

September – December 2024



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*making friends, helping people*

# *out* & *about*

## Nottingham Trent District



*A walk around the University Park*



Sports



Art/Crafts



Dining Out



Meetings



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Wellbeing



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Online

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

We have been having some great fun at our events and meetings this Summer as shown in the photos in this booklet. We really do have a good time in the spirit of Oddfellowship, making new friends and caring for each other.

If you are not yet a member then why not come along to an even to see if we are what you are looking for? We operate a 'try before you buy' system, so you are welcome to come along to a couple of things. We are a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people and we have a great time whilst doing it! We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them.

Please note that if there is a booking deadline, try and adhere to this as it determines whether the event goes ahead or not.

On this occasion, I am looking for members who would like to become more involved in offering a particular craft/skill which they possess to present an event, or members who would like to manage a meeting/event in their particular area.

Our District is growing in membership and enthusiasm and we need people



*Saturday 26 October - Blood Brothers at the Palace Theatre, Newark - We hope you can make it!*

## 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.

to help out with organising events in their geographical areas. I am also on the lookout for someone to help administer our facebook page. If you would like to volunteer then please contact Karen Pye-Smith.

**Disabled Access** – Please contact Karen who can advise you on details of disabled access at your events and meetings.

# September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS

FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS  
05

## Friendship Month Afternoon Tea at The Nottingham Mechanics



2pm



£5



All are welcome to come along to our afternoon tea, held to celebrate our Friendship Month. If you want 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. There will be games and a quiz to make this the perfect afternoon. The tea is also being held to raise funds for our Chairman's charity, The Cinnamon Trust, an organisation with a network of 20,000 volunteers, who hold hands with elderly pet owners, to provide vital loving care for their pets. They offer support by walking dogs for housebound owners, fostering pets when owners need hospital care, supply pet food or even clean out bird cages, etc. Book by Sunday 1 September. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Just let Karen know on 07921 821866 if you would like to come along, you will be made most welcome.



THURS  
05

## Prince of Peace Branch



7.30pm



Free



This is a friendly Branch which opens with Ritual and discussed current items each month. Light refreshments on arrival, some months there will be a speaker or quiz or games. All welcome, open to non-members. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.



# September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



SAT  
07

## Friendship Walk at Gedling Country Park



10.30am



Walk Free  
Lunch as per  
menu



This year we are trying a new location for our annual friendship walk, there are four different options and we can decide on the walk on the day. You can explore the nature trail, relax in the memorial garden, say hello to the cows in the grasslands and enjoy the scenery from the viewing platforms. There is also Café 1899, a great place to visit after exploring the park. The car park is free but park donations are welcome. Book by Sunday 1 September. Gedling Country Park, Spring Lane, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4PE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS  
12

## Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



Cost of coffee



Join us for our popular monthly meet up at this lovely venue. Come along and have coffee with old and new friends at this new group which is proving to be very popular. You are always welcome to bring along a friend. The Beeston Social, 2 Station Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2WJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).





# September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER  


## **FRI** **20** Friendship Month Charity Fundraiser for The Cinnamon Trust



Come along and have some fun at this charity fundraiser, kindly organised by Ann Knight, to raise funds for the Chairman's charity of choice - 'The Cinnamon Trust', a network of 20,000 volunteers who hold hands with elderly pet owners, to provide vital loving care for their pets. They offer support, walking dogs for housebound owners, fostering pets when their owners need hospital care, purchasing pet food or even cleaning out bird cages, etc. Ticket price includes supper and there will be games on the evening, including bingo, Sticky 13's, Last Man Standing, tombola and a quiz. There is also a bar at the event. Please support Ann at this fun evening and book by Sunday 1 September. The Vale Social Club, 54 Vale Road, Colwick NG4 2ED. Contact Ann on 01159 565161.

