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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.

Hi all, we're thrilled to have you here and, as you can see from the photos in this Out & About, we've been enjoying some truly fantastic events together. This diary is your go-to guide for upcoming gatherings and activities that inspire, entertain, and connect us all. Whether you're looking for creative workshops, storytelling sessions, gentle walks, coffee mornings, yoga, meals out, or theatre trips, you'll find everything you need right here.

Come along and enjoy the true values of Oddfellowship, which are deeply rooted in friendship, love, and truth — fostering a genuine sense of community, compassion, mutual support, and building lasting relationships. Let's make some unforgettable memories together, and encourage friends or family to join in too.

If you wish to know the length or difficulty of walks, please contact Karen, who can also advise on general event accessibility and suitability for your needs. For car share, we always do our best to arrange lifts with someone from your area attending the same event.

I am happy to report that we are now holding events in Sleaford, we cover a very large area and we do try our best to hold events in all areas.



Contact Details

For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary

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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.

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 already on offer.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps me, in so many ways, to run this successful District.

Regular Events

Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games, Edingley

Second Tuesday



Join us for Rummikub and other games. This is a fun morning, filled with laughter, friendly competition and plenty of good-natured banter. There will be lovely refreshments on offer in this lively and relaxed atmosphere. Help is on hand for anyone who forgets or doesn't know the instructions and we will all leave feeling connected with good memories of an enjoyable morning's games. Edingley Old Schoolroom, Edingley, Nottinghamshire NG22 8BE. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

13 January 10 February 10 March 14 April

Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston

Third Thursday



Join us for our popular monthly meet-up at this lovely venue. Come along and have coffee with old and new friends at this group, where you will be made most welcome and can foster connections. Each month, we will have an activity, such as a quiz or games.

The venue has a car park for those arriving by car. The Star, 22 Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1FX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

**15 January
19 February**

**19 March
16 April**

Regular Events

Prince of Peace Social Events, Dunkirk



7.30pm



Free



First Thursday



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 (which is a short welcoming ceremony). 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.

5 February

5 March

2 April

Regular Social Get Togethers:

Nottingham Social Get togethers

(First Friday of each month)

Grantham Social Get togethers

(Third Monday of each month)

Flick through the events diary pages for more information or contact Karen, on 07921 821866.

January 2026

WED
07

Denton Reservoir - Grantham Canal Circular Walk



11am



Free



Join us for a 3.8 miles walk, where we will have a nice short loop that begins from Casthorpe Road. We will head north on a path first through a wood then passing around the reservoir.

Once meeting the Grantham Canal we will follow this east for a few kilometres then back, passing the reservoir again and returning to the start. It is a great route for seeing wildlife and beautiful nature. Start at St Andrew's Church. Following the walk we will take lunch at a local hostelry. St Andrew's Church, Denton, Lincolnshire NG32 1LG. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Photo by Russ Hamer

SAT
10

The Arboretum and Visit to the Rock Cemetery



10.30am



Free



Join us for a walk around the arboretum, a historic, beautifully maintained park that is home to an important collection of over 800 trees and then a brief visit to the Rock Cemetery. Following the walk we can take lunch in a local hostelry. The Arboretum, Waverley Street, Nottingham NG7 4HF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Photo by John Sutton

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WED
14

Silver Screen Club, Grantham



11.30am



£5.50



Every Wednesday morning at 11.30am, Savoy offers its silverscreen club a carefully selected film and a cup of tea or coffee for a heavily discounted price of £5.15! The silverscreen club is as much about the film as it is the social gathering. Films may be subject to change. Booking opens in cinema on the day of the screening. This offer is available to those who hold a valid senior card, senior bus pass or state pension letter. If this event proves popular then members can join together to attend more of these silver screenings. Savoy Cinema, St Catherine's Road, Grantham NG31 6TT. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

SAT
17

Think Floyd at The Palace Theatre



7.30pm



Members £30,
Guests £34



This extraordinary band, regarded as the UK's number one Pink Floyd tribute, are renowned for their stunning celebration of one of the world's greatest musical icons. Pink Floyd's Nick Mason describes the band as "Brilliant! - They are really good". In an interview on LBC the drummer commended Think Floyd and rather generously called them "Better than we are". For over 30 years, the incredibly talented musicians who make up the Think Floyd show have managed to faithfully recreate all the atmosphere, visual magnitude and musical excellence of Pink Floyd live on stage. It's no wonder they have long been regarded as The UK's finest tribute to Pink Floyd.

