

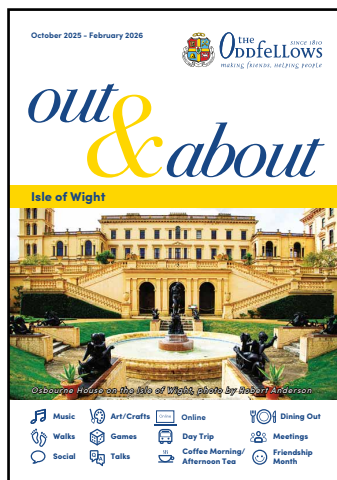
# Southampton and Isle of Wight (Vecta Branch) Out & About

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July - December 2025



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# out & about

## Southampton



Music



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Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Shopping

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

What a wonderful time we have had together already this year. New venues, different types of activities and lots of regular monthly events so you can easily plan your diaries. The aim was to organise even more new events in the latter half of the year and we have done it: 96 events from July to December, making a total of 160 for 2025. Coffee mornings are as popular as ever with those to the east of the area gaining traction. The Roving Out to lunch events have taken off too. The August Blue Funnel cruise has already sold out. (We are trying to get more tickets).

Music events are ever popular, so we have organised another four at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh. Please let me know if you have other music venues near you that we can tap into. We are happy to run a minibus again if there are the numbers for it, just register your interest with me.

We have decided to trial the cinema group again but at more mainstream cinemas and we are seeing good attendance already. As planned we have set up more events to the east of the District this year, a third more to be precise: Game On at our new Sarisbury Green venue (every third Thursday), Christmas lunch and Pig racing (yes that is correct! Come and find out...).

## Contact Details

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Part-time workers: the best time to ring is during the week between 10am and 4pm but if there is no reply please do leave your name, telephone number and a short message.

**Find us on Facebook:**

 **Southampton Oddfellows**

Our highlight event this year remains the Oddfellows Brass concert in November, please spread the word. We now have a good mix of events on weekdays and Saturdays, daytimes and evenings. There is also a weekend strolling group with lunch too, weather permitting (not too wet, not too hot!).

We are proud to offer you the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We are

basically a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and

helping people. I hope we meet at an event soon.

With very best wishes, Yvonne

## Introducing the Social Team

We now have a team of four organising events across the Southampton District Branch area. We work/volunteer part time so you may need to leave a message. We are looking for volunteers to help host just one or two events each year. From meet and greet to running an event. We will organise and advertise and support you. It would be a great help and make a huge difference. Please contact Yvonne. Would you like to have your say on the events for 2026? We plan to get together in October with interested members to plan the 2026 diary. Just let Yvonne know if you would like to join us.

Colour coded index for social events:

### Southampton District

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### Oswald Branch

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## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

Everybody is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you, your family and your friends to attend any events that appeal. All are welcome and we like to think we can ensure you have an enjoyable time. Let us know you are coming and we'll look out for you. Hopefully, after attending our events you will see the benefits of joining our caring organisation. Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support.

# Regular Events

## Evening Meal and Social in Stubbington

Lord Nelson Branch

**Third Monday of the month**



6pm



Meal as per menu.  
Games: Members  
£4, Guests £5



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

**21 July**  
**18 August**  
**15 September**

**20 October**  
**17 November**  
**15 December**

## Evening Business Meeting

Southampton District

**First Wednesday of the month**



7.30pm



Free



7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

**6 August**  
**3 September**  
**1 October**

**5 November**  
**3 December**

## Evening Social and Speaker

Princess Royal Branch

**First Wednesday of the month**



8pm



Free



Join members and friends for our regular monthly social followed by refreshments and our guest speaker. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.

**6 August**  
**3 September**  
**1 October**

**5 November**  
**3 December**

## Coffee Morning in Gosport

Lord Nelson Branch

**Second Wednesday of the month**



10.30am



As per menu



Join friends old and new for tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**13 August**  
**10 September**  
**8 October**

**12 November**  
**10 December**

# Regular Events

## Roving Coffee Morning Hants Central

Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



**Third  
Wednesday  
of the month**

Join us for a cuppa and chat as we visit a different venue each month. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**20 August  
17 September  
15 October**

**19 November  
17 December**

## Daytime Cinema

Southampton District



TBC



As per film



**Fourth  
Wednesday  
of the month**

We meet monthly alternating between Reel Fareham and Vue Eastleigh to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**Vue Cinema, Swan Centre,  
Eastleigh SO50 5SF.**

27 August, 22 October and 24 December

**Reel Cinema Fareham, 3 Vannes  
Parade, Fareham PO16 0BX**

23 July, 24 September and 26 November

## Afternoon Social and Event

Oswald Branch



2pm



Free



**First  
Thursday of  
the month**

Please come and join us for our monthly social. Chat with friends and enjoy a different social activity each month: speakers, games, crafting and even CPR skills! Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**7 August (2.30pm)  
4 September  
2 October  
6 November**

**4 December**  
(Crafting:  
Members £4  
Guests £5)

## Roving Coffee Morning Hants West

Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



**Second  
Thursday of  
the month**

Enjoy a tea or coffee at a different venue every month. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**14 August  
11 September  
9 October**

**13 November  
11 December**



# Regular Events

## Game On, Sarisbury Green

Lord Nelson  
Branch



2pm



Members £4.  
Guests £5



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

**21 August**  
**18 September**  
**16 October**

**20 November**  
**18 December**

## Roving Coffee Morning Hants East

Southampton  
District



10.30am



As per menu



Laughs and lattes with friends at a different venue every month. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**24 July**  
**28 August**  
**25 September**

**23 October**  
**27 November**  
**None in December**

## Third Thursday of the month

## Roving Out to Lunch Southampton District



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Come to lunch with us. We try members' recommendations at a different venue every month. Everyone welcome. Early booking essential for this popular event. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**15 August**  
**19 September**  
**17 October**

**21 November**  
**19 December**

## Car Share

Many of our members tell us they would like to attend our events but have no transport. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 if you have spare seats and are able to give someone a lift. It would be so kind and helpful...



# July 2025

MON  
21

## Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington

Lord Nelson Branch



6pm



Meal as per menu.  
Games: Members  
£4, Guests £5



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

WED  
23

## Daytime Cinema, Fareham

Southampton District



TBC



As per film



Calling all film buffs! Meet at Reel Cinema Fareham to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: Fareham Bus Station. Book by Tuesday 22 July. Reel Cinema Fareham, 3 Vannes Parade, Fareham PO16 0BX. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



THURS  
24

## Roving Coffee Morning at The Talisman, Park Gate

Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



Enjoy tea or coffee with friends old and new. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Kams Palace Roundabout or Park Gate. The Talisman, 3 Bridge Road, Park Gate, Southampton SO31 7GD. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

SAT  
26

## 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 chair, sun cream and a hat to avoid the sun we hope will show! Remember Slip-Slop-Slap... Bus stop: Frater. Book by Monday 21 July. 16 Lerryn Road, Gosport, Hants PO13 0YG. Contact Barbara on 07969 109343.



