. Zoom Meeting ID: 420 044 9988. Password: 942052.

Last Friday
of the month



27 October 2023
24 November

29 December
26 January 2024

23 February
29 March

Quiz



8pm



Cost of entry to club
plus drinks at the bar



Join our team for a fun quiz at the Porter Club in Shanklin. No prizes just a bit of fun! There is a small admission to the club, unless you are a member of the Porter Club, no food but there is a bar. A very friendly and welcoming Little Club in Lake. The Porter Club, 77b Sandown Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9LE.



Every other Sunday

2023: 8 October, 22 October, 5 November, 19 November, 3 December and 17 December.
2024: 14 January, 28 January, 11 February, 25 February, 10 March and 24 March

Contact Marettta on 01983 523115 for more details

October 2023

MON
09

Bluebells Café



2pm



As per menu



Enjoy an afternoon tea at Bluebells Café. The menu is focused on quality fresh seasonal food from the island's farmers and growers, expertly prepared by their team of talented chefs. Briddlesford rose veal and dairy products feature in a number of signature dishes including the house schnitzel, home-made pies, halloumi burgers and Briddlesford mess dessert. The farm shop stocks products from over 50 local producers, the full range of their own dairy products as well as specialist products from around the UK and beyond. The nearest bus stop is at Wootton Common Crossroads. Let us know if you would like a lift from there to the farm. Briddlesford Lodge Farm, Briddlesford Road, Wootton, Isle of Wight PO33 4RY. Contact Marettia on 01983 523115.



TUES
10

Darts in the Pub



2pm



Cost of refreshments



Come and join us for a friendly game of darts or just watch and share some good company. No need to be an expert - not all of us can hit the board! Binstead Fleming Arms, Binstead Hill, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3RD. Contact Marettia on 01983 523115.

THURS
12

Lunch at Better Days Café



12.30pm



As per menu



Sample the delicious lunches at this community café. They serve home-made soup, sandwiches and sausage rolls and you are encouraged to add a donation to help provide meals for those in need. This hardworking bunch provide after school tea and toast for children who may not get another meal, as well as offering free or subsidised food to those in need. Come and experience the real community spirit in this cheerful café! Better Days Café, Central Hotel, 64 High Street, Ventnor PO38 1LT. Contact Marettia on 01983 523115.

October

MON
16

Monday Music and Musing in Unity Hall and on Zoom



3pm



Members £1,
Guests £3



A relaxing afternoon of music, poetry, storytelling etc. Come along and contribute or just listen. We usually have a wide variety of performers from all over the country, as well as performers in the Hall. Come to Unity Hall or email for a link or join on Zoom using codes below. Refreshments in hall £3 or £1 for members and performers. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas' Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Or Zoom Meeting ID: 420 044 9988. Password: 942052. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.



TUES
24

Energy Efficiency Workshop



11am



Free



Utilita are always at the forefront of sustainability and are keen to share that information with the public. There has been some changes, since they last spoke to us, not only with gas and electric prices but also some advice, including any updates to the Warm Home Discount. They have invited us to their ground floor meeting room, which can hold about 12 people comfortably so booking is essential. If we have more than that number, they may be able to offer a second date. They give a very easy to understand talk and have a good choice of hot drinks available. Book by Tuesday 17 October. Utilita, 121 High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1TP. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.



October

SUN 29 Sunday Lunch at Shorwell



Lunch at the Crown Inn in Shorwell. A lovely country pub with a clear stream running through the garden. The bus from Newport arrives just after 1.30pm and there is one back at about 3pm. Pre-booking essential, including choice of food. Please ask for a menu and book by Friday 20 October. The Crown Inn, Walkers Lane, Shorwell, Newport PO30 3JZ. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

FRI 17 Darts in the Pub



Come and join us for a friendly game of darts or just watch and share some good company. No need to be an expert – not all of us can hit the board! Binstead Fleming Arms, Binstead Hill, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3RD. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



November

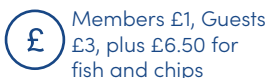
MON 13 Visit to the Planetarium



Guided tour of the Planetarium at Fort Victoria, includes a 40 minute show, including a trip to the International Space Station with Tim Peake, the life and death of stars and what is currently in the night sky. Booking essential and also let us know if you need transport down the lane to Fort Victoria. There are two shallow steps but no wheelchair access. Fort Victoria, Westhill Lane, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight PO41 0RR. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



THURS 23 Games Afternoon with optional Fish and Chips Supper



Bring along a favourite board game to share, if you like, or just come and join in. Optional fish and chips afterwards (£6.50 for a senior portion from Oggies). Tea, coffee etc available or bring a bottle, if you like. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



December

TUES
05

Talk on Scams



Sally Ash from Trading Standards will be joining us for coffee and will describe how to avoid some of those fiendish scams that are out to defraud us. She has plenty of experience and is well placed to answer any questions you may have. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

TALK



MON
11

Christmas Lunch

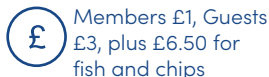


Annual Christmas lunch. Book by Monday 27 November. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



WED
20

Games Afternoon with optional Fish and Chips Supper



Bring along a favourite board game to share, if you like, or just come and join in. Optional fish and chips afterwards (£6.50 for a senior portion from Oggies). Tea, coffee etc available or bring a bottle, if you like. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



Booking and Cancellations

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

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

January 2024

MON
08

Coffee Morning



11am



Members £1,
Guests £3



Join us for coffee and a chat in Unity Hall, or in the Wheatsheaf, with its log fire, if it is too cold in the hall! Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



February

MON
12

Lunch at the End of the Line!



