November 2026 - April 2027

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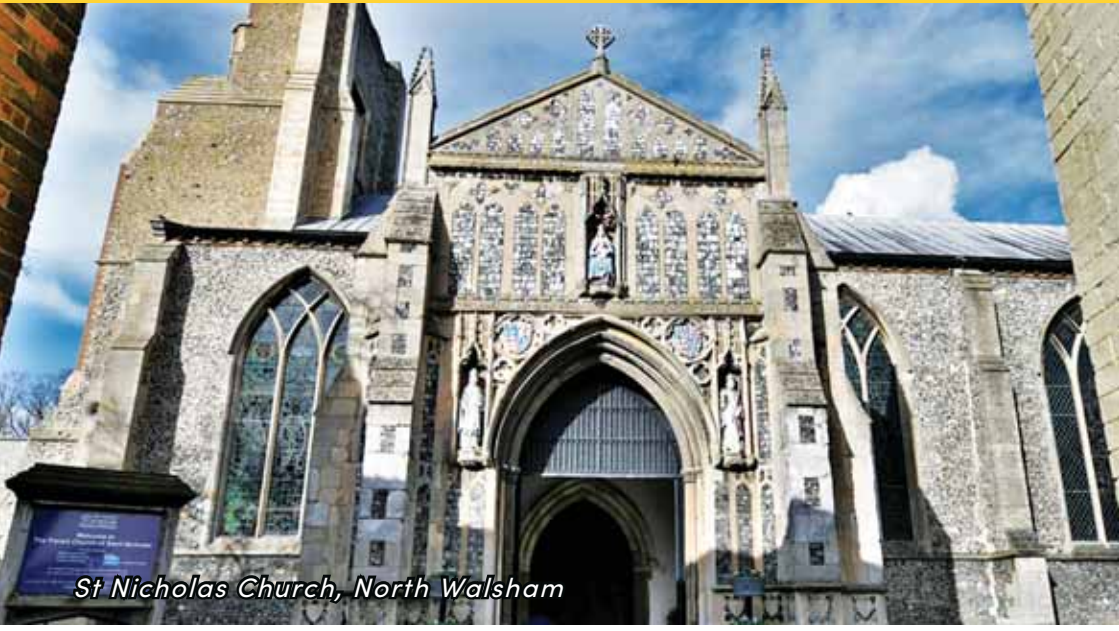
out & about

Trafalgar Branch



St Nicholas Church, North Walsham

Social
Talks
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Dining Out
Art/Crafts
Theatre
Meetings
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Games
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Coffee Morning /Afternoon Tea
Please book



Come and join us for our regular events.

We welcome all our members to the new edition of your Out and About for Trafalgar District Branch

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.

Everyone is welcome at most Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend events that take your fancy - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Contact Details

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Branch venues, meetings and contacts can be found on page 11).

Weekly Events

Knit ‘n’ Natter

Every Tuesday

11am £ Free

Join us every Tuesday, just bring your own wool and needles, or not as the case may be. You will be very welcome amongst friends old and new. 28 Debenne Road, North Walsham NR28 0LZ. Contact Janet on 01692 407852.



Play Crib or other Card Games on a Friday

Every Friday

11am £ Free

Join us to play crib or other card games every Friday. You will be amongst friends old and new. 28 Debenne Road, North Walsham NR28 0LZ. All we ask is for you to call Janet on 01692 407852 in advance to confirm attendance.



Regular Events

Bingo

Third Wednesday of the month

7.30pm £ £5

Join members of the Trafalgar Branch for bingo at the Black Swan Pub. Eyes down at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Everyone welcome. Black Swan Pub, Black Swan Loke, North Walsham NR28 9BX. Please contact Janet on 01692 407852 if you plan to be attending.



18 November
16 December
20 January 2027
17 February
17 March
21 April

Regular Events

Coffee Morning

Fourth Wednesday of the month

11am | £ First cup of coffee or tea free for members and friends



Come along and join Janet and friends at 11am at Christopher's Café and Bakery situated at 4 Church Street for a good chat and a cup of coffee or tea. First cup is free for members and visitors. Christopher's Café and Bakery, 4 Church Street, North Walsham NR28 9DA. Any questions, contact Janet on 01692 407852.

25 November
23 December
27 January
24 February
24 March
28 April

Quiz Night

Last Wednesday of the month

7.30pm | £ £3 per person in groups of four



Come and join us for our monthly quiz night. Last Wednesday of each month at the Black Swan Pub. Everyone welcome. Black Swan Pub Function Room, Black Swan Loke, North Walsham NR28 9BX. Pre-book with Zarinna on 07748 655855 or Janet on 01692 407852.