# July 2025

**TUES**  
**29** **Afternoon Tea at Poppys Tea Room, Wickham**  
**Southampton District**



Enjoy afternoon tea in an air conditioned tearoom. Booking required for pre-order. Bus stop: Redhill Crossroads (15 minutes walk). Book by Monday 21 July. Poppys Tea Room, Park Place Farm Nursery, Titchfield Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5HB. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**WED**  
**30** **Gary the Singing Jukebox, Merryoak**  
**Southampton District**

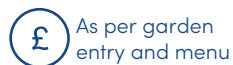


Gary is a professional entertainer and singer with thousands of songs in his repertoire. Come and sing along to your favourite tunes from the 1950s to 1980s. Tea and cake provided. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Book by Monday 28 July. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



# August

**FRI**  
**01** **Meet Up: Lavender Farm, Landford**  
**Southampton District**



Marvel at the glorious lavender in flower, smell the fragrance and listen to the bees. Meet up in The Tearoom. Bus stop: None near. New Forest Lavender Gardens, Giles Lane, Landford, Salisbury SP5 2BG. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 as this event is weather dependent.



**TUES**  
**05** **Afternoon Tea at Furzey Gardens, Minstead**  
**Southampton District**



Enjoy afternoon tea overlooking the enchanting woodland planting of Furzey Gardens. Booking required for pre-order. Bus stop: None near. Book by Monday 28 July. Furzey Gardens, School Lane, Minstead SO43 7GL. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

# August

## WED 06 Evening Business Meeting, Totton Southampton District



7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

## WED 06 Evening Social with Speaker from HIOWAA, Totton Princess Royal Branch



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance are a charity. Find out how they deliver an advanced Critical Care Team, to sick and injured people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight when they need it most. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.



## THURS 07 Business Meeting, Merryoak Southampton District



2pm to 2.30pm. Your opportunity to hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## THURS 07 Afternoon Social: Play Your Cards Right, Merryoak Oswald Branch



Play Your Cards Right. How will Terry compare with the legendary Bruce Forsyth? Could you be one of his lovely assistants! Laughter definitely on the books... Please note: Later start time as this follows a 2pm to 2.30pm Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

# August

## WED 13 Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport Lord Nelson Branch



10.30am



As per menu



Join friends old and new for tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## THURS 14 Roving Coffee Morning at The Daisy Tea Garden, Brockenhurst Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



We are back to sample the delicious home-made cakes at this lovely tea room. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Please note, no bus stop near. The Daisy Tea Garden, Setley Ridge Vineyard/Garden Centre, Lymington Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7UF. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



## FRI 15 Roving Out to Lunch at Lone Barn/Fox & Hounds, Bursledon Southampton District



12.30pm



As per menu



A 16th century cosy pub offering quality pub classics and seasonal chef's specials. Early booking essential as there are limited places. Bus stop: Montfort Road. Book by Friday 8 August. Lone Barn/Fox & Hounds, Birch Spinney, Bursledon, Southampton SO31 8DE. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## SAT 16 Saturday Pig Racing with Supper, Stubbington Lord Nelson Branch



6.30pm



£14 (children under 13 £9.95) - drinks extra

Have you ever seen a pig race? Now is your opportunity. Our pigs are



cute and cuddly and will not eat your supper. Join us for a fun and friendly evening. Bring family and friends. All welcome. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. Book by Saturday 9 August. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Please contact Dennis on 07752 406566 for menu choices and payment details.

# August

**MON 18**  
**Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



Meal as per menu.  
 Games: Members  
 £4, Guests £5

Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

**WED 20**  
**Roving Coffee Morning at Charlottes Café, Fair Oak**  
**Southampton District**



As per menu

Enjoy a tea or coffee with friends old and new. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Hill Close. Charlottes Café, In-Excess Garden Centre, Fair Oak, Eastleigh SO50 7HD. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**THURS 21**  
**Game On, Sarisbury Green**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.



**WED 27**  
**Daytime Cinema, Eastleigh**  
**Southampton District**



Calling all cinema buffs! Meet at Vue Cinema Eastleigh to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: The Swan Centre. Book by Tuesday 26 August. Vue Cinema, Swan Centre, Eastleigh SO50 5SF. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

# August

THURS  
28

## Roving Coffee Morning at The Inn By The Sea, Lee-On-The-Solent Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



Chit chat and a brew with old friends and new. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Inn By The Sea. The Inn By The Sea, 177 Portsmouth Road, Lee-On-The-Solent PO13 9AD. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

THURS  
28

## Gary the Singing Jukebox, Totton Southampton District



2pm



Members £8  
Guests £10



Gary is a professional entertainer and singer with thousands of songs in his repertoire. Come and sing along to your favourite tunes from the 1950s to 1980s. Tea and cake provided. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Book by Tuesday 26 August. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

THURS  
28

## Blue Funnel Three Hour River Cruise with Fish and Chips Lunch, Southampton Oswald Branch



11.45am



Members £30, Guests £35



Meet at Town Quay at 11.45am for the three hour river cruise and lunch. Take a tour of Southampton Harbour, home of the cruise ships as well as visiting the Hamble, historic home of yacht building and the Itchen which leads you into the River Test. A meal and drink are included in the ticket price. Only 25 tickets available.



Early booking is essential. Boat departs at 12.15pm and returns 3.15pm at Town Quay, Terminal 2 SO14 2AQ. Bus stop: Platform Tavern Parking: Town Quay, Triangle Car Park, Mayflower Car Park and Gloucester Square Car Park. Most car parks are now pay by phone or card. Book by Thursday 31 July. Town Quay Terminal 2, Hythe Ferry Berth, Southampton SO14 2AQ. Contact Diane on 02380 463334.



# September

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



### WED 03 **Evening Business Meeting, Totton Southampton District**

7.30pm Free



7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

### WED 03 **Evening Social with Speaker Judy Theobald Flushed with Success, Totton Princess Royal Branch**

8pm Free



Speaker Judy Theobald: Flushed with success. Come along and find out more! Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.



THURS  
04

### **Afternoon Social: CPR Skills for Life training by HIOWAA, Merryoak Oswald Branch**

2pm

Free



Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere at anytime. Would you know what to do? Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance CPR Skills for Life training will give you the confidence and know how to step in with early intervention. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

SAT  
06

### **Friendship Afternoon Tea at Sarisbury Green Southampton District**

2pm

Free



2pm to 4pm. Join us for a delicious free afternoon tea with social activities.

Catch up with old friends, meet new ones, or talk to us about what we do and what membership offers. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green or St Paul's Church. Book by Wednesday 3 September. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT**  
*Invite a friend*



# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**WED**  
**10** **Coffee Morning at**  
**Claire's, Gosport**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



10.30am



As per menu



Join friends old and new for tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**THURS**  
**11** **Roving Coffee Morning**  
**at Broadlands Lakes**  
**Licensed Clubhouse &**  
**Café, Southampton**  
**Southampton District**



10.30am



As per menu



A lovely lakeside café in a tranquil setting. Come and try the all day breakfast followed by one of 65 different ice-cream milkshakes! Menu available for food. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: None near. Broadlands Lakes Licensed Clubhouse & Café, Hill Street, Southampton SO40 2RX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**THURS**  
**11**

**The Swing Pack at**  
**The Concorde Club,**  
**Eastleigh**  
**Southampton District**



9pm



£15



Live music! Bringing to life all your favourite Rat Pack hits, as well as classics from the other great swing performers of the day. This is a show not to be missed! Doors open at 7pm. Early booking essential for these popular events. Bus stop: Concorde Club. Book by Thursday 28 August. The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9HQ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 if transport is required.

