

September - December 2025



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*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## **Bristol Branch**



*Temple Back, Bristol photo by Steve Pickering*



**Games**



**Travel**



**Coffee/Tea**



**Dining Out**



**Meetings**



**Talks**



**Social**



**Quiz**



*Festive Carol Concert -  
Saturday 13 December, we hope  
you can join us!*

## Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary and Newsletter for Bristol District.

As a local Branch of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities.

We also provide our members with a range of advice and support services when you need them. We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

Any event which is taking place outside will be weather dependent. It is essential that you book on for all events and provide us with up to date contact details so that we can advise of any changes or cancellations.

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as support our members through a range of benefits and services. For more information visit **[www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)** or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

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Life, widow, associate and national members - don't forget, you are entitled to make a claim following a visit to the dentist or optician. For more information, contact Secretary Kelly Armfield by email or by telephone.

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

# Regular Events

## Coffee Morning in Coalpit Heath



10am



From £1 per cup/slice



Join us at our regular The Henfield Hall monthly coffee morning, which takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. At just £1 a cup/slice, it is great value and a lovely social event. There is also a raffle which includes three good meat prizes (provided by the local village bought from a supermarket). Henfield Village Hall, Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath, Bristol BS36 2TZ. Please let Demi know on 07722 010120 or email [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) if you'd like to attend or to request more information.

**First Wednesday** of the month



**3 September**

**1 October**

**5 November**

**3 December**

## Cuppa and Chat in Yate



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for a cuppa and chat at our Yate coffee morning. This regular informal event takes place on the second Wednesday of every month and everyone is welcome. Pop in and enjoy a cuppa on us while catching up with friends, old and new. Please note Oddfellows members can enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee on us and non-members are welcome to a complimentary drink on their first visit. Located in the popular Yate Shopping Centre, there is ample free parking at the centre. Bolero Lounge, 34-36B West Walk, Shopping Centre, Yate BS37 4AX. Please let Demi know on 07722 010120 or email [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) if you'd like to attend or to request more information.

**Second Wednesday** of the month



**10 September**

**8 October**

**12 November**

**10 December**

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# Regular Events

## Monthly Coffee Morning in Kingswood



10.30am



First drink free,  
then prices as  
per menu



Third Wednesday of the month



We'd love for you to join us for our regular coffee morning at the Ravenna Coffee Bar in Kingswood. Hosted by Karen, one of our lovely Social Team. You'll always be sure of a warm welcome. Pop in and say hello, catch up with friends and make some new ones on the third Wednesday of every month. All members are eligible for a cuppa on us and your guests can enjoy a complimentary drink on their first visit. Ravenna Coffee Bar, 91 Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8LJ. Please let Demi know on 07722 010120 or email [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) if you'd like to attend or to request more information.

17 September

15 October

19 November

17 December

## Cuppa in Cadbury Heath



10.30am



As per menu



Fourth Wednesday of the month

**Our regular coffee morning in Keynsham will be moving to a new home in Cadbury Heath.** All members are invited to join us for a cuppa on us and your guests can enjoy a complimentary free drink on their first visit. Cadbury Heath Social Club, 16 Cadbury Heath Road, Cadbury Heath, Bristol, BS30 8BX. For more information just contact Demi on [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or 07722 010120.

24 September 22 October 26 November

## Bingo



7.30pm



Approximately £12



Every Thursday



Eyes down for an evening of fun. You can be sure of a warm welcome at our regular bingo night in association with Cadbury Heath Social Club. Tickets cost around £12 for five games. The bar will be open for refreshments. Cadbury Heath Social Club, 16 Cadbury Heath Road, Cadbury Heath, Bristol BS30 8BX. For more information or to book your place, just contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120.

# Regular Events

## Fish, Chips and Bingo



Come along for a great afternoon of light-hearted fun. Join us for delicious fish and chips. A few exciting games of bingo and a refreshing soft drink – all for just £15 per person! Bring your friends and enjoy good food, games and great company. We can't wait to see you there! Cadbury Heath Social Club, 16 Cadbury Heath Road, Cadbury Heath, Bristol BS30 8BX. Simply contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 to reserve your place.

**Second Friday** of the month



**12 September**

**10 October**

**14 November**

**12 December**

## 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 Demi on 07722 010120  
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# September - Friendship Month

FRI  
05

## An Evening of Fun and Entertainment with Frankie Johns



7pm



Free



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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Here at Oddfellows, we love making new friends and September is Friendship Month - a whole month dedicated to friendship. What more could you want?! Let's make this year's Friendship Month our best one yet! All members and guests are invited to join us for a free evening. Introduce a new member and receive a gift for both you and your friend.