Think Floyd's 2025 celebrates the 50th anniversary of 'Wish You Were Here' and the band's exciting new production will feature a complete performance of the iconic album, plus the whole range of classic Pink Floyd from The Dark Side of the Moon, The Wall, The Division Bell, Animals and much more. Complete with an impressive laser light show and a dedicated team of sound and lighting engineers, this is a must-see for all Pink Floyd fans! We have purchased 10 tickets Front Stalls E14 - E23 (end seat). Book by Thursday 1 January. Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottingham NG24 1JY. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

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TUES
20

Nottingham's Art Deco Pubs: Talk with Lucy Brouwer

L 7pm

£ £10



Join Architecture, Historian and Tour Guide, Lucy Brouwer (creator of The Watson Fothergill Walk) at the Vat and Fiddle, as she takes us on an entertaining and informative virtual tour of Nottingham's Art Deco Pubs.

This illustrated talk will uncover the local architects who designed many of the pubs in Nottingham and the surrounding suburbs in the 1920s and 1930s, explore the concept of the Improved Pub and examine trends in pub design during the inter-war years. The talk features the work of architects WB Starr and Hall, AE Eberlin, TC Howitt and more and includes pubs such as The Grove (now The Vat and Fiddle), The Vale, The Wolds and The Test Match Hotel, among many others. Book by Thursday 1 January. The Vat & Fiddle, 12 Queensbridge Road, Nottingham NG2 1NB. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

WED
21

Le Mistral

L 12.30pm

£ Two course £19.95



Join us for a delicious meal at Sherwood's very own French bistro, who always deliver simple, tasty food that's locally-sourced and cooked fresh to order. We can enjoy the two-course fixed-price menu. Book by Thursday 1 January. Le Mistral, 575 Mansfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 2JN. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Photo from Le Mistral Sherwood website

SAT
24

History Tour of Cogglesford Watermill, Sleaford

L 12 noon

£ Free



Join us for a free guided tour from local historian Simon Pawley on the history of this award winning, fully restored working watermill, thought to be the only Sheriff's Watermill. still operating in England, millers have produced flour on this site for over a thousand years. It is situated in a picturesque setting by the River Slea. Following the tour, we will take lunch in a local hostelry. Cogglesford Watermill, East Road, Sleaford NG34 7EQ. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Photo by Mick Lobb

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MON
26

Rummikub and Games at St Barnabas



2pm



Free



Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of Rummikub and board games at the delightful setting of St Barnabas. Foster new friendships whilst enjoying some competitive fun. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



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February

FRI
06

Before Benidorm, Holidays of the 1950s and 1960s by Mick Whysall



11am



Free



Join us for another entertaining and interesting talk by Mick Whysall. Tents, caravans, boarding houses and holiday camps! Family holidays, school trips, teenage fun, scouts and guides.

All the fun we had (or didn't have) in the rain, wind and sun before package holidays arrived. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



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February

SAT
07

York Ice Trail - An Enchanted City with A and P Travel Coaches



8.15am



Members £25, Guests £29



Join us for this day out with A and P Travel Coaches, visiting York's historic streets, which come alive for York Ice Trail, where visitors discover secrets of this enchanted city. As we wander through the city, we will uncover the theme of Enchanted City, with stunning ice sculptures inspired by legends, myths and York's rich history. Live ice carvings will bring these stories to life and interactive experiences will delight us. Attendees also will have the chance to win exciting prizes along the way.

When it is time to refuel, many indulge in the finest food-to-go at Shambles Food Court. And for those needing assistance on their icy quest, the friendly team at the Visitor Information Centre on Parliament Street are there to guide you every step of the way. A spell has been cast and ice sculptures, alive with enchantment, appear across the cobbled and narrow streets of the city. Sculptures inspired by magic, mystery and the weird and wonderful create an extraordinary trail. But who cast the spell? And why? Follow the trail. Uncover the truth. Before the ice melts and takes everything with it. This will be a great day out and something new for us to experience. Pick-up Sleaford at 7.30am, Ancaster at 7.45am and Grantham at 8.15am. Return at 4pm. Book by Saturday 10 January. Grantham Bus Station, Wharf Road, Grantham NG31 6EG. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

February

WED
11

Robin Hood Private Bespoke Tour by Ezekial Bone

L 11am

£ £12



Photo by Ezekial Bone

Meet Robin Hood and discover the truth of the 'Hooded Man!' Follow the trail of historical facts and learn how simple ballads over 700 years old grew into one of the greatest stories ever told. This thorough and fun exploration of the evolution of the legend is told against the back drop of the city. As you visit places associated with Robin Hood, you will also see the town's key sites of interest and learn about its history and culture. Enter ancient caves beneath the streets. Understand why Nottingham Castle isn't a castle. Marvel at the stunning architecture of the Lace Market, once lace capital of the world.

