

October 2023 - March 2024



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Events & News

Worcester Branch



West Midland Safari Park, Bewdley, Worcestershire



Theatre



Crafts



Travel



Dining Out



Quizzes



History



Social



Talks



Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



Annual Lunch - Sunday 1 October, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Worcester District Oddfellows Events Diary

As a local District of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of all our upcoming events.

Everyone 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 of our events that take

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

If anyone has an interesting story they would like to share with our members please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Yours fraternally

**Sandra
Branch Secretary**

Regular Event

Ten Pin Bowling

Second Tuesday
of the month



10am



£3.80 for two games and a hot drink and biscuits



Come and join us for a game of ten pin bowling. Bowl Extreme, Perdiswell Park, Droitwich Road, Worcester WR3 7SN. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.



10 October 2023
14 November 2023
12 December 2023
9 January 2024
13 February 2024
12 March 2024

Coffee Mornings



10.30am



As per menu



Come and join us for a coffee and a chat. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.



Third Wednesday
of the month

18 October 2023
20 December 2023
21 February 2024

At Webbs Garden Centre, Worcester Road, Wychbold, Worcester WR9 0DG.

22 November 2023
17 January 2024
20 March 2024

At Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Worcester Road, Barnett Hill, Stourbridge DY9 0EE.

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 2023

SUN
01

Annual Lunch



12 noon



TBC



Our annual lunch this year will be at St Andrews Town Hotel. Book by Friday 15 September 2023. St Andrews Town Hotel, St Andrews Drive, Droitwich, Worcester WR9 8AL. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

TUES
03

Hangman - Stanley Baldwin Branch



7pm



Free



I'm sure you all played this game as a child, why not join us for our version of this game. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

MON
09

Gentle Exercises



2.15pm



Free



A talk and demonstration of gentle exercises for the older generation by Active Always, this will be fun and light hearted. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.



MON
23

Fish and Chips Lunch - Fernhill Heath Branch



12.15pm



As per menu



Why not come and join us for Britain's favourite meal of fish and chips. We will be holding a raffle. Book by Monday 25 September 2023. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



November

TUES
07

Charades - Stanley Baldwin Branch



Why not join us for this great party game. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle.

Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

SUN
12

Service of Remembrance



We shall be joining the Service of Remembrance at Worcester Cathedral, followed by a carvery lunch at the Toby Inn, Bath Road Worcester. Places are limited at the cathedral, so please book early by Friday 27 October 2023. Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

MON
13

Quiz



A general knowledge quiz for all 'smarties' and the 'not so smarties'. Prizes for the winning team. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.

TUES
21

Committee of Management Meeting



Committee members only. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

MON
27

Name That Tune - Fernhill Heath Branch



How well do you know your music? Why not come along and try your luck there are prizes to be won.

Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



December

TUES
05

An Evening of Christmas Carols - Stanley Baldwin Branch



7pm



Free



We are starting our Christmas celebrations with a sing song of your favourite Christmas carols.

Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.



MON
18

Christmas Lunch - Fernhill Heath Branch



12 noon



As per menu



At the time of print the Christmas menus were not available, so details will be issued at a later date.

Book by Monday 27 November 2023. The Lyppard Tavern, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.



January 2024

MON
11

Christmas Crafts



2.15pm



Free



Come and try a choice of simple crafts for all, artistic skills not needed. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.

TUES
02

Bingo - Stanley Baldwin Branch



7pm



Free



An Oddfellows favourite, bingo. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

January 2024

February

MON
08

New Year Lunch

🕒 12 noon

£ TBC



Join our celebration of the New Year at the Toby Carvery. Two courses, main and dessert. We will be holding a raffle. Book by Monday 11 December 2023. The Toby Inn, Bath Road, Worcester WR5 3HW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.



TUES
06

Wildlife in Wyre Forest - Stanley Baldwin Branch

🕒 7pm

£ Free



A presentation on all things wild in the Wyre Forest (no snakes allowed). Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

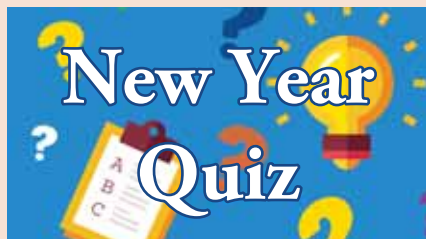


MON
22

New Year Quiz - Fernhill Heath Branch

🕒 12.15pm

£ Free



Time to put on those thinking caps, there are prizes to be won. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

MON
12

An Afternoon of Songs from the Musicals

🕒 2.15pm

£ Free



Come and join Joyce and her piano for a sing song of music from the West End shows. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.



February

THURS 22 Committee of Management Meeting



Committee members only. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Sandra on 01905 422591.

MON 26 The Changing Face of Worcester - Fernhill Heath Branch



A presentation of old photos of Worcester. Refreshment will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

March

TUES 05 Beetle Drive - Stanley Baldwin Branch



Another Oddfellows favourite, who can build a beetle first to win a prize? Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. Elizabeth Mills Centre, Sion Gardens, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester DY13 8BH. Contact Kath on 01299 826734.

