

September - December 2026



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Nottingham Trent District



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Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for Nottingham Trent District Oddfellows.

Inside you'll find local and national Oddfellows news, information about our events, and plenty of useful information about your membership – so do have a read and keep it somewhere handy.

We have lots of great events coming up and we'd love to see you at one soon. All our events are open to everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

Branches across the country also host a wide range of free online events, giving you the chance to enjoy friendship from the comfort of your own home. You can check out the latest online events on our website at **www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/**

Remember, you can always find details of Branch events, member benefits and the latest Oddfellows news on our website at **www.oddfellows.co.uk**.

Please note: booking deadlines apply mainly to ticketed or pre-purchased events. Many of the pre-purchased events are subsidised for you, which is an additional benefit to the many benefits on offer to you as an Oddfellows member.

You may be aware that I am the District's Branch Secretary, Social Organiser and Care Coordinator. This keeps me very busy! Because of this, I would like to ask for your help. Every one of our events has a designated

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Dates are subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.

Please leave a message on Karen's mobile number if booking contact is unavailable. Karen's landline number is no longer in use.

host – someone who can give a warm welcome and make sure things run smoothly. We're currently looking for some volunteer hosts to help us run some of our events. As a host, you'd be able to claim fuel mileage and any out-of-pocket expenses, as well as your coffee/lunch. If you'd be interested in getting involved, or if you think you could help out in any way, please get in touch!

There are lots of other ways to help out too – read more about volunteering on page 21.

As always, thank you to everyone who helps me, in so many ways, to successfully run this District.

Yours in Friendship,

Karen



WED
02

Walk to the Hills and Hollows in Grantham



11am



Free



Meet in the car park in Wyndham Park for a walk in one of Grantham's most distinctive and peaceful places. The undulating ground may be strenuous for some, however, we can pause to admire the lovely views over Grantham when we reach the higher ground. Following the walk, we will take lunch in a local venue. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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THURS
03

Prince of Peace Branch



12 noon



Free



This is a typical Oddfellows meeting which upholds the fraternal principles of 'Friendship, Love and Truth', with a welcoming atmosphere and refreshments upon arrival. The meeting opens with ritual and after the short business items there will be a quiz or board games and members are encouraged to share stories, or to discuss any problems which they may be experiencing. This is seen as a time to strengthen bonds of friendship and community. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.



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FRI
04

Yoga and Relaxation



11am



Free



Join us for a lovely yoga and relaxation session. No floor work involved and you can be seated throughout. This is a great way to unwind, relieve stress and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Lindsay will guide you through all simple movements and breathing techniques. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.





SUN
06

Fibre Festival at Osbournby Church



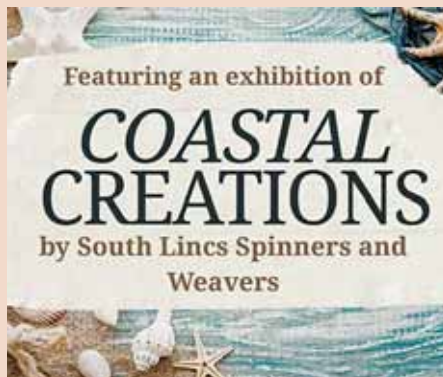
11am



Free



Our new member Wally has informed us about this festival, featuring an exhibition of Coastal Creations by South Lincolnshire Spinners and Weavers. Live music, sea shanties at 12.30pm, demonstrations and activities for children. Refreshments available with proceeds to Osbournby church. Book by Tuesday 1 September. Parish Church of St Peter & Paul, High Street, Osbournby, Sleaford NG34 0DP. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



TUES
08

Prize Winning Quiz by Amanda



11.45am



Free



Everyone is welcome for an enjoyable and entertaining quiz presented by our member Amanda. We will be using the larger room on the ground floor and coffee or tea are complimentary. If you don't want to do the quiz, then join others for some friendly chat. After the quiz why not have a look at the exhibition being held on the first floor? There is a large car park adjacent to The Hub, free parking for blue badge holders. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received where necessary. Please can you inform us of your attendance at all events as sometimes we need to cancel due to very low numbers.

Please Note

We are hoping to find a volunteer to host a monthly Beeston meeting.



