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5 Shires

Welcome to the spring edition of your Out and About

Dear All

As the acting Secretary for the District I would like to welcome you to the second edition of Out and About for the newly named 5 Shires District. As you will see we have many events during the coming months and I would like to remind you that you will be made very welcome at any of the events. If you contact the relevant Secretary or organiser they will be happy to arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

At the moment your committee are working hard to find a replacement for the District Secretary and would welcome applications from members of the District. The position requires an administrator with good



*Bedford Branch Croquet Fun
Saturday 14 September*

communication skills, especially working with volunteers, as well as experience on computer accounts packages and record keeping. For more information please take a look on our website www.oddfellows.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all and hope to meet more new friends.

Ann Boyle

Who are the Oddfellows?

The 5 Shires District is a group of four Branches across Bedfordshire, Buckingham, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire. Each Branch has a monthly business meeting and as many social events as they can fit in. Through friendship and social events we help our members to get more enjoyment out of life. With the help of the Unity office in Manchester we offer care and support in times of need. We welcome every one of all ages – our youngest being toddlers and the eldest 100 years. To find out more please visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810 or contact the Branch Secretaries.

Branch Contacts

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Bedford Loyal Bedford Branch

Secretary: Sarah Wetherell

Postal Address: Kingston House, 106a Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9JB

Telephone: 01234 768914 **Email:** sarah.wetherell@oddfellows.co.uk

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Kingston House, 106a Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9JB at 7.45pm

Buckingham Loyal Grenville Branch

Secretary: Tracy Harrold

Postal Address: 50 Grenada Crescent, Newton Leys, Milton Keynes MK3 5GB

Telephone: 07818 078106 **Email:** tracy.harrold@oddfellows.co.uk

Meets on the first Monday of the month at The Lace Community Centre, Catchpin Street, Buckingham MK18 7RR.

Hitchin Loyal Albert Branch

Secretary: Emily Ellis

Postal Address: 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1EP

Telephone: 07970 793978 **Email:** emily.ellis@oddfellows.co.uk

Meets on the third Monday of the month at 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1EP at 7.30pm

Wellingborough Loyal Victoria Branch

Secretary: Emily Ellis

Postal Address: 73 Somerford Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 5EZ

Telephone: 07970 793978 **Email:** emily.ellis@oddfellows.co.uk

Meets on the second Monday of the month at Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel, Affleck Bridge, Finedon, Northants NN9 5LZ at 7.30pm

If you would like to attend any of the meetings or events at any Branch, or would like further information, please contact the Branch Secretary via phone, email or post at the contact details given above.

Note: Colour coding of branches is used – corresponds to articles later in the magazine: **Dark Blue** = District **Brown** = Bedford **Blue** = Grenville
Orange = Albert **Purple** = Victoria

July 2024

MON 01 Grenville Branch Meeting



12 noon



£2.50 lunch donation



Join members and friends for our monthly meeting. Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre, Catchpin Street, Buckingham MK18 7RR. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

TUES 02 Grenville Branch Bring, Buy & Swap Jigsaw Fundraiser and Coffee Morning



9.30am



Free



Join Grenville Branch members and friends for our monthly jigsaw fundraising event. Tea, coffee and chat always available. We continue to raise funds for local charities and our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity. Buckingham Library, Verney Close, Buckingham MK18 1JP. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

WED 03 Bedford Branch Coffee and Chat at Seasons Garden Centre



11am



As per menu



Come and have a brew on us! Branch members meet in local garden centres for elevenses, a light lunch or just a brew. Come and join in with the lively chat and if you fancy afterwards have a wander through the displays. Come and find us in the onsite café. Seasons Garden Centre, Bedford Road, Wilstead, Bedford MK45 3HU. Contact Sarah on 01234 768914.



FRI 05

Victoria Branch Dinner at the Priory



6.30pm



Pay for your food



Join the members and friends of the Loyal Victoria Branch for dinner and a drink. Cost as per menu. Book by Friday 28 June. The Priory, Bourton Way, Wellingborough NN8 2LF. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



July 2024

MON
08

Victoria Branch Meeting followed by a Table Top Treasure Hunt



7.30pm



Free



A short business meeting followed by refreshments and a table top treasure hunt. Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel, Affleck Bridge, Finedon NN9 5LZ. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



TUES
16

Bedford Branch Night



7.30pm



Free



Join members and friends for their regular monthly meeting followed by refreshments. Kingston House, 106a Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9JB. Contact Sarah on 01234 768914.

