

LUNCH AND SOCIAL CLUBS IN THE FOREST OF DEAN



These luncheon clubs, social clubs and day centres in the **Forest of Dean** area are generally for older people. They provide opportunities to make new friends, often with a meal or refreshments. The club may also organise entertainments and excursions, and activities such as bingo, cards, dominoes, darts, skittles and board games.

This list has been compiled in good faith, but we cannot guarantee that these details have not changed since we last contacted the providers. Neither is this list a recommendation for any of the clubs or day centres included.

Please note – many of these organisations are run wholly or partly by volunteers, for social, recreational and leisure purposes – and normally do **not** provide Day Care facilities. For information about Day Care, please contact the Community and Adult Care Directorate Helpdesk on 01452-426868, or GUIDe.

Please contact the club or centre direct for further information on its activities and how to join. Unfortunately, some may also have a waiting list.

If you find this list to be inaccurate or have any suggestions for it, please contact:


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Gloucester
GL3 4FE
Phone: 0845-658-3888
enquiries@guide-information.org.uk



Please contact GUIDe if you need information on any other support services in Gloucestershire.

Organisation:	Soudley Happy Circle		
Comment:	Soudley Happy Circle meet at Soudley Village Hall on Thursday afternoons, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Each week they have a draw to help raise funds and refreshments are available. They organise a few trips which they share with Ruspidge Golden Oldies as they are not a large group.		
Address:	Soudley Village Hall Soudley	e-mail:	
		Cost:	50p per week
		How to Contact:	
Phone:	01594-823069	Accessibility:	
Contact name:	Mrs. Bedney	Who is it for:	Older people

Organisation:	Lydcare		
Comment:	Lydcare's services include three Good Neighbour Schemes for the parishes of Lydbrook, Ruardean, English Bicknor and surrounding areas, offering a wide variety of assistance. This includes transport, (eg to hospital, doctors, friends, shopping, etc.) visiting, dog walking, odd jobs. An Advice and Information Service can help with benefits advice, form filling, home visits, access to other services and resources. Equipment loans are available for short terms eg. wheelchairs, walking aids, bathing and toilet aids, small aids. Luncheon clubs are run in Joys Green and English Bicknor. There is also a gardening scheme, using CRB checked gardeners, in the Lydbrook, Ruardean, Worrall Hill, English Bicknor and Drybrook areas. An art club runs weekly in Joys Green.		
Internet:	www.lydcare.org.uk		
Address:	Lydbrook Valley Springs Lydbrook GL17 9PP	e-mail:	lydcare@btinternet.com
		Cost:	Charges apply for gardening, equipment hire and transport
		How to Contact:	Contact direct
Phone:	01594-860143	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. Sarah Carne	Who is it for:	Older people, people with disabilities - any age - and carers

Organisation:	Civil Service Retirement Fellowship - Forest of Dean		
Comment:	Meetings are held at 2:00pm during winter and 2:30pm in the summer, on the second Wednesday of each month, except August, at the Civil Service Motoring Association (CSMA) Clubhouse, Whitemead Leisure Park, Parkend, near Lydney. A variety of speakers and activities are arranged for the meetings as well as other social events.		
Internet:	www.csrf.org.uk		
Address:	Fern Cottage High Street St. Briavels Lydney GL15 6TB	e-mail:	barten@swea1.fsnet.co.uk
		Cost:	Small monthly subscription
		How to Contact:	Phone or write to the Secretary
Phone:	01594-530504	Accessibility:	Accessible venues used
Contact name:	Mr. B.G. Venner	Who is it for:	Retired Civil Servants

