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Brighton and Sussex



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Friendship Month Afternoon Tea in Littlehampton – Monday 12 September 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of your Out and About Magazine for Brighton & Sussex Branch

As a local Branch of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities.

We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them. We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of all our upcoming events from dining out to trips out plus lots of other activities.

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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 and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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Message From Our Secretary

They say time flies when you're having fun! I've now been the District Secretary for just over six months and can't believe we're over half way through 2022 – my feet have hardly touched the ground! All new Secretaries are apparently on a three month trial and as no one has said anything to me to the contrary, I guess I've got the job!!

I've met so many lovely members from within the area and several from other branches. I've lost count of the fish and chips suppers, meals out and coffees that I've consumed. Oddfellows seem to be known for their partiality to mix fun with food and who can blame them!

I spent a week training at the Unity Offices in Manchester which was fascinating and what a lovely city! I really like bumble bees and was amazed to see on my arrival at the station that they are the emblem of the city. They are on all the rubbish bins, signs etc., as they denote the hard work ethic and sense of unity and have been an emblem for the city for over 150 years

Our Social Organisers have an excellent calendar of events lined up for the forthcoming months and as you will see elsewhere in this magazine, we will be celebrating the Brunswick Lodge reaching it's 200th birthday – an historical event not to be missed! In 1872 the branch celebrated it's Golden Jubilee celebration at The Royal Pavilion in Brighton but



we've tried to make the 200th birthday available to all our members so I hope you'll agree that our choice of venue is both affordable and accessible for everyone and look forward to seeing you at the party of the year!

Please let me know your thoughts on this edition of Out & About and let me know what you would like included in future editions.

Remember - be like the bumble bee and with your Oddfellow friends fly to wherever life takes you!

Best wishes,

Lynne

Worthing Social Branch Events

Our Worthing Branch will meet from 7pm to 9pm every fourth Thursday of the month in 2022 but from January 2023 will meet on the fourth Tuesday. It meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4XB. Worthing events are shown in the green box.

Social Contacts

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Eastbourne Social Branch Events

Our Eastbourne Branch social group usually meets from 7pm to 9pm every third Tuesday of the month at St Andrews Church Hall (next to Arlington Arms), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 7RY. Eastbourne events are shown in the orange box.

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Regular Events

Marina Monthly Lunch Club



**Second Thursday
of the month**

Our regular monthly get together at the West Quay at Brighton Marina. Everyone is welcome to join us. If this is your first lunch with us, get in touch beforehand and we will look out for you! There is free parking at the Marina and regular buses from the centre of Brighton. The West Quay, The Boardwalk, Brighton Marina BN2 5WA. If this will be your first visit and you would like us to look out for you, just let us know by contacting Janet or Michael on 01903 504492. We would be very pleased to meet you.

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September 2022

FRI **02** **Friendship Month** **Lunch in Worthing**



We shall be at Marine Gardens Restaurant in Worthing for lunch today and everyone is welcome. Why

not bring a friend along so that they can find out about the Oddfellows and how we make friends and help people. There is a putting green in the gardens so a chance for some exercise as well! Marine Gardens Restaurant, Marine Gardens, West Parade, Worthing BN11 5EF. If you would like to know more please call Michael on 01903 504492.



ODDFELLOWS **FRIENDSHIP MONTH** 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES **06** **Roving Lunch Club in** **Burgess Hill**



Our Roving Lunch Club moves on to Burgess Hill today in Friendship Month. We shall meet in the Six Gold Martlets, a Wetherspoons pub with a range of food choices at good prices. Do come and join us, members and friends are welcome. No need to book, just come along! The Six Gold Martlets, 49-51 Church Walk, Burgess Hill RH15 9BQ. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.



September 2022

THURS 08 **Friendship Month Marina Monthly Lunch Club**



12 noon



As per menu



It's Oddfellows Friendship Month and everyone is welcome at our regular lunch at the West Quay. Bring a friend as well so that they can see what a friendly bunch we are. Parking is free at the Marina and buses run regularly from Brighton and Hove. The West Quay, The Boardwalk, Brighton Marina BN2 5WA. If this will be your first visit and you would like us to look out for you, just let us know by contacting Janet or Michael on 01903 504492. We would be very pleased to meet you.