**SAT**  
**13**

**Indoor Kurling with**  
**Lunch, Merryoak**  
**Oswald Branch**



1pm



Members £10.50  
Guests £13



Ever tried kurling? No ice in sight, we promise. Come and give this wheelchair friendly activity



a go. Hot lunch provided. Spread the word, bring family and friends. All ages welcome. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Book by Friday 5 September. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Booking via Terry on 02380 360109.

# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**MON**  
**15**

## Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington

**Lord Nelson Branch**



Meal as per menu.  
Games: Members  
£4, Guests £5



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

**WED**  
**17**

## Roving Coffee Morning at Pink Mead Bistro & Tearooms, Curdridge near Botley

**Southampton District**



As per menu



Watch the horses schooling (behind glass) and enjoy a catch up with friends. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Kings Corner or Pinkmead Farm. Pink Mead Bistro & Tearooms, King's Corner, Botley Road, Curdridge, Southampton SO30 2HA. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**THURS**  
**18**

## Game On, Sarisbury Green

**Lord Nelson Branch**



Members £4  
Guests £5



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green or St Paul's Church. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

**FRI**  
**19**

## Roving Out to Lunch at Bellemoor Tavern, Shirley

**Southampton District**



As per menu



With our homely setting, fresh greenery and rustic decor, the Bellemoor in Shirley is a local favourite with its doors wide open for all. Early booking essential as there are limited places. Bus stop: Richard Taunton College. Book by Friday 12 September. Bellemoor Tavern, 250 Hill Lane, Shirley, Southampton SO15 7NU. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



# September

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT  
20

## Friendship Afternoon Tea at Festival Hall, Merryoak Southampton District



2pm



Free



FRIENDSHIP  
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EVENT  
Invite a friend

2pm to 4pm. Join us for a delicious free afternoon tea with social activities. Catch up with old friends, meet new ones, or talk to us about what we do and what membership offers. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Book by Wednesday 17 September. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

WED  
24

## Daytime Cinema, Fareham Southampton District



TBC



As per film



Calling all film buffs! Meet at Reel Cinema Fareham to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: Fareham Bus Station. Book by Tuesday 23 September. Reel Cinema Fareham, 3 Vannes Parade, Fareham PO16 0BX. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

THURS  
25

## Roving Coffee Morning at The Barley Mow, Hayling Island Southampton District



10.30am



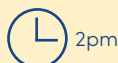
As per menu



This is our first visit here and we look forward to you joining us. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Lexden Gardens or Tesco Express. The Barley Mow, Manor Road, Hayling Island PO11 0EZ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

SAT  
27

## Friendship Afternoon Tea at Totton & Eling Community Centre Southampton District



2pm

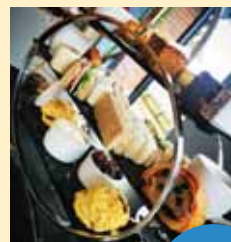


Free



2pm to 4pm. Join us for a delicious free afternoon tea with social activities. Catch up with old

friends, meet new ones, or talk to us about what we do and what membership offers. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Book by Wednesday 24 September. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT  
Join the fun

# October

## WED 01 **Meet up: Chichester Visit Southampton District**

 11.30am  As per ticket 

Visit the Roman cathedral city of Chichester. Lots of interest including cathedral, museum, gardens, park and of course the cafés and shops. Either meet there or travel together by train. Register your interest with Yvonne. Check the day before if the event is running (weather dependent). Book by Tuesday 23 September. Meet up location to be confirmed. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



## WED 01 **Evening Business Meeting, Totton Southampton District**

 7.30pm  Free 

7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

## WED 01 **Evening Social with Speaker Jackie Dimmock Good, Bad, Downright Funny, Totton Princess Royal Branch**

 8pm  Free 

Speaker Jackie Dimmock has worked for many years as a WPC for Hampshire Constabulary. She will give a talk on the 'Good, Bad and Downright Funny' Part 3. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.

## THURS 02 **Afternoon Social: Childhood Games, Merryoak Oswald Branch**

 2pm  Free 

Remember those games you played as a child, like dominoes, dibs, marbles? Come and see if you can show us

how it is done. Have a biscuit, drink and laugh at the same time. Why don't you bring your own games too? Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



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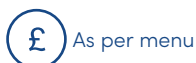
**TUES**  
**07** **Afternoon Tea at**  
**Gracie-Anns Tea Room,**  
**Port Solent**  
**Southampton District**



A traditional English Tea Room with spectacular views over Port Solent Marina. Lift from outside by Kilshaws. Bus stop: Allaway Avenue Shops. Book by Monday 29 September. Gracie-Anns Tea Room, First Floor Unit 15, Boardwalk, The Trading Post, Port Solent, Portsmouth PO17 5HB. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



**WED**  
**08** **Coffee Morning at**  
**Claire's, Gosport**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



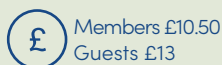
Join friends old and new for tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**THURS**  
**09** **Roving Coffee Morning**  
**at Charlottes Café,**  
**Poulner Hill**  
**Southampton District**



We return to this gem within In-Excess Garden Centre. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: None near. Charlottes Café, In-Excess Garden Centre, Forest Corner, Poulner Hill, Ringwood BH24 3HW. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**SAT**  
**11** **Quiz with Lunch,**  
**Merryoak**  
**Oswald Branch**



Get your quiz heads on for our friendly quiz afternoon. Hot lunch provided. Spread the word, bring family and friends. All ages welcome. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Book by Saturday 4 October. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Booking via Terry on 02380 360109.



# October

## TUES 14 Half Yearly Business Meeting, Merryoak Southampton District



Half Yearly business meeting. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

## WED 15 Roving Coffee Morning at Haskins Garden Centre West End Southampton District



Laughs and lattes together. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Romhill Close. Haskins Garden Centre West End, Gaters Mill, Mansbridge Road, West End, Southampton SO18 3HW. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## THURS 16 Game On, Sarisbury Green Lord Nelson Branch



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

## FRI 17 Roving Out to Lunch at White Horse, Romsey Southampton District



This 14th century coaching inn sits in the heart of the market town of Romsey, just a few metres from Romsey Abbey. Early booking essential as there are limited places. Bus stop: White Horse, Pound Lane. Book by Friday 10 October. White Horse, A3090, Ampfield, Romsey SO51 9BQ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



## MON 20 Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington Lord Nelson Branch



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by a business meeting and at 8pm games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.



# October

## **MON** **20** **Business Meeting,** **Stubbington** **Southampton District**

 7.30pm

 Free



Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Followed at 8pm by the regular social. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

## **WED** **22** **Daytime Cinema,** **Eastleigh** **Southampton District**

 TBC


 As per film



Calling all cinema buffs! Meet at Vue Cinema Eastleigh to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: The Swan Centre. Book by Tuesday 21 October. Vue Cinema, Swan Centre, Eastleigh SO50 5SF. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## **THURS** **23** **Roving Coffee Morning** **at Park Place Farm** **Nursery, Wickham** **Southampton District**

 10.30am

 As per menu



Another new venue recommended by our members! Come and try it. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Redhill Crossroads. Park Place Farm Nursery, Titchfield Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5HB. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

## **SAT** **25** **Princes of Motown at** **The Concorde Club,** **Eastleigh** **Southampton District**

 2pm

 £20



Live music! The Tribute show dedicated to the 'Smash Hit Selling Motown Groups'. Get a movin' and a groovin' all afternoon! Doors open at 12 noon. Early booking essential for these popular events. Bus stop: Concorde Club. Book by Saturday 4 October. The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9HQ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 if transport is required.

