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Bridport and Yeovil District - Everyone Welcome



District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments – Saturday 8 June

Welcome to the latest edition of the 'Out and About' Poole, Bridport and Yeovil District Events Diary.

This edition contains even more events which your branches are organising for you to enjoy. Please use this handy guide so that you know what is happening in our area. On pages 31 and 32 there is an 'At a Glance' guide to all the events so please make a note of the ones that are of interest to you in your personal diary.

In addition all our branches hold monthly business meetings which all members are more than welcome to attend. At these meetings you will have the opportunity to learn more about our Society and become involved in the administration of your branch if you so wish. We really need more members to come along to these meetings so it would be wonderful to welcome you. Details of these meetings can be found on page 29

Would you like to get involved in other ways?

If so, there is plenty for you to get involved in with the Oddfellows. You could help with care support, social

events or writing articles. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or your Branch Secretary for more information.

As everyone is welcome at all Oddfellows events please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to join you because we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Some of our events are now so popular that we have had to refuse late applicants – so please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking is essential.

Please note: Events may be added, amended or cancelled during the period of the current diary.

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. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 01202 743910.

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'We've a really friendly and supportive online network of thousands of Oddfellows members from across the UK and the world,' explained the Society Social Media team.

'Our official Twitter and Facebook pages are regularly updated, often daily, with topical national Oddfellows and Branch news. We also love reading your comments and posts!'

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March 2019

THURS 07 Coffee Morning and Speaker from Autism Wessex Pride of Bournemouth Branch

10.30am £ £2



Please come and join us for our regular coffee morning – first Thursday of each month. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake, a lovely chat over a cuppa – what a lovely way to spend a relaxing time with friends old and new. This time we have invited Tom from Autism Wessex to tell us more about their work so it should be an interesting morning. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book – we don't want to run out of cake!



THURS 07 Benefits Information Event Acorn Branch

2pm £ Free



Acorn Branch would like to invite members and friends to a very informal afternoon event where you can learn more about all the benefits that are available to our members. The benefits that we all know about and maybe some that you don't – Credit Union, Junior ISA, Guaranteed Investment Bond, Citizens Advice, Legal Aid, etc.

We will also discuss what's available for our Junior Members which is really interesting and important to us all. We will have a cuppa and a biscuit, maybe some cake! Please contact Flo to let her know you will be coming. Book by Tuesday 5 March. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

SAT 09 Skittles Night Phoenix Branch

7pm £ £5



Due to the success of the Blackmore Vale Skittles Night, we have again booked The Swan in Stalbridge for another round of skittles and some good, hot food. We hope you can come and join in the fun! Book by Thursday 7 March. The Swan, High Street, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LL. Contact Judy on 01963 363119.



March 2019

SAT 09 **Bingo Mania** Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 7.30pm

 £3.50



Something different! Join us for our Bingo Mania event - we will have conventional Bingo, Card Bingo and Irish Bingo as well! We will have a Bring and Share Supper with tea and coffee provided, but if you would like an alcoholic drink please bring your own.

The raffle will be in aid of the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital, which is our chairman, Marion Walker's charity for the year. Prizes would be very welcome. Why not come along and join in the Bingo Fun! Book by Thursday 7 March. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



SAT 16 **Afternoon Tea** Brownsea Branch

 2.30pm

 Free



We would like to invite you to a new venue for us, the Poole Scout Hall on Canford Heath, to enjoy an Afternoon Tea. We hope to have some stalls and a raffle for our chairman's charity - Forest Holme Hospice. Why not join us for the afternoon, see if you can win a prize and better still, make some new friends.

This is a free event - everyone welcome - the more the merrier! Book by Thursday 14 March. Poole Scout Hall, Sherborn Crescent, Poole BH17 8AP. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place - we don't want to run out of cake!

March 2019

MON 18 Easter Tea Party Acorn Branch



Easter Tea Party - have a go at colouring a foam egg, small gift for ladies prettiest Easter hat! And one for the gents poshest Easter hat! Free raffle for Easter goodies. Bring and buy, books and hopefully some puzzles. Guess the weight of Teddy Acorn's box of Easter bits and bobs. Everyone welcome as always.

The Acorn charity for 2019 will be Riding for the Disabled in Three Legged Cross. The venue is on the main road through the village and this again, as last month, is the Acorn Branch Meeting at 7.30pm. Feel free to wait at Ron and Flo's if you attend the meeting to save going home and back again. Book by Saturday 16 March. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.



TUES 19 Annual Chocolate Party Phoenix Branch



Please come and join us for our Annual Chocolate Party after our meeting in March. A selection of chocolates are eagerly tasted and enjoyed by all! We hope you can come and join in the fun - don't worry about the calories! Yeovil Ex-Services Social Club, Preston Road, Yeovil BA21 3AZ. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for more information.

WED 20 Lunch Club Brownsea Branch



We are going back to the New Inn for lunch, meeting at 12 noon for 12.30pm. We hope you would like to join us for what is always a good meal, with a good choice on the menu. Book by Monday 18 March. The New Inn, 222 Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EL. Please let Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 know if you would like to join us so that we can arrange to all sit together and have a good natter.

March 2019

**WED
27** **Lunch at the Bailey Bridge**
Pride of Bournemouth Branch



12 noon



As per
menu



Meeting at 12.00 for 12.30 it would be lovely to welcome you to the Bailey Bridge for lunch. A chance to catch up with friends and enjoy a very reasonably priced meal. Contact Margaret to book so that we can all sit together. Book by Monday 25 March. Bailey Bridge Table Table, Barrack Road, Christchurch BH23 2BN. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122.

April

**THURS
04** **Coffee Morning**
Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2



Our regular Coffee Mornings are always a nice way to spend an hour or so, enjoying good company, a chat over tea or coffee, lovely cakes and biscuits. We always have a raffle for our chairman's charity, which this year is the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group, at Bournemouth Hospital - why not see if you can win a prize? Book by Wednesday 3 April. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. If you would like to come and join in the fun please give Margaret a call on 01202 775122 - bring a friend or two - the more the merrier.

April

**SUN
07** **Spring Lunch**
Brownsea Branch



12 noon



£17



We have enjoyed some lovely meals at the Mayfair so we've decided to return for our Spring Lunch this April. We will meet at 12 for 12.30pm and have our usual raffle for our Chairman's Charity, the Forest Holme Hospice, so a prize would be very welcome. If the sun is shining it would be lovely to relax outside in the pretty garden area, but if not we will enjoy a chat with friends old and new in the lovely Garden Room Restaurant. Book by Monday 1 April. Mayfair Hotel, Bath Road, Bournemouth BH1 2NW. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



**TUES
09** **Social Lunch**
Phoenix Branch



12 noon



As per
menu



Please join us for our lunch at the White Hart. This is a lovely venue and we hope you will want to come and join in a relaxing lunch with friends old and new. Book by Saturday 6 April. White Hart, Main Road, Bishop's Caundle, Sherborne DT9 5ND. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book.

April

SAT
13

Champagne Breakfast Acorn Branch



9.30am



£5.50



It's Champagne Breakfast time again, but please book by March 31st as spaces are limited. The



usual glass of bubbly, continental or English Breakfast. Please order which you prefer when booking.

At this event we will be presenting all monies raised during the last 12 months to Diverse Abilities, West Moors. As always we welcome your bring and buy, paperbacks, jigsaws and raffle prizes. Also there will be the first tombola of the year together with a free raffle for plants. There is always great fun in the kitchen at this event as the eggs get cracked, bacon and sausages get cooked and the beans have been in the slow cooker since early on.

The Acorn charity for 2019 will be Riding for the Disabled in Three Legged Cross - thank you for your support. Book by Sunday 31 March. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

THURS
18

Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



As per menu



It would be lovely to see you for coffee and cake at Harry's. Tim does lovely breakfasts - it doesn't have to be cake! Why not bring a friend along to meet us? Have a chat over your coffee, put the world to rights - hopefully a raffle for Forest Holme. A nice way to spend the morning. Book by Tuesday 16 April. Harry's Bar, 14 Haven Road, Poole BH13 7LP. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

MON
29

Pub Quiz and Supper Brownsea Branch



7pm



£9





We would like to invite you to join us for Supper followed by a Quiz at The Pilot on Canford Heath. Eating at 7pm the quiz will follow at 8pm and we will also have a raffle for our Chairman's Charity. There will be the opportunity to have a very reasonably priced sweet after your meal if you so wish. We hope you will join us for a fun evening, a chance to win prizes during the quiz and support a very worthy cause - the Forest Holme Hospice. Book by Saturday 27 April. The Pilot, 1 Adastral Road, Poole BH17 8SA. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book. The menu is available now!

May

THURS
02

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  £2



We would like to invite you to our regular Coffee Morning – just a lovely opportunity to get together over a cuppa, enjoy each other's company – and a cake or two of course! Raising money for our chairman's charity as usual by having a little raffle. Book by Wednesday 1 May. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please let Margaret know if you would like to come along on 01202 775122.



SAT
11

Gems, Tiaras and Crowns High Tea Acorn Branch

 2pm  £4



Ladies, why not wear a fun tiara, and gents a crown?? Free raffle for fruit, quiz on jewels and gems, small gift for pearl themed flower arrangement. Usual raffle. Bring and buy and books always welcome. Please come and join us at a gem of a tea, admire the crowns and tiaras, try your hand at the quiz, meet friends and relax for the afternoon with a glass of Pimms. The Acorn Charity for 2019 will be Riding for the Disabled in Three Legged Cross. Book by Thursday 9 May. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.



THURS
09

Afternoon Tea Party and Gardening Talk Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 2.30pm  £3.50



We would like to invite you to join us for our Afternoon Tea Party at Tuckton Social Club. We hope to welcome a speaker on 'Gardening' and will have our usual raffle for our chairman's charity – prizes would be very much appreciated.



This year Marion Walker has chosen the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group, at Bournemouth Hospital as her charity. Hopefully we'll have a few garden themed quizzes with appropriate prizes. Why not join us for a relaxing Afternoon Tea, have a chat with friends and enjoy the talk.

Book by Tuesday 7 May. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Edna on 01202 677101 to book.

May

THURS 16 **Charity Coffee Morning** Pride of Bournemouth Branch



Norman and Edna would like to welcome you to their house once again for another fundraising coffee morning. This is a free event, but donations for our Chairman's Charity would be very welcome. We will have all the usual stalls and a raffle, so please come and join us for a relaxing time with friends old and new. If the weather is fine we will be able to enjoy Edna and Norman's beautiful garden. Book by Tuesday 14 May. Edna and Norman's house, 49 Warburton Road, Canford Heath, Poole BH17 8SD. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Edna on 01202 677101 to book.