FRI 16 **Friendship Month in Eastbourne**



2pm



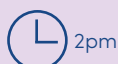
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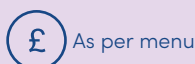
We have a drop-in for afternoon tea at the Beach Deck, almost on the beach in Eastbourne. As it is Friendship Month come along and join us and bring a friend so that they can find out all about the benefits of being an Oddfellow. There is parking next door, the cakes are delicious and everyone is welcome. The Beach Deck, Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AE. Contact Michael on 01903 504492.

MON
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Friendship Month Afternoon Tea in Littlehampton



2pm



As per menu



You are invited to drop-in and join us for afternoon tea at Harbour Lights Café in Littlehampton. The café is by the river with a beautiful view and with seats both outdoors and indoors. Everyone is welcome so bring a friend, they can see what a friendly group we are and how we can help our members in so many ways.

Harbour Lights Café, 63-65 Surrey Street, Littlehampton BN17 5AW. Contact Michael on 01903 504492.





September 2022

TUES
20

Holidays and Hobbies



7pm



Free



Tonight we are going to talk about holidays and hobbies. We would like you to share your memories and holiday experiences, places you've visited or even where you might like to visit. We are sure there is a tale or two to share. If you have any hobbies, we would like to hear about them and if you have anything you can share, please bring it along. We would love to see what talented folk you are! We may also have time for Vic's card game. Donations would be appreciated for our raffle. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join us and bring a friend. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

THURS
22

Musical Memories



7pm



Free



Tonight we welcome husband and wife, Lesley and Derek who will entertain us with music,



songs and monologues. They are great fun and we are sure you will enjoy their friendly entertainment. Refreshments will be available and we shall have our usual raffle. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.

MON
26

Friendship Month Lunch in Hove



12 noon



As per menu



Come along and join us for lunch, or just for a drink if preferred, at the Cliftonville Inn in Hove. All members and friends are welcome. If you haven't been to one of our events before we would be especially pleased to meet you. There is a good range of food to choose from and the welcome will be warm. The Cliftonville Inn, 98-101 George Street, Hove BN3 3YE. If you would like to know more please call Michael at 01903 504492.

October

SAT
01

200th Anniversary Celebration Lunch



12.30pm



See below



To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Brunswick Lodge in this District, we shall be holding a special lunch for our members at the Amsterdam Inn in Shoreham. The event is open to all members and everyone is welcome. Cost: Information available from the District Secretary. Book by Monday 19 September 2022. The Amsterdam Inn, 467-471 Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex BN43 5WQ. For more information please contact our District Secretary, Lynne on 01243 265360.



TUES
04

Roving Lunch Club in Littlehampton



12 noon



As per menu



Our Roving Lunch Club will be in Littlehampton today at Wetherspoons George Inn.



We know it's not easy for everyone to get to our evening social meetings and we would be very pleased to meet you for lunch. The food there is good and everyone is welcome! The George Inn, 14-18 Surrey Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 7BG . Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.

TUES
18

A Talk by David on Concerts, Theatres and how it all started for him



7pm



Free



David has been in show biz for 46 years, from musicals to the West End and appearing with many top stars. This promises to be an entertaining evening, so please come along and support our member. There will be our usual raffle and your donations would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome, so please bring a friend along. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

October

THURS
27

Those Valiant Men



7pm



Free



In 1956, a Vickers Valiant bomber crashed in Southwick killing three airmen. One of our members, John Young, was 10 years old at the time and having lunch at home, just 200 yards from the crash site. Memories of that day haunt him and he feels that it is part of local history and should not be forgotten. John has spoken to the co-pilot who was injured but survived and people from Southwick who told him what they remember. He has now written a book about that day with background information. He will tell us about it this evening and will answer any questions. It may be that our other members have memories of that day and we shall be interested to hear them. After the talk we shall have refreshments and our usual raffle. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.