Organisation:	Doctor Charley Day Centre		
Comment:	The Doctor Charley Day Centre provides this lunch facility on Wednesdays, and is run completely by volunteers. People are welcome from 10:00am. The Centre is very popular and there is a waiting list for luncheon places. A County Council bus and some cars are used for transport. Transport leaves the Centre after lunch at 1:45 pm. The private community centre car park can be used by members during luncheon club hours. Volunteers always welcome.		
Address:	Coleford Community Centre Bank Street Coleford GL16 8BA	e-mail:	
		Cost:	Meals are £3.00per person plus transport
		How to Contact:	Please apply personally to Dora Matthews
Phone:	01594-833223 (Community Centre)	Accessibility:	Convenient Car Parking available but open car park
Fax:		Transport:	Dial-a-ride
Contact name:	Mrs. Dora Matthews	Who is it for:	Anyone of retirement age

Organisation:	Coleford Day Centre for the Frail and Elderly		
Comment:	The Coleford Day Centre for the Frail and Elderly meets on the first Monday of each month at the Coleford Community Centre. There is a short waiting list. The Club meets from 11:00am until 2:15pm all year round. Applications should be made through the Chairperson, Mrs. Brenda Powell of 2 Rose Cottage, Wood Edge Road, Milkwall, Coleford GL16 7LF. Members must reside within a three-mile radius of Coleford. Both lunch and tea are provided.		
Address:	Coleford Community Centre Coleford GL16 7LF	e-mail:	
		Cost:	£2.00 per day
		How to Contact:	Personal application to Mrs. Brenda Powell.
Phone:	01594-832018	Accessibility:	
Fax:		Transport:	There are volunteer drivers available
Contact name:	Brenda Powell	Who is it for:	Those aged over eighty, or younger disabled and living alone

Organisation:	Lydney Senior Social Club		
Comment:	The Lydney Senior Social Club, for older people in Lydney and the surrounding area, meets weekly on Thursday afternoons, from 1:45 to 4:00pm. (except August and December). Transport to the club is available through Dial-a-Ride. Activities and entertainments are arranged and the £1.00 charge includes raffle, bingo, tea and biscuits. New members welcome. The social club meets at the Watermead Centre in Lydney.		
Address:	Watermead Centre Lydney GL15 5NH	e-mail:	
		Cost:	Membership £1.50 pa. plus £1.00 per meeting
		How to Contact:	Drop-in
Phone:		Accessibility:	Good accessibility and facilities
Fax:		Transport:	Available through Dial-a-Ride
Contact name:	Mrs. Ivy Coldwell	Who is it for:	Senior Citizens in the Lydney area

Organisation:	Ruardean Woodside Darby and Joan Club		
Comment:	Ruardean Woodside Darby and Joan Club is an Over 60's Club for residents in the Cinderford, Ruardean, Woodside and Mitcheldean locality. They meet on Tuesdays, from 1:45 to 3:30pm, organising talks, film shows and outings. New members (anyone over fifty eight) are always welcome. There are currently between twenty five and thirty members.		
Address:	Ruardean Woodside Memorial Hall Ruardean GL17 9QX	e-mail:	
		Cost:	£1.00 per week
		How to Contact:	Please phone Mrs. Taylor for details
Phone:	01594-546761	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. R. Taylor	Who is it for:	Retired people who enjoy sociable activities.

Organisation:	Silver Lining Club		
Comment:	The Silver Lining Club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:45 to 3:45pm at the Danby Centre. Members of the club are usually residents of Yorkley, Lydney, Whitecroft and Pillowell. However, new members are welcome. Many outings, shows and social activities are arranged. A savings scheme is managed. The general objective is to keep minds and bodies active in a friendly environment.		
Address:	Danby Centre Danby Close Yorkley GL15 4SQ	e-mail:	patty.turner@btinternet.com
		Cost:	£1.50 per week, which also includes refreshments and draw (if members miss a week they only pay 20p)
		How to Contact:	Contact Mrs. Turner direct
Phone:	01594-564722	Accessibility:	Level access from front of building
		Transport:	Dial-a-Ride (may be subsidised)
Contact name:	Mrs. P. Turner	Who is it for:	People aged sixty and above. Disabled people welcome

