

Events News .

Worcester Branch









Travel



Dining Out



Quizzes IIII



History









Social



Games Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Fish and Chips Supper - Tuesday 26 January 2021, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the autumn edition of your Events Diary for Worcester Branch Oddfellows.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these strange times. Our world has changed beyond belief in just a few short weeks as the Coronavirus pandemic has unfolded. Activities we once took for granted, shopping, global travel, even hugging our nearest and dearest have been cast into doubt or stopped altogether.

However it is important for us to let you, our Oddfellow members know that we are here for you. As you know we haven't been able to hold our monthly social events since the end of March but following government guidelines and strict social distancing rules we are hopeful to be able to start holding our monthly events again from October and we have organised an exciting and varied programme of events for you all.

As well as our events, other Districts are hosting Online events via Zoom,

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such as quizzes, talks and games, these events are open for anyone to join, if you are interested to know what is on offer they are all listed on the Oddfellows Online events diary.

Should anyone have any queries or concerns you can contact me via post, email or telephone, you will find my contact details on this page.

Yours fraternally

Sandra Branch Secretary, Worcester District Branch

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Regular Event

Ten Pin Bowling





visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

£3.80 for two games and a hot drink & biscuits



Come and join us for a morning of ten pin bowling. Open to members and non-members. Everyone welcome. Bowl Extreme, Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Road, Worcester WR3 7SN. For more details please contact Kath on 01299 826734. Every Second Tuesday of the month



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Booking and Cancellations

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



October 2020



Quiz (Stanley Baldwin Branch)



7.30pm

01299 826734.



Come and test your knowledge!

Who knows you may win a prize. Refreshments will be provided and

of raffle prizes would be gratefully

2020. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion

Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn,



Binao (Worcester Branch)



7.30pm







Join use for a game of bingo and who knows, you may win a prize. Refreshments will be provided and we we will be holding a raffle. Donations will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by received. Book by Monday 5 October Monday 26 October 2020. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club. The Moors. Worcester WR1 3ED. Contact John on Worcester DY13 8BH, Contact Kath on 01905 355241.





Card Bingo (Fernhill Heath Branch)



12 noon





Do you enjoy a game of bingo? If so come and try our card bingo, with lots of fun and prizes to be won. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Friday 23 October 2020. The Prince of Wales Pub. Windermere Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9HY. Contact leff on 01905 422591.



November



How many items in a Matchbox (Stanley Baldwin Branch)



7.30pm





How many items can you fit into a matchbox? You will be very surprised. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Donation of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 2 November 2020, Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH, Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

November



Family Fortunes (Fernhill Heath Branch)



12 noon





You've seen this game show on TV now come and have a go at our version and who knows, you may be lucky and win a prize. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Friday 20 November 2020. The Prince of Wales Pub, Windermere Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9HY. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



Play Your Cards Right (Worcester Branch)



7.30pm





You've seen it on the telly now come and play our version, there are prizes to be won. Refreshment will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 23 November 2020. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Contact John on 01905 355241.



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Management Committee Meeting



7.30pm





Committee members only. Tesco's, St Peters Drive, Worcester WR5 3SW. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

December



Whisky, Mince Pies and Carol Singing



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What a great way to start the Christmas season, singing all our favourite carols followed by a tot of whisky and a mince pie. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle, donation of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 30 November 2020. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourporton–Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.



December



Christmas Lunch (Fernhill Heath Branch)



12 noon





Details to be finalised. Venue subject to change if social distancing rules cannot be adhered to. Book by Monday 23 November 2020. The Timberdine (Harvester), Bath Road, Worcester WR5 3HP. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



January 2021



Card Bingo (Stanley Baldwin Branch)



7.30pm





Join us in a game of card bingo. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Donation of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 4 January 2021. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

January 2021



Fish and Chip Supper (Worcester Branch)





£ Members £2 Guests £5



On the menu today is mini fish, roe or fish cakes, all served with chips. We will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes gratefully received. Book by Monday 25 January 2021. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Contact John on 01905 355241.



February



Installation of
Officers and Quiz
(Stanley Baldwin Branch)



7.30pm





Come and witness the Branches new officers being installed into office followed by a mind blowing quiz. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Donation of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 1 February 2021. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

February



Beetle Drive (Fernhill Heath Branch)



12 noon





Have you ever been to a beetle drive? It's a lot of fun so come and join us. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Friday 19 February 2021. The Prince of Wales Pub, Windermere Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9HY. Contact leff on 01905 422591.