## **WED** **29** **Gary the Singing** **Jukebox, Sarisbury Green** **Southampton District**

 2pm

 Members £8  
Guests £10



Gary is a professional entertainer and singer with thousands of songs in his repertoire. Come and sing along to your favourite tunes from the 1950s to 1980s. Tea and cake provided. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green or St Paul's Church. Book by Monday 27 October. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.



# November

## **WED** **05** **Evening Business Meeting, Totton** **Southampton District**

 7.30pm

 Free



7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.

## **WED** **05** **Evening Social with Speaker Colin Carter - Winston Churchill, Totton** **Princess Royal Branch**

 8pm

 Free



Speaker Colin Carter: Winston Churchill - The Early Years. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.



## **WED** **05** **Gabriel Latchin Trio** **Plays Gershwin at** **The Concorde Club,** **Eastleigh** **Southampton District**

 8.15pm

 £22.50



Live music! This Trio take inspiration from Bill Evans, Oscar Peterson and Herbie Hancock and tonight pay tribute to the music of George Gershwin. Doors open at 7pm. Early booking essential for these popular events. Bus stop: Concorde Club. Book by Wednesday 22 October. The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9HQ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 if transport is required.

## **THURS** **06** **Afternoon Social:** **Beyond Beliefs: A True** **Story, Merryoak** **Oswald Branch**

 2pm

 Free



Sohail Husain will be talking to us about the incredible true story of a German refugee, an Indian migrant and the families left behind. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

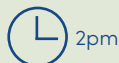


# November

SAT

08

## Oddfellow Brass Band Concert, Bitterne Oswald Branch



2pm



Members £10  
Guests £12



Come follow the band! The Oddfellows Brass Band will be coming to town for one



day and one day only! Join us for an unforgettable event. Refreshments will be available. Plenty of seats, so please spread the word and bring family and friends too. Booking is essential. Free parking at the hall. Bus stop: Peartree Church. Book by Saturday 25 October. Pear Tree Church Hall, 80 Pear Tree Road, Bitterne, Southampton SO19 7RT. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

WED

12

## Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport Lord Nelson Branch



10.30am



As per menu



Join friends old and new for tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

THURS

13

## Roving Coffee Morning at The Happy Cheese, Ashurst Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



A traditional pub setting for a cosy coffee and chat. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Shopping Parade. The Happy Cheese, 189 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

SUN

16

## District Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley Southampton District



12.30pm



TBC



You are cordially invited to the Southampton District Branch lunch. Excellent food with a paid bar will be open for drinks. Bus stop: Colebrook Avenue. Book by Saturday 1 November. Pirrie Park Bowling Club, 78a Wilton Crescent, Shirley, Southampton SO15 7QE. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 for menu choices and payment details.

# November

MON  
17

## Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington Lord Nelson Branch



6pm



Meal as per menu.  
Games: Members  
£4, Guests £5



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

WED  
19

## Roving Coffee Morning at Mulberry & Thyme Restaurant, Botley Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



Coffee, cakes and a catch up. What could be better. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Hilliers Garden Centre. Mulberry & Thyme Restaurant, Hillier Garden Centre, Woodhouse Lane, Botley SO30 2EZ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



THURS  
20

## Game On, Sarisbury Green Lord Nelson Branch



2pm



Members £4  
Guests £5



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

FRI  
21

## Roving Out to Lunch at Humble Plumb, Bitterne Southampton District



12.30pm



As per menu



The Humble Plumb is a traditional quality community pub with traditional decor pouring real ales and serving a familiar pub-grub menu. Early booking essential as there are limited places. Bus stop: Balaclava Road. Book by Friday 14 November. Humble Plumb, Commercial Street, Bitterne, Southampton SO18 6LY. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



# November

**WED 26** **Daytime Cinema, Fareham**  
Southampton District



Calling all film buffs! Meet at Reel Cinema Fareham to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: Fareham Bus Station. Book by Tuesday 25 November. Reel Cinema Fareham, 3 Vannes Parade, Fareham PO16 0BX. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**THURS 27** **Roving Coffee Morning at The Orangery Tea House, Titchfield**  
Southampton District



Returning to an ever popular venue. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: None near. The Orangery Tea House, Garsons, Fontley Road, Titchfield, Fareham PO15 6QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**WED 26** **Pub Lunch at The Alma Inn, Upham**  
near Fair Oak  
Oswald Branch



Enjoy a delicious lunch in friendly company. Everyone is welcome! Bus stop: Upham Street. Book by Monday 10 November. The Alma Inn, Alma Lane, Upham, Lower Upham SO32 1HE. Contact Diane on 02380 463334 for menu choices and payment details.



# December

**WED 03** **Evening Business Meeting, Totton**  
Southampton District



7.30pm to 8pm. Come and hear the latest updates at the Southampton District Branch business meeting. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Contact Peter on 01252 312643.



# December

**WED 03**  
**Evening Social with  
 Speaker Rosemarie Tiffen**  
**Tribunal Judge, Totton**  
**Princess Royal Branch**



Speaker Rosemarie Tiffen: My Career as a Tribunal Judge. Bus stop: Salisbury Road. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3RS. Please let Peter know on 01252 312643 if you are coming for catering purposes.

**SAT 06**  
**Christmas Lunch at The  
 Inn By The Sea, Lee-  
 On-The-Solent**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



Christmas lunch and all the trimmings! Will this be your first festive lunch? Bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome! Bus stop: Inn By The Sea. Book by Tuesday 25 November. The Inn By The Sea, 177 Portsmouth Road, Lee-On-The-Solent PO13 9AD. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566 for menu choices and payment details.



**THURS 04**  
**Afternoon Social:**  
**Festive Fun and**  
**Christmas Crafting,**  
**Merryoak**  
**Oswald Branch**



Get ready for Christmas. Come in your festive finery and enjoy a natter, nibble and raffle. Christmas crafting will also be available. Bus stop: Knighton Road. Festival Hall, Merryoak, Merryoak Road, Southampton SO19 7QR. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

**WED 10**  
**Coffee Morning at**  
**Claire's, Gosport**  
**Lord Nelson Branch**



Take a break from Christmas shopping over tea or coffee. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome. Bus stop: Bury Road or War Memorial Hospital. Claire's at Bury House, Thorngate Hall, Bury Road, Gosport PO12 3QX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



# December

WED  
10

## 80s v 90s - Christmas Party at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh Southampton District

⌚ 2pm

£ £15



Live music! Relive the era of big hair, big shoulders and even bigger tunes, with The Amazing 80s! Then the decade that gave us Britpop, Grunge, Dance, some of the greatest boybands of all time and some pretty questionable fashion choices! Doors open at 12 noon. Early booking essential for these popular events. Bus stop: Concorde Club. Book by Wednesday 26 November. The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9HQ. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 if transport is required.