Organisation:	Cinderford Darby and Joan Club - WRVS		
Comment:	Cinderford Darby And Joan Club is an old peoples welfare club which is affiliated to the WRVS. The Club meets every Thursday in the Belle Vue Centre at 2:00pm.		
Address:	Belle Vue Centre Belle Vue Road Cinderford GL14 2AB	e-mail:	
		Cost:	Weekly charge £1.00
		How to Contact:	Please call Mr. Baker for further information
Phone:	01594-829044	Accessibility:	
Contact name:	Mr. Bruce Baker	Who is it for:	People over sixty

Organisation:	Danby Monday Club		
Comment:	The Danby Monday Club is held on the first Monday of the month in the Danby Centre. Lunch is provided. There are raffles, and birthday presents are given to the members. A visit to a restaurant for Christmas dinner is paid for by the club, and speakers or entertainment are provided at each club meeting.		
Address:	Danby Centre Danby Close Yorkley GL15 4SQ	Cost:	Subscription £1.00 per meeting, plus £3.00 for lunch
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Carter
Phone:	01594-564775	Accessibility:	Yes
		Transport:	Dial-a-ride
Contact name:	Mrs. Margaret Carter	Who is it for:	Over sixties

Organisation:	Blakeney Lunch Club		
Comment:	Blakeney Lunch Club is a social lunch club for older people from the Blakeney and Awre district. The club meets every Thursday at Blakeney Village Hall from 12:30 to 1:30pm. A three course lunch is provided by Age Concern. Many of the members stay on for the Blakeney Over 60's club (please see separate record) which follows.		
Address:	Village Hall Blakeney GL15	e-mail:	
		Cost:	£3.30 for lunch, plus 30p towards the cost of the hall
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Thorne for further details
Phone:	01594-844712	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. Joan Thorne	Who is it for:	Older people (over sixty)

Organisation:	Blakeney Over 60's		
Comment:	Blakeney Over 60's is a social club for older people from the Blakeney and Awre district. The club meets every Thursday at Blakeney Village Hall from 2:00 to 3:30pm, after the Blakeney Lunch Club (see separate record). The club offers refreshments, activities and games, trips to places of interest and a Christmas party.		
Address:	Village Hall Blakeney	e-mail:	
		Cost:	Annual membership £1.00, plus small charge for activities
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Thorne for further details
Phone:	01594-844712	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. Joan Thorne	Who is it for:	Older people

Organisation:	Oasis Lunch Club		
Comment:	The Oasis Lunch Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month from October to May, 12 noon to 2:00pm. The lunch provided must be booked by the Sunday before the next meeting. In addition to the provision of a meal, an opportunity for social contact, friendship and an interesting talk or film, is also available. Other activities include a coach outing organised for July and an afternoon tea in the country in September.		
Address:	Glebe Chapel Glebe Close Newent GL18 1BQ	e-mail:	
		Cost:	No charge but voluntary contributions welcome
		How to Contact:	Contact Mr. Cracknell on 01989-720238 to book
Phone:	01989-720238	Accessibility:	Easy access for people with disabilities
Fax:	01989-720238	Transport:	Possible upon request
Contact name:	Mr. Cracknell	Who is it for:	People aged fifty plus

Organisation:	Coalway Ladies Club		
Comment:	Coalway Ladies Club meets in the Pisgah Hall in Coalway on the second Wednesday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00pm.		
Address:	Pisgah Hall Old Road Coalway Coleford	e-mail:	
		Cost:	£10.00 per year
		How to Contact:	Initially, please contact Mrs. Wyman by phone
Phone:	01594-810532	Accessibility:	No steps into the hall
Contact name:	Mrs. Georgina Wyman	Who is it for:	