12.30pm



As per
menu



Join us for lunch at this cosy café with a log fire. You might also enjoy a winter's walk along the old railway line or browse the Garden Centre next door. The 11.15am Number 7 bus from Newport arrives just after 12 noon and the 11.45am arrives only a minute or two after half past. Let us know if you would like a lift, or could offer one. End of the Line Cafe, Afton Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight PO40 9UH. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

March

MON
11

Farm Shop Visit



11am



Cost of
refreshments



Visit the new farm shop in Arreton - used to be Farmer Jacks but now Harvey Browns! Join us for a cuppa in the cafe and have a look around the shop. The Number 8 bus arrives just after 11am from either direction but that will be close enough! as always, let us know if you need help with transport. Harvey Brown's Farm Shop, Hale Common, Arreton, Isle of Wight PO30 3AR. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



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

Paying your membership by Direct Debit

A new Direct Debit payment initiative was launched in January to try to make membership payments easier. So why choose Direct Debit?

- It is easy to set up, it can be done over the phone or online.
- You don't need to worry about renewing each year as the Direct Debit will automatically be taken upon your renewal date.
- You still have complete control because you can cancel whenever you want – you'll be notified of the payment 6-8 weeks in advance to give you plenty of time to make any changes.
- It's paperless and nothing has to go through the post, so no danger of it going astray.
- It is all done on a totally secure system.
- You can choose to make the membership payment over two consecutive months to help you manage your finances.
- Standard membership would be two monthly payment of £12.50 and extra benefits would be two monthly payments of £17.50.



Find out more by
contacting **Membership**
Services on 0800 028 1810



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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 Maretta on **01983 523115** or email **maretta.heap@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

***Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.**

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**

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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



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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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



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Find us at  [OddfellowsUK](https://www.facebook.com/OddfellowsUK)

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

At a glance – see pages 3–6 for more regular event info

October 2023

Mon 2	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Wed 4	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 6	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Sun 8	Quiz	8pm
Mon 9	Bluebells Café	2pm
Tues 10	Darts in the Pub	2pm
Thurs 12	Lunch at Better Days Café	12.30pm
Fri 13	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Mon 16	Monday Music and Musing in Unity Hall and on Zoom	3pm
Tues 17	Coffee Morning at Ryde Library	10.30am
Wed 18	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm
Sun 22	Quiz	8pm
Tues 24	Energy Efficiency Workshop	11am
Fri 27	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Fri 27	Online Games	3pm
Sun 29	Sunday Lunch at Shorwell	1.30pm

November

Wed 1	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 3	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Sun 5	Quiz	8pm
Mon 6	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Fri 10	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Mon 13	Visit to the Planetarium	2pm
Wed 15	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm
Fri 17	Darts in the Pub	2pm
Sun 19	Quiz	8pm
Mon 20	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Tues 21	Coffee Morning at Ryde Library	10.30am
Thurs 23	Games Afternoon with optional Fish and Chips Supper	2pm
Fri 24	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Fri 24	Online Games	3pm
Mon 27	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
Wed 29	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm

At a glance – see pages 3-5 for more regular event info

December

Fri 1	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Sun 3	Quiz	8pm
Mon 4	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Tues 5	Talk on Scams	11am
Fri 8	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Mon 11	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Wed 13	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm
Sun 17	Quiz	8pm
Mon 18	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
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January 2024

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Fri 5	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Fri 5	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Mon 8	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 10	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm
Sun 14	Quiz	8pm
Mon 15	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Tues 16	Coffee Morning at Ryde Library	10.30am
Fri 19	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Mon 22	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
Wed 24	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 26	Online Games	3pm
Sun 28	Quiz	8pm

February

Fri 2	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Fri 2	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Mon 5	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Wed 7	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm

At a glance

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February

Sun 11	Quiz	8pm
Mon 12	Lunch at the End of the Line!	12.30pm
Fri 16	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Mon 19	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Tues 20	Coffee Morning at Ryde Library	10.30am
Wed 21	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
Fri 23	Online Games	3pm
Sun 25	Quiz	8pm
Mon 26	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm

March

Fri 1	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
Fri 1	Get Together at the Hideaway	12 noon
Mon 4	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
Wed 6	Lunch and/or Cards at the Conservative Club	12.30pm
Sun 10	Quiz	8pm
Mon 11	Farm Shop Visit	11am
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A bit about us...

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