WED
17

Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre Drop in Lunch



12 noon



Pay for your own food



Grenville Branch members meet in this local independent garden centres for lunch. Good locally sourced food and lively chat, why not join us? Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

SAT
13

Chairperson's Lunch



12.20pm for 1pm



£25



Come and join us for the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairperson) Lunch, arrive at 12.20pm for 1pm lunch. Guest speaker Debbie Jex, Director being held at the Overstone Park Resort, Billing Lane, Overstone, Northampton NN6 0AS. Tickets from £25. Please contact Emily on 07970 793978 for menu.

MON
15

Albert Branch Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Join friends and members of the Loyal Albert Branch for their monthly business meeting followed by refreshments. 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin SG5 1EP. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

THURS
18

Victoria Branch Coffee Morning - Doddington Nurseries



10.30am



Free



Join members and friends of the Victoria Branch for a cuppa and chat with



cake. The coffee shop serves coffee and an array of snacks. Doddington Nurseries, Millers Lane, Wellingborough NN8 3NF. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

July 2024

WED
24

Bedford Branch Cream Tea at Ridgmont Tea Rooms



1pm



As per menu and train fare (if applicable)



Space is limited so please contact the Branch office to reserve your place. Tell us where you are coming from as the tea rooms are based at Ridgmont Train Station on the Bedford - Bletchley rail line and we can organise to travel together by train from either Bedford or Bletchley (subject to train timetables/train strikes). Tables are booked from 1pm in the tea rooms

for us to enjoy a cream tea together. There will also be time to visit the on site heritage centre and community garden. Book by Sunday 14 July. Vintage Tea Rooms Ridgmont Station, Station Road, Ridgmont, Bedfordshire MK43 0XP. Contact Sue on 01234 768914 or Sarah on 01234 768914.



THURS
25

Grenville Branch Evening Meal at the Crown in Gawcott



6.30pm



Pay for your own food



Now evenings are light again, join friends and members of Grenville Branch for an evening

meal at this lovely local restaurant. Book by Monday 1 July. The Crown Pub and Restaurant, Hillesden Road, Gawcott, Buckingham MK18 4JF. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.



August

TUES
06

Grenville Branch Bring, Buy & Swap Jigsaw Fundraiser and Coffee Morning



9.30am



Free



Join Grenville Branch members and friends for our monthly jigsaw fundraising event. Tea, coffee and chat always available. We continue to raise funds for local charities and our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity. Buckingham Library, Verney Close, Buckingham MK18 1JP. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

August

WED **07** **Victoria Branch Lunch** **at the Pumphouse**



12.30pm



Pay for
your food



Join the members and friends of the Loyal Victoria Branch for lunch. Have a wander around the garden centre and local shops. Book by Wednesday 29 May. The Pumphouse, Nene Court, The Embankment, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 1LD. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



MON **12** **Victoria Branch** **Meeting - Guest** **Speaker Kathryn Baird**



7.30pm



Free



A short business meeting followed by refreshments. Guest speaker Kathryn Baird on 'Fifty Mysterious Postcards'. Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel, Affleck Bridge, Finedon NN9 5LZ. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



WED **14** **Bedford Branch Chicksands Military** **Intelligence Museum**



6.30pm



£5 for the Military Museum



Join us for this unique evening event; you will need photograph ID to attend. The Military Intelligence Museum tells the story of British military intelligence from the Boer War onwards. They reveal the tactics, techniques and equipment used by the people who have carried out their vitally important tasks across the years, often in secret, with courage and determination, but always without fanfare. They will 'Share the Secrets' of the shadowy world of intelligence, security, espionage and other military intelligence disciplines, telling the stories that you will not see or hear in any other museum in the United Kingdom. Book by Wednesday 31 July. Military Intelligence Museum, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire (Sat Nav Post Code SG17 5QB) SG17 5PR. Contact Sue on 01234 768914 or Sarah on 01234 768914.



