

October 2025 – March 2026



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Nene and Welland District



Travel and
Trips



Arts and
Crafts



Talks



Social



History



Coffee Morning



Dining Out



Walk



Games



We hope you can join us for our social events!

We would like to welcome you to our new Out and About Event's Diary.

Thank you to everyone who books on to events, it is really helpful to know who is coming, and lets us know when we have reached capacity. A full name and contact number are always useful as we can't always remember everyone's last names! If you're unable to attend please let us know, there may be someone on a waiting list who would appreciate being able to attend at the last minute.

Don't forget we are always happy to receive items for raffles, tombola's and Surprise Bingo.

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If you'd like to receive the monthly newsletter via email please contact us, otherwise there is always a copy on the noticeboard at the Hall for you to look at. There are also free national online events taking place regularly.

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 our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

If you would like to receive email reminders about them please email sarah.hitchcock@oddfellows.co.uk

Please return your menu choices and payment for the Annual Branch Lunch **as soon as possible**. Please make cheques payable to IOOFMUFS Nene & Welland District Lodge.

The Office now has a digital phone line, so you will need to use the whole number (including the code 01778) when phoning us.

For those who didn't know the Refer A Friend Scheme has changed- check out the new terms and conditions at www.oddfellows.co.uk/refer

The Branch would like to offer its congratulations to our three very worthy winners of the Oddfellows Annual Making A Difference Awards - Barry, Christine and Jean. You can find more

information in the Society News part of this Out and About (pages 22-23).

Your Help

We are always keen to hear ideas about possible events, venues or fundraising ideas from members that we can investigate. Please catch Christine, Jenny, Jean or Sarah at an event or get in touch with sarah.hitchcock@oddfellows.co.uk

Where possible please can Standard and Extra Benefits members set up a Direct Debit payment for renewal of membership fees with our Membership team on (Freephone) 0800 028 1810.

Associates can set up standing orders or pay via Bank Transfer. Please contact Karen on 01778 342006 with any queries, as unfortunately this cannot be done through membership.

Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Jenny by phone on 07788 534290

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Regular Events

Pudding and Cake

Tuesdays

⌚ 6pm

£ Members £4, Guests £5 – Tasting only
Free for contributors



Why not come along and enjoy a wonderful range of home-made desserts and cakes. Whether you choose a favourite or a selection – the choice is yours. If you'd like to bring someone along, please do, otherwise just come along and enjoy! Don't forget to book your place beforehand and let us know if you have any dietary requirements.



Raffle for our Chairman's charity. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

4 November 2025

6 January 2026

Lunch in the Hall

Various Days

⌚ 12.30pm

£ Members £6
Guests £7



What could be nicer than a lunch out with friends? Food served will be weather dependent. Find out what it will be when you book – let us know any dietary requirements. Come by yourself or bring a friend. Please note these fill up quickly, so don't forget to book at least 10 days beforehand. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

Tuesday 7 October 2025

Thursday 5 February 2026



Regular Events

Friendship Lunch



12 noon for
12.30pm



As per menu



Wednesdays

Every month we will be meeting at The Crown Inn to enjoy good food and company in this traditional pub. Make sure you book early and provide your menu selection. Food will be served at 12.30pm. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



15 October 2025
19 November 2025

17 December 2025
21 January 2026

18 February 2026
18 March 2026

Let's Do Lunch!



12.30pm
for 1pm



Currently £8 main course,
additional courses per menu



Various Days

Thorney Golf Club offer a fantastic menu for £8 (at time of going to press) for a main course (additional courses per menu). Events start at 12.30pm for 1pm food service. Bookings must be in at least 10 days before the meal, as requested by the venue. Unfortunately, they will be unable to accommodate any bookings after this time. Don't forget to keep a note of your food choices. Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.