WED
09

Friendship Princess River Cruise Navigator Dinner



12 noon



Concessions
£25, Adults
£25.50



We are joining up with South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire District for this fabulous event. The cruise takes in the views of the historic city between Holme Pierrepont and Wilford Church. The Navigator Dinner (wait on service) is either chicken breast or scampi or crispy battered fish, all with chips, peas or beans. Black Forest gateau and cream and complimentary tea or coffee. All of the meals are served to your table with a generous helping of hospitality by the friendly staff. Informative live commentary and a companion cruise map are also included, so we can follow our journey and pick out historical and local points of interest. Pre-ordering is necessary please. Book by Monday 17 August. Princess River Cruises, The River Lodge, Princess Park, Racecourse Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4RF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI
11

Queen's Walk Story Poles followed by Lunch at Riverside Farm



11.30am



As per menu



Meet at Nottingham Train Station for this lovely and interesting walk. There are 12 sculptures created from the lime



trees, which have been felled as part of the development of the tramway along Queen's Walk. The sculptures are themed around the activities and communities past and present in the immediate neighbourhood. We will have fun finding the secret crocuses! The walk will take approximately one hour to reach the Riverside carvery. There is the option to park at the restaurant, Tottle Road, Nottingham NG2 1RT. You can park there all day if you put in your car registration at the reception. There is a bus stop right outside that will take you to the train station, which is our initial meeting place. Nottingham Station, Carrington Street, Nottingham NG2 3AQ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



SAT
12

Friendship Walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve



10.30am



As per menu



Meet at the visitor centre, where you can enjoy a warm drink before the walk. This is a brilliant nature conservation area with paths which are easy to follow, winding between lakes where swans, ducks and herons glide across the water. We might even spot a kingfisher! There are plenty of benches offering peaceful views across the lakes. This walk celebrates our Friendship Month and we can meet up with friends, old and new for a lovely walk around the reserve. We will also visit the historic Attenborough Church (if open), followed by optional lunch at a local hostelry. There is the option to just attend the walk. Booking is necessary for both the walk and lunch by Tuesday 1 September. Attenborough Nature Reserve, Barton Lane, Attenborough NG9 6DY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



WED
16

Friendship Month 'When in Sleaford Trail of Bronze 'Roundel' Artworks'



11am



Free



Meet at The Hub, where we can pick-up the 'When in Sleaford Trail' information. Explore Sleaford through a trail of bronze 'roundel' artworks sited in pavements and on the walk, celebrating historical sites, venues to visit and the town's collection of public artworks. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS
17

Coffee at The Cosy Club



11am



Cost of refreshment

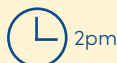


Join us for coffee at The Cosy Club, a stunning building that was once home to Nottingham's Victoria club casino. Inside, a grand winding staircase, wood-panelled walls and a maze of cosy corners create an atmosphere that's both elegant and inviting - perfect for tucking into a nice cup of coffee. This is a new event, where we will meet for coffee or lunch once a month in a different venue in Nottingham City Centre. The Cosy Club, 16-18 Victoria Street, Nottingham NG1 2EX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



MON
21

Talk on The History and Origins of England's second largest county!



2pm



Free



Join us for a talk by Carolyn Dewhirst on the history of Lincolnshire, England's second largest county. Learn about Lincolnshire's people, food, beauty and claims to fame! Find out what there is to know about the county you live in. There will also be a quiz at the end, so it should be interesting and fun! Book by Tuesday 1 September. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



WED
23

Friendship Afternoon Tea



1pm



Members £5
Guests £7



All welcome to come to our afternoon tea, to celebrate our Friendship Month. If you are wanting to make new friends and get out and about a bit more, we invite you to come along to learn more about our great organisation, who do their best to improve the quality of people's lives through friendship, care and charity. We organise a diverse range of events to suit all tastes. The tea will raise funds for our Chair's charity, The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, which provides practical and emotional support to families who have a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness, so please bring along a raffle prize to help with our cause. Just let Karen know if you would like to come along, you will be made most welcome. Book by Tuesday 1 September. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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September

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



WED
30

Total Rex-Marc Bolan/T-Rex Tribute at Duchess Theatre



7.30pm



Members £20
Guests £22



Total REX is a sensational show capturing the rock sound of Marc Bolan and T-Rex. A must see for all Bolan, Glam Rock and 70s music fans alike. The show features all the T-Rex big hits from the 1970s including 'Ride A White Swan', 'Jeepster', 'Get It On', 'Hot Love', 'Metal Guru' and 'Telegram Sam', along with album track favourites and much, much more! Formed in 2021, the band who are all lifelong T-Rex fans, have quickly established themselves as one of the UK's favourite and leading T-Rex tributes. They are officially endorsed by The Official Marc Bolan Fan Club (OMBFC). Bolan still has a large and loyal fan base all around the world today and his status as one of the leading British music stars has recently been recognised with the induction of T-Rex into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Book by Tuesday 1 September. Duchess Theatre, Chatsworth Arts Centre, Westgate, Long Eaton NG10 1EF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



October

THURS
01

Prince of Peace Branch



12 noon



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October

THURS
01

Unique Waterways Experience on Nottingham and Beeston Canal and River Trent



10am



Members £8

Guests £10



Join us for a unique waterways experience along the Nottingham and Beeston Canal and River Trent. Megan and Tinks is predominantly a volunteer-led charity, operating from the heart of Nottingham city centre.