Shudder in the shadow of the Old County Gaol and find tranquillity in St Mary's Churchyard. Landmarks like the Council House, Old Market Square, the Theatre Royal and other, quirky, hidden surprises all await you on this adventure around town. The tour ends at Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, where Robin Hood invites you to drink ales with him. Duration approximately 2.5 hours. Distance approximately 1.3 miles. Starts at The Cross Keys Pub, Fletcher Gate (Google Maps). Book by Sunday 1 February. The Cross Keys, 15 Byard Lane, Nottingham NG1 2GJ. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

FRI
13

Snowdrops at Easton Walled Gardens

L 11am

£ Members £10
Guests £12



Join us for a visit to Easton Walled Gardens, as the first new growth of the year emerges and the snowdrops open up across the gardens. With clear, white colour on crisp winter days and brightness on overcast winter mornings, there's little to rival the winter beauty of the snowdrop.

The Courtyard Shop will be open and hot drinks, savoury snacks and cake will be available from The Applestore or The Coffee Room. Spring flowers compliment drifts of Snowdrops throughout our 400-year-old gardens. Along the snowdrop bank, drifts of snowdrops cascade down towards the River Witham. The path winds through ash trees and the water's edge is dotted with early daffodils. Easton Walled Gardens, Easton, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG33 5AP. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

February

MON
16

Before Benidorm, Holidays of the 1950s and 1960s by Mick Whysall



2pm



Free



Join us for another entertaining and interesting talk by Mick. Tents, caravans, boarding houses and holiday camps! Family holidays, school trips, teenage fun, scouts and guides. All the fun we had (or didn't have) in the rain, wind and sun before package holidays arrived. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Photo by Norman Grogan

WED
18

Coffee Morning at The Hub



11am



Cost of refreshment



Join us for a social coffee morning in the café bar at The Hub. The Hub is located in the centre of Sleaford in the heart of rural Lincolnshire. The Hub is a renowned national centre that delivers an inspiring programme of contemporary craft, design, dance and creative arts experiences in Sleaford, across North Kesteven and beyond.



Photo by Jo Turner

Following our coffee morning, we will have the option to look around the exhibitions. If this event proves popular, then members can arrange to meet monthly at The Hub. There is a large car park adjacent to The Hub with the following charges: First hour is free, £2 for one to three hours and £4 for all day. Free parking for all blue badge holders. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

February

FRI
20

ABBA by Candlelight comes to Southwell Minster



7.30pm

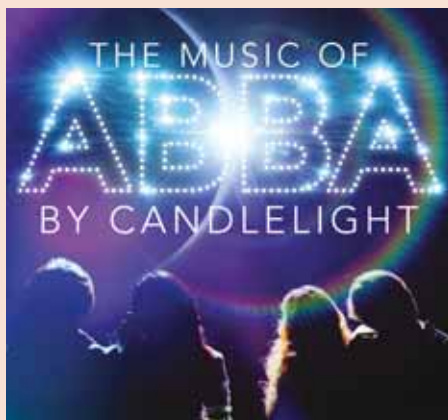


£43



Join us for an incredible night of ABBA anthems, performed live at the beautiful Southwell Minster, by candlelight.

Featuring the UK's leading ABBA Tribute 'ABBA Reunion', this euphoric sing along concert is packed to the rafters with legendary ABBA hits, guaranteed to leave you dancing in the aisles!



The Music of ABBA By Candlelight features some of the most iconic pop songs of all time, including Mamma Mia, Voulez Vous, Thank You for the Music, Dancing Queen and many more! So, grab your 'Honey, Honey', be a 'Super Trouper' and get some tickets with your 'Money, Money, Money' before they go! We have purchased tickets which ensures seating. Book by Saturday 1 February. Southwell Minster, Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

MON
23

Workshop on Quill Pens, Parchment and Old Handwriting



11am



Free



Join us for a workshop (two hours) with Chris Weir on Quill Pens, Parchment and Old Handwriting, which would include writing with quill pens and reading old parchment documents. Fisher Gate Point, 1 Fisher Gate, Nottingham NG1 1GD. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



February

WED
25

Twyford Woods Circular Walk



11am



Free



Meet at Twyford Woods Car Park and join us for this four km walk which takes one to 1.5 hours. The area was a US Army Airforce (USAAF) airbase during the Second World War and was used as a base for transport aircraft, such as the Douglas C-47 Skytrain.