The early life of Elvis Presley (Worcester Branch)









An audio and visual presentation by Mike Speed. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes gratefully received. Book by Monday 22 February 2021. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Contact John on 01905 355241.



Committee of **Management Meeting**



7.30pm





Committee of Management meeting. Tesco's, St Peters Drive, Worcester WR5 3SW. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

March



Beetle Drive (Stanley Baldwin Branch)



7.30pm





Come and join the fun game of beetle drive. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 1 March 2021. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.



March



Easter Quiz (Fernhill Heath Branch)



12 noon



Get your thinking caps on. It's quiz time! Refreshments will be provided

prizes would be gratefully received.

Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9HY.

Book by Friday 19 March 2021. The

Prince of Wales Pub, Windermere

Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



Race Night (Worcester Branch)



7.30pm





Take on the bookie and walk away with your winnings. Refreshments will and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Raffle prizes gratefully received. Book by Monday 29 March 2021. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club. The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED. Contact John on 01905 355241.





Annual General Meeting (Worcester Branch)





Afternoon tea will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Book by Friday 19 March 2021. Barbourne Ex-Servicemens Club, The Moors, Worcester WR1 3ED, Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.



April



Hot Cross Buns (Stanley Baldwin Branch)







If you haven't had enough of hot cross buns, come and join us for a fun packed evening. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Book by Monday 5 April 2021. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

A day on the beach

In 1998, the Worcester District sent a group of delegates and visitors to the Annual Movable Conference (AMC) at Bournemouth. The group consisted of Ron Fryer, John Handley, Tony Ashcroft, Bob and Glad Callow, Dawn Cox and me, John Bradley.

During a day off from conference we decided to hire a beach hut and sunbathe on the sea front. We had only taken suits for the conference so we were short of beachwear. In the end we sat in our underpants with knotted handkerchiefs on our head, to protect us from the sun.

A council worker came along to empty the bins and Ron Fryer made some remark to him. The binman thought that it was me who had spoken and he turned on me and said "you have nothing to shout about, you are as white as a milk bottle". Everyone thought that it was very funny and Ron never got tired of reminding me of the incident.



There was a gas ring in the beach hut and we were dying for a cup of tea, but we did not have a kettle. So, we sent Dawn off into town to buy a cheap kettle, together with some milk and teabags.



In the meantime, we decided to have an ice cream cornet and we all sat outside the hut in the blazing sun to eat our ice creams. My ice cream melted and fell onto my underpants but I could not take them off without being arrested for flashing.

Eventually Dawn returned with a saucepan instead of a kettle, so we were able to boil some water for our cup of tea. Dawn also kindly brought a tray of cream cakes for us to enjoy with our cup of tea.

When we had finished our tea and cake, we had two cakes left over and being a hot day, they would not keep, so we debated whether to feed the seagulls with them. John Handley did not like to see things go to waste so he said "I will offer them to these two young gentlemen who were walking towards us on the promenade." John Handley approached them and said "can I interest you in a free cake. The two young men gave John such a strange look and hurried off along the promenade.

We all killed ourselves laughing again. It was a great day at the seaside

By John Bradley

Celebrations 2020/2021

October 2020

Thursday 1 - Marie Darbyshire will celebrate her 80th Birthday.

November 2020

Friday 27 - Muriel Balkwill will celebrate her 90th Birthday.

January 2021

Thursday 21 - Kenneth Hipwell will celebrate his 80th Birthday.

February 2021

Wednesday 10 - Margaret Tomlinson will celebrate her 80th Birthday.

March 2021

Friday 12 – Mary Mayall will celebrate her 80th Birthday.

Sunday 14 - Brian Clayton will celebrate his 90th Birthday.

April 2021

Wednesday 14 - Kenneth Taylor will celebrate his 90th Birthday.





100 Club

Date	No.	£10	No.	£5
March	63	John Pruszynski	21	Ron Fryer
April	66	John Pruszynski	27	Jane Woodcock
May	40	Jeff Loynes	9	Jamie Bilboe
June	59	Janet Parsons	19	Diane Drinkwater
July	17	Adrian Price	31	Anita Hill
August	51	Lynne Millward	33	K Hopkins

Obituaries 2020

Memories comfort you, for memories are treasures that time cannot destroy

Ron Fryer PPGM

Mr G.F.R Styles

George Burrow

Jim Wrigglesworth

Betty Harwood

Cyril Boucher

Dorothy Townsend

Eric Hooper

Vera Ford

Malcolm Wainwright

Anthony Deakin

Raymond Griffiths

Jean Allkin

Gerald Mitchell

Leonard Lippitt

John Howell

Ann Clayton

Margaret Langran





General Knowledge quiz (See back page for answers).