THURS  
11

## Roving Coffee Morning at Walnut Tree Farm - Dining & Carvery, Nursling Southampton District

⌚ 10.30am

£ As per menu



Come for cake, coffee and a chat or fill your boots with their classic breakfast. Menu available for food. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: Adnac Park. Walnut Tree Farm - Dining & Carvery, Adanac Drive, Southampton SO16 0AU. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

SUN  
14

## Christmas Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley Princess Royal Branch

⌚ 12.30pm

£ TBC



Christmas lunch and all the trimmings! A paid bar will be open for drinks. Good company and good food. Bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome! Bus stop: Colebrook Avenue. Book by Wednesday 3 December. Pirrie Park Bowling Club, 78a Wilton Crescent, Shirley, Southampton SO15 7QE. Contact Peter on 01252 312643 for menu choices and payment details.

MON  
15

## Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington Lord Nelson Branch

⌚ 6pm

£ Meal as per menu. Games: Members £4, Guests £5



Enjoy a pub meal and a social catch-up with friends. Followed at 7.30pm by games, quizzes and a raffle. Everyone welcome. Booking essential for the meal via Dennis. Bus stop: Carisbrooke Avenue. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington, Fareham PO14 3QF. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

# December

WED  
17

## Roving Coffee Morning at The Country House Restaurant, Brambridge Southampton District



10.30am



As per menu



Christmas coffee to fortify you for the festivities. Menu available. Everyone welcome with a complimentary drink on your first visit. Bus stop: None near. The Country House Restaurant, Brambridge Garden Centre, Kiln Lane, Brambridge, Colden Common, Eastleigh SO50 6HT. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.



THURS  
18

## Game On, Sarisbury Green Lord Nelson Branch



2pm



Members £4  
Guests £5



A variety of events, from bingo to quizzes. Will it be a game of chance, or will you need your best head on? Come along to find out. Always laughter, rounded off by a raffle. Bus stop: Sarisbury Green. Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7AA. Contact Dennis on 07752 406566.

FRI  
19

## Roving Out to Lunch at The Strawberry Field Tavern, Locks Heath Southampton District



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Come and join us at this pub named after the area's strawberry growing heritage. Early booking essential as there are limited places. Bus stop: Locks Heath Centre, or Richards Close. Book by Friday 5 December. The Strawberry Field Tavern, Locks Heath Centre, 1 Centre Way, Locks Heath, Southampton SO31 6DX. Contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 with your pre-order.



WED  
24

## Daytime Cinema, Eastleigh Southampton District



TBC



As per film



Calling all cinema buffs! Meet at Vue Cinema Eastleigh to watch our chosen film. Booking required. Bus stop: The Swan Centre. Book by Tuesday 23 December. Vue Cinema, Swan Centre, Eastleigh SO50 5SF. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215.

# Forthcoming Event in January 2026

SUN  
18

## Late Christmas Lunch, Woolston Oswald Branch



12.30pm



TBC



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. Booking essential and limited seating so book early by Monday 5 January 2026. Bus stop: St Patrick's Church or Radstock Road. Masonic Hall, Manor Road South, Woolston, Southampton SO19 2DS. Contact Terry on 02380 360109.

## Join the Southampton District Strollers

We now have a keen group of members showing an interest in short walks with maybe a lunch to follow, preferably at weekends. So, as long as the weather is not too hot or too wet, might you

also be interested in sharing our friendly company for an enjoyable stroll in the countryside? If so, please contact Diane Sparkes on 02380 463334.

## Day Trips with Angela Holidays - Interested?



As funding and filling coaches has become more difficult we are looking at using Angela Holidays to give our members access to interesting day trips in the company of friends. Is this something that interests you? If so, please register your interest with Yvonne on **07949 917215** or email **southampton@oddfellows.co.uk**

The holidays are operated by Angela Holidays. Please understand their terms and conditions before booking at (<https://www.angelaholidays.co.uk/>). The Oddfellows cannot be held responsible for any bookings made with Angela Holidays.

## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



**For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.**

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Hamer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, who's PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.**

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



# Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

## Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

## Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."



# Incredible total raised for good causes



*Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

**Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.**

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

**Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



**In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.**

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”



# 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 Peter on **01252 312643** or email **peter.cawte@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

# Branch Meet Ups and Contacts

## Southampton District

The Southampton District Branch meet monthly at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month to share the latest business news at Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton SO40 3RS.

Our large District ranges from Downton in the New Forest, north to Stockbridge, includes Winchester and then east to Chichester and all of the coast from Chichester Harbour to Milford-on-Sea.

We hold a variety of events for our members including family-friendly events where children are welcomed. We need members to come forward to help with events. If you can do something to help please contact Yvonne on 07949 917215 or [southampton@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:southampton@oddfellows.co.uk)

### District Secretary:

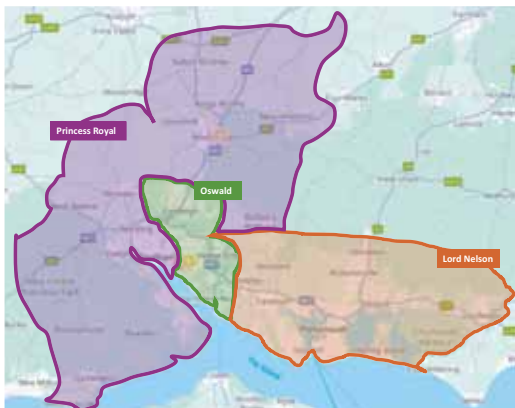
Peter Cawte

Telephone: 01252 312643

### District Social Organiser:

Yvonne Kiley-Fuller

Telephone: 07949 917215



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

## Lord Nelson

Lord Nelson Branch meet every third Monday of the month at 6pm for a meal followed at 7.30pm by a social including games, quizzes and a raffle. The Crofton, 48 Crofton Lane, Stubbington PO14 3QF.

### Social Organiser:

Dennis Clay

Telephone: 07752 406566

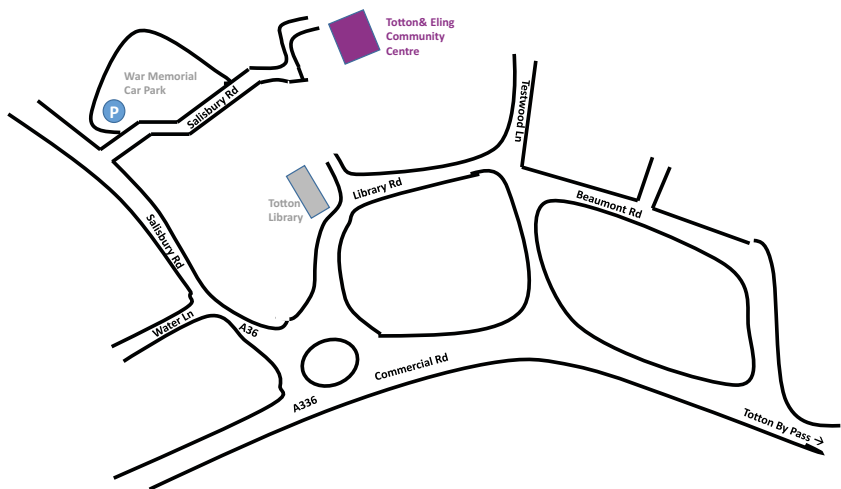


# Branch Meet Ups and Contacts

## Princess Royal

Princess Royal Branch meet every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm for a social with a speaker and refreshments. Totton & Eling Community Centre, Library Road, Totton SO40 3RS.