25 November
30 December
27 January 2027
24 February
31 March
28 April

Regular Events

Ten-Pin Bowling

Third Thursday of the month

6pm

£ 20% Discount for Trafalgar members



Join members of the Trafalgar Branch and try your skill at ten-pin bowling at JR's in North Walsham at 6pm for two games. It's great fun and keeps you fit in good company. Cost: 20% discount for Trafalgar Branch members. JR's, Tungate, North Walsham NR28 0JQ. Please contact Janet on 01692 407852 a week in advance if you plan to be attending.

19 November
17 December
21 January 2027
18 February
18 March
15 April

SUN 13

Christmas Lunch

1pm

£ Members £25, Guests £31



Join us for a festive lunch as this lovely local venue 12.30pm for 1pm. £25 for Trafalgar members. £31 for non-members and other lodges. Menu available from Janet 01692407113. The Clubhouse, Ferry Road, Horning NR12 8PS. Contact Tina on 01692 407852 or Janet on 01692 407113.



Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact the Secretary on **01692 407852** or **01692 407113**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)
Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm
Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care for care and welfare information

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Meet Grand Master Debbie Jex



For Debbie Jex, the Oddfellows has been part of her life for more than 50 years. Recently elected as Grand Master, she remains characteristically modest about the honour.

"I know it's a huge honour and I am immensely proud," she says. "But half the time I'm just the District Secretary at Reading Oddfellows until somebody reminds me I'm the Grand Master."

Debbie first joined the Society as a child when her parents became members. However, it was in 1993, when she became Lodge Secretary, that her deeper involvement began.

"That's when I got pulled in," she jokes.

Over the years, the Society has provided much more than a role. It has become a source of friendship, connection and lasting memories.

"It's not just a job now, it's a way of life. It's a huge part of my social life, a huge part of my friendship group."

Looking back, Debbie believes the relationships she has built through the Oddfellows have enriched her life.

"I've attended some lovely events and made friends with lots of lovely people all over the country. So it's definitely enriched my life."

As Grand Master, Debbie sees her role as representing and championing members.

"I'm there to champion our members and make sure we're doing the best we can for them."

She is also excited about meeting members across the country and helping more people discover the support and friendship the Society offers.

"I'd like more members to know what a wonderful caring and benevolent Society this is."

After decades of service, Debbie's message remains simple:

"The Oddfellows is there for you if you need it."

Read the full interview on the Oddfellows' website at: www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Friendship Month 2026: celebrating connection, community and companionship

Another Friendship Month has come to a close, with Oddfellows branches across the UK welcoming members, friends and guests to a wide range of free and low-cost taster events designed to bring people together and celebrate the value of friendship.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER

From coffee mornings and social lunches to walks, talks and special gatherings, September provided countless opportunities for people to reconnect with existing friends, make new connections and enjoy good company.

Keep friendships warm

This year's campaign focused on the importance of staying in touch as we move into the colder months, when opportunities to get together can sometimes reduce and feelings of isolation can become more common.

The campaign struck a chord with people across the country. Branches reported strong attendance at events and were especially pleased to welcome newcomers discovering the Oddfellows for the first time.

"A huge thank you"

Pam Casey, Secretary of the Order, said: "A huge thank you goes to every branch, volunteer, organiser, member and guest who helped make Friendship Month 2026 such a success.



Concord Oddfellows celebrated Friendship Month in style at their popular coffee morning in Aldershot.

"Your enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to others demonstrated the positive difference that friendship can make in our communities."

Steph Hopes, Branch Secretary for Concord Oddfellows, said: "We welcomed several people who had never attended an Oddfellows event before. By the end of the morning, everyone was chatting as though they'd known each other for years. It was a fantastic atmosphere."



Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows met up for a round of adventure golf.

Sharon Hulse-Cottle, Branch Secretary of Handforth and Altrincham Oddfellows, said: "Our members did a brilliant job of helping newcomers feel at ease. By the end of the event, there was a real buzz in the air. It was lovely to see new faces becoming part of the group."

Expert support

Friendship Month also helped raise awareness of the wider benefits of friendship. During the campaign, expert anthropologist Dr Anna Machin supported the initiative by sharing insights into the importance of maintaining meaningful relationships and making time for regular face-to-face contact.