WED 22 **Afternoon Tea** Brownsea Branch



We hope you can come and join us for Afternoon Tea at Julie and Andrew's house - 105 Sandbanks Road. We will have a raffle for our chairman's charity, the Forest Holme Hospice, and maybe a quiz. We're hoping for fine weather so that we can enjoy their lovely garden, but if it's chilly we will be indoors. Book by Monday 20 May. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910.

June

MON 03 **Summer Afternoon Tea** Acorn Branch



Please come along and join us for an afternoon of Summer "things", sports, sun and scenery. Maybe some summer items to purchase on the bring and buy and paperbacks to read in your garden chair. Free raffle for vegetables, usual raffle, all are welcome together with friends and neighbours. Lets have a bit of fun as we celebrate Royal Ascot, Henley sailing, cricket and Wimbledon. The Acorn charity for 2019 will be Riding for the Disabled in Three Legged Cross. Book by Saturday 1 June. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.



THURS 06 **Coffee Morning** Pride of Bournemouth Branch



Raising money for our chairman's charity, the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital, our regular coffee mornings are a really nice way to keep in touch with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a cake or two. We hope you will want to come and join us! Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please just give Margaret a ring on 01202 775122 to let us know you're coming.

June

SAT
08

District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments



10.30am



Adults: 20p
Children Free



All monies raised will go to the Ferndown District Support Group for Parkinsons, which Ron Munro, the Chairman of the District, has chosen as his charity. Coffee, biscuits, light lunch refreshments at a nominal charge. Children's toys and games, cake stall, plant stall, tombola, have a go on winning a hamper, face painting for children and other attractions.

The Acorn Branch are pleased to host this event which will be advertised in and around the local area to promote the District. Please pay us a visit and join in the fun and atmosphere, meet your friends, enjoy a cuppa and support the Parkinsons Group.

There is ample parking at West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

SUN
09

Annual District Church Service



2.30pm



Free



Our Annual Church Service will be at St Mark's Talbot Village, followed by refreshments in the church



hall. All members and friends are very welcome to join us, but please let the District Secretary know you are coming to ensure we cater for everyone. Ron Munro, our District Chairman, looks forward to welcoming you all to the service and hopes that everyone will have a very enjoyable afternoon.

A fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends from across the District, and of course neighbouring Districts, that we don't see so often, so please come along and make it a special day for Ron.

Book by Friday 7 June. St Mark's Church, Talbot Village, Wallisdown Road, Bournemouth BH10 4HY. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910.

June

MON
10

Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



£2.50



WED
19

Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch



3pm



£3.50



Julie and Andrew would be happy to welcome you to their house for a Coffee Morning in aid of our Chairman's Charity for the year - Forest Holme Hospice. Why not join us for coffee, cake and a natter? We'll have a raffle, maybe a book stall, so a raffle prize would be appreciated. Book by Saturday 8 June. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book - we don't want to run out of cake!

Sandra and Nigel are welcoming us back to their beautiful garden for an Afternoon Tea. Come and relax in the sunshine (hopefully) and enjoy good company, good food, and a good natter! We will be supporting Forest Holme by having a raffle so prizes would be very much appreciated. Book by Monday 17 June. Sandra and Nigel's house, 176 Verity Crescent, Poole BH17 8TZ. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

THURS
13

Healthy Afternoon Tea and Speaker Pride of Bournemouth Branch



2.30pm



Free



We would like to invite you to join us for our Healthy Afternoon Tea to find out how to keep ourselves healthy and to learn more about our Society. We hope to welcome a speaker who will give us advice on healthy living. We will have a lovely afternoon tea with lots of healthier options, a raffle, an opportunity to meet like minded people and to have some fun together.



This is a free healthy event, but please let Margaret know you will be coming along - we don't want to run out of our healthy food! Or the cake! Book by Tuesday 11 June. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122.

June

SAT
22

Quiz Night Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 7.30pm

£ £3.50



Why not join us for our Quiz Night at the Tuckton Social Club with a bring and share buffet supper. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses - tea and coffee will be provided as usual. We hope you will come and join us to test your 'grey cells' and have fun with friends. We'll have our usual raffle and prizes for the top scorers on the quizzes. Book by Thursday 20 June. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.



July

THURS
04

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 10.30am

£ £2



We'd love to see you at our Coffee Morning - why not bring along a friend or two? We have tea, coffee, cake, biscuits, a lovely venue and good company - what more could you need? During the morning we'll have a raffle in aid of our chairman's charity for the year, the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation Thursday night group, at Bournemouth Hospital, so your support is very much appreciated. Book by Wednesday 3 July. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Hope to see you there! Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you'll be coming.

SUN
23

Annual Lunch Phoenix Branch

⌚ 12 noon

£ £18



The Phoenix Annual Lunch will be at the Henstridge Golf Club this year. We hope you would like to come and join us for our annual event. A three course lunch, tea or coffee, will be served. The bar will be open! Book by Wednesday 19 June. Henstridge Golf Club, Marsh Lane, Henstridge, Templecombe BA8 0TG. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book your place.



July

MON
08

July Tea Party Acorn Branch

⌚ 2pm

£ £4



Should be Summer, fingers crossed, so an afternoon related to sunshine! Here, there and everywhere and anywhere else in between! Use your building skills with marshmallows and spaghetti, free raffle for fruit, the usual raffle and hopefully some bring and buy to purchase. Summer hats and boaters welcome. Small prize for the best lady and gent's seasonal 'tiffers'. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Please let Flo know by Thursday 4 July if you would like to join in a sunshine afternoon.

THURS
11

Walk to Highcliffe Castle Pride of Bournemouth Branch

⌚ 11am

£ Free to walk, as menu for lunch



Meeting at Steamer Point we will walk to Highcliffe Castle. Either bring your own picnic to enjoy or have lunch at the restaurant at the Castle. If you would prefer not to walk and just join us at the Castle for lunch that's fine, we should be there by 12 noon and it would be lovely to see you. Everyone welcome, either for the walk and lunch, or just for the lunch. Book by Tuesday 9 July. Steamer Point Car Park, Penny Way, Christchurch BH23 4TA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 if you would like to join us.

FRI
12

Blackmore Vale Branch Annual Walk

⌚ 6.30pm

£ Free to walk, as menu for lunch



Blackmore Vale Branch annual walk, ending with a pub meal. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for details.

SAT
13

Early Evening BBQ Brownsea Branch

⌚ 4pm

£ £6.50



Last year's BBQ was such a lovely event that we've decided



to do it all again! Please come and join us in Sandra and Nigel's beautiful garden, enjoy the food, good company and maybe a quiz. We are hoping for nice weather so that we can really enjoy the garden. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks - tea and coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

As usual we will have a raffle for Margaret White's charity - Forest Holme Hospice - so a raffle prize would be very much appreciated. Book by Thursday 11 July. Sandra and Nigel's house, 176 Verity Crescent, Poole BH17 8TZ. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

July

THURS
25

Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



£2



We are going back to Julie and Andrew's house for our July Coffee Morning and hope that you will want to join us. A chat over coffee or tea and lovely cakes and biscuits will be the order of the day, with savouries too for those who don't like to eat too many sweet things. We'll have a raffle for Forest Holme, so a prize would be wonderful. Book by Tuesday 23 July. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 if you would like to come along and join in the fun.

SUN
28

Annual Garden Party Pride of Bournemouth Branch



12.30pm



£6



We are returning to Norman and Edna's house again for our Annual Garden Party. Please come and enjoy their beautiful garden, the flowers, the food, the stalls and the fun!

We will have a buffet lunch followed by sweets and puddings - tea and

coffee will be provided but if you would like something stronger please bring your own. Please bring a chair and hope for fine weather! We hope we will all have a relaxing afternoon in good company, join in the raffle for our chairman's charity, and have a wonderful time. Our chairman, Marion Walker, is raising money for the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group, at Bournemouth Hospital this year.



49 Warburton Road, Canford Heath, Poole BH17 8SD. This is usually a very popular event so please book early, or at the very latest by Friday 26 July, with Margaret on 01202 775122 or Edna on 01202 677101.

Oddfellows Summer Holiday

Discover the best of Hampshire's Coastline with Oddfellows members and friends at the Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel.

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August

THURS
01

Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2



Do you enjoy cake? How about a natter over a coffee? Well, we can provide both, and biscuits as well! We will also be raising money for our chairman's charity by having a raffle during the morning. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret to book on 01202 775122.

SAT
03

August Coffee Morning and Lunch Acorn Branch



10.30am



£4



Coffee at 10.30am, with lunch at 12.15pm - this month we hope to feature the skills of our members with homemade cooking and photography. There will be six classes to enter, suitable for both ladies' and gents' skills.

All recipes and photography classes available from Flo so please have a go and there will be a small prize for the best in each class. Ham or cheese salad lunch, please order when booking, assorted desserts, tea and coffee. Have a go on guessing Teddy Acorn's favourite pudding, book stall, raffle, bring and buy, glass of Pimms, free raffle for vegetables, guess which country eats what puddings!

Have a go on the bottle top challenge! Please join us at this Summer event, bring a friend or neighbour, but please let Flo know you wish to attend for catering purposes. All monies raised will go to the Riding for the Disabled at Three Cross.

Book by Thursday 1 August. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

August

MON **05** **Coffee Morning at The Spire** Browsea Branch



10.30am



As per menu



We are off to the The Spire once again for our Coffee Morning. Come and join us for a chat over coffee, one of their lovely cakes, or even a bacon sandwich! The Spire is in the heart of the old Poole area so there are plenty of shops to have a look at, or you can take a walk along the Quay and enjoy the summer sunshine. We hope you will want to come and join us and maybe bring a friend along to meet us. Book by Friday 2 August. The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122.

SAT **10** **Barbeque** Phoenix Branch



2.30pm



£5



Jo and Dave Maidment are opening their garden for a barbeque in August.



They will supply the food so you just need to bring something to drink. The cost is just £5 and any profits will go to charity. Jo and Dave's house, 5 Foxs Close, Sherborne DT9 5LH. Numbers will be limited to 20 so please book as soon as possible with Judy on 01963 363119.