November

TUES
01

Roving Lunch Club in Horsham



12 noon



As per
menu



Our Roving Lunch Club reaches Horsham today and we shall meet at The Lynd Cross in Springfield Road. If you live within striking distance of Horsham please do come and join us. The food will be good and the conversation lively. We would love to meet you and everyone is welcome! The Lynd Cross, St John's House, 1 Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2PG. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.



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enter 'Kelso' in the place name
search box

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November

TUES
15

East Sussex Fire and Rescue



7pm



£1 per person



Dick Broady from East Sussex Fire and Rescue will be joining us this evening to talk about 'Fire Safety



in the Home'. He will speak about what a fire is, typical reasons that cause a fire to start and how we can be more aware especially around electricity and gas safety. Dick will also offer and explain a free home safety visit, where a team will visit your home to make sure that it is safe, test your smoke alarm and if required put up new ones at no charge. It is important to have a fire plan at home which Dick will also discuss.

Refreshments will be available, everyone is welcome, please bring a friend. There will be our usual raffle, so donations would be greatly appreciated. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

THURS
24

Tax, Care and Toy Boys



7pm



Free



Our speaker this evening is from the Co-op Estate Planning Service, they will give a light hearted but informative talk in plain English on how to protect our family's nest egg, how to reduce the burden of inheritance tax, lasting power of attorney and other things that we should consider so that we can feel reassured that all will be well. Questions are welcome and there is no selling, just information and advice. We shall have refreshments and our usual raffle and give and take library. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.

December

THURS
01

Christmas Party Time



7pm



See below



The date, time and venue will be confirmed in September for our Christmas get together. Cost: Details will be made available in September. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

December

TUES **06** Roving Lunch Club in Hove



The Cliftonville Inn in George Street is where we shall have lunch today. All members and friends are welcome to join us at this Wetherspoons pub that was built on the site of a very old junior school. Some of you may have even have gone there when you were young. Do come and meet us for lunch and good conversation! The Cliftonville Inn, 98-101 George Street, Hove BN3 3YE. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.

THURS **22** Christmas Get Together



We shall have our now traditional pre-Christmas get together at Marine Gardens restaurant. A chance to have a break from the shopping and wrapping presents and share coffee and a mince pie, or lunch, or both, with Oddfellow friends! No need to book, just come along, everyone is welcome. Marine Gardens Restaurant, Marine Gardens, West Parade, Worthing BN11 5EF. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.

January 2023

TUES **10** Roving Lunch Club in Worthing



Today our Roving Lunch Club moves to Worthing. The Three Fishes is in the centre of town, easily accessible by bus or car. All members and friends are welcome to join us for lunch and a chat. We will be also able to see the very interesting display of photos of Worthing in days gone by. The Three Fishes, 56 Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1BE. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.

TUES **17** Happy New Year 2023 Fish and Chips Supper



Once again, a year round favourite, a fish and chips supper after all those Christmas and New Year goodies. We will follow this with either the 20p card game, 20p Left Right Centre game or a seasonal quiz. Tea or coffee will be provided but of course you can bring your own tippie if you so wish! Please bring along those unwanted Christmas presents for our raffle, all donations greatly received! Thank you. Cost to be advised nearer the time. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

January 2023

February

TUES
24

New Year Quizzes

L 7pm

£ Free



We shall have three short quizzes this evening on different topics. If you don't know much about one of the topics, don't worry, you may be a whizz at the others. There will be a small prize for each quiz with a larger one for the overall winner. Good luck! We shall have refreshments as well as our usual raffle and paperback book library. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.



February

TUES
07

Roving Lunch Club in Hailsham

L 12 noon

£ As per menu



If you live in the Hailsham area please come along and join us for lunch at the George Hotel. We know that we have members in the area that we haven't met yet and we would be very pleased to make your acquaintance! Members and friends are all welcome to come along for lunch and some good conversation. The George Hotel, 1 George Street, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 1AD. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.