It is now one of the longest standing community boating projects of its kind in the UK. The trip will include boat steering, working the canal's locks and instruction in water safety. We will be taken on one of the two traditional 70 feet accessible narrow boats named Megan and Tinkers Leen. The boats can accommodate groups of up to 12 people per boat, so book early! Each boat is staffed by the highly experienced and qualified skippers and crew. Our journey will take in a mix of scenery, both urban and countryside. There are facilities to make tea or coffee and we will stop off for lunch en route. There is central heating onboard to keep us warm. The trip usually lasts around six hours. Book by Sunday 20 September. The Canalhouse, 48-52 Canal Street, Nottingham NG1 7EH. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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FRI
02

A Child's View of Living in a War Zone in the late 60s



11am



Free



Our member, Theresa Browett, has kindly agreed to give us a talk about her life from 1967 to 1969, when she was eight and lived in a war zone. She moved from RAF Gayden to Aden and for two years lived in a war zone

on the equator. It was a very different way of life. The first week they were all struck down with sunstroke, despite staying indoors. Monsoons, sandstorms, cockroaches etc. It will be an interesting talk! The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



October

WED **07** **Guided Tour of** **Sleaford with Simon** **Pawley**

 11am

 Free



Join us for this guided walk, which will begin in the Market Place (outside the church) and end at The Hub. Using the first detailed map of Sleaford drawn up in 1770, we will look at the Market Place, part of Northgate and then at the development of the Sleaford Navigation and how it affected the topography of the Carre Street area as we see it today. Following the tour, we can take lunch at a local venue. Book by Thursday 1 October. Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SH. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS **08** **Everest Inn** **Indian Meal**

 7pm

 As per menu



Join us for a delicious meal at the Everest Inn, which brings to you fine, upmarket Nepalese and Indian cuisine, set in a comfortable and modern interior with soft lighting and warm ambiance, giving it a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Book by Thursday 1 October. Everest Inn, 7 Westgate, Grantham NG31 6LT. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

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TUES **13** **Yoga and Relaxation**

 11.45am

 Free



Join us for a lovely yoga and relaxation session. No floor work involved and you can be seated throughout. This is a great way to unwind, relieve stress and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Lindsay will guide you through all simple movements and breathing techniques. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED **14** **Walk Around Highfields** **Park with the** **Nottingham Forager**

 11am

 Members £5
Guests £7



Meet at the café at Lakeside Arts and join Lucy aka The Nottingham Forager for a walk around Highfields Park. Together we will hunt for mushrooms and late season plants and learn all about safety and sustainability. You are welcome to bring a small basket or tub for your foraged finds. Approximately 1.5 hours. We can visit the art gallery following the walk and there is a small free car park near the Lakeside Arts. Book by Thursday 1 October. University Park, Lakeside Arts, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

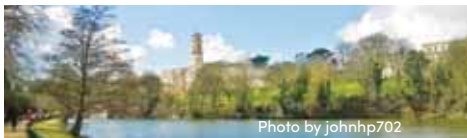


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October

THURS
15

Lunch at The Magic Garden



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for lunch at this stunning grade II listed property in the heart of Nottingham's historic Lace Market. You are invited to step through a secret doorway and into a hidden oasis, where tropical plant life, vibrant colours and beautiful surprises await around every corner. It promises to be an enchanting and truly unique experience in the very heart of Nottingham. This was taken from the website and it does sound really interesting! This is a bookable event. Book by Thursday 1 October. The Magic Garden, 24-26 Low Pavement, Nottingham NG1 7DL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



MON
19

Yoga and Relaxation



2pm



Free



Join us for a lovely yoga and relaxation session. No floor work involved and you can be seated throughout. This is a great way to unwind, relieve stress and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Lindsay will guide you through all simple movements and breathing techniques. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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WED
21