Organisation:	St. Bart's Lunch Club		
Comment:	St. Bart's Lunch Club, run by Age Concern, is held every Tuesday (except Christmas and bank holidays) at St. Bartholomews in Newent. A two course lunch is served at 12:00 noon, followed by tea or coffee. The cost is £2.50. Age Concern volunteers lay up, serve and clear away. Guests may stay to relax and socialise as long as they wish - unless the room is needed for another activity.		
Address:	St. Bartholomew's Newent	E-mail:	
		Cost:	£2.50
		How to Contact:	Phone Age Concern on 01594-845621, or the St. Bart's warden on 01531-820121
Phone:	01594-845621	Accessibility:	Yes
Fax:		Transport:	Dial-a-Ride (phone 01531-821227)
Contact name:	Alan Gore, Age Concern	Who is it for:	Anyone over fifty (can bring a friend or relative - minimum age 14)

Organisation:	Staunton and District Over 60's Club		
Comment:	Staunton and District Over 60's Club has approximately sixty members, and meets fortnightly on Mondays from 10:15am to 12:30pm, in premises designed to provide access for disabled people. Events include coffee and biscuits, talks, demonstrations, quizzes, raffles, special services, day trips, holidays and an active bring and buy shop. Areas covered are Maisemore, Hartpury, Ashleworth and Staunton. Cathedral Coaches and Newent Dial-a-Ride bring members to meetings. Club membership, with a year's calendar of events, costs £5.00.		
Address:	5 Jubilee Place Staunton GL19 3RS	e-mail:	
		Cost:	Transport prices vary according to location (may be subsidised)
		How to Contact:	Contact direct
Phone:	01452-840640	Accessibility:	Premises accessible to disabled people
Fax:		Transport:	Cathedral coaches and Newent Dial-a-Ride
Contact name:	Mrs. Nanette Bevan	Who is it for:	People over sixty years of age

Organisation:	Ruardean Friendly Circle		
Comment:	Ruardean Friendly Circle is an old people's welfare club which meets every Wednesday at Ruardean Memorial Hall at 2:30pm. For further information contact Mrs. P. Thompson, who is Treasurer of Ruardean Senior Circle; her telephone number is 01989-565699.		
Address:	19 Rowan Close Lincoln Hill Ross-on-woye Herefordshire HR9 5RW	e-mail:	psthompson@hotmail.com
		Cost:	Small charge for refreshments
		How to Contact:	Call Mrs. Thompson direct
Phone:	01989-565699	Accessibility:	Ruardean Memorial Hall
Contact name:	Mrs. Thompson	Who is it for:	Older people

Organisation:	Ruspidge Golden Oldies		
Comment:	Ruspidge Golden Oldies is a welfare club for older members of the community. The cost is £1.00 weekly for entry, tea and biscuits. The Club meets every Tuesday at Ruspidge Memorial Hall from 2:00 to 3:30pm. For further information contact Mrs. Thorne, the Secretary .		
Address:	Ruspidge Memorial Hall Ruspidge	e-mail:	
		Cost:	£1.00 for annual membership and £1.00 weekly
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Thorne
Phone:	01594-844712	Accessibility:	Yes
Fax:		Transport:	From Cinderford
Contact name:	Mrs. Joan Thorne	Who is it for:	Older people (over fifty)

Organisation:	Longhope Evergreens		
Comment:	Longhope Evergreens Club meets on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm - 4.00pm. in the Latchen Room in Longhope. Activities include talks, bring and buy sales, bingo and outings. Club members use their own cars to help transport those unable to walk - no formal transport available.		
Address:	Latchen Room Latchen Longhope GL17 0QE	E-mail:	
		Cost:	£5.00 per anum
		How to Contact:	Contact Mrs. Ford by phone
Phone:	01452-831641	Accessibility:	Sloping access - no steps
Fax:		Transport:	Private cars
Contact name:	Mrs. Ann Ford	Who is it for:	Elderly people