Thursday 2 October 2025
Wednesday 28 January 2026

Wednesday 25 February 2026
Wednesday 25 March 2026

Regular Events

A Crafty Cuppa



10.30am



Donation for refreshments



Wednesdays

Come and join us for a crafting morning, a natter with friends and a cuppa. Bring your own projects - knitting, sewing, paper-craft etc, and have a relaxing time, bring your friends or just come along for the company. Refreshments available for a donation to our Chairman's charity. Don't forget to book your place. Donation for

refreshments. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



8 October 2025

10 December 2025

11 February 2026

Craft Club



10.30am



£3 includes refreshments

£5 for guests includes refreshments



Wednesdays

No diary would be complete without our very popular Craft Club! We make a different craft each time and everything you need is provided for you. Due to the popularity of this event booking is essential two weeks before as space is limited. There will be a raffle for the Chairman's charity. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Georgina on 01778 347876.

12 November 2025

14 January 2026

11 March 2026



Regular Events

Museum Workshops



10.30am
to 12 noon



Members Only
Free



Did you know we are putting together an Oddfellows Museum above the main hall? Come and help us select and catalogue the artefacts for display. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

24 October 2025

28 November 2025

30 January 2026

27 February 2026

27 March 2026



Friday

Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book of 10 games
£5 for 6 books



Why not join us for an afternoon of bingo fun. These sessions are open to all, so why not bring a friend. 10 games of bingo for the bargain price of £1 a book or £5 for a strip of six books, so why not play more than one book at a time! Donation for refreshments. Large print books are available on request. Winners of lines and full houses get to choose a bag containing a mysterious prize – who knows what you might be going home with. The sessions are informal and we have laughs along the way. There is a break half way for a chat with a cuppa and a piece of cake. Remember to book your place as this is a popular event. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

**Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street,
Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN**

Thursday 23 October 2025

Thursday 22 January 2026

Saturday 21 February 2026

**Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet,
Market Deeping PE6 8DB**

Saturday 13 December 2025

(Christmas Flyer £1)

Saturday 28 March 2026 (Easter flyer £1)

Various Days



October 2025

FRI
10

Stamford's Community Orchard Talk

L 10.30am

£ Members £3
Guests £4



Learn about Stamford's Community Orchard, which holds regular events and workshops. Hear how they have reintroduced old varieties of apple trees back to the orchard and find out about their apple press and cider making equipment. If we are lucky with the harvest there may be a chance to try some fruit. Book by Thursday 2 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



FRI
17

Degree Workshop

L 10.30am

£ Free



For members who would like to find out more about the traditional side of the Oddfellows, or if you are interested in coming on to the Committee of Management. There are two routes to be able to hold office (Chairman, Deputy etc...). Lectures gives you all the information you need to be a good Oddfellow in a less formal session, whereas Minor Degrees involve traditional and more interactive practices. Book by Wednesday 15 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

THURS
16

Wills, Probate and LPAs

L 10.30am

£ Free



Double and Megson Solicitors based in Market Deeping are giving a free talk about Wills, Probate and LPAs (Lasting Power of Attorney). Book by Monday 13 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



October 2025

SAT
18

EAGC Seminar (Care and Welfare)

🕒 1.30pm

£ Free



John Aitken, Head of the Care and Welfare team will be giving a talk about Care, Welfare and Benevolence with the Oddfellows. If you have any questions please let us know at least a week before so we can pass them on. Must book. Event follows on from an East Anglian Group Conference Executive meeting, so please arrive after 1pm (to start at 1.30pm) and please note that the car park will be full. Book by Thursday 2 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

FRI
31

Strictly Come Halloween Tea Dance

🕒 2pm

£ Members £4
Guests £5



Fancy dress optional - though there may be prizes for the best costume!



There is the opportunity to take part in the dancing or just sit back and watch experienced dancers perform in front of you, followed by an afternoon tea. Book quick as there are limited spaces available by Wednesday 22 October 2025. Pinchbeck Village Hall, Knight Street, Pinchbeck PE11 3XA. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

SUN
26

Annual Branch Lunch

🕒 12.30pm

£ £25 per person



Come and join us for our annual lunch at the Bourne Corn Exchange. Our raffle will raise money for the Chairman's charity - 'Deepings Community Library'. Book by Wednesday 1 October 2025 with the office - please address any cheques to IOOFMUS Nene and Welland District Lodge. Bar available. Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.