## **MON** **23** Yoga and Relaxation



Join us for a lovely yoga and relaxation session, no floor work involved and you can be seated throughout. We have had a few of these sessions and they really are relaxing and good fun! Book by Sunday 1 September. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



## **THURS** **26** Half Yearly Summoned Meeting on Zoom



All members are invited to a half yearly summoned meeting on Zoom. Please let us know if you will be attending and we will send out the agenda to you. Help to access Zoom is also available prior to the meeting for those who need it. (See page 16 for more details). 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.

# October

THURS  
03

## Prince of Peace Branch

L 7.30pm

£ Free



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FRI  
04

## Ten Pound Tourist by Mick Whysall

L 11am

£ Free



Mick Whysall of The Woolly Tellers is once again going to grace us with one of his highly interesting, informative and entertaining presentations. Ten Pound Tourist is about the experiences of an Australian Migrant in the 1960s. Come along to have some fun. Following the meeting we usually take lunch in the café at The Nottingham Mechanics. Book by Friday 20 September. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



SAT  
05

## Walk at Elvaston Castle Country Park

L 11am

£ Walk Free  
Lunch as per menu



Join us for a lovely walk at Elvaston Castle Country Park which welcomes walkers and has footpaths to explore and enjoy, it also has a very interesting



nature reserve. Entry to the park is free but parking charges apply. Following the walk we will take lunch at local café/restaurant. Book by Tuesday 1 October. Elvaston Castle Public Car Park, Borrowash Road (B5010), Elvaston, Derbyshire DE72 3EP. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS  
10

## Fletchers Restaurant

L 6pm

£ As per menu



One of our members has highly recommended Fletchers Restaurant which is a commercial restaurant that is staffed by students of Nottingham College who are being trained by industry professionals. Join us for a lovely meal. [www.fletchersnottingham.co.uk/restaurant](http://www.fletchersnottingham.co.uk/restaurant) Book by Thursday 19 September. Fletchers Restaurant, 11 Canal Street, Nottingham NG1 7HB. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# October

THURS  
17

## Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



Cost of coffee



Join us for our popular monthly meet up at this lovely venue. Come along and have coffee with old and new friends at this new group which is proving to be very popular. You are always welcome to bring along a friend. The Beeston Social, 2 Station Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2WJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI  
18

## Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church



11am



Walk Free  
Lunch as per menu



Meet at Wyndham Park car park for a lovely walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church where there is an established pathway to Great Gonerby. We will be taking lunch at the Recruiting Sergeant, if you don't want to walk then you are welcome to join us for lunch. Bus or walk back to Grantham from Great Gonerby. Book by Tuesday 1 October. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON  
21

## Talk by Mick Whysall of the Woolly Tellers



1.30pm



Free



Join us for one of our highly interesting and entertaining talks by Mick Whysall of the Woolly Tellers who began story telling in Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem several years ago. They take a subject and bring it to life, creating atmosphere and giving it reason. Book by Tuesday 1 October. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



# October

SAT  
26

## Blood Brothers at the Palace Theatre, Newark



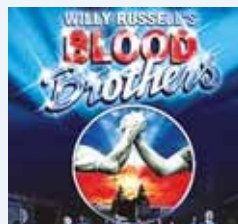
2.30pm



Members £35  
Guests £37.50



We have purchased rear stall seats L17-L24 and K19-K21 for the the multi-award winning Blood Brothers. Written by Willy Russell, this tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences. Few musicals have received such acclaim as Bill Kenwright Ltd's production, surpassed 10,000 performances in the London West End and is one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone. It has been affectionately christened the 'One Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it brings the audience cheering to its feet, roaring its approval (The Daily Mail). The superb score includes 'Bright New Day', 'Marilyn Monroe' and the emotionally charged hit 'Tell Me It's not True'. Book by Tuesday 1 October. Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottingham NG24 1JY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



# November

FRI  
01

## Yoga and Relaxation



11am



Free



Join us for a guided yoga and relaxation session. The session will not include floor work and you have the option to be seated throughout. Book by Monday 14 October. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