Walk Around the Lakes at Woodland Waters and Lunch



11am



As per menu



Meet at Woodland Waters at Ancaster, which is set in a beautiful wooded valley covering 72 acres. We will walk and then take lunch at the restaurant, which looks over the 14 acre lake. Book by Thursday 1 October. Woodland Waters, Willoughby Road, Ancaster, Grantham NG32 3RT. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



October

FRI
23

Nottingham Mystery Adventure - Robin Hood's Secret Stash



11am



Free



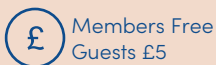
The starting point is the Robin Hood Statue outside Nottingham Castle. Join us to hunt the streets of Nottingham in this mystery adventure, for a range of cryptic clues, unravel the story and finally unmask the thief who stole Robin Hood's golden coins. Book by Thursday 1 October. Robin Hood Statue, Castle Road, Nottingham NG1 6AA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON
26

Handmade Christmas Card Tutorial with Jayne



2pm



Members Free
Guests £5



Join Jayne once again for a really fun and creative experience. She will present a tutorial for making a thoughtful handmade Christmas card, all materials supplied. This is a bookable session. Book by Thursday 15 October.

St Barnabas
Wellbeing Centre,
86 Barrowby
Road, Grantham
NG31 8AF.

Contact Karen on
07921 821866.



WED
28

Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge



12.30pm



Lunch deal
£6.95



Join us for our new monthly lunch meeting at Tambo Lounge, which is part of the historic and beautiful Victorian Buttermarket (hence the dairy link in the name), by the town hall in the heart of Newark. It's a big space that stretches back to some cosy corners inside with a terrace out in the street. This meeting is being set up to cater for our Newark members, but all are welcome. Monday to Friday they have a lunch deal which is soup and half a grilled cheese toastie for £6.95, so this can be taken as an option. Please book at least two weeks before attending as over six attendees requires a booking. Tambo Lounge, 27 Middle Gate, Newark NG24 1AL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

WED 04 Nottingham Arboretum Tour



Join us for another interesting walk around Nottingham Arboretum with Chris Weir. Meet at the entrance nearest to the café, which is just on the right hand side as you enter the arboretum. Chris will tell us about the rare trees, the history, sculptures and people associated with the arboretum. Following the walk, we will take lunch at a local eatery. The Arboretum, Waverley Street, Nottingham NG7 4HF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS 05 Prince of Peace Branch



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FRI 06 Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue



This tutorial is perfect for beginners and Sue will guide you through creating a lovely table top flower arrangement using a mix of fresh flowers. All materials are provided, please bring along scissors. Come and enjoy this calm, hands-on experience.

Maximum 10 participants. Book by Thursday 15 October. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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November

TUES **10** **W Henry Barnes** **talks about his three** **Charlford Novels**

 11.45am

 Free



Sleaford member, Wally Barnes, talks about his three Charlford novels written, as W Henry Barnes, since retirement, plus the events in the 60s that started him writing and the family activities inspiring these books. The books – no strong language, no sex, no violence – are available from public libraries as well as from Amazon. Wally will be happy to sign any members' copies and can bring some to sell and sign at reduced prices. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED **18** **Afternoon Tea at The** **Angel and Royal**

 2pm

 Members £23
Guests £28



Join us for a leisurely afternoon with friends at one of England's oldest inns, making it a lovely setting

for a classic afternoon tea in historic surroundings. Full payment is required in order for us to book this event, so please book early. Book by Sunday 1 November. The Angel & Royal, 4-5 High Street, Grantham NG31 6PN. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI **13** **Cranwell Aviation** **Heritage Museum**

 11am

 Free



Join us for a visit to Royal Air Force College Cranwell, the first military air academy in the world. This is one of the most significant landmarks in RAF history. Cranwell Aviation

Heritage Museum tells the story of this historic site from its origins as a Royal Naval Air Service base to the present day, through artefacts, displays and interactive exhibits. Visitors can enjoy hands on experiences, including a new VR flight experience offering an immersive insight into flying from RAF Cranwell. The museum also hosts changing exhibitions. Entry is free with donations welcomed. Book by Sunday 1 November. Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum, Heath Farm, North Rauceby, Sleaford NG34 8QR. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

THURS 19 Tea or Coffee at Biscuit & Brew



11am



Join us for coffee at this tea house, which offers a wide variety of speciality loose leaf tea, alongside coffee and other drinks. The venue is described as quirky and welcoming, with comfortable sofas and interesting decor. Book by Thursday 12 November. Biscuit & Brew, 5 Victoria Street, Nottingham NG1 2EW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