For those of you that like a brain teaser or two here is a short general knowledge guiz for your entertainment

- 1. What is the world's largest land mammal?
- 2. Rio de Janeiro is a city in which South American country?
- 3. Which Middle Eastern city is also the name of a type of artichoke?
- **4.** With which sport is Silverstone most associated?
- 5. Nostradamus was famous for making what?
- **6.** In mythology, Romulus and Remus were brought up by which animal?
- 7. What is the main source of vitamin C?
- **8.** Insulin is commonly used to treat which condition?
- **9.** The first atom bomb was dropped on which Japanese city?
- **10.** What is dermatophobia the fear of?
- 11. The Velocipede was a nineteenth-century prototype of what?
- **12.** Which is Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper, published for the first time in 1791?
- 13. What was the middle name of Wolfgang Mozart?
- **14.** What is the art of stuffing animals for preservation?
- **15.** The term BHP is used when describing the power of a motor vehicle; for what does it stand?
- **16.** What is Prince William's second name?
- 17. Who invented the Flying Shuttle in 1733?
- **18.** What does a Geiger counter measure?
- 19. If you were an LLD, what profession would you be involved in?
- **20.** How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Anne?





BACK HOME

If I had the power to turn back the clock, Go back to that house at the end of the block The house that was home when I was a kid, I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could go back there at my mother's knee, And hear once again all the things she told me, I'd listen as I never listened before, For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice my dad used to give, his voice I'll remember as long as I live; But it didn't seem really important then; What I'd give just to live it all over again.

And what I'd give for the chance I once had, To do so much more for my mother and dad; To give them more joy and a little less pain; A little more sunshine – a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back, Whether we were born in a mansion or in a shack; But we can start right now – in the hour that's here, To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is travelling so fast; Let's not spend it regretting that which is past; But let's make tomorrow a happier day By doing our "good to others" – today.

(Author unknown)



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 Sandra on **01905 422591** or email sandra.loynes@oddfellows.co.uk.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm **Email:** oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

Society News



www.oddfellows.co.uk

Time to say "Thank you!"



It's true that lights shine brightest on the darkest of days as, since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, we've witnessed countless acts of kindness and the best of humankind.

Jane Nelson, CEO, says, "Oddfellows has its own very special brand of friendship which goes a long way in helping our members through some difficult times, and these past few weeks have been extremely difficult for so many people. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Branches and all our volunteers for the fantastic way that they all rose to the challenge, and we can't thank them enough for their efforts."

As with other local organisations supporting older or vulnerable people, including many who live alone or who are shielding, our volunteers make a huge difference to the scale of help we can offer, such as making welfare check-in calls, organising essential shopping and providing company through befriending and online events.

Once again, our most heartfelt thanks go to the individuals who have given their time freely to be a friend to those in desperate need. We will not forget your kindness, and we hope that their example continues to inspire many others to offer their help where possible, long into the future.

Interested in becoming an Oddfellows member volunteer? Speak with your Branch Secretary, or take a look at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/social/volunteering/

Society News Issue 10

Our emergency appeals

At times of crisis, the Society has always looked for ways to help. Which is why, when our friends in Australia were fighting against bush fires at the end of 2019, our members rallied to offer their support.



We're pleased to tell you that the total amount raised by our members was £7,600. This money has gone directly to those affected, to help rebuild communities and provide valuable support.

We also launched our Coronavirus Emergency Appeal, in support of The Silver Line and the National Emergencies Trust's critical work during the pandemic. Both organisations work hard to ensure help and comfort is provided to those who desperately need it.



Reflecting on the donations, Oddfellows CEO Jane Nelson said: "Thank you again to all who have contributed to the Appeals, and for enabling those in need to receive the support they so desperately need, as well as to draw comfort from the knowledge that they have not been forgotten."





Society News Issue 10

We'd love to see you at our online events

Just because you aren't able to come along to our usual face-to-face events at the moment, it doesn't mean that you should have to miss out on all of the fun!

Lots of our Branches are hosting online events, open to members from across the country, through Facebook Live or Zoom video conferencing. Don't have a smartphone or a computer with a camera? There's a phone-in option as well, so it's accessible to all.