Join the fun

We are delighted to announce that Frankie Johns will be joining us for an evening of music, dancing and entertainment - we couldn't think of a better occasion than Friendship Month! Come along for a sociable evening at Cadbury Heath Social Club. Enjoy some refreshments, nibbles and some wonderful entertainment among friends - just don't forget your dancing shoes! The evening will include a raffle. The bar will be open and there will be rolls available to purchase, with all profits going to Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) We'd love for you to join us. Let's make this a night to remember together. This is a free event and numbers are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Cadbury Heath Social Club, 16 Cadbury Heath Road, Cadbury Heath, Bristol BS30 8BX. Book with Demi on 07722 010120 or email [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) by Friday 15 August.

FRI  
12

## Friendship Fish, Chips and Bingo



12 noon



Members £15,  
Guests £17



Join is for a great afternoon of light-hearted fun this Friendship Month! What's included? Delicious fish and chips. A few exciting games of bingo. A refreshing soft drink - all for just £15 per person! Bring your friends and enjoy good food, games and great company. We can't wait to see you there! Book by Friday 5 September. Cadbury Heath Social Club, 16 Cadbury Heath Road, Cadbury Heath, Bristol BS30 8BX. Simply contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 to reserve your place.

# September - Friendship Month

**FRI**  
**19** **Lunch at**  
**The Moored Spout**

 12.30pm  As per menu 



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1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



With indulgent food and a great variety of drinks, The Moored Spout has everything you need to enjoy a great catch up with friends. Why not join us for our regular event in Nailsea? Places are limited, so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment. The Moored Spout, 1 Union Street, Nailsea BS48 4BB. Booking is a must, please book your place with Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 by Friday 29 August.

**SUN**  
**21** **Oddfellows Brass**  
**Band Concert**

 2pm  Members £10  
Guests £12 



We are pleased to announce that we have secured a booking for Oddfellows Brass! The concert will take place on Sunday 21 September from 2pm. For those who don't know, Oddfellows Brass is a successful and popular brass band that was formed in

1981. They perform concerts all over the UK. Oddfellows Brass is the official band of the society and many of its original members are still involved with the band today, not least the Musical Director, Rob Boulter who founded the band. Band members are all ages and come from many different walks of life.

The music they play is exciting and varied, ranging from traditional arrangement, through to classical pieces and popular melodies. Whether you've seen Oddfellows Brass perform before or not, this event is not to be missed. Contact Demi to book early and avoid disappointment. Tickets will include tea or coffee and cake. Book by Friday 29 August. For more information or to reserve your tickets contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120. Act soon, as tickets are sure to sell out!

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FRI  
26

## Ukulele Concert



2pm



Suggested  
Donation £5



This Friendship Month certainly has a musical feel to it. Hot off the heels of our lively brass band concert, we're turning up the cheer with a Ukulele Concert for MND! Join us for a toe-tapping evening filled with upbeat rhythms. Sing along favourites and feel-good vibes - all in support of a great cause. Come along, bring your friends and let's drum up some support together! As this is a charity event we have suggested a voluntary ticket price of £5 per person, which includes tea and cake! Christ Church Vestry Hall, Christ Church Lane, Nailsea BS48 1RT. For more information or to book your place contact Demi on 07722 010120 or via [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) by Friday 12 September.

# October

SAT  
18

## Chairman's Lunch



12 noon



Free



Our hugely popular senior members' lunch has changed (for the better!). This popular

free lunch is now open to all Bristol District members! This is the perfect opportunity for us to extend the hand of friendship and thank you all for your commitment to the Oddfellows. This year's lunch will once again be held in the Wessex Suite at Hanham Community Centre. A raffle, with proceeds going to Motor Neurone Disease Association will be held following lunch. The event and meal is free of charge for all of our members.

You can be sure of a warm welcome and a great meal with friends. This is our way to show you how much we value you. We'd love to see you there. There will be a bar operating where all guests can purchase their own drinks. Booking is a must and numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! Hanham Community Centre, Wessex Suite, 118-124 High Street, Hanham BS15 3EJ. Please book your place with Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 by Friday 19 September.



# November

## **FRI** **07** Lunch at The Moored Spout

 12.30pm  As per menu 

With indulgent food and a great variety of drinks, The Moored Spout has everything you need to enjoy a great catch up with friends. Why not join us for our regular event in Nailsea? Places are limited, so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment. The Moored Spout, 1 Union Street, Nailsea BS48 4BB. Booking is a must. Please book your place with Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 by Friday 24 October.