Organisation:	University of the Third Age - Forest of Dean		
Comment:	The Forest of Dean U3A was formed in 1990, and welcomes new members, current membership being over one hundred and fifty. No qualifications are needed and none are given. Group convenors and administrative staff all give their time freely for the common good of all members. There are various activity groups which meet at various times, mornings and afternoons, throughout the month; these include computing, painting, walking, music, gardening, scrabble and many more. Open general meetings, with a speaker, are held at Lydney Rugby Club on the third Thursday of the month. A Lunch club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12 noon.		
Internet:	www.fodu3a.co.uk		
Address:		E-mail:	
		Cost:	Membership £10.00 pa.
		How to Contact:	Phone the membership secretary direct
Phone:	01594-841317	Accessibility:	Yes, at Lydney Rugby club, and at some of the other venues.
Contact name:	Joan Clarke	Who is it for:	Anyone over fifty and retired or not in full-time employment

Organisation:	Huntley and District Lunch Club		
Comment:	The Huntley and District Lunch Club meet at the Huntley Village Hall on the first Monday of every month, 11:30am to 2:00pm. This new group is open to people who live alone and those who have difficulty getting out and about, providing an opportunity to meet others socially.		
Address:	Huntley Village Hall North Road Huntley GL19 3DU	E-mail:	
		Cost:	£4.00 per session
		How to Contact:	Contact direct
Phone:	01452-831079	Transport:	Can be available
Contact name:	Jenny Britton	Who is it for:	People who live alone and have difficulty getting out

Organisation:	Victoria Centre Luncheon Club		
Comment:	The Victoria Centre Luncheon Club provides lunches and social contact for elderly and disabled people. It meets at the Victoria Centre, Victoria Road, Lydney on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30pm for the over fifty-fives, and on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 2:30pm for the elderly and disabled. Transport can be arranged (Dial-a-Ride). The AGM is held at the end of March.		
Address:	The Victoria Centre Victoria Road Lydney GL15 5DG	E-mail:	beebark@tiscali.co.uk
		Cost:	£3.50 for lunch
		How to Contact:	Contact Direct
Phone:	01594-841836	Accessibility:	Yes
Fax:		Transport:	Dial-a-Ride
Contact name:	Mrs. A. Stewart	Who is it for:	Elderly, older people, retired people, pensioners

Organisation:	Tutnalls Lunch Club		
Comment:	Tutnalls Lunch Club meet on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Lydney United Reformed Church in Tutnalls Street. They offer a three course lunch, followed by a speaker on various topics of interest or a short Christian based service.		
Address:	Lydney United Reformed Church Tutnalls Street Lydney GL15 5PG	E-mail:	d.brown765@btinternet.com
		Cost:	£3.80
		How to Contact:	Contact the organiser for further information
Phone:	01594-560134	Accessibility:	Yes
Fax:		Transport:	None provided, some members use Dial-a-Ride and Link buses
Contact name:	Mary and David Brown	Who is it for:	Older people

Organisation:	Huntley Autumn Leaves		
Comment:	Huntley Autumn Leaves is a social club for older people from the Huntley area. No further details available, so please make enquiries at the Village Hall.		
Address:	Huntley Village Hall North Road Huntley GL19 3DU	e-mail:	
		Cost:	
		How to Contact:	Enquire at the Village Hall

Organisation:	Mitcheldean Welcome Club		
Comment:	The Mitcheldean Welcome Club meets from 2:00 to 4:00pm every Wednesday (except in August) at Mitcheldean Community Centre.		
Address:	5 Dean Meadows Mitcheldean GL17 0EJ	E-mail:	
		Cost:	£1.00 per week
		How to Contact:	Via the community centre
Phone:	01594-543986	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Joy Lea	Who is it for:	People aged fifty and over

Organisation:	Huntley and District Ladies Tuesday Group		
Comment:	The Huntley and District Ladies Tuesday Group is a group of ladies who have put together their own club after the village WI closed down. They meet once a month for talks, on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in Huntley Village Hall, where they have guest speakers. They also have social nights, and organise trips out. They welcome all ages - their aim is to have fun, and to meet new and old friends.		
Address:	Huntley Village Hall North Road Huntley GL19 3DU	E-mail:	willow134650746@aol.com
		Cost:	Annual membership £12.00, plus 70p per club night
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Cole direct
Phone:	01452-831366	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. S. Cole	Who is it for:	Ladies of all ages