THURS **08** **Evening Boat Trip - Poole Quay** Pride of Bournemouth Branch



6pm



TBC



We thought we would try something new - an Evening boat trip with a Fish and Chip Supper. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will enjoy a lovely trip around the harbour - beautiful views, fresh air and good company!

Poole Quay, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HJ. For more details about booking and pricing please contact Margaret on 01202 775122.



August

SUN
11

Buffet Lunch Brownsea Branch



12 noon



£6.50



Julie and Andrew look forward to welcoming you to our annual Buffet Lunch at their house once again! We will hope for fine weather, but it might be an idea to bring your brolly! We will have our usual raffle in aid of Margaret's chosen charity for the year - Forest Holme.

Tea and coffee will be included in the price but if you would like something stronger please bring your own. We hope to have Mary's fantastic puddings - not to be missed! Why not bring a friend along to find out about all the benefits of being a member?

Book by Thursday 8 August.
Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT.
Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

MON
12

Forest Picnic Acorn Branch



2pm



Free



The picnic will be at Wilverly Plain in the New Forest and SO42 7UP is the nearest postcode for your SATNAV if you have one - it is situated on the Brockenhurst to Burley Road.

Please contact Flo on 01202 820965 to book and please turn up (weather permitting) with your own choice of picnic and we will endeavour to find some new easy games for this now annual event. We spend most of the time laughing at all of our antics as we try to either throw or catch balls and skittles etc. Sometimes the ice-cream van is near, if so we can all have one on the branch.

We will still hold a raffle and a quiz. All monies for Riding for the Disabled at Three Cross. Book by Sunday 11 August. Wilverly Plain, New Forest SO42 7UP.


August

THURS
22

**Southbourne
Clifftop Walk**
Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am



 As per menu - coffee and/or lunch

We enjoyed our Clifftop Walk so much last year we are doing it again! Why not join us this time for a lovely walk along the cliffs at Southbourne - actually it was more of a gentle stroll as it was so hot last year!

Meeting at Cafe Riva at 10.30am for a coffee, then a walk along the cliff top, followed by lunch at the Boscombe Cliff Bowling Club. Blow away those cobwebs, have a chat with friends, and enjoy a lovely lunch - brilliant! Hopefully the weather will be kind again this year, but bringing a brolly is always a good plan. We really hope you can join us. If you can't manage the walk why not meet us at the bowling club at about 12 noon and join us for the lunch?

Book by Tuesday 20 August. Cafe Riva, Boscombe Overcliff Drive, Southbourne, Bournemouth BH5 2EL. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 so we can book a table or two at the bowling club and all sit together.



September

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



**MON
02** **Friendship Coffee
Morning**
Brownsea Branch

 10.30am

 Free



We would like to invite you to join us for our Friendship Coffee Morning at Julie and Andrew's house. Coffee, cake and biscuits will be the order of the day, and we hope you will bring a friend along who would benefit from learning about what a fantastic organisation the Oddfellows is. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. We'll have a raffle for Forest Holme during the morning so if you can bring along a prize that would be brilliant. Book by Saturday 31 August. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you will be coming.



September

THURS
05

Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



Free



Welcome to Friendship Month! We hope you will bring along a friend or two for a chat and a cuppa. There will be home made cakes, some stalls and a raffle. Why not join us and see if you can win a prize or two, better still make some new friends, and learn a bit more about our Society. This is a free event and everyone is very welcome - the more the merrier! Book by Tuesday 3 September. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

MON
09

Friendship Tea Party Acorn Branch



2pm



£3.50



As this is usually the Society's Friendship Month we invite all members and friends from around as far as possible to join us for the Tea Party. This will take the form of friends we have or friends we have known. If possible please bring a photograph of them, or of the two of you together. We will bring a board so that they can be displayed. Maybe these friends live abroad, but never-the-less we will enjoy meeting them from a photograph. Scones and cream for tea together with the other goodies, bring and buy, raffle and free meat raffle. Hopefully meet new folk, catch up with everyone as Autumn approaches. Book by Friday 6 September. Ferndown Guide Hall, Entrance to Tesco Car Park, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TH. Please contact Flo on 01202 820965. If possible please park in the bottom of Tesco car park as spaces are limited at the Guide Hall.



September

ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED 18 Friendship Afternoon Tea Brownsea Branch



2.30pm



Free



Our Friendship Afternoon Tea will be at the East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club once again this year. The club put on a fantastic spread last year - lovely sandwiches, cake and savouries will be available to try, so we hope you will want to come and join in the fun. Please bring along a friend or two who might benefit from joining us - learn more about what we have to offer our members - and have a relaxing afternoon together. We'll have a raffle for our charity - Forest Holme - and if the weather is fine we might be able to sit outside and watch the tennis or the croquet. This is a free event, so please bring your friends. Book by Monday 16 September. East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910.



SAT
21

Bingo and Fish and Chip Supper Pride of Bournemouth Branch



7.30pm



£6



We all had a brilliant time last year at our Bingo and Supper evening



and we hope you will want to join us this time! Eyes down and look in for our second Friendship Month event - why not bring along a friend or two? We will have a raffle as usual for our chairman's charity, so prizes would be very welcome please. Why not come and join in the fun and try to win a prize - including cash prizes for a full house! Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. This event was very popular last year so please book early with Margaret (01202 775122) to avoid disappointment, and by Thursday 19 September at the very latest.

September

SAT

28

District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments



10.30am



Adults 20p,
Children Free



The District Chairman, Ron Munro, and the Acorn Branch take pleasure in inviting as many as possible to the second event at the Memorial Hall, from 10.30am to 3pm, in aid of the Ferndown Support Parkinsons Group. This is the chosen charity and Ron would like to thank everyone for the monies raised so far during his year as Chairman.

This event will take the same format as the one in June with maybe some different attractions. Coffee, biscuits and light refreshments will be available at a nominal charge. It is hoped to have a guest to open the event and as in June the event will be advertised locally to encourage new membership for the District. As this will still be Friendship Month please encourage friends who may be interested in the Oddfellows. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.



October

THURS

03

Coffee Morning

Pride of Bournemouth Branch



10.30am



£2



We will be meeting once again for our regular coffee morning at Tuckton Social Club. Please come and join us for a relaxing morning, a chat over your tea or coffee, and enjoy one of our lovely cakes. An opportunity to meet new friends in a friendly environment. Raising money by having a raffle for our chairman's charity, the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital - so prizes would be very much appreciated. Book by Wednesday 2 October. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

October

MON **07** **Harvest Tea Party** Acorn Branch



Assorted rolls and bread, together with cold meats and pickles and some of the normal refreshments for Afternoon Tea with a difference. Have a go spinning the wheel, brush up on your cheeses and cereal grains for a quiz, and 10 ball pick up game, time permitting. Ample parking. Bring and buy with bookstall. All raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Free raffle for biscuits and cheeses. Hopefully some jigsaws on sale for the winter evenings. Come along room for all, and be assured of a warm welcome as always. Book by Friday 4 October. West Moors Memorial Hall, Station Road, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0HS. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

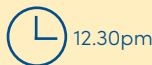


SAT **12** **Skittles Night** Blackmore Vale Branch



Blackmore Vale Skittles Night, venue to be arranged. Contact Judy on 01963 363119 for details.

SUN **13** **Annual District Lunch**



This year our Annual District Lunch will be at a wonderful new venue - the Remedy Oak Golf Club. We hope that many members and friends will be able to join us. Our Chairman this year is Ron Munro and after lunch we will have a raffle to support his charity, the Ferndown District Support Group for Parkinsons, so raffle prizes would be very much appreciated as always. Remedy Oak Golf Club, Horton Road, Woodlands, Wimborne BH21 8ND. Ron looks forward to welcoming you to the Remedy Oak - numbers are limited so please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 to book your place. Book by Friday 4 October.

WED **16** **Afternoon Tea at the Sweet Home** Brownsea Branch



Emma does a fantastic Afternoon Tea so we hope you will want to join us for a relaxing afternoon, have a chat over your cuppa and enjoy the lovely food. We'll have a raffle for Forest Holme as usual, so a prize would be appreciated. Why not join us and hopefully meet some new friends at the same time. Book by Monday 14 October. Sweet Home Inn, 25 Ringwood Road, Poole BH14 0RF. Please contact Sandra on 01202 770929 to book.

October

SAT
26

Ploughman's Supper Pride of Bournemouth Branch



Why not join us for our Ploughman's Supper and an autumn/harvest themed evening. We may have a quiz or two and harvest inspired activities. Something to cheer us all up as the weather will probably be 'Autumnal' by now. Our social events are always good fun - everyone will be made very welcome.

The usual raffle for our District Chairman's charity will be held and we would be grateful to receive prizes for this year's very worthy cause - the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital. Book by Thursday 24 October. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please book early to avoid disappointment with Margaret on 01202 775122.



WED
30

Lunch Club Brownsea Branch



We are trying the New Inn again for our lunch club and it would be lovely to welcome you. Enjoy a nice lunch, chat with friends and generally put the world to rights. Book by Monday 28 October. The New Inn, 222 Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EL. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

November

WED
06

Supper at the Sweet Home Brownsea Branch





We are returning to the Sweet Home for supper and hopefully a game of Bingo or a Quiz - more



details in the next diary. Emma always looks after us very well at the Sweet Home so we hope you will come and join in the fun, buy a raffle ticket for our chairman's charity - Forest Holme Hospice - and win a prize or two. Book by Monday 4 November. Sweet Home Inn, 25 Ringwood Road, Poole BH14 0RF. Contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to book as we will need to pre-order our menu choices.

November

THURS **07** **Coffee Morning** Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 10.30am  £2



Our regular coffee mornings have been going strong for over a year now - we hope you will want to come along and join in the fun! Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits, a raffle for our chairman's charity and good company is the order of the day. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Please contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book.

TUES **12** **Social Lunch** Phoenix Branch

 12 noon  £ As per menu



Why not join us for our social lunch at Pen Mill Hotel in Yeovil? It would be wonderful to welcome you to this lovely hotel - enjoy a lovely meal and catch up with friends. Book by Friday 8 November. Pen Mill Hotel, Sherborne Road, Yeovil BA21 5DB. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 to book.



THURS **14** **Afternoon Tea and Talk** by a Guest Speaker Pride of Bournemouth Branch

 2.30pm  £3.50



We would love to welcome you to our Afternoon Tea - sandwiches, cake, savouries, tea or coffee and hopefully a guest speaker, yet to be arranged, all for £3.50! We will have more details in the Autumn diary regarding the speaker.

Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon and hopefully meet some new friends. We are raising money for our chairman's charity as usual, so if you could bring along a raffle prize that would be very much appreciated. Our charity this year is the Pulmonary Long Term Rehabilitation, Thursday night group at Bournemouth Hospital.

Please book early, but by Tuesday 12 November at the latest with Margaret on 01202 775122. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

November

THURS 21 Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



We're going back to Harry's for our coffee morning this time. Why not come along and enjoy a relaxing morning with friends old and new, a chat over your coffee, lovely cakes or breakfast, and good company - what more could we ask for? A raffle for Forest Holme will be held, so prizes would be welcome - we hope you can join us. Book by Tuesday 19 November. Harry's Bar, 14 Haven Road, Poole BH13 7LP. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to let us know you are coming.

MON 25 Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning Acorn Branch



All details will be in the September Events Diary but please save the date of Monday 25 November for the Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning. There will be a nominal charge. Teddy Acorn will attend. Festive goodies to munch and much more. Book by Friday 22 November. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.



December

SUN 01 Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch Pride of Bournemouth Branch



We are hoping to join together again this year for our Christmas festivities. There will be more details in the Autumn diary. Please be aware that the venue may change. Riviera Hotel, Burnaby Road, Alum Chine BH4 8JF. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 or Andrew on 01202 743910 to express your interest please.



THURS 05 Christmas Coffee Morning Pride of Bournemouth Branch



Our Christmas Coffee Morning should be great fun and we hope you will be able to join us for festive refreshments, tea or coffee, good friends, in a lovely venue, and try to win a prize in our usual raffle. Why not bring a friend along to enjoy a relaxing morning? Book by Wednesday 4 December. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. Contact Margaret on 01202 775122 to book your place.

December

SAT
07

Festive Lunch Acorn Branch



11.30am



£5



All details in the September Events Diary, but please save the date of Saturday 7 December. 11.30am for 12 noon. Festive Lunch, glass of bubbles, competitions, raffle, etc. This must be booked and names written down when booking please. Book by Wednesday 4 December. Three Cross Village Hall, Village Hall Lane, Three Legged Cross BH21 6SG. Contact Flo on 01202 820965.

MON
09

Christmas Coffee Morning Brownsea Branch



10.30am



£2.50



Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be at Julie and Andre's house -



please come along and join in the fun! All the usual Christmas goodies - mince pies, savouries, tea and coffee, a raffle for Forest Holme, good friends, maybe a cracker or two! Book by Saturday 7 December. Julie and Andrew's House, 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT. Please contact Andrew on 01202 743910 or Margaret on 01202 775122 to join in the festivities!

SAT
14

Christmas Lunch Pride of Bournemouth Branch



12 noon



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The Blackmore Vale Branch will be holding their Christmas Lunch at Yeovil Golf Club. We hope you can join us for the festivities. Book by Monday 9 December. Yeovil Golf Club, Sherborne Road, Yeovil BA21 5BW. Please contact Judy on 01963 363119 if you would like to join us.

TUES
10

Christmas Party Phoenix Branch



7.30pm



Free



Our Christmas Party is always good fun, so why not join us? We will have a bring and share supper, a game or two, maybe a Christmas Quiz. We will have a raffle for our chairman's charity, so prizes would be very much appreciated. We hope you can come and enjoy the festivities! Book by Sunday 8 December. Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA. As usual this is a free event, so please book early with Margaret on 01202 775122.



Business Meetings

Every Oddfellows Branch is run independently by a committee of members. Regular meetings are held to discuss matters such as Branch finances, membership and member support. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings, if you'd like to know more or come along to one, please contact the Branch Secretary. See below for further meeting details.

Acorn Branch

Secretary: Judith Parkin 43 Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth BH4 9JT.

Telephone: 01202 762553 **Email:** judith.parkin@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting third Monday of every month at Ferndown United Church, 505 Wimborne Road, East Ferndown BH22 9NF.

Brownsea Branch

Secretary: Andrew Hampton 105 Sandbanks Road, Poole BH14 8BT

Telephone: 01202 743910 **Email:** andrew.hampton@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting third Tuesday of every month at East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Salterns Road, Poole BH14 8BL.

Hand-in-Hand Branch

Secretary: Stephen Slade 21 Great Western Road, Dorchester DT1 1UF.

Telephone: 01305 260081 **Email:** mike.clarke@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting second Tuesday of every month at Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1UF.

Phoenix Branch (Incorporating Blackmore Vale meetings)

Secretary: Judy Penfold 39 Grosvenor Road, Stalbridge DT10 2PL.

Telephone: 01963 363119 **Email:** judy.penfold@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting third Tuesday every month at Yeovil Ex-Services Social Club, Preston Road, Yeovil BA21 3AZ.

Pride of Bournemouth Branch

Secretary: Margaret White, 15 Playfields Drive, Poole BH12 2EG.

Telephone: 01202 775122 **Email:** margaret.white@oddfellows.co.uk

Meeting fourth Tuesday of every month at Tuckton Social Club, Tuckton Road, Bournemouth BH6 3AA.

District Meetings

Half-Yearly District Meeting

Saturday 17 August 2019, 10.30am. Three Cross Village Hall.

Traditional Meetings

Wessex Provincial Branch of Past Grands

Secretary: Robert Southam Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

Telephone: 01202 734705

This is a ritual Branch and all members who have taken their Purple Degree are welcome to attend. Please contact Robert for venue and date details.

Bournemouth and District Minor Degree Branch

Secretary: Robert Southam Flat 4, 24-28 Sea View Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 3JY.

Telephone: 01202 734705

This is a ritual Branch and the taking of the Minor Degrees is a prerequisite for being Noble Grand (Chairman) of one's Branch. Please contact Robert for venue and date details.

At a glance

March 2019

Thurs 7	Coffee Morning and speaker from Autism Wessex (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Thurs 7	Benefits Information Event (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Sat 9	Skittles Night (Phoenix Branch)	7pm
Sat 9	Bingo Mania (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
Sat 16	Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm
Mon 18	Easter Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
Tues 19	Annual Chocolate Party (Phoenix Branch)	7.30pm
Wed 20	Lunch Club (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
Wed 27	Lunch at the Bailey Bridge (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	12 noon

April

Thurs 4	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Sun 7	Spring Lunch (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
Tues 9	Social Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12 noon
Sat 13	Champagne Breakfast (Acorn Branch)	9.30am
Thurs 18	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
Mon 29	Pub Quiz and Supper (Brownsea Branch)	7pm

May

Thurs 2	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
Thurs 9	Afternoon Tea Party and Gardening Talk (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm
Sat 11	Gems, Tiaras and Crowns High Tea (Acorn Branch)	2pm

At a glance

May

Thurs 16 Charity Coffee 10.30am
Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Wed 22 Afternoon Tea 3pm
(Brownsea Branch)

June

Mon 3 Summer Afternoon 2pm
Tea (Acorn Branch)

Thurs 6 Coffee Morning 10.30am
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Sat 8 District Coffee 10.30am
Morning and Light Refreshments

Sun 9 Annual District 2.30pm
Church Service

Mon 10 Coffee Morning 10.30am
(Brownsea Branch)

Thurs 13 Healthy Afternoon 2.30pm
Tea and speaker (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Wed 19 Afternoon Tea 3pm
(Brownsea Branch)

Sat 22 Quiz Night (Pride 7.30pm
of Bournemouth Branch)

Sun 23 Annual Lunch 12 noon
(Phoenix Branch)

July

Thurs 4 Coffee Morning 10.30am
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Mon 8 July Tea Party 2pm
(Acorn Branch)

July

Thurs 11 Walk to Highcliffe 11am
Castle (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Fri 12 Blackmore Vale 6.30pm
Branch Annual Walk

Sat 13 Early Evening BBQ 4pm
(Brownsea Branch)

Thurs 25 Coffee Morning 10.30am
(Brownsea Branch)

Sun 28 Annual Garden 12.30pm
Party (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

August

Thurs 1 Coffee Morning 10.30am
(Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Sat 3 August Coffee 10.30am
Morning and Lunch (Acorn Branch)

Mon 5 Coffee Morning at 10.30am
The Spire (Brownsea Branch)

Thurs 8 Evening Boat Trip - 6pm
Poole Quay (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

Sat 10 Barbeque 2.30pm
(Phoenix Branch)

Sun 11 Buffet Lunch 12 noon
(Brownsea Branch)

Mon 12 Forest Picnic 2pm
(Acorn Branch)

Thurs 22 Southbourne Clifftop 10.30am
Walk (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)

At a glance

September - Friendship Month

Mon 2	Friendship Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
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Thurs 5	Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
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Mon 9	Friendship Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
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Wed 18	Friendship Afternoon Tea (Brownsea Branch)	2.30pm
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Sat 21	Bingo and Fish and Chip Supper (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
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Sat 28	District Coffee Morning and Light Refreshments	10.30am
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October

Thurs 3	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
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Mon 7	Harvest Tea Party (Acorn Branch)	2pm
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Sat 12	Skittles Night Blackmore Vale Branch	7pm
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Sun 13	Annual District Lunch	12.30pm
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Wed 16	Afternoon Tea at the Sweet Home (Brownsea Branch)	3pm
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Sat 26	Ploughman's Supper (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
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Wed 30	Lunch Club (Brownsea Branch)	12 noon
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November

Wed 6	Supper at the Sweet Home (Brownsea Branch)	7pm
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Thurs 7	Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
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Tues 12	Social Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12 noon
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Thurs 14	Afternoon Tea and talk by a guest speaker (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	2.30pm
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Thurs 21	Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
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Mon 25	Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning (Acorn Branch)	10am
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December

Sun 1	Christmas Lunch with Brownsea Branch (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	12.30pm
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Thurs 5	Christmas Coffee Morning (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	10.30am
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Sat 7	Festive Lunch (Acorn Branch)	11.30am
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Mon 9	Christmas Coffee Morning (Brownsea Branch)	10.30am
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Tues 10	Christmas Party (Pride of Bournemouth Branch)	7.30pm
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Sat 14	Christmas Lunch (Phoenix Branch)	12 noon
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Welcome to the 27th edition of your Newsletter The Wessex Wanderer

Our first edition was issued in Spring 2006 and on the front page was the Disneyland Garden Party organised by the Acorn Branch and held at the home of Ron and Flo Munro. Since then we have seen a steady increase in the number of events being held for you, our members, by all our Branches.