Whether you're looking for exercise motivation with our Seated Yoga class, hosted by Swansea and Bridgend, or you'd like to test your general knowledge with Ipswich's weekly trivia quizzes, there is something for everyone. If you're struggling to get set up on Zoom, our Branches are on hand to help.



Give your Branch Secretary a call and they can talk you through the process. It's a free-to-use video conferencing tool, and it's a great way for you to stay in touch with your fellow members.

Facebook is another option. Lots of Branches have their own Facebook page updated regularly with events, news, fun quizzes and a little bit of humour to keep us smiling through these tough times. If you haven't liked your local Oddfellows page yet, get in touch with your Branch Secretary to ask for the link.

Oddfellows Travel Unveiled

Despite there being restrictions on how and where we can travel at the moment, we're busy behind the scenes creating a brand new lineup of short breaks, longer trips and cruises for 2021 under the new name Oddfellows Travel (formerly Active Travel Club).

Rest assured, we're still working with our trusted third-party travel partners, Fred. Olsen, Warner Leisure Hotels, Haven and Leger Holidays who are ABTA and ATOL

protected, so you can be confident your booking is in good hands.

When you're thinking about taking your next trip, don't forget to look at what we have to offer. Whether you're a foodie, a culture vulture or a history buff, we hope to have a holiday that you'll love.

Visit Oddfellows Travel at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Society News Issue 10

Boredom Busters

We've put together some fun puzzles to help distract your mind and pass the time. How quickly can you crack them?

Anagrams - rearrange the letters to guess the word!

Doledwolfs

Henisfirpd

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Behpmimers

Beefnits

Riddles

Can you guess the answers to these quarrelsome questions?

- 1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
- 2. What goes up, but never comes down?
- 3. What question can you never honestly answer yes to?
- 4. This belongs to you, but everybody else uses it. What is it?
- 5. How can a pocket be empty, but still have something in it?

Where is the ping pong ball?



Dingbats

What's this well-known phrase?

EYES

Answers:

Where is the ping pong ball? (C)

Riddle: 1. An egg, 2. Your agel, 3. Are you asleep?, 4. Your name 5. There's a hole in the pocket!

Dingbats: Eyes wide open

Anagrams: Oddfellows, Friendship, Lockdown, Membership, Benefits

Social Events at a glance

October 2020

Tues 6	Quiz (Stanley Baldwin Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 13	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 26	Card Bingo (Fernhill Heath Branch)	12 noon
Tues 27	Bingo (Worcester Branch)	7.30pm

November

Tues 3	How many items in a Matchbox (Stanley Baldwin Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 10	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 23	Family Fortunes (Fernhill Heath Branch)	12 noon
Tues 24	Play Your Cards Right (Worcester Branch)	7.30pm
Thurs 26	Management Committee Meeting	7.30pm

December

Tues 1	Whisky, Mince Pies and Carol Singing	7.30pm
Tues 8	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 14	Christmas Lunch (Fernhill Heath Branch)	12 noon

January 2021

Tues 5	Card Bingo (Stanley Baldwin Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 12	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Tues 26	Fish and Chip Supper (Worcester Branch)	12 noon

February

Tues 2	Installation of Officers and Quiz (Stanley Baldwin Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 9	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 22	Beetle Drive (Fernhill Heath Branch)	12 noon
Tues 23	The early life of Elvis Presley (Worcester Branch)	7.30pm
Thurs 25	Committee of Management Meeting	7.30pm

Social Events at a glance

March 2021

Tues 2	Beetle Drive (Stanley Baldwin Branch)	7.30pm
Tues 9	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Mon 22	Easter Quiz (Fernhill Heath Branch)	12 noon
Sat 27	Annual General Meeting (Worcester Branch)	2pm
Tues 30	Race Night (Worcester Branch)	7.30pm

Meetings

December 2020

There will not be a meeting of the Worcester District Branch in December we ask that you support the Stanley Baldwin Branch and Fernhill Heath Branch events.

January 2021

There will not be a meeting of the Fernhill Heath Branch in January we ask that you support the Stanley Baldwin Branch and Worcester District Branch events.

General knowledge quiz answers from page 12

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2. Brazil

3. Jerusalem

4. Motor Racing

5. Predictions of the future

6. Wolf

7. Oranges

8. Diabetes

9. Hiroshima

10. Fear of skin diseases.

11. Bike

12. The Observer

13. Amadeus

14. Taxidermy

15. Break Horse Power

16. Mountbatten-Windsor

17. John Kay

18. Radioactive Transmissions

19. Doctor of Law

20. 2 - Anne of Cleves and Anne Boleyn

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