WED 25 Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge



12.30pm



Join us for our new monthly lunch meeting at Tambo Lounge, which is part of the historic and beautiful Victorian Buttermarket (hence the dairy link in the name), by the town hall in the heart of Newark. It's a big space that stretches back to some cosy corners inside with a terrace out in the street. This meeting is being set up to cater for our Newark members, but all are welcome. Monday to Friday they have a lunch deal which is soup and half a grilled cheese toastie for £6.95, so this can be taken as an option. Please book at least two weeks before attending as over six attendees requires a booking. Tambo Lounge, 27 Middle Gate, Newark NG24 1AL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON 23 Prize Winning Quiz by Amanda



2pm



Prize winning quiz by Amanda, come along and join us for a fun quiz. We will be using the larger room on the ground floor and coffee or tea are complimentary. If you don't want to do the quiz, then join others for some friendly chat. There is a large car park adjacent to The Hub, free parking for blue badge holders. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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December

THURS
03

Prince of Peace Branch



12 noon



Free



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TUES
08

Christmas Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue



11.45am



Members £7
Guests £10



This tutorial is perfect for beginners and Sue will guide you through creating a lovely table flower arrangement, using a mix of fresh flowers. All materials are provided, but please bring scissors. Come and enjoy this calm hands on experience. There is a maximum of 10 participants, so please book early. If we have over 10, we will bring along some board games to play. Book by Monday 30 November. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



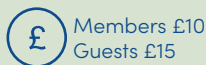
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FRI
04

Sea Shanty Workshop by Stuart Green, Folk Singer



11am



Members £10
Guests £15



This workshop is suitable for groups of all ages and is designed to teach a little history of shanties, as well as having fun and singing along. It includes a variety of activities and group singing. This is a sing-along workshop, not a choral masterpiece! This will be great fun. Book by Friday 20 November. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



December

WED
09

Christmas Lunch at Fothergills



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for Christmas lunch at Fothergills, a historic Nottingham venue. We will take lunch in relaxed and welcoming surroundings, true to the building's heritage, offering great views of Nottingham Castle. The building, built in 1883 and designed by Watson Fothergill, now features a more stripped-back and relaxed interior, displaying more of the site's original features and architectural significance. We have booked the upstairs room, which is spacious and comfortable.

This is a cashless venue. Book by Wednesday 25 November. Fothergills, 5-7 Castle Road, Nottingham NG1 6AA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI
11

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at The Guildhall



6.30pm

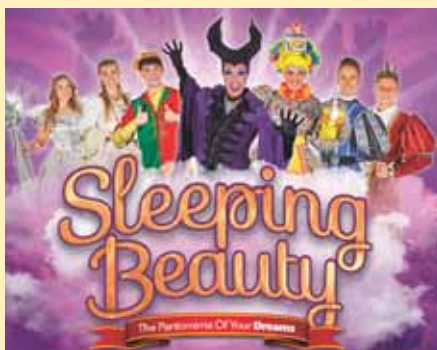


Members £13
Guests £16



Meet in the foyer for another fantastic Panto by Polka Dot. Sleeping Beauty will feature great songs, dazzling dance routines, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and spectacular special effects. This dream of a

pantomime will be an unforgettable experience for children and adults alike. Book by Friday 27 November. The Guildhall Arts Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham NG31 6PZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



December

THURS
17

Christmas Lights at Belton



6pm



Members £15
Guests £18



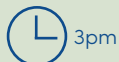
Join us for this magical trail with new lights for 2026 – after-dark festive fun for everyone. Discover a meadow of light stretching out into the distance, colour-changing larger-than-life neon string flowers, candles floating high into the sky and batons of light that shine all the colours of the rainbow. Grab a seasonal snack from one of the hand-picked street food vendors, who bring an indulgent twist to tempting treats on offer. Complete your walk under the stars with a perfectly festive spiced winter warmer, hot chocolate or toasted marshmallow. We have booked 10 tickets for this fabulous event, which we attended last year and shouldn't be missed, we have also booked four parking spaces which are free for National Trust members, so book early by Tuesday 1 December. Belton House, Belton, Nr Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 2LS. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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SAT
19

WinterLight Festival, Sleaford Market Place



3pm



Free



Join us to celebrate the season in style at WinterLight, a free festive event bringing sparkle and creativity to the heart of Sleaford! Enjoy an afternoon and evening filled with ice rink and curling. Live music and walkabout entertainment. Lantern procession. Illuminated Art Installations. Free face painting and craft activities. Festive food and drink stalls. Perfect for families, friends and anyone looking to soak up the festive atmosphere. Come along and experience the magic of WinterLight! Book by Tuesday 1 December. Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SH. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