This year Ron Munro is our District Chairman once again and warmly invites you to attend any of the events listed in the District Events Diary.

We rely on you, our members, to submit articles and contributions which you would like to share with our members. Do you have a recipe, celebration or holiday that you could tell us about? If so please send it to the District Secretary at the address below – he would love to hear from you.

How to contact your District

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Annual District Lunch

Tony Lockett, the Immediate Past Chairman of our Society was our Guest of Honour at this year's Annual District Lunch. We returned to the Mayfair Hotel for the event and some of us made a weekend of it, including Tony and his wife Christine. Robert Southam, our District Chairman, was very pleased to welcome over 50 members and friends to the lunch and he would like to thank everyone for supporting the raffle either by donating the prizes or buying the raffle tickets – a brilliant £185 was raised towards Robert's goal to buy a defibrillator for the community.

These pictures show the presentations which were made after our lunch when Robert presented a cheque to our guest



Tony Lockett for his charity, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund and Sandra Compton presented a cheque to Robert for his charity. Finally Margaret White presented a cheque to James Warren from Alzheimer's Research for the money which the District had raised during her second year as District Chairman.



Annual Garden Party

Pride of Bournemouth

In July, we had a fantastic time at our Annual Garden Party. Edna and Norman were our wonderful hosts and we had a brilliant time in their beautiful garden. The bad weather had caused us to have to move the party which meant that a few less people were able to attend, but we still had a great time! As usual the food was amazing and the bring and buy was also well supported. We would like to thank everyone who

brought prizes for the raffle which enabled us, together with the monies raised on the bring and buy stalls, to raise an amazing £323.74 for April Court Amenities Fund. It was lovely to welcome guests from April Court once again, and we hope everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Edna and Norman for a wonderful day and for everyone who came to help make it such a success.



Walk and Lunch by the River at Tuckton

The Pride of Bournemouth 'walkers' had a lovely time when they met at the Tuckton Tea Rooms before going for a leisurely stroll by the river in August. It wasn't the hottest of days, but at least it didn't pour with rain like it did last year when we walked

around Christchurch! After our walk some of us went on to the Bailey Bridge restaurant for lunch. The Bailey Bridge were very hospitable and we had our own private area where we enjoyed more chatting, as well as the eating!

Brownsea BBQ

Brownsea Branch tried a new idea in July – a late afternoon BBQ in Sandra and Nigel's lovely garden. We all had a wonderful time with Sandra and Nigel's daughter Helen and son-in-law Neil doing a brilliant quiz. We also had to make a plasticine model depicting 'Friendship'. Julian and Margaret's 7 year old grandson, William, picked the winners – it was great

fun with some very interesting models being produced! As usual we had a raffle for Margaret Fry's charities, Macmillan Caring Locally and the Maritime Voluntary Service, which was very well supported. We must thank Sandra and Nigel for their hospitality and we hope to have another BBQ in the summer – please come and join in the fun!

Talk on Bournemouth Aviary



After our Lodge meeting in July we had a very interesting and entertaining talk by Darrell Sturme, one of our new members, on the Aviary in Bournemouth Gardens. Darrell has a great love of birds and had worked for many years as a volunteer for the Aviary, and he has been involved in the fundraising efforts to try to provide a new Aviary in Bournemouth Gardens. The picture shows Darrell and Norman, our chairman, at our Garden Party, also in July. Darrell kindly brought along his photos of the birds in the aviary and also the lovely picture of 'Daffodil' – his own beloved parakeet as we hadn't taken any pictures during his talk. Thank you Darrell!

Brownsea Lunch Club

We tried a new venue in July which was well received – The New Inn in Wimborne Road. We had a lovely meal which was excellent value but unfortunately the venue has been taken over, with new management now in charge, so we will wait and see how things go before booking there again.





August Coffee and Lunch Acorn Branch

At this event members and friends had a chance to enter a photo, cookery or craft competition to be judged just for fun. There were some splendid entries and the judges had a difficult job on their hands. There were splendid scarecrows, tasty cookery and lovely countryside photographs. Coffee and tea were soon at hand as folk viewed the bring and buy stall. This was certainly a bumper one ranging from lawn mower, fishing rods, puzzles, jars of jam, flower decorations, books and so much more.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone for their participation in any way to its success.

Everyone had a chance to enter the numbers quiz and guess where Teddy Acorn was going on his hols! It was a special day for our member Derek who was celebrating his birthday. After a bit of previous cloak and dagger secrecy between Ann, his wife, and the Branch, Marion as always did a splendid stage set with all his favourite things. Holiday destinations, flowers, Chinese cookery and of course his wine. Our secretary, Judith, presented Derek with a gift and card from us and we all raised our glass of bubbly to Derek with a bumper toast. All too soon it was time for the raffle, a happy event and thank you to everyone who attended and joined in the fun.



Skittles Evening at Moordown Conservative Club Pride of Bournemouth

Although we were limited to only 30 guests when we played skittles at the Moordown Conservative Club, a good time was had by all! The buffet supper was very good and a lot of heckling took place, especially when Dave managed to completely miss the alley and tried to demolish the remains of the buffet!

The few remaining sandwiches and cheesecake leapt into the air, did a back

flip, and landed back down, mostly upside down but otherwise fairly intact! It was great to welcome Ethan, Mary and Peter's grandson who helped with the 'sticking up', and it was lovely to see Amber, one of our Young Oddfellows with her grandmother, Janet Olden.

This may have been our last effort at skittles, but if you would like to see us carry on, albeit at a different venue, please do let us know.

Traditional Terms

These are terms, which are used by the Oddfellows in meetings and in publications. For those who are unfamiliar with some of them, it may be helpful to refer to the list provided below. It is by no means exhaustive, but these are some of the most commonly used terms. The original terms have their origin in the history and ceremony associated with the Oddfellows.

Grand Master (GM) -
Chairman of the Society

Provincial Grand Master (PGM) -
District Chairman

Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM) - Former District
Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding
Secretary** - District Secretary

**Immediate Past Provincial
Grand Master (IPPGM)** -
Immediate Past District
Chairman

Vice Grand (VG) -
Deputy Branch Chairman

Noble Grand (NG) -
Branch Chairman

Lodge - Local Branch

Sister and Brother -
The Oddfellows is a fraternal organisation which means membership is like belonging to a family. This is why many members refer to each other as Brother and Sister (as members of the trade unions used to).

Annual Movable Conference (AMC) - Held each year in the month of May at different locations.

Ritual - Traditional Oddfellows Ceremonies

Browsea Coffee Morning – Richard and Sandra's House

August saw us enjoying a lovely coffee morning in Richard and Sandra's garden. It was a scorching hot day and we were all fighting for the shade, but we had a good natter over our coffee, cake and biscuits. Thanks so much to Richard and Sandra for being our hosts and to everyone for coming and supporting the raffle.



Half-Yearly District Meeting



We would just like to thank Mary and her team for always making us so welcome at Crossways Village Hall for our District Meetings. This August was no exception and we thought you might like to see the effort that goes into making the hall look so attractive for us. We enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch after our deliberations and the raffle raised £63 for our chairman's endeavours to buy a Defibrillator for the community. You will have noticed the lovely floral table centres, which Mary always encourages us to take as gifts for our poorly members. Thank you so much Mary!



We tried a new venue for our Coffee and Cake get-together in August when we visited the Mocha Turtle in Tuckton. There was a great choice of cakes and the coffee was excellent. We were joined by a photographer, organised by Head Office, who took photos throughout the morning. This was because one of our members, Tony Goble, was being featured in a lovely article which went in the Bournemouth Echo, following the



event. We apologised to the staff for the disruption but they said they were only too pleased to see the coffee shop so full – which was lovely.

You may have seen a similar article in the Daily Express featuring Tony. Tony had agreed that they could use the Echo article as a basis for a feature page in the Daily Express. He hopes that his experience of the Oddfellows will help other people.



Bingo with Fish and Chip Supper Pride of Bournemouth

Our second Friendship Month event was a big success. Eyes down and look in! Everyone enjoyed the Fish and Chip Supper, and of course winning the prizes for a line and cash prizes for the full houses. We had our usual raffle for April Court and everyone was very generous with £96 being raised. As usual Trevor was our brilliant 'caller' and Amber, one of our junior members, helped him check the lines and full houses – thank you Trevor and Amber.

Friendship Afternoon Tea Browsea Branch

Our Friendship Afternoon Tea at East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club proved to be very popular. The club put on a lovely spread for our enjoyment and it was brilliant to welcome so many members and non-members alike. The friendly atmosphere was very enjoyable and we had a well-supported raffle for Macmillan Caring Locally and the Maritime Voluntary Service. Thanks to all who came along and made the afternoon a success.

September Food Afternoon

Acorn Branch

It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to the Guide Hall for friendship with food guessing afternoon. If we meet with friends it's usually a cup of tea and something to eat. Therefore the theme was food facts together with six boxes of 'what was it?' Ranging from crushed up Weetabix to ground cumin. Everyone did well on this with three couples tying for first



prize. Then the important bit of the afternoon – a cuppa and the buffet. Previously members and friends, as always had been generous in bringing items for the bring and buy and raffle. The lucky winners of the free vegetable raffle were assured of their veg for the next few days. Again a very happy afternoon and as always our grateful thanks go to all.



Talk by Wessex Cancer Trust

We have had several talks after our Branch meetings this year and in September we welcomed Charlotte from the Wessex Cancer Trust who came to tell us all about the work that they do locally for those suffering from cancer. We joined in the 'Save your Pennies' for October scheme and took away our boxes to fill with pennies and have since sent our joint donations off to Charlotte. We are hoping to go to their Hinton Road centre for a tour in the New Year to learn more about their work.

Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning

Pride of Bournemouth Branch

It was a full house for our Friendship Tea and Coffee Morning at the beginning of September. We welcomed lots of non-members to the event and a good time was had

by all. The raffle was very well supported for April Court Amenities Fund and hopefully new friends were made!



District Friendship Quiz and Supper

This year the District held their own Friendship Month event! We organised a Quiz and Supper at Harry's Bar in Canford Cliffs and were very pleased to welcome 10 non-members to the event. Chris Bloomfield was once again our fantastic Quiz Master – we had boggles, picture quizzes and general knowledge rounds which were all excellent fun – the Quiz Master's decision is final!