November

THURS
06

Crab and Winkle Lunch Out



12 noon



As per menu



We invite you to join us for a lunch out at the Crab and Winkle. Food will be served at 12.30pm. You can choose a smaller portion from the senior menu or pay a little more for a regular portion. Book early as there are limited places by Monday 20 October 2025. Crab and Winkle, 3 Loxley, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5BW. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.



SAT
15

Makeup Demonstration



2pm



Donations



Discover some hints and tips about applying makeup. Watch a step-by-step demonstration and learn about different skin types and the best way of applying makeup to each. Don't worry there won't be any selling of makeup, this is just a fun afternoon among friends. Donation towards refreshments and a raffle to raise funds for the Chairman's charity (Deepings Community Library). Book by Monday 10 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



SAT
22

Christmas Quiz and Buffet



2pm



Members £8
Guests £10



Why not put a team together of between four to six people (we can help team you up if requested). Prize for the winning team of each round, a buffet tea and the overall winning team gets a prize. Join us for a light hearted traditional pub quiz themed around Christmas. There will be a raffle for our Chairman's charity - 'Deepings Community Library'. Please note this is at a different venue. Book by Monday 10 November 2025. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



November

THURS 27 Burtey Fen Christmas Music

🕒 1.30pm 💷 £10



Enjoy Christmas music played at The Burtey Fen Collection - a privately owned music hall, which houses three pipe organs.



The venue also features a vast collection of original memorabilia in tribute to the stars of entertainment between 1940 to 1965. There will be 40 minutes of music, an interval where a hot drink and mince pie is served (included in your booking) and a further 40 minutes of music. Join in with popular Christmas music and a medley of well-known carols. Payment on booking please. Book by Thursday 20 November 2025. Burtey Fen Collection, 3 Burtey Fen Lane, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3SR. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

SAT 29 Christmas Beetle Drive

🕒 2pm 💷 Donation for refreshments.
Beetle Sheets £1 per game

Why not join us for an afternoon Christmas beetle drive. £1 per beetle sheet. Come by yourself or bring a friend with you. The sessions are informal and we have laughs along the way. There will be a break half way for a chat with a cuppa and piece of cake. Remember to book your place by Friday 21 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

SUN 30 Deepings Christmas Market

🕒 10am 💷 Cash only



Pop in and see us during the Deepings Christmas Market. We will be open



between 10am and 1pm, running a few stalls to help increase our Chairman charity's fundraising total. The tombola, name the teddy and guess how many sweets in a jar were very popular last year. Come and see what you can win. Don't forget to tell your friends, family and neighbours too. Cash only. Refreshments will be available for a donation. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



December



TUES

02

Christmas Lunch



11.30am



TBC



This year we are booked in to our own room at Waterside Garden Centre for Christmas lunch. Food will be served at 12 noon. The cost includes tea or coffee. Book fast as there are limited places. Please inform us of any dietary requirements. Book by Saturday 1 November 2025. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



WED

10

Ukulele Christmas Concert



2.30pm



Donations



Join the Stamford based Ukulele group 'Ukulele2020' for a sing along of Christmas carols, followed by a hot drink and either mince pie or cake. Donation for refreshments. Music starts at 2.30pm. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. Book by Wednesday 3 December 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



SUN

07

Christmas Carol Service



3pm



Free



Bring a plate of food to share and join in this lovely Christmas celebration. With Christmas carols and readings. Book by Monday 1 December 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