SAT  
02

## Canal Walk, Nottingham



10.30am



Walk Free  
Lunch as  
per menu



Join us for a walk along Nottingham Canal, Paul Evans, one of our members will guide us. Meeting at Nottingham train station and walking in the opposite direction towards the Marina on Castle Boulevard, Dunkirk and University Boulevard, we will then take lunch in the University Park café before walking back to Nottingham along the canal. Nottingham Railway Station, Carrington Street, Nottingham NG2 3AQ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# November

THURS  
07

## Prince of Peace Branch

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Free



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SUN  
10

## Sunday Carvery at Welbeck Hall

⌚ 12.30pm

£ TBC



Join us for Sunday carvery at the beautiful Welbeck Hall, standing on the banks of the River Trent, creating a lovely riverside setting. There will be three choices of roast meats and a wonderful selection of vegetables. All fresh, all hot and a friendly service. There is a separate bar area to sit in before or after lunch. There is also free onsite parking. Book by Friday 1 November. Welbeck Hall, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford NG2 7QW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS  
14

## Coffeefellows at Beeston Social

⌚ 11.30am

£ Cost of coffee



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MON  
18

## Christmas Rag Wreath Making with Sue

⌚ 1.30pm

£ £5



Our talented Sue will guide us through a really pretty, sparkly and decorative Christmas Rag Wreath making session, all materials supplied, just please bring along a pair of scissors. Book by Friday 1 November. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



TUES  
19

## Light up a Life Torchlight Procession, St Barnabas Hospice



6.30pm



£10



We recently had a talk from a speaker from St Barnabas Hospice, who informed us about this lovely event. This unique and iconic celebration is an opportunity for families and friends to join in remembering the people that they love. The transfer of light throughout the event is symbolic; the flaming torch is carried by runners from the Lincoln Inpatient Unit on Nettleham Road to Claytons where it is used to light the procession torches. Once all torches are lit, the procession will commence from Clayton Sports Ground at 7.30pm led by the RAF Waddington Pipe Band. They will journey past the Inpatient Unit, pausing for a moment of reflection, before moving onto Lincoln Cathedral.



The event concludes with a service of celebration and reflection, where the Tree of Life will be illuminated. Messages of love can be placed around the Tree of Life at Lincoln Cathedral following the procession. These will be available on the night at Clayton sports ground or after the service at the cathedral for a small donation.

**Safety Notice:** The Torchlight Procession is an outdoor event featuring wax-based flaming torches. Please dress appropriately as it is often very cold. Torches are only available for over 18s. Battery operated lanterns are available. No dogs allowed. The torches to be carried can be purchased for £10. Book by Friday 1 November. Clayton Sports Ground, Lee Road, Lincoln LN2 4BH. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# November

SAT  
23

## Free Concert by Southwell Based String Quartet, Highly Strung



2.30pm



Free



The Chairman of Over The Rainbow (OTR) Independent Parkinson's Support Group has kindly invited all Nottingham Trent District members (and their wives, husbands, partners) to a free fund raising concert for their group. The concert is expected to last about one hour and will be performed by the Southwell based String Quartet, Highly Strung. All guests attending are asked to arrive no later than 2pm. It is envisaged that there will also be a raffle and light refreshments, so please ensure you bring along some cash! Book by 1 November. The Old Schoolroom, Main Street, Edingley, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG22 8BE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# December

THURS  
05

## Prince of Peace Branch



7.30pm



Free



Join us for a festive fuddle, games and quiz, all welcome for some Christmas fun. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.