## **SAT** **15** Bristol District Branch Annual Dinner Dance

 6.30pm  Members £30  
Guests £35 

It's time for our flagship event of the year and you won't want to miss it! We'd absolutely love you to join us for our annual dinner. This year's dinner is once again taking place at the Mercure the Grange Hotel in Winterbourne. The evening is an excellent opportunity to get together with friends, old and new, in a beautiful setting and enjoy a sumptuous meal.



Why not make it a weekend and take the opportunity to stay overnight for a fraction of the normal bed and breakfast price. Book by Friday 3 October. The Mercure Grange, Old Gloucester Road, Bristol BS36 1RP. For further information and to reserve your ticket please contact Demi on [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or 07722 010120.

# December

FRI  
05

## Christmas Lunch at the Bakers Arms



12 noon



TBC



Members and guests are once again invited to join us for our hugely popular two course Christmas lunch at the Bakers Arms in Swindon, 12 noon for 12.30pm. You can be sure of a warm welcome and a fantastic meal. The pub is offering a choice of traditional main courses and desserts.



The Bakers Arms, Beechcroft Road, Stratton, Swindon SN2 7RE. If you are interested in attending, please contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120 to request a menu and reserve a place. This is sure to be a popular event so booking early is essential. Closing date for bookings is Friday 7 November.

SAT  
13

## Festive Carol Concert



2pm



Donations



You are warmly invited to join Catherine Ovenden, our Chairperson for a festive carol concert at Christ Church in Nailsea. This is a free event and refreshments will be provided. There will be collection buckets at the venue and donations towards our fundraising efforts for MND Association will be gratefully received. Christ Church, Christ Church Lane, Nailsea

BS48 1RT. If you'd like to join us please let Catherine know at [cathovenden123@gmail.com](mailto:cathovenden123@gmail.com), Book by Saturday 29 November, as she will need numbers for catering purposes.



## Bookings and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for ALL events to avoid disappointment. We have cancelled some events recently due to low numbers, which in hindsight we would have been able to run but people who were planning to attend hadn't booked with Demi.

**Remember** – where charges apply, these are payable in advance and your place is not booked until payment is received!

**Outdoor Events** – Any event which is taking place outside will be weather dependent. It is ESSENTIAL that you book on for ALL events and provide us with up to date contact details so that we can advise of any changes or cancellations.

## Photos, stories, or poems

If you have any photos, stories, or poems that you'd like to share in the events diary/newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch—our contact details can be found on page 2.

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/login)



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## Oddfellows Brass Concert is fast approaching!

**The concert will take place on Sunday 21 September from 2pm, at Hanham Community Centre**

Whether you've seen Oddfellows Brass perform before or not, this event is not to be missed. This event is proving very popular and tickets are in high demand, with fans of the band travelling far and wide to see them. However, it's not too late to grab yourself a ticket.

Tickets for our members and guests are available at the low price of £10 which will include tea/coffee and cake.

For more information and/or to reserve your tickets contact Demi at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07722 010120. Act soon!

## Friendship Month is just round the corner!

And this year's FM event is going to be awesome! Join us for an evening of fun at Cadbury Heath Social Club on Friday 5th September – full details on the event are in this diary, we'd love you all to join us.

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## Calling all Swindon based members!

We'd love to host more events in Swindon – we know there's a strong, active membership there!

To make that happen, we're looking for local volunteers who can help us by hosting events. If you're passionate about bringing people together and want to support your society, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested or want to know more? Drop Demi a message at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or call on 07722 010120.



# Recent MNDA Fundraising news

**Our Social Organiser Demi recently attended the Pink 4 Syd game at Gloucestershire County Cricket Club on Friday 20 June to support MNDA in their fundraising efforts for club legend David 'Syd' Lawrence.**

It was a thoroughly enjoyable (if exhausting) night.

Despite only a handful of volunteers showing up the team managed to collect £2,000 with their buckets and they estimate that the evening itself will raise approximately £10,000 for MNDA. So a good result for a very worthwhile cause.