August

THURS
15

Grenville Branch Evening Meal at The Old Thatched Inn



6.30pm



As per
menu



Join friends and members for an evening meal in this 18th century Inn. The menu offers classical favourites as well as seasonal, locally sourced dishes with a twist. Book by Friday 2 August. The Old Thatched Inn, Main Street, Adstock, Bucks MK18 2JN. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

MON
19

Albert Branch Meeting



7.30pm



Free



Join friends and members of the Loyal Albert Branch for their monthly business meeting followed by refreshments. 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin SG5 1EP. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

TUES
20

Bedford Branch Night



7.30pm



Free



Join members and friends for their regular monthly meeting followed by refreshments. Kingston House, 106a Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9JB. Contact Sarah on 01234 768914.

WED
21

Victoria Branch Coffee Morning - Doddington Nurseries



10.30am



Free



Join members and friends of the Victoria Branch for a cuppa and chat with cake. The coffee shop serves coffee and an array of snacks. Doddington Nurseries, Millers Lane, Wellingborough NN8 3NF. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



WED
21

Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre Drop in Lunch



12 noon



Pay for your
own food



Grenville Branch members meet in this local independent garden centres for lunch. Good locally sourced food and lively chat, why not join us? Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

August

WED 28 Albert Branch Coffee Morning



10.30am



Free



Come and join friends and members of Albert Branch for coffee and cake in the lodge rooms. 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin SG5 1EP. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



September

TUES 03 Grenville Branch Bring, Buy & Swap Jigsaw Fundraiser and Coffee Morning



9.30am



Free



Join Grenville Branch members and friends for our monthly jigsaw fundraising event. Tea, coffee and chat always available. We continue to raise funds for local charities and our Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity. Buckingham Library, Verney Close, Buckingham MK18 1JP. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

September ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON 02 Grenville Branch Meeting - Guest Speaker Chris Day from the Buckingham Garden Centre



12 noon



£2.50 lunch donation



Join members and friends for our monthly meeting. After refreshments, Chris Day from the Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre will give a talk on what we should be doing in our gardens now and preparation for the winter season. Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre, Catchpin Street, Buckingham MK18 7RR. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

FRI 06 Victoria Branch Dinner at Ock N Dough



6.30pm



Pay for your food



Join the members and friends of the Loyal Victoria Branch for dinner and a drink. Cost as per menu. Book by Friday 30 August. Ock N Dough, Farm Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 4UF. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

September

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON
09

Victoria Branch Meeting



A short business meeting followed by refreshments. Guest speaker Kathryn Baird on 'Fifty Mysterious Postcards'. Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel, Affleck Bridge, Finedon NN9 5LZ. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

MON
16

Albert Branch Meeting



Join friends and members of the Loyal Albert Branch for their monthly business meeting followed by refreshments. 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin SG5 1EP. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

WED
11

Bedford Branch Garden Centre Coffee and Chat



Come and have a brew on us! We meet regularly at garden centres for elevenses, a light lunch or just a brew. Come and join in with the lively conversation and make new friends. Frost Garden Centre, Sandy Road, Willington, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK44 3QP. Contact Sarah on 01234 768914.

TUES
17

Bedford Branch Night



Join members and friends for their regular monthly meeting followed by refreshments.



Kingston House, 106a Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9JB. Contact Sarah on 01234 768914.

SAT
14

Bedford Branch Croquet Fun



FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Join the fun

This was so much fun last September that we are off to play croquet again! Come and join us for a game and meet other Oddfellows. Don't forget to bring your packed lunch and wear flat shoes. Croquet is suitable for all ages and provides some gentle exercise without being too strenuous. Book by Monday 6 September. Stoney Stratford Croquet Club, Ancell Trust Sports Ground, Ostlers Lane, Stoney Stratford, Bucks MK11 1BN. Contact Sue on 01234 768914 or Sarah on 01234 768914.

September

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED
18

Victoria Branch Coffee Morning - Doddington Nurseries



10.30am



Free



Join members and friends of the Victoria Branch for a cuppa and chat with

cake. The coffee shop serves coffee and an array of snacks.

Doddington Nurseries, Millers Lane, Wellingborough NN8 3NF. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Join the fun

WED
18

Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre Drop in Lunch



12 noon



Pay for your own food



Grenville Branch members meet in this local independent garden centres for lunch. Good locally sourced food and lively chat, why not join us? Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre, Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 4AE. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.