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December

MON
21

Christmas Tales by Mick Whysall

L 2pm

£ Free



Join Mick for another entertaining story about Christmas. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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WED
23

Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge

L 12.30pm

£ Lunch deal £6.95



Join us for our new monthly lunch meeting at Tambo Lounge, which is part of the historic and beautiful Victorian Buttermarket (hence the dairy link in the name), by the town hall in the heart of Newark. It's a big space that stretches back to some cosy corners inside with a terrace out in the street. This meeting is being set up to cater for our Newark members, but all are welcome. Monday to Friday they have a lunch deal which is soup and half a grilled cheese toastie for £6.95, so this can be taken as an option. Please book at least two weeks before attending as over six attendees requires a booking. Tambo Lounge, 27 Middle Gate, Newark NG24 1AL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



KITCHEN KABARET

SEASON 26/27

Doors 7.30pm / Show 8pm

Join us at Kitchen Kabaret at West View Park.
This intimate musical revue with live variety show
and theatrical entertainment.

Thursday 29 October 2026

Barb Jungr - Cabaret Star

Thursday 26 November 2026

Bowjangles - Comedy String Quartet

Tuesday 29 December 2026

Nicola Keen as Joyce Grenfell - Vintage Comedy Icon

Thursday 28 January 2027

The Activators - 10 Piece Band

Thursday 25 February 2027

Christine Bovill - Chansonnaire

Thursday 25 March 2027

Django - Highly acclaimed jazz quartet

£17.50 - Includes a glass of fizz

West View Park Barn, Lenton Road, Folkingham, NG34 0FE

Contact Karen on **07921 821866** or

email **karen.pye-Smith@oddfellows.co.uk**

Get the most out of your membership

As well as making friends and meeting new people, the Oddfellows offers a wide range of benefits to members.



From advice and financial aid through to travel opportunities, we provide a helping hand to make life a little easier. With your standard benefit membership, for £25 a year*, you have access to:

- Local social events
- Money saving partner offers
- Care and Welfare Helpline and local support
- Dedicated Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Convalescence and Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Benevolence Grants
- Member referral rewards scheme
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Access to group holidays and travel discounts
- Educational and Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

If you're an extra benefit member, your £35 a year membership* enables access to additional benefits of:

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

Find out more about the benefits and support available

You'll find more information about member benefits in your member handbook. You can also call **0800 028 1810** 9am-5pm Mon to Thurs, 9am-4pm Fri, or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits

To make sure you receive our monthly emails for updates on benefits and offers, just email us with your full name, postcode and membership number (if you know it): membership@oddfellows.co.uk

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Interested in volunteering?

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

You can help us by:

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



To find out more, contact Karen on 07921 821866 or email karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk



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Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings

From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: www.oddfellows.co.uk/login



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Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Members had great fun when they visited the Museum of Curiosities in Nottingham.



Members had a lovely time at The Bootleg Beatles.

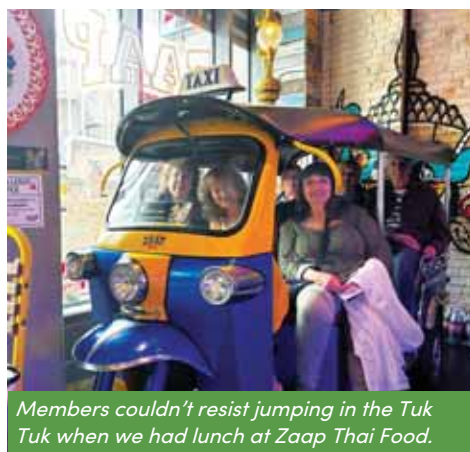




We will go again to the Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College as the food prepared by the students was both economical and excellent.



Our launch event at The Hub, Sleaford was a great success.



Members couldn't resist jumping in the Tuk Tuk when we had lunch at Zaap Thai Food.



Chris Weir gave us another interesting talk on The People's War.



Jayne presented a fun tutorial for a 3D greeting card, members were very pleased with their creations.



On a very hot day, we found a cool corner in The Crimson Tree, Sherwood, for a lovely lunch. We will be revisiting!



Members thoroughly enjoyed their Sunday Lunch at Fothergills.



Another interesting talk by Chris Weir on Herbs and Healing.