March

MON 11 Easter Bingo



Why not come and join the fun, we have Easter themed bingo with Easter prizes. Refreshments will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. St Mark's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Cherry Orchard, Worcester WR5 3DW. Contact Serena on 07951 981324.

MON 25 Annual General Meeting followed by Bingo



Come along and find out how your District is run followed by a game of bingo for cash prizes. Refreshment will be provided and we will be holding a raffle. The Lyppard Hub, Ankerage Green, Warndon Villages, Worcester WR4 0DZ. Contact Jeff on 01905 422591.

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Our online events are
here to stay

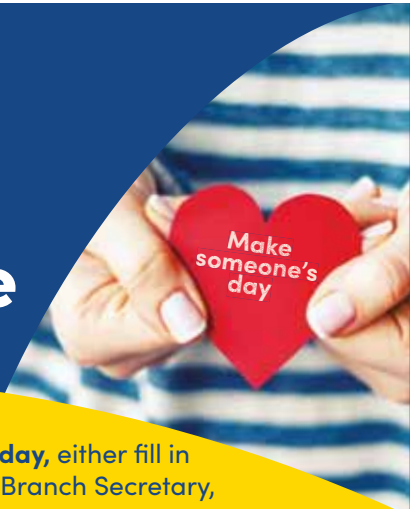


To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Annual Day Trip

Monday 24 July



This year's trip took us to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas.

Upon arrival everyone enjoyed a lovely cup of tea or coffee and biscuits before boarding the land train for a tour of the site, this took approximately 50 minutes and the recorded commentary was very informative.

We were due to leave the Arboretum after the train ride to make our way to a nearby Toby carvery for a two course lunch but unfortunately our coach broke down and we had to stay at the Arboretum until the coach was fixed, luckily the restaurant



at the Arboretum was able to fit us all in for a meal.

Apart from the minor hiccup with the coach everyone had a lovely day.



Treasure Trail



The Hive, Worcester.

On Monday 10 July several of our members spent the afternoon wandering around the city of Worcester trying to find answers to clues on a fantastic treasure trail.

The trail started at the History Centre at Crowngate Shopping Centre and if they followed the trail correctly they ended up in the café at The Hive Library where a lovely hot drink was waiting for them.

The winners were Heather Broom and Julie Parsons.

A fabulous afternoon organised by Serena Hopkins.



Treasure Trail Winners – Julie and Heather.

Annual Movable Conference (AMC) Bowls Competition

Worcester District Deputies all entered this year's bowls competition. Unfortunately Jeff Loynes and Sandra Loynes didn't do very well but Ken Link with his partner Barbara Needham Grand Master of the Order (Chairman of the Society) brought the trophy home to Worcester.



Well done Ken.

100 Club 2023

Date	No.	£10	No.	£5
March	66	Eileen Prosser	82	Thomas Evans
April	51	Amanda Norbury Mountford	43	Maureen Matthews
May	49	Lynn Millward	62	Eileen Prosser
June	49	Lynn Millward	30	Sarah Hill
July	31	Serena Hopkins	58	June Potter

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Celebrations 2023/2024

November 2023

Thursday 2 - Nanette Hedley will celebrate her 80th Birthday

March 2024

Saturday 30 - John Bradley will celebrate his 90th Birthday

Obituaries

Memories Comfort you
For Memories are Treasures
That time cannot destroy

Pat Badham
Margaret Jarman
Julia Tolley
Veronica Collette
Derrick Harrison

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Sandra by phone on 01905 422591 or email sandra.loynes@oddfellows.co.uk

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Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact 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@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

Annual conference returns to Eastbourne



Conducting important business in Eastbourne.

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

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



Members enjoyed the Roy Harmer Bowls Tournament.

Apprenticeship Educational Award Winner

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



Kerry Lockett.

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

the classroom elements of her Optical Assistant course with Specsavers.

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

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

Five stars shone at the 2023 Making a Difference Awards



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

Sue Davies Cleveland and Durham Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

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



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

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

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

Keith and Margaret Glanville Derby Derwent Valley Achieving Together

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



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

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

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

Karen Dyke Thames and Kennet Giving a Helping Hand

Branch Secretary at Thames and Kennet, Karen frequently goes way beyond



the role's expectations. She is also a welfare visitor, providing a friendly face while checking in on fellow members, often in her own time.

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

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

Marilyn Hayward Thames and Kennet Enriching Lives Socially

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



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

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

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

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

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

Members updated on HA Andrews Memorial Fund project



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Nur Zainal addresses AMC.

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

Social Events at a glance

October 2023

Sun 1	Annual Lunch	12 noon
Tues 3	Hangman - Stanley Baldwin Branch	7pm
Mon 9	Gentle Exercises	2.15pm
Tues 10	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Wed 18	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 23	Fish and Chips Lunch - Fernhill Heath Branch	12.15pm

November

Tues 7	Charades - Stanley Baldwin Branch	7pm
Sun 12	Service of Remembrance	9.30am
Mon 13	Quiz	2.15pm
Tues 14	Ten Pin Bowling	10am
Tues 21	Committee of Management Meeting	2pm
Wed 22	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Mon 27	Name That Tune - Fernhill Heath Branch	12.15pm

December

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January 2024

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