Organisation:	St. Briavels Lunch Club		
Comment:	St. Briavels Lunch Club meets in the village of St. Briavels once a month, on the fourth Thursday of the month. The food is from Help the Aged. Three times a year they have a special meal, and in the summer they give an afternoon tea for the village - last time for fifty people! Occasionally they will have a speaker or a quiz.		
Address:	Wheatleys High Street St. Briavels GL15 6TB	E-mail:	
		Cost:	£3.60 for lunch
		How to Contact:	Phone or write to Mrs. Perryman for more information
Phone:	01594-823069	Accessibility:	
Contact name:	Mrs. Mary Perryman	Who is it for:	People from the village

Organisation:	Newland Parish Luncheon Club		
Comment:	Newland Parish Luncheon Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Clearwell Village Hall, from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Please contact Mrs. Pearson for details. The club is organised by Redbrook Contact Group.		
Address:		E-mail:	daphne@dvpearson.co.uk
		Cost:	£3.50 for lunch
		How to Contact:	Phone or e-mail
Phone:	01600-715273	Accessibility:	Yes
Fax:		Transport:	Transport available
Contact name:	Mrs. Daphne Pearson	Who is it for:	Anyone over sixty with links to Newland Parish (not village)

Organisation:	Berry Hill Over 60's		
Comment:	Berry Hill Over 60's meets every Wednesday (except during August) at the Berry Hill Memorial Institute, from 2:30 to 4:00pm. All are welcome.		
Address:	Berry Hill Memorial Institute Berry Hill Coleford	e-mail:	
		Cost:	
		How to Contact:	Phone Mrs. Jenkins for further information
Phone:	01594-833696	Accessibility:	Yes
Contact name:	Mrs. Barbara Jenkins	Who is it for:	Anyone, male or female, over sixty (or younger if they feel lonely)

Organisation:	Westbury Age Concern Day Centre		
Comment:	Westbury Age Concern Day Centre runs on the last Friday of the month from 9:30am to 3:30pm in Westbury Parish Hall. Morning coffee and biscuits are available, and afternoon tea, plus lunch (cooked on the premises) at 12:30pm. There is a small shop for tinned goods, tea and biscuits, etc. Activities include gentle exercise sessions, bingo and quizzes, and coach trips are arranged in the summer.		
Address:		Cost:	£2.50 per person per day
		How to Contact:	Telephone Mrs. Baber direct
Phone:	01452-760326	Accessibility:	Yes
		Transport:	Transport can be arranged on request
Contact name:	Mrs. Sue Baber	Who is it for:	Anyone over sixty with links to Newland Parish (not village)

Organisation:	Tuesday Lunch Club - Lydcare		
Comment:	The Tuesday Lunch Club not only offers lunch, but also offers a library, talks, gentle exercises, falls prevention discussions, outings and chiropody. Anyone who needs these services, and friendship, is welcome. Newcomers to the village have valued joining the volunteer team of lunch club helpers because they immediately feel part of village life. The Deaf Association now attends the Lunch Club three times a year to give advice on hearing aids - cleaning and replacing - and giving out batteries. This lessens the need for people to travel into Gloucester; the Lunch Club also sign-posts its members to use the Deaf Association's home visit service.		
Address:	Whitehouse English Bicknor Coleford GL16 7PA	Cost:	£4.00 for three course meal; raffle optional
		How to Contact:	Phone Gill or Pam for lunches, Sheila for chiropody
		Accessibility:	Small step into hall; wheelchair accessible, disabled toilet available
Phone:	01594-860200 (Gill), 01594-860634 (Pam), 01594-866278 (Sheila)	Transport:	Client's own, Dial-a-Ride or Lydcare transport
		e-mail	gill.carne@mypostoffice.co.uk
Contact name:	Gill Carne, Pam Turk or Sheila Cumming	Who is it for:	Frail, elderly and disabled people in need of friendship