Meet your Nottingham Trent Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Anna Gregory
Welfare Visitor



Karen Pye-Smith
Welfare Visitor



Ann Kight
Welfare Visitor



Gillian Allsopp
Welfare Visitor



Richard Pindor
Welfare Visitor

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation? You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

To arrange for a member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Karen on **01476 979572** or email **karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk**.

We are currently looking to increase our team of welfare visitors, if you are interested please contact Karen on 01476 979572.

Members take centre stage

Look out for some familiar faces this autumn!

Throughout October and November, the Oddfellows is running an upbeat new advertising campaign across the UK aimed at reaching the nation's retirees.

Built around the theme of 'real people, real joy, real experiences', the campaign shines a spotlight on the authentic friendships and shared laughter found within our local groups.

Member models

Members from Leeds, Derbyshire Peak, Mersey, Handforth and Altrincham, Mid-Staffordshire, Nottingham Trent, and Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows all stepped forward to help.

They spent an exciting day at a professional studio shoot in Manchester working alongside an experienced production crew.

"It was such a fun day," said Andrea Jenner from Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows. "There was lots of laughter and interaction with Oddfellows from other areas."

Carol Pitchford from Leeds Oddfellows agreed, adding: "It was lovely to meet up with a crowd of strangers who then became friends."



Spreading the word

The adverts will be appearing on Facebook and Instagram, online via Rest Less and in upcoming print editions of Saga Magazine, Yours, and Woman's Weekly.

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey, said: "We wanted the campaign to reflect the real people at the heart of our Society. Our groups are places where people can simply be themselves, enjoy real companionship, and feel genuinely supported."

How you can help

While we hope this campaign inspires more retirees to give us a try, as members, you're our best ambassadors. If you know someone who would benefit from our social events, travel opportunities or welfare support, please encourage them to head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/retirement to find out more.

Celebrating our 2026 Making a Difference Award winners

We are thrilled to announce this year's incredible Making a Difference Awards winners: Richard West of the Royal Berkshire Branch in the Reading District, and husband-and-wife duo Roger and Susan Williamson of the King's Lynn and West Norfolk District.

The Awards highlight the wonderful ways our members go above and beyond to ensure their branches are the best they can be for their fellow members.

Richard West: Reading's 'guardian angel'



Debbie Jex and Richard West

Presented with the 'Enriching Lives Socially' Award by Deputy Grand Master (Deputy Chair) Debbie Jex, 88-year-old Richard West helps to bring joy and positivity to his fellow members in all he does in organising and hosting social events.



Since joining the Reading District in 1992, Richard has worked tirelessly to build a varied and exciting social programme for his fellow members.

Alongside his late friend Doug Walters, Richard helped establish popular singing and exercise groups, and even relaunched a folded group in the nearby village of Pangbourne, which is now in its tenth year.

From coordinating monthly quizzes to organising glamorous annual trips to the Ascot Races, Richard pours his heart into everything he does.

For many, his efforts have been transformative. "We have a number of ladies who say the choir has become a lifeline for them," Richard shared. "I like seeing them enjoy themselves. You can see how it benefits them individually."

Debbie Jex is also Reading Oddfellows' Branch Secretary. She added: "I don't know where we'd be without Richard. His energy is boundless and his enthusiasm even more so. One member has even described him as a 'guardian angel'."

Roger and Susan Williamson: A wonderful team



(L to R) Roger Williamson,
Susan Williamson, John Mann
and Alison Schultz

The Oddfellows' Grand Master (Chair), John Mann, presented the 'Achieving Together' Award to Roger and Susan Williamson. Both in their 80s and Oddfellows members since 2008, the couple's commitment and kindness are renowned at their Branch.

Both take a seat on the King's Lynn Oddfellows' Committee of Management, ensuring members' voices are always at the heart of decision-making.

Roger, a Trustee and three-time Past Provincial Grand Master, hosts walks,

bingo sessions for up to 40 members, and a popular monthly quiz.

Meanwhile, Susan coordinates the kitchen, manages supplies, and runs the raffles.

The couple were incredibly modest about their win. "Initially, I thought it was a joke because the letter turned up on the first of April," laughed Roger.

Susan added: "We're only doing what anybody else would do, but it's nice to know that people appreciate it. To win the award together is special."

Branch Secretary Alison Schultz praised their selflessness, saying: "They offer friendship to so many in the way Oddfellows should, and treat everyone with consideration, kindness and compassion."

Shining examples

Richard, Roger and Susan are proof that our Society thrives because of the generosity and warmth of our members.