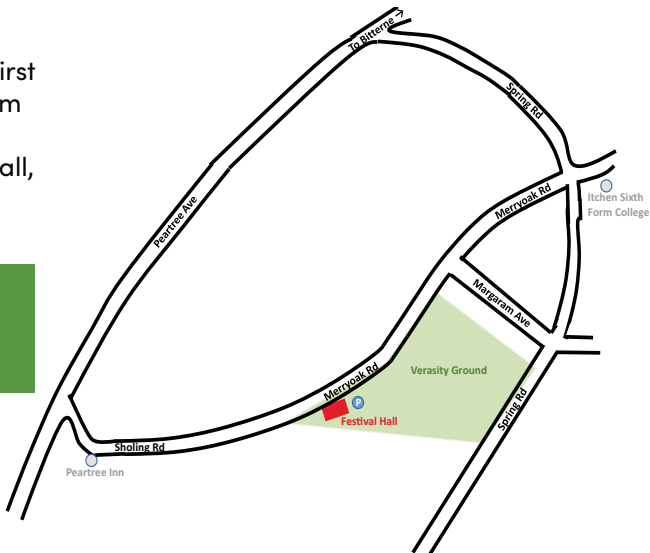
**Social Organiser:**  
Brian Hopper via  
Peter Cawte  
**Telephone:** 01252 312643



## Oswald

Oswald Branch meet every first Thursday of the month at 2pm for a different social activity and refreshments. Festival Hall, Merryoak Road, Merryoak, Southampton SO19 7QR.

**Branch Social Organiser:**  
Terry Rendle  
**Telephone:** 02380 360109



# At a glance

## July 2025

● <b>Mon 21</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Wed 23</b>	Daytime Cinema, Fareham (Southampton District)	TBC
● <b>Thurs 24</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Talisman, Park Gate (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Sat 26</b>	Annual Garden Party, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	3pm
● <b>Tues 29</b>	Afternoon Tea at Poppys Tea Room, Wickham (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 30</b>	Gary the Singing Jukebox, Merryoak (Southampton District)	2pm

## August

● <b>Fri 1</b>	Meet Up: Lavender Farm, Landford (Southampton District)	11am
● <b>Tues 5</b>	Afternoon Tea at Furzey Gardens, Minstead (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 6</b>	Evening Business Meeting, Totton (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 6</b>	Evening Social with Speaker from HIOWAA, Totton (Princess Royal Branch)	8pm
● <b>Thurs 7</b>	Business Meeting, Merryoak (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Thurs 7</b>	Afternoon Social: Play Your Cards Right, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	2.30pm
● <b>Wed 13</b>	Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 14</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Daisy Tea Garden, Brockenhurst (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Fri 15</b>	Roving Out to Lunch at Lone Barn/Fox & Hounds, Bursledon (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Sat 16</b>	Saturday Pig Racing with Supper, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6.30pm
● <b>Mon 18</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Wed 20</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Charlottes Café, Fair Oak (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 21</b>	Game On, Sarisbury Green (Lord Nelson Branch)	2pm
● <b>Wed 27</b>	Daytime Cinema, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	TBC
● <b>Thurs 28</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Inn By The Sea, Lee-On-The-Solent (Southampton District)	10.30am

# At a glance

## August

● <b>Thurs 28</b>	Blue Funnel Three Hour River Cruise with Fish and Chips Lunch, Southampton (Oswald Branch)	11.45am
● <b>Thurs 28</b>	Gary the Singing Jukebox, Totton (Southampton District)	2pm

## September - Friendship Month

● <b>Wed 3</b>	Evening Business Meeting, Totton (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 3</b>	Evening Social with Speaker Judy Theobold - Flushed with Success, Totton (Princess Royal Branch)	8pm
● <b>Thurs 4</b>	Afternoon Social: CPR Skills for Life training by HIOWAA, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● <b>Sat 6</b>	Friendship Afternoon Tea at Sarisbury Green (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 10</b>	Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Broadlands Lakes Licensed Clubhouse & Café, Southampton (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	The Swing Pack at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	9pm
● <b>Sat 13</b>	Indoor Kurling with Lunch, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	1pm
● <b>Mon 15</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Wed 17</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Pink Mead Bistro & Tearooms, Curdridge near Botley (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 18</b>	Game On, Sarisbury Green (Lord Nelson Branch)	2pm
● <b>Fri 19</b>	Roving Out to Lunch at Bellemoor Tavern, Shirley (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Sat 20</b>	Friendship Afternoon Tea at Festival Hall, Merryoak (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 24</b>	Daytime Cinema, Fareham (Southampton District)	TBC
● <b>Thurs 25</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Barley Mow, Hayling Island (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Sat 27</b>	Friendship Afternoon Tea at Totton & Eling Community Centre (Southampton District)	2pm

## October

● <b>Wed 1</b>	Meet up: Chichester Visit (Southampton District)	11.30am
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# At a glance

## October

● <b>Wed 1</b>	Evening Business Meeting, Totton (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 1</b>	Evening Social with Speaker Jackie Dimmock – Good, Bad, Downright Funny, Totton (Princess Royal Branch)	8pm
● <b>Thurs 2</b>	Afternoon Social: Childhood Games, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● <b>Tues 7</b>	Afternoon Tea at Gracie-Anns Tea Room, Port Solent (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 8</b>	Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 9</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Charlottes Café, Poulner Hill (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Sat 11</b>	Quiz with Lunch, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	1pm
● <b>Tues 14</b>	Half Yearly Business Meeting, Merryoak (Southampton District)	7pm
● <b>Wed 15</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Haskins Garden Centre West End (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 16</b>	Game On, Sarisbury Green (Lord Nelson Branch)	2pm
● <b>Fri 17</b>	Roving Out to Lunch at White Horse, Romsey (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Mon 20</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Mon 20</b>	Business Meeting, Stubbington (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 22</b>	Daytime Cinema, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	TBC
● <b>Thurs 23</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Park Place Farm Nursery, Wickham (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Sat 25</b>	Princes of Motown at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Wed 29</b>	Gary the Singing Jukebox, Sarisbury Green (Southampton District)	2pm

## November

● <b>Wed 5</b>	Evening Business Meeting, Totton (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 5</b>	Evening Social with Speaker Colin Carter – Winston Churchill, Totton (Princess Royal Branch)	8pm
● <b>Wed 5</b>	Gabriel Latchin Trio Plays Gershwin at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	8.15pm

# At a glance

## November

● <b>Thurs 6</b>	Afternoon Social: Beyond Beliefs: A True Story, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● <b>Sat 8</b>	Oddfellow Brass Band Concert, Bitterne (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● <b>Wed 12</b>	Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 13</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Happy Cheese, Ashurst (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Sun 16</b>	District Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Mon 17</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Wed 19</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Mulberry & Thyme Restaurant, Botley (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 20</b>	Game On, Sarisbury Green (Lord Nelson Branch)	2pm
● <b>Fri 21</b>	Roving Out to Lunch at Humble Plumb, Bitterne (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Wed 26</b>	Daytime Cinema, Fareham (Southampton District)	TBC
● <b>Wed 26</b>	Pub Lunch at The Alma Inn, Upham near Fair Oak (Oswald Branch)	1pm
● <b>Thurs 27</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Orangery Tea House, Titchfield (Southampton District)	10.30am