The old runways and hard standings still crisscross the site. This walk can be a little muddy in wooded areas, so appropriate footwear is recommended. We will take lunch in a local hostelry following the event. Twyford Wood Car Park, A151, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5JN. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

THURS
26

Silver Screen at Broadway Cinema



1pm



£7



Join us for the Silver Screen matinee programme, particularly aimed at senior audiences, though open to all. The ticket cost is £7 and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Broadway Cinema, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham NG1 3AL. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

February

SAT
28

Day Fever at The Palais, Nottingham



3pm



TBC



Some of you have expressed an interest for attending the 'Day Fever' daytime disco event conceived by Vicky McClure, one of our Nottingham women of significance. We will book tickets when they become available, but please show interest as soon as possible. It runs in the afternoon rather than late at night - event at The Palais is scheduled from 3pm to 8pm.



The music is a mix of nostalgic hits (80s, 90s, 2000s), feel-good party anthems, with a strong inclusive vibe. The events are aimed at over 30s (or at least primarily adults) and are framed as - the daytime clubbing experience you can enjoy without staying out all night. Book by Saturday 10 January. The Palais, Lower Parliament St, Nottingham NG1 3BB. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

March

FRI
06

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 079 2182 1866.

SAT
07

Colwick Country Park Walk



10.30am



Free



Join us for a leisurely stroll through Colwick Country Park, a 250-acre park with lakes, woodland and abundant wildlife. Colwick Country Park & Marina, Car Park Mile End Road, River Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG4 2EW. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



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March

SUN
08

Sunday Dinner at The Malt Cross



12.30pm



£17-£19



Join us for the best roast dinner in Nottingham (well, they like to think so!). Their Sunday roasts are more than just a meal; they're an experience. Each plate is packed with succulent meats, golden roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and rich, velvety gravy. Whether you crave the classic roast beef, chicken, or a vegetarian option, every dish is prepared with the finest local Nottingham ingredients. Their food ethos stretches beyond their menus. Being partners with the YMCA means their chefs work regularly with the community. Book by Sunday 1 March. The Malt Cross, 16 St James' Street, Nottingham NG1 6GF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

MON
09

Bygone Shopping in Nottingham



11am



Free



Join us for another interesting, reflective and nostalgic talk by Chris Weir from Nottingham Archives on Bygone Shopping in Nottingham. Fisher Gate Point, 1 Fisher Gate, Nottingham NG1 1GD. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

WED
11

Riverside Walk in the Parkland of Belton House



11am



Free



Photo by Giano

Meet at the Lion Gates on Belton Lane for a walk around the parkland of Belton House. Entering this way is free for non-National Trust members. This scenic riverside walk follows the River Witham as it meanders through Belton Park, a wildlife-rich open area of grassland and ancient woodland of around 1,300 acres with a historic herd of wild fallow deer. The walk links into an optional longer route which extends further into the park. Following the walk we can take lunch at a local hostelry. The Lion Gates, Belton Lane NG31 9SH. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

March

MON
16

Floral Pop-Up Springtime Card Craft Making Session



2pm



Free



Join Jayne Fowler for a guided tutorial to make a floral pop-up card. All materials supplied to make this lovely springtime card. Book by Sunday 1 March. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



WED
18

Annual Summoned Meeting



7.30pm



Free



This is pre-notification of our Annual Summoned Meeting, so that you can enter the date in your diary if you wish to attend. The official 'call-up' notice invitation with extract of published accounts will come out in advance of the meeting, we hope to see a good turnout for this important meeting. Book by Wednesday 4 March. Welbeck Hall, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford NG2 7QW. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

SUN
22

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 079 2182 1866.

WED
25

Namaste Banquet Evening



6.45pm



Three course £15.95

Join us for the very affordable three-



course banquet deal at this highly acclaimed family-run Nepalese restaurant in Grantham, which offers a blend of Nepalese and Indian food (including tandoori, curries, momos) and halal options. **Cost:** £15.95 for three courses from a la carte (at time of print). Book by Sunday 1 March. Namaste, London Road, Grantham NG31 6ET. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

April

WED
01

A Night of Queen - Tribute Act at The Duchess Theatre



7.30pm



Members £20,
Guests £22



For over a decade, 'I Want It All - A Night of Queen' have been blowing people's minds in the UK, Europe and India. The show features the sensational Joe Tilly, critically

recognised as one of Europe's top Freddie Mercury tributes. Joe established himself through perfecting Freddie's amazing vocal range, trademark flamboyant moves and incredible showmanship.