TUES
21

Ten Pin Bowling

L 1.45pm

£ TBC



Another fun afternoon with ten pin bowling. The cost will include coffee or tea and a biscuit (to be advised nearer the time). Everyone is welcome, players and those who would like to cheer them on! Wear your own shoes but toes must be covered. The lanes have to be booked well in advance, so please let us have your names as soon as possible. The venue is next to David Lloyd Centre near St Wilfrid's Hospice. Please come along for a fun afternoon if only to watch. Everyone is welcome. Book by Saturday 21 January 2023. Tenpin Eastbourne, Broadwater Way, Eastbourne BN22 9PZ. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

February

TUES
28

West Sussex Fire and Rescue

L 7pm

£ Free



We are very pleased to have a speaker from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service who will tell us about the services that they provide to help us keep safe in our homes. They can provide free 'safe and well' visits to homes to offer advice, including kitchen safety, smoke alarms, how to stay warm and safe, and top tips on carrying out DIY home improvements. They also carry out free electric blanket testing. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.

Forthcoming Events – March

TUES
07

Roving Lunch Club in Bognor Regis

L 12 noon

£ As per menu



We've eaten at the Hatters before and enjoyed it so much that we are going back! All members and friends are welcome to join us, especially those we haven't met before. No need to book, just come along and you'll have a warm welcome. The Hatters Inn, 2-10 Queensway, Bognor Regis PO21 1QT. Please call Michael at 01903 504492 if you have any questions.



TUES
21

Beetle Drive Plus

L 7pm

£ Free

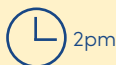


Being one of our popular events, tonight we will be holding a beetle drive plus three rounds of our 20p game. Please bring along 9 x 20p pieces each. Once again you could be on to a winner but you have to be 'in it to win it'. A fun evening for all and no experience needed! There will be our usual raffle, so your donations would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be available, so do come along and support us. Please bring a friend, we would love to meet them. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Steve on 07932 308815 or George on 01323 486391.

Forthcoming Events – March

SAT
25

Annual Summoned Meeting



2pm



Free



All members are invited to join us for our Annual General Meeting. This is a chance to hear how the District is faring financially, decisions the District Committee have made on your behalf and to ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting, so please let the District Secretary or your social organiser know if you will be attending. Book by Monday 20 March 2023. St Andrews Parish Hall (next to Arlington Arms Public House), 360 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7RY. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Steve on 07932 308815 or Janet on 01903 504492.



TUES
28

It happened in Worthing – 200 years ago!



7pm



Members £1
Guests £2



We are very pleased to welcome Chris Hare, who has written many books on the history of Worthing and Sussex as well as folklore topics and runs a heritage company called History People UK. Worthing officially became a town in 1803 and experienced rapid growth and social conflict. There was a big struggle over ownership of 'The Steyne' and in 1830 the town was in the grip of the 'Swing Riots'. Chris will explain how people enjoyed themselves, the 'sports' that were held on the sands and the tumultuous revels on Bonfire Night. He will also talk about smuggling in Worthing at that time and separate the fact from fiction. For this event only there will be a small charge. Everyone is welcome to attend, refreshments will be served and we shall have a raffle. Goring-by-Sea Methodist Church Hall, Bury Drive, Goring BN12 4XB. Contact Lynne on 01243 265360 or Janet on 01903 504492.



We Need You!

We need your input as we're looking to the future. What sort of events would you like us to organise? How about walking groups, coffee mornings, a speaker on basic drawing & painting, outings, evening in a pub – you name it, we'll look into it! Contact Lynne with your ideas.