*Gloucestershire Player Graeme Van Buuren handing his playing shirt over to Bristol Oddfellows after the game to help in our fundraising efforts*



*Oddfellows volunteers Molly, Kyra and Demi with the team from MNDA*



*Demi, Kyra and Molly taking a very well earned short break!*



# Puzzle Page

## Halloween Quiz

– by Paul Fitton

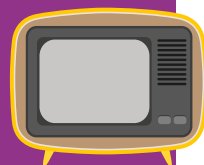
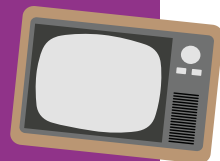
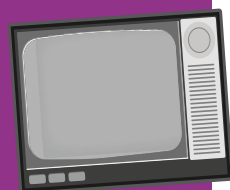
1. In which year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
2. 'Light up the Sky with...' What?
3. What was Guy Fawkes real first name?
4. What did Guy Fawkes plea when on trial? Guilty or Not Guilty?
5. What sentence was Guy Fawkes given?
6. Guy Fawkes sometimes went by his mother's maiden name, which is shared with a British Prime Minister from the last 30 years. What name is it?
7. What was the usual shout by children when requesting money for their model guy?
8. Which town on the south coast of England hosts the oldest and largest Bonfire Night festivity celebrating Guy Fawkes Night?
9. Who was on the British throne at the time of the Gunpowder Plot?
10. Why did Guy Fawkes have to crawl onto the scaffold?



## Wendy's Wordygrams

Unscramble the anagrams to reveal TV Shows – old and new  
Answers on last page

1. EHT ENSW
2. ADEIMMNRST
3. AACLSUY
4. INOPST FO EIVW
5. OPT FO EHT OPPS
6. RD OHW
7. ACHS NI EHT AICTT
8. EHT ENO WOSH
9. ARST EKRT
10. AADRSTUY CEHIKNT
11. EHT AINST
12. NO EHT BESSU
13. ABCEEGR
14. ACHMT FO EHT ADY
15. CEILOP AACEMR ACINOT



# Puzzle Page and answers

## General Knowledge Quiz

Questions 1 to 5 by Les Fitton and questions 6 to 10 by Paul Fitton

1. Custard and jelly is Cockney rhyming slang for what?
2. A native American woman is also known as what?
3. Where would you find the Coral Sea?
4. What is a young swan called?
5. In which year did seat belts wearing become compulsory in the UK? Was it:  
i. 1973   ii. 1983   iii. 1993
6. What fabric was first produced in China?
7. If you were celebrating your Tin Wedding Anniversary, how many years would you have been married?
8. In which sport is the Stanley Cup awarded?
9. James I of England was also the monarch of which other country?
10. What was Lucille Ball's husband's name?

## Answers

**Halloween Quiz:** 1. 1605. 2. Standard. 3. Guido. 4. Not guilty. 5. To be hung, drawn and quartered. 6. Johnson. 8. Penny for the Guy. 8. Lewes, Sussex. 9. James I of England (James VI of Scotland). 10. His joints had been dislocated while being tortured on the rack to gain a confession.

**Wendy's Wordygrams:** 1. The News. 2. Mastermind. 3. Casualty. 4. Points of View. 5. Top of the Pops. 6. Dr Who. 7. Cash in the Attic. 8. The One Show. 9. Star Trek. 10. Saturday Kitchen. 11. The Saint. 12. On the Buses. 13. Bergerac. 14. Match of the Day. 15. Police Camera Action!

**General Knowledge Quiz:** 1. Telly. 2. A squaw. 3. The South Pacific, off the northeast coast of Australia. 4. A cygnet. 5. 1983. 6. Silk. 7. Ten years. 8. Ice hockey. 9. Scotland. 10. Desi Arnaz.

## Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



**For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.**

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

## Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

**Nur Zainal, who's PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.**

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



# Incredible total raised for good causes



*Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.*

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

**Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.**

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

**Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)**

## Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



**In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.**

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”

# Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

## Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

## Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."



## Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

## Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

## Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

# Bristol Branch Care & Welfare

**Pictured below are you care and welfare officers for Bristol Branch. If you feel you would benefit with a chat to one of our welfare officers, please get in touch with Kelly Armfield on 01174310845 or email her at: [Kelly.armfield@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Kelly.armfield@oddfellows.co.uk) and we will put you in touch with someone. We can only pass on your contact details to our welfare visitors if you give permission for us to do so.**

Janet Trotman joined The Oddfellows 7 years ago and became a welfare officer last year. Janet is also one of our trustees and in her spare time volunteers at her local foodbank.

Kelly Armfield joined The Oddfellows in 2017 as branch secretary for Great Western Lodge. When the Lodge and District merged, she took on the role of Provincial Corresponding Secretary. In her spare time, she plays golf, cricket and hockey. Kelly is also first aid trained.