Each show is performed with perfect accuracy, the costumes are carefully chosen to recreate the typical Freddie look and the legendary crown and union jack robe completes the show's finale. Along with the fantastic live band, this spectacular choreographed stage show is the most genuine and authentic tribute to Freddie Mercury and Queen. You will really believe you are there with the real Freddie Mercury. We have purchased nine seats all together, L10-L18, so please book early. Book by Sunday 1 March. Duchess Theatre, Chatsworth Arts Centre, Westgate, Long Eaton NG10 1EF. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

FRI
03

Talk by My Sight, Nottingham



11am



Free



Join us for a talk from Joanne Burr of 'My Sight Nottinghamshire', which has existed since 1843 and is the sight loss charity for people across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire. They provide a range of practical and emotional support services and social activities designed to boost confidence and support to adapt to living with sight loss and regain independence. Learn about the vital services and the difference local fundraising makes by one of Nottingham's oldest charities, helping people for over 180 years. Try out the new AR (augmented reality) headsets to understand more about different sight loss conditions. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

April

WED
08

Navenby Heritage Trail



11am



Free



Join us for this trail to explore the historic village of Navenby. Start at Mrs Smith's Cottage. The length is 2.5 miles and the duration at a leisurely stroll should take approximate one to 1.5 hours to complete. Some of the ground will be uneven and unpaved. The walk includes a grassy field and a short flight (descent) of steps. Mrs Smith's Cottage, 3 East Road, Navenby, Lincolnshire LN5 0EP. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



SAT
11

Hucknall Walk



10.30am



Free



Join us for a delightful walk with walk leader Rob Cook. Meet at Hucknall Market Place, outside the library. The walk will be no more than five miles and there may be some incline involved. There is parking at Piggins Croft, York Street, nearby or for more information call Rob Cook on 07518 063644. Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall NG15 7BS. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

FRI
17

International Lincolnshire Bomber Command Centre



11am



Members £9,
Guests £10



Join us for a visit to the International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC), where we will have the opportunity to learn about the story of Bomber Command and to remember the lives of those who fought to preserve the freedom we enjoy today. This world-class facility serves as a place of recognition, remembrance and reconciliation for all, regardless of age, nationality or prior knowledge.

It acknowledges the efforts, sacrifices and commitment of the 125,000 volunteer aircrew who flew with Bomber Command during World War II and the more than one million men and women from 62 nations who supported them on the ground. Book by Wednesday 1 April. International Bomber Command Centre, Canwick Avenue, Lincoln LN4 2HQ. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

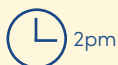


Photo by Hucknall High Street by Jonathan Clitheroe

April

MON
20

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 079 2182 1866.



WED
22

Belton Woods Walk



11am



Free



Meet at the driving range at Belton Woods Hotel for a lovely walk through woodland and around fields, taking in all the lovely nature and wildlife on offer at this time of year. Following the walk we will take lunch. Belton Wood Hotel, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LN. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.



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FRI
24

Watson Fothergill Guided Walk



11am



Members £15,
Guests £20



Meet outside the Nottingham Tourism Centre for this fabulous Watson Fothergill Guided Walk. Why did the Victorians think a mortgage was like a monkey? How can one architect have two names on one building? What links one of Nottingham's foremost Victorian architects with Mick Jagger and Thomas Hardy? All these questions and more are answered on a guided walk around the buildings of architect Watson Fothergill (aka Fothergill Watson) in Nottingham City Centre. Learn about the work of one of Nottingham's most prominent Victorian architects, his signature style and the influence of the gothic on the city's buildings.



Photo by Darren Turner

This is a walk of approximately two km (1.25 miles) taking around two hours. Participants are asked to come appropriately prepared for all weather eventualities and to wear footwear suitable for city walking and there will be quite a bit of standing and looking. Book by Wednesday 1 April. Nottingham Tourism Centre, 1 - 4 Smithy Row, Nottingham NG1 2BY. Contact Karen on 079 2182 1866.

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 **0800 028 1810**.