FRI  
06

## Christmas Rag Wreath Making with Sue



11am



£5



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# December

## **SAT 07** Walk through The Park, Nottingham

**L** 10am

**£** Walk Free  
Lunch as per menu



One of our members, who lives in the Park Estate, has offered to guide us on a walk through this fabulous estate. This estate which is a residential area, regarded with some distinction and is noted for its Victorian architecture. The estate uses gas street lighting, which is believed to be one of the largest networks in Europe. Following the walk we can take lunch in the Borlace Warren. Book by Sunday 1 December. Nottingham Castle, Lenton Lane NG1 6EL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

## **SAT 07** Southwell and District Lions Carols for Everyone at Southwell Minster

**L** 7.30pm

**£** £7



Sandra Peak has access to tickets to this wonderful festive event. Visit Southwell Minster for Carols for Everyone organised by Southwell and District Lions. The night will include the usual favourites with plenty of Christmas spirit, seasonal music, carols and some light entertainment. This is a Christmas event not to be missed! Book by Monday 25 November. Southwell Minster, Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

## **THURS 12** Christmas Lights at Belton

**L** 6.30pm

**£** Members £12  
Guests £15



Join us for this magical trail with new lights for 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 three parking spaces, so book early, by Sunday 1 December. Belton House, Belton, Nr Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 2LS. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.





# December

MON  
16

## Woodys Lakeside Restaurant Christmas Lunch



12.30pm



TBC



As such a fantastic time was had by all last Christmas, we have decided to return to Woody's Lakeview Restaurant for our Christmas lunch. Woodys overlooks the lake and surrounding woodland. Stunning views of the park can be experienced whilst enjoying home-made, locally sourced food. There is also an excellent range of ales, beers and wines. The log burning stove will provide the perfect setting for our festive lunch. Book by Sunday 1 December. Woodland Waters, Willoughby Road, Ancaster, Grantham NG32 3RT. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS  
19

## Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



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# Make the most of your membership



## Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

### Standard £25 a year membership\* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

### £35 a year membership\* provides you with additional benefits of...

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

For more information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits).

\*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.

# Annual Summoned Meeting

All members are invited to a half yearly summoned meeting on Zoom at 7pm on Thursday 26 September 2024. Please contact Karen Pye-Smith (details below) to book your place. Help to access Zoom is also available prior to the meeting for those who need it.

We will be electing those eligible as Deputies to the Annual Moveable Conference (AMC) 2025 at this meeting. Nominations for Deputies to AMC need to come via your social Branch to Karen Pye-Smith by 16 August. Meeting ID: 460 928 7642. Passcode: 1810. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

**NOTTINGHAM TRENT DISTRICT LODGE  
AGENDA FOR HALF YEARLY SUMMONED MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 VIA ZOOM**

1. OPEN THE MEETING
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2024
4. ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS
6. TRANSFER OF SOLICITORS
7. TO ELECT AMC DEPUTIES 2025
8. CLOSE THE MEETING

Dear Member,

As I am social organiser as well as Branch Secretary, I am sometimes out of the office on events, so please try my mobile if you can't contact me on the landline and I will be able to speak with you. If not on events, my working hours are 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

You can now find us on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/NottinghamTrentOddfellows](https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamTrentOddfellows)

You can also find us on  
[www.meetup.com/Oddfellows-Friendship-Group-Nottingham](https://www.meetup.com/Oddfellows-Friendship-Group-Nottingham)



**Ms Karen Pye-Smith**  
**Branch Secretary/Social Organiser/  
Care Coordinator/Finance**  
Nottingham Trent District Oddfellows



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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](mailto:karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk)

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# Recent events at Nottingham Trent



*A walk around the University Park*



*A walk in Colwick Country Park*



*Rag Wreath making with Sue*



*Rag Wreath Making with Sue*



*Visit to Woolsthorpe Manor,  
home of Isaac Newton*



*Sunday Lunch at The Welby Arms,  
Allington*





*Peak Siteepeer open top bus trip*



*Our new Coffeefellows Group at Beeston Social*



*Prince of Peace Lodge meal out*



*Sue and Karen cheque presentation to St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre*



*A lovely walk in Cotgrave Country Park*



*Cotgrave Country Park*

# Recent events at Nottingham Trent



*Members having fun at Architects of Air*



*Architects of Air Luminarium*



*AMC Deputies 2024*



*AMC visitors 2024*



*A nice walk to the Mucky Duck*

# Paying your membership by Direct Debit

A new Direct Debit payment initiative was launched in January to try to make membership payments easier. So why choose Direct Debit?