While Friendship Month may be over, the opportunities certainly aren't. With a busy programme of events planned throughout autumn, winter and beyond, there are still plenty of ways to meet new people, try something different and strengthen existing connections.

You can always find details of upcoming local and online events at www.oddfellows.co.uk/events



Birmingham Oddfellows shared positive messages of friendship at its events.

Important update to some membership benefits

As part of our regular review of the services and support we provide, three discretionary, non-contractual membership benefits were withdrawn on 16 September 2026.

The benefits affected are **Legal Aid Scheme, Accidental Death Benefit** and **Emergency Financial Aid**.

The change applies to new Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members joining from 16 September 2026, and to existing Standard, Extra Benefits and Young Oddfellows members when they renew their membership.

Existing members will continue to have access to these benefits until their renewal date.

Any claims, applications or cases already received and in progress will continue to be considered and fulfilled in accordance with the relevant benefit terms and conditions.*

As with all member benefits, the Society regularly reviews its offering to ensure it remains relevant, appropriate and sustainable. While these three discretionary benefits have been withdrawn, no other membership benefits have been affected.

The Society remains committed to providing members with valuable support, friendship and opportunities to connect with others.

Members who have questions about how this change affects them or their membership can contact the Membership team on **0800 028 1810** for further information, or email **membership@oddfellows.co.uk**

Apprenticeship Educational Awards

If you're starting an apprenticeship, the Oddfellows' Apprenticeship Educational Awards could help with some of the costs along the way. Each year, up to three eligible members can apply to receive a non-repayable bursary of £250 per year for the duration of their apprenticeship.*

The award can be used towards expenses such as textbooks, equipment, rent, bills and other practical costs.

To apply, members must have at least five years of continuous Oddfellows membership (which can include Young Oddfellows membership) and be starting their first apprenticeship. This is a discretionary benefit and applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To find out more or request an application form, contact your Branch Secretary as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by 31 December each year.

*Terms and conditions apply to all Oddfellows benefits, which are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Financial benefits are awarded at the Society's discretion, not guaranteed, and claim applications may be declined. For full details, call 0800 028 1810 or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Branch venues, meetings and contacts

We regularly hold meetings in your area and all members are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is to share and discuss the business of the Branch, including the sick and distressed of the Branch.

Subjects include finance, social planning, care development, publicity and promotion. This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. Some meetings finish with a social activity. Listed below are the regular meetings of the Branch's in the District. Please contact the relevant Branch secretary for further details.

Trafalgar Branch

Meeting in North Walsham
Secretary: Janet Larter

Address: Warwick House, 2A Yarmouth Road, North Walsham NR28 9BW.
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Telephone: 01692 407852 **Email:** tina.hicks@oddfellows.co.uk

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at St Nicholas Church Room's, Market Place, North Walsham, Norfolk NR28 9BT at 7pm. Non-members are most welcome to attend our social events held after our business meetings and prospective members are most welcome to come and find out more.

19 January **16 February** **16 March** **20 April**

Business Meetings

These follow a conventional format covering the minutes, correspondence and accounts. In addition, there are three items particular to the Oddfellows which should be covered.

The first is a report of any members who are sick, distressed or in any other way may be in need of help. The second is matters pertaining to the local Branch, District or Society.

The third is membership recommendations. There is also a 'member's slot' for members to raise matters of personal interest. The meeting may or may not involve a formal ceremonial element. For further details feel free to contact the Secretary of the relevant Branch.

At a glance

Weekly Events

Every Tuesday	Knit 'n' Natter	11am
Every Friday	Play Crib or other Card Games on a Friday	11am

November 2026

Wed 18	Bingo	7.30pm
Thurs 19	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 25	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 25	Quiz Night	7.30pm

December

Sun 13	Christmas Lunch	1pm
Wed 16	Bingo	7.30pm
Thurs 17	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 23	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 30	Quiz Night	7.30pm

January 2027

Wed 20	Bingo	7.30pm
Thurs 21	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 27	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 27	Quiz Night	7.30pm

February

Wed 17	Bingo	7.30pm
Thurs 18	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 24	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 24	Quiz Night	7.30pm

March

Wed 17	Bingo	7.30pm
Thurs 18	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 24	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 31	Quiz Night	7.30pm

April

Thurs 15	Ten Pin Bowling	6pm
Wed 21	Bingo	7.30pm
Wed 28	Coffee Morning	11am
Wed 28	Quiz Night	7.30pm

REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile



To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk**

*Terms and conditions apply to the Refer a Friend offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other member offer. For full terms and conditions and for details of the rewards visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

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