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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Recent events at Nottingham Trent



We had a fantastic time at Legends of Motown, singing, dancing and enjoying Oddfellowship



Members enjoyed a walk along the Nottingham and Beeston Canal and then finished off with a scrumptious lunch at The Ferry, Wilford



Members enjoying lunch at the Ferry, Wilford following their walk



Members enjoyed an interesting visit to the historic Grantham House



Members enjoyed lunch following their visit to Grantham House



Members chatting in the grounds of Grantham House

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Members enjoyed an interesting and informative talk at our new venue, Fishergate Point. The talk was on The Marshes of Nottingham by Chris Weir of Nottingham Archives.



Sioux, Sue and Diane



Members enjoyed their first meeting at The Hub. Sleaford



Members had a great time making Christmas Crystal Light Catchers



Members had a lovely coffee morning at The Cosy Club, Nottingham

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.

Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows' ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance, the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all –

including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: “Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs.”

“But it’s not just about accessibility. We’ve also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future.”

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows, and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.

Thank you for saying 'yes' to friendship

This Friendship Month, we've been encouraging people to say 'yes' to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.

It's safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I'm thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it."

"Saying 'yes' to trying new things can be daunting, but you've all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying 'yes' to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that's organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month."



Birmingham Oddfellows



Bradford Oddfellows



Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows



Albert Oddfellows



Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows



Cambridge Oddfellows



Heart of the West Oddfellows



Concord Oddfellows



Halifax Oddfellows



Sudbury Oddfellows

Application deadlines approach!

Whether it's enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards, which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025.**

*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients' stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards

Making a Difference Awards



Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.

Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference

If you've missed these deadlines this time don't worry, just make a note for next year!

At a glance

January 2026

Wed 7	Denton Reservoir – Grantham Canal Circular Walk	11am
Sat 10	The Arboretum and Visit to the Rock Cemetery	10.30am
Tues 13	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Wed 14	Silver Screen Club, Grantham	11.30am
Thurs 15	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
Sat 17	Think Floyd at The Palace Theatre	7.30pm
Tues 20	Nottingham's Art Deco Pubs: Talk with Lucy Brouwer	7pm
Wed 21	Le Mistral	12.30pm
Sat 24	History Tour of Cogglesford Watermill, Sleaford	12 noon
Mon 26	Rummikub and Games at St Barnabas	2pm

February

Thurs 5	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 6	Before Benidorm, Holidays of the 1950s and 1960s by Mick Whysall	11am
Sat 7	York Ice Trail – An Enchanted City with A and P Travel Coaches	8.15am
Tues 10	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Wed 11	Robin Hood Private Bespoke Tour by Ezekial Bone	11am
Fri 13	Snowdrops at Easton Walled Gardens	11am
Mon 16	Before Benidorm, Holidays of the 1950s and 1960s by Mick Whysall	2pm
Wed 18	Coffee Morning at The Hub	11am
Thurs 19	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
Fri 20	ABBA by Candlelight comes to Southwell Minster	7.30pm
Mon 23	Workshop on Quill Pens, Parchment and Old Handwriting	11am
Wed 25	Twyford Woods Circular Walk	11am
Thurs 26	Silver Screen at Broadway Cinema	1pm
Sat 28	Day Fever at The Palais, Nottingham	3pm

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March

Thurs 5	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 6	Yoga and Relaxation	11am
Sat 7	Colwick Country Park Walk	10.30am
Sun 8	Sunday Dinner at The Malt Cross	12.30pm
Mon 9	Bygone Shopping in Nottingham	11am
Tues 10	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Wed 11	Riverside Walk in the Parkland of Belton House	11am
Mon 16	Floral Pop-Up Springtime Card Craft Making Session	2pm
Wed 18	Annual Summoned Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 19	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
Sun 22	When in Sleaford Trail of Bronze 'Roundel' Artworks	11am
Wed 25	Namaste Banquet Evening	6.45pm

April

Wed 1	A Night of Queen - Tribute Act at The Duchess Theatre	7.30pm
Thurs 2	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 3	Talk by My Sight, Nottingham	11am
Wed 8	Navenby Heritage Trail	11am
Sat 11	Hucknall Walk	10.30am
Tues 14	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Thurs 16	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
Fri 17	International Lincolnshire Bomber Command Centre	11am
Mon 20	Yoga and Relaxation	2pm
Wed 22	Belton Woods Walk	11am
Fri 24	Watson Fothergill Guided Walk	11am