SAT
21

Grenville Branch Friendship Month BBQ



2.30pm



Free



Grenville Branch members look forward to welcoming you to our annual friendship BBQ. Come along and join friends and members celebrating Friendship Month. Family and friends all welcome. The Centre @ Verney, Verney Close, Buckingham MK18 1JP. Contact Tracy on 07818 078106.

FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Invite a friend

WED
25

Albert Branch Coffee Morning



10.30am



Free



Come and join friends and members of Albert Branch for coffee and cake in the lodge rooms. 8 Nuns Close, Hitchin SG5 1EP. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.

FRIENDSHIP MONTH EVENT
Invite a friend

FRI
27

Victoria Branch Dinner at Overstone Arms



6.30pm



Pay for your food



Come along and join the members and friends of the Victoria Branch for a lovely meal at the beautiful pub in Pytchley. Cost will be as per menu. Book by Friday 20 September. The Overstone Arms, Stringers Hill, Pytchley NN14 1EU. Contact Emily on 07970 793978.



Join the fun in Friendship Month

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

All welcome



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

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



District News

5 Shires District had their Annual Church Service on Sunday 28 April 2024. 65 people sat down to lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The service was held at 3pm followed by of course refreshments and lots of

cakes. We had visitors from Heart Of England and Mulberry District, thank you to those who travelled. It was a busy but fabulous day filled with everything Oddfellows.



Albert Branch News



Sid from Barchester Care's Iris Court came to visit at one of the coffee mornings bringing goodies bags and cake. The home is newly opened and he explained about the services they are offering.



Albert Branch enjoyed a wander at Dunstable Downs – weather wasn't exactly up to par but it blew the cobwebs away.

Bedford Branch News

Dinner Club

The Branch Dinner Club is going from strength to strength. Following the Dinner Club visit to Kazuko in March, the group met up in April for an Italian evening at Bellinis. If you fancy good food, great conversation

and lots of laughter then please check the website www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/search/ and search under Bedford Branch to discover where the Club is next meeting and eating.



Bedford Branch Committee of Management

The new Committee of Management were voted in at the Annual Summoned Meeting in April. The new Committee members are: Bros Adrian Taylor, Alfred DeSouza, Tim Gurney and Sis' Chris Pavey, Pat Flynn, Sue Doulton Smith and Sarah Wetherell.

The Committee will meet on a quarterly basis and welcome any suggestions from Branch members regarding developing and improving the branch. Please do share your thoughts and ideas with Sarah, Branch Secretary in the first instance.

Gift Presentation

Sue Doulton Smith presented Amanda Buckmaster with the 'Friendship' rose promised as part of her retirement gift. This time of year is the ideal time to plant new bushes out and we hope that Amanda enjoys the blooms for many years to come.



Branch Top Tips for Members

1. **Set up your Oddfellows Account via the website www.oddfellows.co.uk**

Once set up you will be able to see all the offers available within Oddfellows Extra, access details of the member offers organised by the Oddfellows Travel as well as download claim forms for your Dental and Optical benefit claims. You will also see the social activities organised locally.

2. **You're not on your own!**

As well as the Care and Welfare Helpline, we also have locally trained welfare volunteers. If you're facing a difficult time, you don't have to face it alone, contact Sarah, Branch Secretary or the Helpline if and when you need us.

3. **It's your Branch**

We're run by members, for our members. This means there's a wealth of opportunity to get involved in shaping the development and direction of the branch, come along to the monthly Branch meeting, attend local social events and if you can, volunteer your skills.

Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

Provincial Grand Master

(Prov GM): District Chairman

Provincial Deputy Grand Master

(Prov DGM):

District Deputy Chairman

Provincial Corresponding

Secretary (Prov CS):

District Secretary – responsible for administering Branches

Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):

Immediate Past District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master

(PPGM): Past District Chairman

Lodge: Branch

Brother and Sister: Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family

Grenville Branch News

We may have had the wettest spring since records began but that has not stopped Grenville Branch members from getting out & about! Members get together and plan events that the

Branch want to host and attend, more often than not food is on the itinerary as we believe that this is a great way catch up and also make new friends. Why not join us at an event soon.