This year we are raising money to buy a Defibrillator and Robert Southam, our chairman, was very grateful for the support that he received as the raffle raised a goodly sum towards his charity fundraising efforts. We would like to thank everyone who came to support this event.

Talk by LPA

In October, we welcomed Ginny from LPA after our Lodge meeting to talk to us about the need to have Lasting Power of Attorney in place. Ginny was able to explain the difference between Lasting Power of Attorney and Enduring Power of Attorney which is now superseded by LPA. Ginny answered several questions from the members and was happy to talk to any of us on a one-to-one basis after the meeting. Margaret has some information if you would like to contact Ginny.



Ploughman's Harvest Supper

Pride of Bournemouth Branch

We had a late Harvest Supper with a Ploughman's meal with a harvest themed evening in October. One of our newer members, Darrell Sturme, gave us a very entertaining and interesting talk on farming and brought along a 'mouli' as a focal point. And what is a 'mouli'? you may ask – well it is a giant white radish, which we were able to have a piece of during the evening!

The mouli can be seen here in the picture on Judy and Richard's table - although some of us may have already had a slice!

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Darrell for entertaining us all and also thanks are due once again to Chris Bloomfield who prepared some 'Harvest' themed quizzes for us to enjoy. Our raffle for April Court was well supported as usual. Thanks to all who came and made it such a fun evening.



October Get Together

Acorn Branch

Bar skittles, throw the dice, and spin the wheel made for a different afternoon social. There was a play off between two Peters and Pat with the lady being the winner of the skittles. Sincere thanks go to everyone who helped with the food, sold the raffle tickets and manned the bring and buy. A 'Buy early for Christmas' sign attracted attention

with some of the knitted hats, mittens etc eagerly snatched up. The winners of the free fruit raffle were well pleased as always and all too soon tea was served both the savouries and the puddings. Two new folk were happy to take some leaflets and events diaries so hopefully we will see them again very soon to join in future events.



Afternoon Tea

Brownsea Branch

An Afternoon Tea at Stewarts is always a super way to relax with friends, catch up with a natter, and maybe take a look at the plants and gifts. October's event was no exception and we all had a fabulous tea - there is usually far too much food and some of us take home what we can't manage - Stewarts are very obliging and let us have 'boxes' for our left-overs!

Bingo at the

Parkstone Club

Brownsea Branch

Sadly the Parkstone Club have decided to discontinue their monthly Bingo evenings so our November event had to be cancelled. We will do our best to organise a new venue for Bingo - if we do it on our own the prizes will, of course, be smaller - but hopefully we will still have an exciting time and it would be easier to have a raffle for our chairman's charity. Watch this space!

Coffee Club

Brownsea Branch

In November we tried a fantastic new venue for our coffee get-together – the Spire in Poole High Street. The Spire is the coffee shop attached to the Methodist Church and is very popular with the shoppers. They serve lovely cakes, bacon rolls, soup etc, all in a relaxing atmosphere. Pride of Bournemouth's Edna and Norman worship at the church regularly and Edna has raised many thousands of pounds towards the refurbishment works. When we had enjoyed our coffee, some of us enjoyed a wonder round Old Poole, while others had some retail therapy! We plan to go to the Spire again this year – take a look at the new Events Diary for the date.

Afternoon Picnic

Acorn Branch



Would the clouds disperse? Would it be sunny? At about 1.15pm a short sharp shower soon disappeared to leave a sunny afternoon with a nice breeze. We all had some exercise as we tossed the wellies, a large one and a small one, tried and failed to throw the rings over the stakes and had a game of bowls. A quiz on the New Forest and guessing the number of hardware pieces in the jar caused much laughter. It was a pleasure to have some young folk with us who had more energy than us to run around and retrieve the hoops and balls. We had a visit from a very long horned cow and her baby. They took one look and moved away very quickly although we held our breath for a few seconds. Just as we finished the raffle there were a few more spots of rain so how lucky we were to be able to relax in the sunshine and chat with friends.



During the Southern Group Conference this year a group of us were invited to join Bristol District for their Annual Dinner Dance in November. So we decided to support the Bristol event and then to travel on to Reading for their Annual Lunch on the Sunday. We all journeyed to Bristol on the Saturday and enjoyed their hospitality and excellent Dinner Dance, stayed overnight in Bristol and then on we went to Reading the following morning. We all had a great time and would like to thank

both Bristol and Reading Districts for an excellent weekend of fun and friendship. The picture below left shows us firstly in our 'glad rags' for the Bristol Dinner Dance, picture below right Chris and Ruth at the Dinner, and then (picture top) the group of us at Reading - appreciating a cup of coffee before we all enjoyed our Sunday Lunch. Chris and Ruth aren't in the Reading 'group photo' as they arrived a bit later than the rest of the group, but still in time to have a coffee!



Tribute to Neville Chard



Brother Neville was a member of the Manuels Branch which later became the Loyal Acorn Branch. Neville was a member of over seventy years standing and a Ringwood man born and bred. He started his working life as a telegraph boy becoming a postman all his working life. As he was interested in sport, for over fifty years he was the coach and groundsman

for Bisterne United Football Club. He continued to still mark out the ground when in his eighties.

Being public spirited Neville was on the Ringwood Town Council from 1973 until 2015. During this period he became the first Mayor of Ringwood and was eventually awarded Honorary Freeman of Ringwood Town, the only person to date to achieve this honour.

After his death the building consortium Linden Homes approached the Town Council to request that the primary road in this large development be named Chard Lane in his memory. His family and partner, Jenny Bursey, were honoured that the dedication Neville gave to Ringwood will be remembered in this way.

Joint Presentation Evening 2018

Brownsea and Pride of Bournemouth

The Pride of Bournemouth Branch were thrilled to welcome the Brownsea Branch members to their Lodge meeting in October, followed by our joint Presentation Evening. During the Presentation Evening the two Branches welcomed representatives from the charities that the members nominated at their Annual Summoned Meetings to support during the year.

This year the two Lodges supported a total of 11 local charities, with the Brownsea Branch also supporting the Orphan Gift Fund and the HA Andrews Memorial Fund. Andrew Hampton, Branch Secretary for the Brownsea Branch was our master of ceremonies, doing the introductions throughout the evening. Each charity had been invited to say a few words during the event after collecting their cheque.

Julie Hampton, Past Chairman of the Brownsea Branch presented the first three cheques. Julie explained that each charity had been chosen by the members because they were close to our hearts. For example, Forest Holme had been nominated because both of Andrew's parents had been cared for there. The Youth Cancer Trust was nominated by one of our elderly members.

Forest Holme Hospice



Paul Tucker, Fundraising and Communications Manager from Forest Holme Hospice, explained that the hospice was based in Poole and was part of the Poole Hospital NHS. They needed £850K extra for nursing posts, equipment, care for families, lymphedema clinic etc. Over 1000 people a year were supported by Forest Holme – all suffering from life limiting and terminal illnesses including Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinsons etc.

Poole Oncology Unit

Maxine Flubacher, Clinical Director of Cancer Services at the Poole Hospital

Oncology Unit, told us that she was a consultant for the oncology, chemo and radiotherapy service. They worked closely with Forest Holme. Charitable donations that they receive help to provide the extra things which make the patient's life more tolerable. There was a huge team delivering the care.

Andrew explained about the Oddfellows being linked to The Grove Hotel in Bournemouth and how we are able to send our members suffering with cancer to the Grove for convalescence.



Youth Cancer Trust



Derek Smith, Fundraising and Events Manager from the Youth Cancer Trust explained that they have had a house in Alum Chine for 21 years where children suffering from cancer can enjoy a free holiday. One holiday can cost £900 as travel costs etc are included. They also have speciality weeks eg wellness, yoga, lifestyle choices, and cookery weeks when they visit a boutique chocolate maker. They also have an on-line community where the children can share their experiences with those going through the same thing.

Andrew reminded us that the Chairman of the District, Robert Southam, was raising money to buy a defibrillator which we hoped to possibly locate in the western side of the district. Over the last two years the District Chairman had raised over £4K for Alzheimer's Research. The following eight cheques were presented by Norman Daniels, Chairman of the Pride of Bournemouth Branch.

Alzheimer's Society



John Major, a volunteer from the Alzheimer's Society, told us that his wife had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her early 50s. He was motivated to help and reminded us that it was a sad thing that every few seconds someone is diagnosed. One in three of the people in the room had the dementia clock ticking. Alzheimer's starts 20 years before the symptoms present themselves. Dementia was the most prevalent disease on death certificates, yet there was no cure, no medication and care was not fully funded!

The Alzheimer's Society helps in three areas – support services help sufferers to live better eg singing for the brain etc, raising awareness helps the general public be more aware and research with £150 million going on research. The longer those with the disease can live at home the better their life will be.

Autism Wessex



Tom Johnston, Fundraising Manager from Autism Wessex, told us that Autism was a neuro developmental condition affecting 1 in 100, with 7,000 affected in Dorset. 69 children attended Portfield School and there were 8 residential homes in the Wessex area for adults. The Autism advice service received over 11,000 enquiries within the area. They provided a lifeline for people in really difficult circumstances.

Cherry Tree Nursery

Tish Borrowman, Assistant Manager from Cherry Tree Nursery explained that they ran a therapeutic plant nursery for adults



with mental health problems. They now run a satellite college doing the Royal Horticultural Society Level 1 examination in Practical Horticulture at Cherry Tree with 6 students on the course, including one of our members who was doing really well and was growing in confidence and self-belief. The course had opened doors for the students and the only concession that is made is that they are allowed more time to complete the course – 18 months instead of a year. The 6 students are on schedule with a 100% pass rate so far.

Chesthelp



Mary Brackley, Trustee and Chairman from Chesthelp told us that their charity had been formed in 1947 when TB was rife – and it still is! The TB capital of Europe is London. They help those with TB and COPD. The patient's BMI is usually very low and they need building up. The charity provides milk, eggs etc and winter heating. The patient is usually helped for 6 months and they must build up their BMI for the drugs to work. It costs between £500 and £600 per patient. Mary reminded us that Ernie Fage, Past Grand Master of the Oddfellows, had been a Trustee of the charity for many years and was still well remembered.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance



Sue Woollam, a volunteer from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance explained that they receive no

government or lottery funding but they need 2.5 million per annum - £3K per flight. They responded to 1197 incidents last year, plus 21 critical transfers to hospital. 8-9 call outs per day. They were based in Henstridge and can get anywhere in the area in 20 minutes. The pilots are specially trained and very experienced.