## December

● <b>Wed 3</b>	Evening Business Meeting, Totton (Southampton District)	7.30pm
● <b>Wed 3</b>	Evening Social with Speaker Rosemarie Tiffen - Tribunal Judge, Totton (Princess Royal Branch)	8pm
● <b>Thurs 4</b>	Afternoon Social: Festive Fun and Christmas Crafting, Merryoak (Oswald Branch)	2pm
● <b>Sat 6</b>	Christmas Lunch at The Inn By The Sea, Lee-On-The-Solent (Lord Nelson Branch)	12.30pm
● <b>Wed 10</b>	Coffee Morning at Claire's, Gosport (Lord Nelson Branch)	10.30am
● <b>Wed 10</b>	80s v 90s - Christmas Party at The Concorde Club, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	2pm
● <b>Thurs 11</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at Walnut Tree Farm - Dining & Carvery, Nursling (Southampton District)	10.30am

# At a glance

## December

● <b>Sun 14</b>	Christmas Lunch at Pirrie Park Bowling Club, Shirley (Princess Royal Branch)	12.30pm
● <b>Mon 15</b>	Evening Meal and Social at The Crofton, Stubbington (Lord Nelson Branch)	6pm
● <b>Wed 17</b>	Roving Coffee Morning at The Country House Restaurant, Brambridge (Southampton District)	10.30am
● <b>Thurs 18</b>	Game On, Sarisbury Green (Lord Nelson Branch)	2pm
● <b>Fri 19</b>	Roving Out to Lunch at The Strawberry Field Tavern, Locks Heath (Southampton District)	12.30pm
● <b>Wed 24</b>	Daytime Cinema, Eastleigh (Southampton District)	TBC

## Forthcoming Event in January 2026

● <b>Sun 18</b>	Late Christmas Lunch, Woolston (Oswald Branch)	12.30pm
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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS! YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU!

Please help us! We need members to get involved with events, either one-off help or regular support. Could you:

- Welcome members and guests
- Help prepare refreshments
- Help set up or clear up
- Be the volunteer host at a coffee morning
- Help plan the 2026 events?



**We will organise, advertise and support you. Please contact Yvonne on 07949 917 215.**

**You could make all the difference...**

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# out & about

## Isle of Wight



*Osbourne House on the Isle of Wight, photo by Robert Anderson*



Music



Art/Crafts



Online



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Friendship  
Month



*Christmas Lunch - Monday 8 December 2025, 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.

Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary.

## 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](mailto:maretta.heap@oddfellows.co.uk)

Penny-Sue Wolfe

**Email:**

[penny-sue.wolfe@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:penny-sue.wolfe@oddfellows.co.uk)

Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

# Introducing our new Welfare Officer Elenid

**Elenid Perry-Lowe has agreed to be one of our Welfare Officers. Some of you will remember her as the lady who had a charity shop in the old Singer shop, while we were looking for a new permanent tenant.**

This means that we now have a female and a male welfare officer, allowing members a choice, if they wish to discuss personal matters. If you would like a visit from either or both of them, contact the office to make the arrangements.

Elenid has already helped one member with travel arrangements to a mainland hospital and this is something that both she and Maurice Fairall, the other Welfare Officer, try to monitor for us. Often, members find that travel options have changed since they last had an appointment in Portsmouth or Southampton and both Welfare Officers will be pleased to help with finding the latest information.



*Elenid Perry-Lowe*



*Elenid's shop*

All Branch Welfare Visitors are DBS checked and carry identity badges, so you can feel comfortable about any home visits.

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

**f OddfellowsUK**



# Regular Events

## Monday Music Musing on Zoom

**First and third Monday  
of the month**



3pm



Free



Online



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. Email for a link or join using: Zoom Meeting ID: 420 044 9988. Password: 942052. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.

**6 October**

**1 December**

**19 January**

**3 November**

**15 December**

**2 February**

**17 November**

**5 January 2026**

**16 February**

## Mindfulness



2pm



Members £2  
Guests £4



**First Monday  
of the month**

An afternoon of relaxation and self care. Join us for seated meditation, journalling and a different mindfulness exercise each month. Open to all. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue on 01983 523115.



**6 October 3 November 1 December 5 January 2026 2 February**

## Coffee Morning and Book Club, Ryde Library

**Third Tuesdays**



10.30am



Donation to Living Well Group  
for drink and biscuits



Join us at the 'Living Well' Coffee Morning in Ryde Library on the third Tuesday of each month. Make some new friends and meet up for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

We also have a book club for those who would like to take part. If you'd like to join in, you can take a book away to read and discuss it with the group the following month. Everyone reads the same book - supplied by the library staff. Ryde Library, 101 George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2JE. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



**21 October 18 November 16 December 20 January 2026 17 February**

Contact Maretta on 01983 523115 for more details

# Regular Events

## Coffee Morning at Ryde Library

**First Wednesday  
of the month**



10.30am



Members £2, Guests £4



Come and meet new friends in the library. Enjoy a cuppa and cake with some friendly conversation and find out what other events are on offer with Oddfellows on the Isle of Wight. Ryde Library, 101 George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2JE. Contact Penny-sue on 01983 523115.



**1 October 5 November 3 December 7 January 2026 4 February**

## Cards Afternoon

**Every other Wednesday**



1.30pm



Members £2, Guests £4



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. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.



**8 October**

**22 October**

**5 November**

**19 November**

**3 December**

**17 December**

**31 December**

**14 January 2026**

**28 January**

**11 February**

**25 February**

## Lunch at 50+ Shanklin

**Last Wednesday  
of the month**



12 noon



£5



We are joining 50+ for lunch meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm. The menu will be available nearer the time via email. Please note that it is very important to book by the previous Monday, please cancel if you can't make it, as food is made to order. 50+ Age Concern, 106 Regent Street, Shanklin, Isle of Wight PO37 7AP. Contact Penny-sue or Marettta on 01983 523115.



**29 October**

**26 November**

**31 December**

**28 January 2026**

**25 February 2026**

Contact Marettta on 01983 523115 for more details

# Regular Events

Dates can be found on the at a glance section

## Crafty Coffee Morning

Every other Friday



10.30am



Members £2, Guests £4



Come for coffee and bring a craft or a hobby to share, if you like. A chatty gathering where you can learn a new skill or share your knowledge and useful tips. Or just come for coffee and a chat, of course! Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.

**17 October**

**28 November**

**9 January 2026**

**20 February**

**31 October**

**12 December**

**23 January**

**14 November**

**26 December**

**6 February**

## Coffee Morning with Optional Dance

Every other Friday



11am



Members £2, Guests £5



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. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.

**10 October**

**21 November**

**2 January 2026**

**13 February**

**24 October**

**5 December**

**16 January**

**27 February**

**7 November**

**19 December**

**30 January**

## Darts at the Binstead Arms

Various Fridays



2pm



Cost of food and drink



Join us for a very friendly game of darts at the Binstead Arms (used to be the Fleming Arms). Binstead Arms, Binstead Hill, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3RD. Contact Marettta on 01983 523115.

**17 October**

**12 December**

**20 February 2026**

**14 November**

**23 January 2026**

Contact Marettta on 01983 523115 for more details

# Regular Events

## Online Games from the Isle of Wight



**Last Friday  
of the month**

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 to enjoy some easy quizzes and games. Zoom Meeting ID: 420 044 9988. Password: 942052. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



**31 October 28 November 26 December  
30 January 2026 27 February**

## Games Afternoon



**Various Wednesday**

Come join us for an afternoon of board gaming and laughter! Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Maretta on 01983 523115.