The Oxford Bus Museum and Morris Minor Motors Exhibition

Members boarded the BART (Buckingham and Rural Transport) bus for a group visit to the Oxford and Morris Minor Motor exhibition in March. There was plenty of

opportunities to reminisce with staff and volunteers. A first class day out with fabulous exhibits and fantastic assistance from staff and volunteers.



Grenville Branch New Secretary

Hello, my name is Tracy Harrold and I am the new Part time Secretary and Social Organiser for Grenville Branch in Buckingham.



Service Co-ordinator for 5 ½ years, prior to that I worked for 10 years for the NHS, as Voluntary Services Manager.

My personal interests include going to the theatre, watching cooking, property and quiz programmes, reading and walking, particularly near the sea – I love being by the sea!

I live on the outskirts of Milton Keynes with my husband, daughter and her cat! My son moved out of the area a few years ago and lives in Brighton. We spend many a weekend up and down the motorway visiting him, our parents and other members of the family. Before joining Oddfellows, I worked for a local charity as

I have already been lucky enough to meet some of our members at a recent meeting and I am looking forward to meeting more members over the coming months.

Kind regards

Tracy

Natural History Museum at Tring

Grenville members and friends visited the private extensive collection of Lionel Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild (1868-1937). With six galleries, each housing different sets of animals with over 4,900 specimens and the Rothschild room there was much to see and learn in this former Rothschild family home. We saw extinct animals and birds as well as oddities and hybrids. The most famous exhibit are the dressed fleas which were handmade and sold to tourists in Mexico around 1905.



Thank you from Andrew Sams – Apprenticeship Award Winner 2024

I would like to thank the Oddfellows for my educational award, an apprenticeship grant of £250 for the duration of my apprenticeship. I would also like to extend this gratitude to the 5 Shires District and Grenville Branch for their support in my application.

I was fortunate in gaining a three year apprenticeship as an engineering technician in September 2023. My apprenticeship will help me expand my interests to a professional qualification level in a learning environment where I am supported.

At the moment and for the rest of this year's college term I am studying at Bedford Collage. This is a full time course Monday to Friday. I travel over 300 miles a week to attend the college and the £250 grant for this year will help with my fuel costs. Next year I will be located nearer my home and will use the £250 grant to help pay towards a new laptop.

Thank you again.

Andrew Sams



Valentine's Day Lunch

On Valentine's Day 14 members enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Stratton Arms in Turweston. Our lunch menu was created

just for our group and everyone was delighted with the food and service. I think we may be looking at this venue again.

Victoria Branch News

At the beginning of March the Victoria Branch met for an evening meal at the Ock N Dough.





Members of Victoria and Bedford branch enjoyed a spot of lunch at the pumphouse in April.

Victoria branch are delighted to announce we have two junior members



Robyn O'Rourke arrived Monday 1 April 2024.



Arabella Bolt arrived Saturday 16 March 2024.

Emo an eight week old puppy has arrived with Bob for a few months of socialisation for 'Dog For Good' charity this year's Provincial Grand



Master's (Chairperson) appeal. We look forward to watching him grow and hopefully becoming a service dog.



At the Victoria Branch Annual Summoned Meeting, we welcomed a visitor from Vancouver, Amy Bird, the Secretary of the Vancouver 90 Lodge.



Lesley Foster retiring Trustee of over 40 years was presented a Lodge Merit Jewel and certificate by Emily Provincial Grand Master (Chairperson).

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

Find us at:  5 Shires

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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 Sue on **01234 353859** or email **sue.doultonsmith@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**

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Wed 24	Bedford Branch Cream Tea at Ridgmont Tea Rooms	1pm
Thurs 25	Grenville Branch Evening Meal at the Crown in Gawcott	6.30pm

August

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Wed 7	Victoria Branch Lunch at the Pumphouse	12.30pm
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Wed 14	Bedford Branch Chicksands Military Intelligence Museum	6.30pm
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Fri 27	Victoria Branch Dinner at Overstone Arms	6.30pm

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

Our online events are here to stay



To see what's coming up visit [oddfellows.co.uk/events](https://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) and enter 'Ayr' in the place name search box

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**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



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