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

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



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



A spectacular opening night firework display

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

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

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



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

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

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

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

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

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

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



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

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

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



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

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

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



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

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



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

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



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

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

At a glance

September 2022 - Friendship Month

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| Fri 2 | Friendship Month Lunch in Worthing | 12 noon |
| Tues 6 | Roving Lunch Club in Burgess Hill | 12 noon |
| Thurs 8 | Friendship Month Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Mon 12 | Friendship Month Afternoon Tea in Littlehampton | 2pm |
| Fri 16 | Friendship Month in Eastbourne | 2pm |
| Tues 20 | Holidays and Hobbies | 7pm |
| Thurs 22 | Musical Memories | 7pm |
| Mon 26 | Friendship Month Lunch in Hove | 12 noon |

October

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| Sat 1 | 200th Anniversary Celebration Lunch | 12.30pm |
| Tues 4 | Roving Lunch Club in Littlehampton | 12 noon |
| Thurs 13 | Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Tues 18 | A Talk by David on Concerts, Theatres and how it all started for him | 7pm |
| Thurs 27 | Those Valiant Men | 7pm |

November

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| Tues 1 | Roving Lunch Club in Horsham | 12 noon |
| Thurs 10 | Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Tues 15 | East Sussex Fire and Rescue | 7pm |
| Thurs 24 | Tax, Care and Toy Boys | 7pm |

December

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| Thurs 1 | Christmas Party Time | 7pm |
| Tues 6 | Roving Lunch Club in Hove | 12 noon |
| Thurs 8 | Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Thurs 22 | Christmas Get Together | 11am |

At a glance

January 2023

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| Tues 17 | Happy New Year 2023 Fish and Chips Supper | 7pm |
| Tues 24 | New Year Quizzes | 7pm |

February

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| Tues 7 | Roving Lunch Club in Hailsham | 12 noon |
| Thurs 9 | Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Tues 21 | Ten Pin Bowling | 1.45pm |
| Tues 28 | West Sussex Fire and Rescue | 7pm |

Forthcoming Events - March

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| Tues 7 | Roving Lunch Club in Bognor Regis | 12 noon |
| Thurs 9 | Marina Monthly Lunch Club | 12 noon |
| Tues 21 | Beetle Drive Plus | 7pm |
| Sat 25 | Annual Summoned Meeting | 2pm |
| Tues 28 | It happened in Worthing - 200 years ago! | 7pm |

Want to be formally welcomed as an Oddfellow member?

In line with our society's age and history we have a formal Welcoming Ceremony for members where we talk about what being part of a fraternal (members helping each other) society is all about and you are asked to support your fellow members and

the wider community. At the end of the ceremony you are given one of our three links recognition badges to show you are a full welcomed member of the Society. It is a lovely nod to our rich history and if you would like to take part, or to find out more, please contact Lynne.

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Reminder from our Branch Secretary Lynne

Are you an Extra Benefits member?

Don't forget you are entitled to claim towards optical and dental costs as part of your membership.

Dental Care Benefit – available every year from year two of membership

£30 towards check-ups and treatment. Claims must include an original receipt. You cannot claim for payments to a dental payment plan or any cost already covered by a dental insurance policy. Any claims must be made within 12 months of the date of treatment, or the date of the receipt for treatment – whichever is earlier

Optical Care benefit – available every other membership year from year two of membership

£30 towards sight tests, glasses or contact lenses. Claims must include an original

receipt. Any claims must be made within 12 months of the date of treatment, or the date of the receipt for treatment – whichever is earlier.

Are you a Life or Associate member?

You are also entitled to claim towards optical and dental costs – don't miss out...

For more information and to make a claim:

Contact Lynne to ask for a claim form. When returning you will need to attach original receipts from the dentist/optician. They must be dated with your name on and include the name of the dentist/optical provider and the amount paid. Credit and debit card receipts are not accepted. Membership subscriptions must be paid up to date.

Calling Our Young Oddfellows

We have about 20 members under the age of 18 and would very much like to hear from you too. What would you like us to arrange for you?

If you're a parent, grand parent or even a great grandparent why not get the next generation signed up as a Young Oddfellow? Membership costs just £10 a year and in return the young person will receive a birthday card and a £10

gift voucher at Christmas. Martin Lewis would like this one!





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 Michael on **01903 504492** or email **michael.porter@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@manchestercab.org



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

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**