**29 October**

**21 January 2026**

## Quiz



**Every other Sunday**

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, there is not food but there is a bar for crisps etc. A very friendly and welcoming little club in Lake. The Porter Club, 77b Sandown Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9LE. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



**12 October  
26 October  
9 November**

**23 November  
7 December  
21 December**

**4 January 2026  
18 January  
1 February**

**15 February**

# October 2025

## **FRI** **03** **Talk on the History of Oddfellows**



10.30am



Members £2,  
Guests £4



One of our Trustees, Dave Phipps, will give a talk on the History of Oddfellows at our coffee morning. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Marettta on 01983 523115.



## **MON** **20** **Half Yearly Meeting and Quiz**



2pm



Free



This will be our first Half Yearly Meeting, as a District, so come and see what it's all about. The meeting shouldn't take too long and will be followed by refreshments and a quiz. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Marettta on 01983 523115.

## **MON** **13** **Pie, Mash, Beer and Banter!**



12.30pm



Members £10,  
Guests £15



Join us for pie, mash and a drink! An atmosphere of good conversations, reminiscing and a game of darts if you fancy it. The Veteran Hotel on Ryde Esplanade is a safe space where veterans can get help and a room if they are in need. It is also one of this year's recipients of our bursary charity donations. Your first drink of beer, wine or a soft drink is included with the meal. Subsequent drinks will need to be paid for, however, if you have a veterans card or blue light card you will get a discount. This event is not just for veterans! Cost is only £10 (members) or £15 (non-members). Please make sure you book and pay for your place as soon as possible as it is limited to 30 people.

Also state your choice of pie: mince and onion, steak and ale or chicken and ham. Book by Saturday 13 September 2025. The Veteran Hotel, 15 Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2DZ. Contact Penny-sue or Marettta on 01983 523115.

# November

SUN  
09

## Remembrance Sunday



10.30am



Free



Unity Hall will be open for anyone who would like to watch the ceremony in the square from our upstairs windows. It gets quite crowded in the square and can also be cold and wet! Children welcome to come up as well. Refreshments available - donations to the Poppy Appeal. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Maretta on 01983 523115.



# December

THURS  
04

## Steve Love Sings



10.30am



Free



Steve Love will be coming along to sing festive Isle of Wight themed songs. This is a free event with donations for refreshments. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Maretta on 01983 523115.

MON  
10

## Armistice Day Dance



12 noon



Members £5,  
Guests £8



Dress in your best 1940s inspired outfit or wear red, white and blue with your dancing shoes to celebrate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Sandwiches, cake and refreshment are provided. Ticket only. Book by Monday 27 October 2025. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Maretta on 01983 523115.





# December

MON  
08

## Christmas Lunch



12 noon



TBC



Christmas lunch - details to be announced nearer to the time via email. The Horse and Groom, Ningwood, Main Road, Ningwood, Isle of Wight PO30 4NW. Contact Penny-sue or Mareta on 01983 523115.



# February 2026

MON  
09

## Healthy Heart



10.30am



Free



Could you restart a heart? Make sure you know what to do in an emergency, including CPR resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator. Newport Minster, St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SL. Contact Penny-sue on 01983 523115.



# January 2026

MON  
12

## New Year Declutter, Bring and Buy sale



10.30am



Free



Join us for a New Year (2026) declutter bring and buy. Bring your unwanted (clean useable) items which we will put on our sales tables.

Purchases are by donation and will be given to Mountbatten Hospice. Tea or coffee by donation. Any items left over will be donated to charity. Strictly no electrical items, flammable items, used toiletries. Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas Square, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1SG. Contact Penny-sue or Mareta on 01983 523115.



## REFER A FRIEND

# Share the love and make someone smile



To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend** form available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)

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## Keeping in touch...

Communication is important to us, we would be grateful if you could get in touch with your Branch Secretary to ensure that we have all your up to date contact details, especially email addresses, so that we can keep in touch with you. Thank you.

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

We've online events for all to enjoy.  
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## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



**For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.**

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, whose PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.**

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



# Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

## Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

## Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

*Working in the Spirit of Mutuality*

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

*Giving Something Back*

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

*Giving a Helping Hand*

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."



# Incredible total raised for good causes



*Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

**Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.**

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

**Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



**In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.**

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual’s members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society’s sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

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## October

<b>Wed 1</b>	Coffee Morning in Ryde	10.30am
<b>Fri 3</b>	Talk on the History of Oddfellows	10.30am
<b>Mon 6</b>	Mindfulness	2pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 12</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Pie, Mash, Beer and Banter!	12.30pm
<b>Fri 17</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 17</b>	Darts at the Binstead Arms	2pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Half Yearly Meeting and Quiz	2pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Coffee Morning and Book Club at Ryde Library	10.30am
<b>Wed 22</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 24</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 26</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	Lunch at 50+ Shanklin	12 noon
<b>Wed 29</b>	Games Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 31</b>	Online Games from the Isle of Wight	3pm

## November

<b>Mon 3</b>	Mindfulness	2pm
<b>Mon 3</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Coffee Morning in Ryde	10.30am
<b>Wed 5</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 9</b>	Remembrance Sunday	10.30am
<b>Sun 9</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Armistice Day Dance	12 noon
<b>Fri 14</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 14</b>	Darts at the Binstead Arms	2pm
<b>Mon 17</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Coffee Morning and Book Club at Ryde Library	10.30am
<b>Wed 19</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm

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## November

<b>Fri 21</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 23</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 24</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Lunch at 50+ Shanklin	12 noon
<b>Fri 28</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 28</b>	Online Games from the Isle of Wight	3pm

## December

<b>Mon 1</b>	Mindfulness	2pm
<b>Mon 1</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Coffee Morning in Ryde	10.30am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Steve Love Sings	10.30am
<b>Fri 5</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 7</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Christmas Lunch	12 noon
<b>Fri 12</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 12</b>	Darts at the Binstead Arms	2pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Coffee Morning and Book Club at Ryde Library	10.30am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 21</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 26</b>	Online Games from the Isle of Wight	3pm
<b>Wed 31</b>	Lunch at 50+ Shanklin	12 noon
<b>Wed 31</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm

## January 2026

<b>Fri 2</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 4</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	Mindfulness	2pm
<b>Mon 5</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Coffee Morning in Ryde	10.30am

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## January 2026

<b>Fri 9</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 12</b>	New Year Declutter, Bring and Buy sale	10.30am
<b>Wed 14</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 18</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Coffee Morning and Book Club at Ryde Library	10.30am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Games Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 23</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 23</b>	Darts at the Binstead Arms	2pm
<b>Mon 26</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Lunch at 50+ Shanklin	12 noon
<b>Wed 28</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Fri 30</b>	Online Games from the Isle of Wight	3pm

## February

<b>Sun 1</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 2</b>	Mindfulness	2pm
<b>Mon 2</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Coffee Morning in Ryde	10.30am
<b>Fri 6</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 9</b>	Healthy Heart	10.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Sun 15</b>	Quiz	8pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Monday Music and Musing on Zoom	3pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Coffee Morning and Book Club at Ryde Library	10.30am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Crafty Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Darts at the Binstead Arms	2pm
<b>Mon 23</b>	Ten Pin Bowling	2pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Lunch at 50+ Shanklin	12 noon
<b>Wed 25</b>	Cards Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Fri 27</b>	Coffee Morning with Optional Dancing	11am
<b>Fri 27</b>	Online Games from the Isle of Wight	3pm