Helen Cross joined The Oddfellows in 1997 and has held many positions over the years.

She has been a welfare officer for around 15 years and in her spare time likes going to clog dancing classes.

Diane Nelson joined The Oddfellows in 1968 and has held many positions over the years and is currently one of our trustees. Diane has been a welfare officer for many years and loves chatting to members on the telephone. Her husband David held the prestigious role of Grand Master of the Order.

Karen Ross joined The Oddfellows in 2023 and has got stuck right in from the start! She currently runs the Bingo night each Thursday and also helps run the Kingswood Coffee morning. In her spare time, Karen is a mentor for Diabetic awareness and also holds a First Aid qualification.

Please contact Kelly Armfield with all care and welfare questions on: 01174310845 or email at: [Kelly.armfield@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Kelly.armfield@oddfellows.co.uk)



*Janet Trotman, Kelly Armfield, Helen Cross, Diane Nelson, Karen Ross*

# 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 Kelly on **0117 4310845** or email **kelly.armfield@oddfellows.co.uk**

## **Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line**

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information**

# Branch Meetings

**Please see below for information on all future meetings scheduled for 2025.**

We'd love all members, both new and old to join us. Why not come along and learn a little bit more about us?

## Branch Meetings in Bristol

Meetings will be held at the BAWA Healthcare and Leisure, Southmead Road, Bristol BS34 7RG from 7.30pm and all members are invited to join us.

**Monday 22 September**

**Monday 27 October**

**Monday 24 November**

**Monday 15 December**

Half-yearly summoned meeting date – all members are invited to join us

**Saturday 20 September – 11am** start followed by a light lunch

See accompanying letter included with your events diary for more information

## Cuppa and Chat Sessions in Swindon

Meetings will run from 11am to 12 noon in the The Bakers Arms, Upper Stratton, Swindon SN2 7RE.

**Wednesday 10 September and Wednesday 12 November**

## Online Events....

**Remember to keep your eyes peeled for the weekly online events listings which get emailed out every Friday. If you do not currently receive these then just let Demi ([demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk)) have your email address and she will add you to the circulation.**

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who has come along to an event. We are always on the lookout for new things to do. If you have any ideas or

requests for things to do going forward then please just let me know at [demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:demi.trotman@oddfellows.co.uk) or on **07722 010120**.

Also, if you have some spare time you can offer to support an event we are always looking for volunteers. Whether it's to welcome attendees, host events or just help out in general. Why not get involved and help us out at an event? The more volunteers we get the more events we can hold in more areas. It's that simple.

# At a glance - See pages 3, 4 and 5 for regular events info

## September 2026 - Friendship Month

<b>Wed 3</b>	Coffee Morning in Coalpit Heath	10am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	An Evening of Fun and Entertainment with Frankie Johns	7pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Cuppa and Chat in Yate	10.30am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Friendship Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 17</b>	Coffee Morning in Kingswood	10.30am
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Lunch at The Moorend Spout	12.30pm
<b>Sun 21</b>	Oddfellows Brass Band Concert	2pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Cuppa in Heath	10.30am
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Ukulele Concert	2pm

## Say *yes* to friendship in September

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

**All welcome**



**ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH**  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER  
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To see what's on and find out more about  
Friendship Month visit **[www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)**

## October

<b>Wed 1</b>	Coffee Morning in Coalpit Heath	10am
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Cuppa and Chat in Yate	10.30am

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## October

<b>Thurs 9</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Wed 15</b>	Coffee Morning in Kingswood	10.30am
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Sat 18</b>	Chairman's Lunch	12 noon
<b>Wed 22</b>	Cuppa in Heath	10.30am
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Bingo	7.30pm

## November

<b>Wed 5</b>	Coffee Morning in Coalpit Heath	10am
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Lunch at The Moorend Spout	12.30pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Cuppa and Chat in Yate	10.30am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 14</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Sat 15</b>	Bristol District Branch Annual Dinner Dance	6.30pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	Coffee Morning in Kingswood	10.30am
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Cuppa in Heath	10.30am
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Bingo	7.30pm

## December

<b>Wed 3</b>	Coffee Morning in Coalpit Heath	10am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Christmas Lunch at the Bakers Arms	12 noon
<b>Wed 10</b>	Cuppa and Chat in Yate	10.30am
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Bingo	7.30pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Fish, Chips and Bingo	12 noon
<b>Sat 13</b>	Festive Carol Concert	2pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Coffee Morning in Kingswood	10.30am
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Bingo	7.30pm