Thank you to all who go above and beyond to help and support others within their Branch.

You can find out more about
our Making a Difference Awards,
including previous years'
winners, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/
makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

It's never too early to talk about money

At Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's never too early to talk to the young people in our lives about their finances.



Today's younger generations have a lot to consider, with rising costs, student debt and spending temptations online. Simple chats about saving, budgeting and planning ahead can help young people feel more confident about money as they grow and become more independent.

Passing on more than money

Helping younger family members financially is wonderful, but sharing knowledge can be even more valuable.

Explaining different saving tips, how debt works, or pensions and retirement, gives younger generations practical lessons they may not hear elsewhere. Even small conversations can leave a lasting impression.



Don't wait to save

One way to encourage good saving habits is through a Unity Mutual Junior ISA*, which allows children to start saving and is a great way to introduce them to finances and investment.

Opened by a parent or guardian, family and friends can contribute up to £9,000 per tax year, with any growth free from UK tax. All the money saved belongs to them and once they reach the age of 18 can be put towards things like university costs, driving lessons, or even a deposit on their first home.

Making money conversations normal

The best financial lessons are often the simplest ones. Talking openly about saving for goals, comparing prices, or handling debt helps children develop healthy habits. Younger family members are more likely to feel confident about money if the adults around them discuss it calmly and honestly.



To find out more about Unity Mutual and the products we offer, visit www.unitymutual.co.uk or call 0161 214 4650.

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At a glance

September 2026 - Friendship Month

Wed 2	Walk to the Hills and Hollows in Grantham	11am
Thurs 3	Prince of Peace Branch	12 noon
Fri 4	Yoga and Relaxation	11am
Sun 6	Fibre Festival at Osbournby Church	11am
Tues 8	Prize Winning Quiz by Amanda	11.45am
Wed 9	Friendship Princess River Cruise Navigator Dinner	12 noon
Fri 11	Queen's Walk Story Poles followed by Lunch at Riverside Farm	11.30am
Sat 12	Friendship Walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve	10.30am
Wed 16	Friendship Month 'When in Sleaford Trail of Bronze 'Roundel' Artworks'	11am
Thurs 17	Coffee at The Cosy Club	11am
Mon 21	Talk on The History and Origins of England's second largest county!	2pm
Wed 23	Friendship Afternoon Tea	1pm
Wed 30	Total Rex-Marc Bolan/T-Rex Tribute at Duchess Theatre	7.30pm

October

Thurs 1	Unique Waterways Experience on Nottingham and Beeston Canal and River Trent	10am
Thurs 1	Prince of Peace Branch	12 noon
Fri 2	A Child's View of living in a War Zone in the late 60s	11am
Wed 7	Guided Tour of Sleaford with Simon Pawley	11am
Thurs 8	Everest Inn Indian Meal	7pm
Tues 13	Yoga and Relaxation	11.45am
Wed 14	Walk Around Highfields Park with the Nottingham Forager	11am
Thurs 15	Lunch at The Magic Garden	12.30pm
Mon 19	Yoga and Relaxation	2pm
Wed 21	Walk Around the Lakes at Woodland Waters and Lunch	11am
Fri 23	Nottingham Mystery Adventure - Robin Hood's Secret Stash	11am
Mon 26	Handmade Christmas Card Tutorial with Jayne	2pm
Wed 28	Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge	12.30pm

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November

Wed 4	Nottingham Arboretum Tour	11am
Thurs 5	Prince of Peace Branch	12 noon
Fri 6	Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue	11am
Tues 10	W Henry Barnes talks about his three Charlford Novels	11.45am
Fri 13	Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum	11am
Wed 18	Afternoon Tea at The Angel and Royal	2pm
Thurs 19	Tea or Coffee at Biscuit & Brew	11am
Mon 23	Prize Winning Quiz by Amanda	2pm
Wed 25	Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge	12.30pm

December

Thurs 3	Prince of Peace Branch	12 noon
Fri 4	Sea Shanty Workshop by Stuart Green, Folk Singer	11am
Tues 8	Christmas Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue	11.45am
Wed 9	Christmas Lunch at Fothergills	12.30pm
Fri 11	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at The Guildhall	6.30pm
Thurs 17	Christmas Lights at Belton	6pm
Sat 19	WinterLight Festival, Sleaford Market Place	3pm
Mon 21	Christmas Tales by Mick Whysall	2pm
Wed 23	Lunch Deal at Tambo Lounge	12.30pm

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

We've online events for
all to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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