- It is easy to set up, it can be done over the phone or online.
- You don't need to worry about renewing each year as the Direct Debit will automatically be taken upon your renewal date.
- You still have complete control because you can cancel whenever you want – you'll be notified of the payment 6-8 weeks in advance to give you plenty of time to make any changes.
- It's paperless and nothing has to go through the post, so no danger of it going astray.
- It is all done on a totally secure system.
- You can choose to make the membership payment over two consecutive months to help you manage your finances.
- Standard membership would be two monthly payment of £12.50 and extra benefits would be two monthly payments of £17.50.



Find out more by  
contacting **Membership**  
**Services on 0800 028 1810**



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# 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 Knight  
Welfare Visitor



Gillian Allsopp  
Welfare Visitor



Elizabeth Lee  
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 meet in Llandudno for AMC

**The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).**

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



*Business conducted, AMC Llandudno*

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



*Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion*

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

## Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

**Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.**



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.



# Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



## Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

## Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-a-century



ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that."

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

## Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

*Working in the Spirit of Mutuality*

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and



District Chairman, and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: “The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I’ve made some very good friends here over the years.

“It’s my life. It’s what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows.”

## Claire Needham, Vale of York District Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children’s Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace’s Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows’ Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

“I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured,” Claire said. “It’s a really nice feeling. It’s nice that other people think it’s making a difference and it’s having an impact.”

**The Oddfellows’ CEO, Jane Nelson, said: “Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I’m very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them.”**

**Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).**

# Financial worries revealed



**Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?**

## Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

## Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

## Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



## Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

## Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

## Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

**Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice) to find out more.**

# At a glance

## September 2024 - Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 5</b>	Friendship Month Afternoon Tea at The Nottingham Mechanics	2pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
<b>Sat 7</b>	Friendship Walk at Gedling Country Park	10.30am
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
<b>Fri 13</b>	Friendship Month Fundraising Afternoon Tea for St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre	2.30pm
<b>Fri 20</b>	Friendship Month Charity Fundraiser for The Cinnamon Trust	7pm
<b>Mon 23</b>	Yoga and Relaxation	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting on Zoom	7pm

### Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

**All welcome**

**ODDFELLOWS**  
**FRIENDSHIP MONTH**  
 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

## October

<b>Thurs 3</b>	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
<b>Fri 4</b>	Ten Pound Tourist by Mick Whysall	11am
<b>Sat 5</b>	Walk at Elvaston Castle Country Park	11am
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Fletchers Restaurant	6pm
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
<b>Fri 18</b>	Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church	11am
<b>Mon 21</b>	Talk by Mick Whysall of the Woolly Tellers	1.30pm
<b>Sat 26</b>	Blood Brothers at the Palace Theatre, Newark	2.30pm

Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

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## November

<b>Fri 1</b>	Yoga and Relaxation	11am
<b>Sat 2</b>	Canal Walk, Nottingham	10.30am
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
<b>Sun 10</b>	Sunday Carvery at Welbeck Hall	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
<b>Mon 18</b>	Christmas Rag Wreath Making with Sue	1.30pm
<b>Tues 19</b>	Light up a Life Torchlight Procession, St Barnabas Hospice	6.30pm
<b>Sat 23</b>	Free Concert by Southwell Based String Quartet, Highly Strung	2.30pm

## December

<b>Thurs 5</b>	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Christmas Rag Wreath Making with Sue	11am
<b>Sat 7</b>	Walk through The Park, Nottingham	10am
<b>Sat 7</b>	Southwell and District Lions Carols For Everyone at Southwell Minster	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Christmas Lights at Belton	6.30pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Woodys Lakeside Restaurant Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am

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