Julia's House



It was wonderful to welcome Reuben Johnston, a Young Ambassador from Julia's House, to receive our cheque on their behalf. Andrew pointed out that Reuben was the youngest recipient that we had ever welcomed to our Presentation Evening events.

Reuben explained that his sister had been taken into Julia's House with a rare genetic syndrome. The hospice had helped her greatly and she was now discharged after 9 years. The help they had given her was immense. Reuben said that Julia's House was one of the happiest places to be, a place of pure happiness. Everyone was terrific – they help the children but also the families including siblings and grandparents. They organise residential trips away with people who understand their situation and know the struggles of having a disabled child. They receive 6% of their funding from the government, but 94% has to be donated.

Macmillan Caring Locally



Neal Williams, Trust Secretary from Macmillan Caring Locally, was pleased to be with us once again. He reminded us that they were not connected to Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan Caring Locally is based in Christchurch and provided palliative care, similar to Forest Holme. They were the owners and operators of The Grove Hotel and

he thanked us for sending patients there. They were not just about providing outstanding care but supporting patients with dignity.

Neal told us about one lady who loved the Red Arrows and they had arranged for her to go to see them at the Bournemouth Air Show, but she was not well enough to go. However, typical of the team they provided a private ambulance who came and took her in her bed to the air show. With pain control she was able to see them with her family and amazing memories were made. Our donation would help facilitate that sort of support.

Poole Heart Support Group



Keith Matthews, Chairman of the Poole Heart Support Group knew that their charity was dear to Norman's heart. Norman had been a member for 8 years and they kept him active! Keith explained that a heart attack usually comes as a bit of a shock but it need not be the end of the world. The NHS gives 8 weeks of support, then patients can join the Heart Support Group. They run 15 courses across the county, each under the control of a trained fitness expert. It costs £1,200 each to train them.

It goes without saying that each recipient was very grateful for the support that the two lodges had been able to give them.

Andrew thanked the 11 recipients for giving up their time for us. We would put the pictures on Facebook and he asked them to link up and 'like' us and promote the Oddfellows if at all possible.



Poole Methodists at the Spire



In 2008 five Methodist Churches in Poole joined together to form Poole Methodists as some of the congregations were too small for them to be viable in the long term. They were Newtown which was converted along with the land into affordable houses and flats. Oakdale now a children's nursery. Ashley Road now the Gateway Church and the hall was demolished and houses built. High Street is the one that was kept and converted into the Spire and Salterns Road now in use for foreign students.

We worshipped at Ashley Road while initial fundraising and sales of properties took place. Coffee Mornings already took place in the old halls at High Street on Tuesdays and Fridays and in 2010 on Saturdays Stop and Snack started. I started selling my hand made cards and later added Bric-a-Brac.

The project was in three parts, the first being converting the church space into Wesley's Café. When the rebuild started the inside of the church was stripped bare, all that was left were the walls, as the space was high a floor was put in. In the downstairs is the café, toilets, rooms that can be used for offices/small meetings and the Chapel which is used Monday

to Friday for Together at One, this is a short ecumenical 20 minute service led by various people of different Faiths, it is small but has held 25 at times. The Chapel is open whenever Wesley's is and anyone can access it. Wesley's was opened in early 2015 and I continued selling cards etc. on Saturdays. The second phase meant the old halls were demolished and the new halls, kitchen, meeting room / offices were built. The bottom was fitted out but upstairs, including above Wesley's was left as a shell. In October 2015 the Congregation moved to the downstairs hall for Sunday worship and all associated activities.

The fundraising continued for the third phase. This was started in spring 2018 and is almost complete, it includes the installation of the lift, which has to be large enough to accommodate a coffin. The Church/Community area, now known as The Rose Hall named because of the Rose window at the front is a large area suitable for Church, productions, conferences, bazaars etc. there is another hall, a small kitchen and more offices/ community rooms. We will be moving upstairs in early spring. At the Spire we have several Partners who use our building, including Poole and Parkstone Productions. The whole project has cost over £4 million pounds raised through the sale of buildings, grants and loans from various charities and trusts and our own fundraising. I have raised over £10,000 with my sales.

Edna Daniels

Retirement of Blackmore Vale Lodge Secretary Jackie Jackson Past Provincial Grand Master

I would like to pay tribute to Jackie Jackson, who has retired after being Secretary of the Blackmore Vale Lodge. Jackie was secretary of the Branch for several years before amalgamation of the Lodges in the District took place in 1988, and continued as secretary of Blackmore Vale Lodge which is now a Social Branch. Jackie was also a Secretary of the Phoenix Branch for a few years.

Jackie became Provincial Grand Master of the Poole, Bridport and Yeovil District and also helped four of our members become chairman of the lodge. Jackie was chairman of the Wessex Provincial Lodge of Past Grands in 1998/9, and was secretary for over 10 years and organised the Wessex Lodge Dinner and Dances at the Orchid Hotel. She was the third longest serving secretary of the Lodge.

Jackie represented both her Lodge and District at numerous Southern Group Conferences and the Annual Movable Conference. Jackie and her husband Ian have now moved out of the area, and we wish her a Happy Retirement.

Christine Smith

Social Lunch at the Red House Phoenix Branch

On Tuesday 13 November, 14 members of Phoenix Branch enjoyed a sociable lunch at the Red House, Yeovil. The tables look a bit sparse but that is because we stuffed ourselves and there was nothing left

to see. Thanks go to John Pople for arranging these lunches and also to the staff at the Red House who looked after us so well.

Judy Penfold



Afternoon Tea and speaker from the Pain Clinic

Pride of Bournemouth

It was a pleasure to welcome Alison, a specialist nurse from the Pain Clinic, a multi-disciplinary pain service for people with persistent pain of over 3 months duration, to our Afternoon Tea in November. Alison was an excellent speaker and we all learned a lot during the afternoon. Alison brought two University students with her who were also charming and all three stayed to enjoy the tea. Many questions were asked and it was interesting to learn that persistent pain affects a third of the population. Their service covers Sherbourne and Weymouth as well as our area. Some of their patients have suffered for years before they are referred to the clinic. They are able to help patients to manage their pain through physio, mindfulness, therapists etc.

Anything stressful can aggravate pain. The reason that the weather often affects our pain is because we are made up of over 60% water, so air pressure changes and our pain is affected. Also bad weather affects our mood, our stress levels and therefore our pain. Alison gave us information leaflets about their service and Margaret, our lodge secretary, has some if you would like a copy.

We would like to thank one of our newer members, Gulsen Hinchley, for suggesting that we invite a speaker from the pain clinic to give us a talk. It was certainly an interesting afternoon and everyone went home having learned something new about 'pain' and the different strategies that are used to cope with it.

The Afternoon Tea was superb and our thanks must go as usual to Edna for her lovely home-made cakes and to the team for the sandwiches, savouries, etc. The raffle for April Court was well supported and Norman would like to thank everyone for coming along and making the afternoon such a success. Alison has offered to come again if we would like another talk.

Pride of Bournemouth Regular Coffee Mornings



Several of our members had asked us to have more daytime events - so we decided to try Coffee Mornings on a regular basis at Tuckton Social Club. We started in September and the get-togethers have been well supported so we've agreed to carry on in 2019. We will continue to meet up on the first Thursday of each month, so if you would like to come and join us for a chat over your coffee and enjoy Edna's fantastic homemade cakes we would be so pleased to see you.

The pictures show our Christmas Coffee Morning, where the raffle for April Court was well supported as usual, and we all enjoyed a pre-Christmas natter over our mince pies, sausage rolls, and festive cup-cakes - all courtesy of Edna of course! We always have some savouries - cheese and biscuits etc, for those who prefer not to have the sweet treats - so we hope everyone is catered for.



Skittles Match Phoenix Branch

Blackmore Vale Lodge invited members of the Blackmore Vale U3A to a skittles match at the Swan pub in Stalbridge on Saturday 24 November. The evening was well supported with 26 people attending of which 19 were players. There were prizes for the top scoring man and lady, and prizes for the lowest scoring man and lady. The prizes were presented by Phoenix Noble Grand, Chris Bloomfield. Hot food was supplied which comprised

of braised beef, baby potatoes, carrots and cauliflower and there was enough for seconds! The £5 fee covered the cost of this meal and the balance went to the pub's charity of choice which is Macmillan Cancer Care. The raffle raised £49 for the Noble Grand's charity, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Judy Penfold



Christmas Party Pride of Bournemouth Branch

Yes! We had a reindeer invasion again this year! This time they came complete with flashing red noses! Some of the reindeer were badly behaved, but Marion, and the reindeer union rep - Darrell - soon had them under control and the reindeer races began. Eventually they got the hang of the rules, which included compulsory stops for carrot pieces from Darrell, and the winner was Sandra - better known as reindeer number 6.

As usual we had a brilliant 'bring and share' supper, and we had great fun joining in Colin's special card game and Trevor's seasonal card bingo. Of course we all wanted to win the chocolate bars and the Christmas decorations, rather than the pencils and erasers in Colin's card game!

The raffle was a big success and this was the last fundraising event for April Court Amenities Fund. Norman has raised well over £1,700 this year for April Court and he would like to thank everyone for their generous support for his charity throughout the year.



Pride of Bournemouth's oldest attending member Maud Jones (a mere 99 years young) had donated a



Christmas Jumper to the raffle – which Margaret won, and put on to celebrate as the picture shows.

Joint Christmas Lunch Brownsea and Pride of Bournemouth

As we had such a brilliant time in 2017 we returned to the Riviera Hotel in Alum Chine at the beginning of December for our joint festivities. As usual this was a very informal affair, no speeches, just a lovely time together. Norman Daniels, Pride of Bournemouth and Margaret Fry, Brownsea were thrilled to welcome nearly 80 members and friends to join in the fun, and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by us all. The raffle raised an amazing £197 which was shared equally between the two lodges, with Norman having raised money for April

Court Amenities Fund for the second year running. Similarly, Margaret has now been raising money for Macmillan Caring Locally and the Maritime Voluntary Service for the second year, having taken over as chairman from her late husband, David, and continuing to raise funds in his memory for the charities that he had chosen. A huge thank you is due to everyone who came and made this such a lovely event and also for supporting the raffle, whether it was by bringing prizes or buying the raffle tickets. Thank you all!



Picture bottom right is of one of our visitors, Ian Field from Salisbury, who found it necessary to use ear plugs (spent party poppers) during the raffle to minimise Norman's raffle number calling! We nicknamed him 'Shrek' for the rest of the afternoon! We hope to be able to come together again next year for our joint celebration of Christmas – keep an eye out for the details in the next 'Out and About' Events Diary.



Acorn Christmas Party



As usual the Village Hall had been beautifully decorated so after the tables had been laid all was ready to begin the afternoon. There were many gift items on the bring and buy which were soon snapped up, together with puzzles, books and other goodies which had been so generously donated.

Father Christmas was the first to arrive but had no elves with him, but a huge list of who had been naughty through the year and those who had been good. The naughty list outnumbered the good! Bubbly was then served to get everyone into the Christmas spirit, the Twelve Days of Christmas was sung with the usual gusto and the Five Gold Rings Choir raised the Village Hall roof! The free raffle for festive goodies was well received and Richard sold out of the Tombola tickets. Thanks to a superb team of helpers

in the kitchen, tea was soon laid out and everyone tucked into the savouries, puddings, mince pies and Christmas Cake. Guess the weight of the Dundee Cake was spot on by one of our visitors who had a well deserved round of applause. The raffle was very generously supported and a huge thanks goes to all, the helpers, those who donated refreshments, made cakes, and to all our members and friends for attending the Acorn Christmas Party.



Christmas Meeting Acorn Branch



It was great to have a good number for the December business meeting. As always we welcome as many as can possibly make it to the monthly meeting, where one can learn a little bit more about the running of the Branch. We usually have a small buffet and a cuppa, where afterwards, everyone can have a chat and relax. Obviously, we had a few Christmas nibbles as well and there were some festive related raffle prizes. Maybe others would like to join us in the new year at the Ferndown United Church, 505 Wimborne Road, Ferndown BH4 9JT. The meeting is held the third Monday of every month at 7.30pm. You would be most welcome.

Christmas at the Ash Phoenix Branch

The Blackmore Vale Lodge held their annual Christmas lunch at the Virginia Ash on Saturday 15 December and was enjoyed by all 21 members attending. The weather was cold and wet and as soon as we walked in we were offered free tea and coffee to warm us up.

Although we were served just two courses, the portions were a bit oversized but very tasty. Mince pies were served with the coffee and tea which put most of us in the 'I've-eaten-too-much' frame of mind. We all thanked Katy and her team for such a lovely warm welcome, good food and polite and pleasant service from her staff.

Judy Penfold

Pre-Christmas Coffee Get Together

Acorn Branch

It was a pleasure to welcome members and friends to this annual event and we were fortunate to have more bring and buy goodies for sale this year. Some of these were suitable as small Christmas gifts and the stall holders were soon busy selling and pricing. As always the paperback books were popular as were the jigsaws. Meanwhile Derek was in the kitchen cooking the bacon for the rolls whilst the tables were being laid with the savoury nibbles and biscuits.

Teddy Acorn attended and everyone had a go at guessing what he wanted as a Christmas gift. It turned out to be a chocolate log so could not be better. A raffle for Christmas food was soon under way and the quiz to guess which food is eaten in which country at Christmas proved a teaser. All too soon it was time for the raffle



and as always members and friends had been generous in their donations. A happy morning and an excellent start to the festive season. Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted in any way.



We are here for you!

If we don't know, we can't help

This is just a reminder to all our members to please let us know if you need our help. Each Branch has at least one Welfare Officer who can visit or phone you if you are poorly or if you would just like to have a chat. Our Welfare Officers and Branch Secretaries are there to help you and put you in touch with the services available at Head Office. We have a wonderful Care Department at our Head Office and there is also the Adviceline run for the Oddfellows by Citizens Advice.

Support that is available to you includes:

- Your local Branch Welfare Service
- Oddfellows Care and Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Adviceline*
- Convalescence, Care and Carers Respite Benefits
- Oddfellows Legal Aid Scheme
- Oddfellows Orphan Gift Fund

Convalescent stays of one or two weeks have always been available to our members after two years membership. Alternatively, members can now apply for short term care at home normally delivered by Home Instead, if that is more appropriate to your needs.

If you think we can help then please get in touch - if we don't know, we can't help. We are here to help you and we will always do our best for you. Your Lodge Secretary can send you the 'Looking After You - Care, Advice and Support' booklet, which has more information, if you would like a copy.

Care and Welfare

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact your Branch Secretary, or Andrew on 01202 743910 or email andrew.hampton@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@manchestercab.org

*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.

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This quote recently caught my eye. Many of us are guilty of being caught up in the day-to-day. We often get so focused on the task at hand that our proverbial blinkers stop us from having a REALLY good look around.

I'm sure many of us could benefit from slowing down a little, to take stock of those daily pick-me-up moments – people asking how you are, having a coffee made for you, being at the bus stop at exactly the right time... Those simple things.

I must say that us Oddfellows are pretty good at making the most of the everyday.

We need little excuse to get together. A cup of tea and a biscuit, or a chance to grab a lunch, usually does the trick. We're fortunate to have this opportunity to go along to one of our Branch events and spend time with others. Regular, friendly catch-ups, or just sitting with company, really does fuel happiness.

It saddens me that there are people out there who don't get the chance to spend time with others, and who don't have anyone to fall back on when times get tough.

It might be that they've had a change of personal circumstance and the people they used to mix with have moved on, or they just don't see them as often. It happens all too frequently, and it's shocking how quickly your confidence gets knocked and you drift into chronic loneliness.

If there's anyone you know that could do with some friendly company or support, please don't forget to mention the Oddfellows and welcome them to your next get-together. There's no hard sell in this at all. If they like it, then brilliant. If we're not

their cup of tea, then they know we're here if they change their mind.

So for 2019, it's right for us to continue to celebrate the extraordinary things in our calendar – Friendship Month, AMC and our major HA Andrews Memorial Fund donation. But let's not forget to celebrate the wonderful everyday at the Oddfellows, too.

Thank you for every cup of tea shared, caring phone call made and idea given at a meeting. Thank you for each pot washed, new face welcomed and friendly email written. These little things make a huge difference to people's everyday lives and the running of our Society. Despite life's rush, rest assured, they do not go unnoticed.

I wish you and your families every happiness – big and small – for 2019.

Jane Nelson, CEO

On your marks, get set, parkrun

There aren't many things left in life that are free, but one growing phenomenon that is completely gratis is parkrun.

The 5km community events take place in parks each Saturday morning, but parkrun is more than a way of keeping fit, it's a way of making friends, being part of a community, and even inspiration to travel the world.

Parkrun isn't a race. There are no winners, volunteer Tail Walkers ensure that nobody finishes last, and the emphasis is on regular participation rather than performance. There are more than 550 5km courses in the UK and 1,600 across the world, with more than 235,000 adults and juniors taking part on a good weekend globally. Additionally, there are 250 junior parkruns on Sunday mornings for 4-14 year-olds and their families that are 2k in distance.

You don't need to be a top athlete.

At any event you will find parents with pushchairs, dog walkers and people who have never taken part in organised physical activity before. If you use a wheelchair, then you're also welcome, but it's probably worth checking the individual course you fancy doing is accessible with the organisers before setting off.



The events have a great reputation for being friendly and often there's a catch-up after the event at a local café over tea.

It's easy to get started. Register on the website www.parkrun.org.uk and you will be given an individual barcode. Print it out and turn up at the event you fancy taking part in. The events all start at 9am in the UK, except for in Scotland and Northern Ireland where they kick off at 9.30am.

If you don't fancy walking or running, then volunteering at the events is a brilliant way to meet people and give back to the community. Each event is self-organising and has its own team of volunteers who would be very pleased to have an extra pair of hands.

Get in touch with your local parkrun to find out how you can volunteer www.parkrun.org.uk/events/events

Members of Distinction

Whether through the old Portraits Scheme, or the recently launched Making a Difference Award – we love to recognise and celebrate members who go over-and-above in their support of the Society and its work.

So thank you to three of Portraits 2018's final winners Gerald, Miriam and Adrian for everything you do for the Oddfellows. We appreciate it.



*Gerald Gordon Baxter
Nene and Welland District*

Meet Gerald, member of the Nene and Welland District, who was singled out for his long-standing support to the Society at many different levels – from local Branch through to International Conference.

Some of Gerald's notable positions held over his seven decades as an Oddfellow include Noble Grand and Vice Grand for his Branch, Provincial Grand Master for his District, 28 years' service as a District and Branch Trustee, as well as Past President (1988-1989) at East Anglia Group Conference.

Reflecting on his 71-year relationship with the Oddfellows, Gerald shared: "I liked the idea of what Oddfellowship stood for – Friendship, Love and Truth.

"We all need friends that we can turn to when we need them. There are times when we all need support and the Oddfellows has been there for me and my family."



*Miriam Witcomb
Heart of England District*

The Oddfellows is very fortunate to have people such as Miriam in its membership. She embodies the Society's humanitarian spirit through her commitment to helping others.

Since joining in her 40s, Miriam has served as Noble Grand for Leigh and Knightly Branch, as well as Heart of England District Oddfellows Club President and Trustee.

However, what sets Miriam apart is her devotion to fundraising and volunteering. Year-round, she knits items to sell and organises regular tombolas to raise money for her Provincial Grand Master's chosen charities.

For over 20 years, she has provided fellow members with care and support in their times of need as Branch Welfare Officer.

In the words of her District Committee of Management, Miriam is 'a much loved member'. And as a Society, we couldn't agree more!



*Adrian Taylor
Beds and Bucks District*

Introduced to the Oddfellows by his father at age 16, Adrian's constant energy has kept him incredibly busy and active in his District and regional group conference.

Since 2006, he has been a member of Beds and Bucks District Committee of Management, in which he serves as Trustee and second-time Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was during his tenure as Provincial Grand Master in 2009 that his career reached new heights – as he undertook a charity indoor skydive for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Other appreciated contributions include his time as Past Worthy Master of the Provincial Lodge of Past Grands, Midland Group Conference President and, while studying at university in Birmingham, attendance at monthly Branch meetings and District annual meetings.

Speaking about his time with the Oddfellows, he explained: "It provides excellent opportunities to be able to meet people at home and overseas. An example of this is when I travelled around Australia and New Zealand and visited Lodges in Brisbane and Wellington."

Well done and thank you to all our members who've featured as portraits over the years. We can't wait to continue celebrating members who go the extra mile in supporting our Society through a Making A Difference Award.