December



SAT

13

Christmas Surprise Bingo



2pm



10 Games £1 per book, £5 for 6 books. Christmas Flyer £1.
Donation for refreshments



Why not join us for an afternoon of bingo fun. These sessions are open to all, so why not bring a friend. 10 games of bingo for the bargain price of £1 a book or £5 for a strip of six books, so why not play more than one book at a time! Donation for refreshments. Large print books are available on request. £1 for a Christmas flyer. Winners of lines and full houses get to choose a bag containing a mysterious prize – who knows what you might be going home with. The sessions are informal and we have laughs along the way. There is a break half way for a chat with a cuppa and piece of cake. Remember to book your place as this is a popular event. Please note the Christmas surprise bingo is at the Coronation Hall. Book by Friday 5 December 2025. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

WED

31

Aussie New Years Eve Tea Party



2pm



Members £6
Guests £7



Join us to celebrate the New Year, Aussie style. Dress up if you dare! Help us bring in the New Year. Book by Wednesday 10 December 2025. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

SAT

17

Vegetarian Lunch



12.30pm



Members £7
Guests £8



Join us for our meat free lunch. Pre-book your vegetarian choices from a selection. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. Book by Wednesday 7 January 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.



January 2026

February

TUES
20

New Year, New You



10.30am



Donations



Indulged in too much food and drink over the festive period? Georgia, a Partnership and Engagement Officer from One You Lincoln, will be talking about the health and wellbeing integrated service and how the service can help with weight loss, exercise, stopping smoking and drink-less programmes to help you walk towards a healthier, happier you. Donation for refreshments. Book by Wednesday 14 January 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

February

SAT
07

Family History: A Case Study



6pm



Donations



Join us for a talk by Brian Thorntwaite about how he conducted research on his own family history. He will be using some examples of information he discovered from his own research. Ask questions about where he found information, or let him give you pointers about how you can research your own family tree. Book by Monday 2 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

SAT
14

Oh La La! French Night



6.30pm



Members £10
Guests £12



Pre select your menu from a choice (no frog legs or escargot involved!). Join us for a fun, friendly evening for either couples or singles. You are encouraged to dress up 'Allo, 'Allo style! Please remember to inform us of any dietary requirements. Book by 04 February 2026. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.



FRI
20

Degree Workshop



10.30am



Free



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March

TUES
03

Annual General Meeting



10.30am



Free



Annual General Meeting of the District Branch. All members welcome (please

pre-book). Book by Tuesday 24 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.



SAT
07

Mercury Memories



2pm



Members £4
Guests £5



Join Jonathan for a brief history of the Stamford Mercury newspaper. Learn more about it's wonderful archive and hear some of the stories from over the last 200 years. Enjoy light refreshments afterwards. A raffle will be held to raise funds for the Chairman's charity. Book by Wednesday 25 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

TUES
17

Saint Patrick's Day Tea



2.30pm



Members £6, Guests £7



ST. PATRICK'S
HAPPY
DAY

Join us for a Saint Patrick's Day Tea. There will be an armchair treasure hunt and a St Patrick's Bingo Flyer. No doubt there will be a few people dressed up! Green is the recommended colour for this event. Raffle for the Chairman's charity. Book by Tuesday 3 March 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.



March

SAT
21

Spring Quiz and Buffet



6pm



Members £8, Guests £10



Which team will win in this spring quiz? Recommended team size four to six people (we can team you up if requested). Pay on booking. Includes a buffet tea halfway through. There will also be a raffle for our Chairman's charity, so don't forget to bring some change! Please note the venue will be at Coronation Hall. Book by Wednesday 11 March 2026. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

SAT
28

Easter Surprise Bingo



2pm



10 Games £1 per book, £5 for 6 books. Easter flyer £1.
Donation for refreshments

Why not join us for an afternoon of bingo fun. These sessions are open to all, so why not bring a friend. 10 games of bingo for the bargain price of £1 a book or £5 for a strip of six books, so why not play more than one book at a time! Donation for refreshments. Large print books are available on request. Special Easter flyers £1 each. Winners of lines and full houses get to choose a bag containing a mysterious prize - who knows what you might be going home with (though we were told the Easter Bunny has scheduled a special delivery)! The sessions are informal and we have laughs along the way. There is a break halfway for a chat with a cuppa and piece of cake. Remember to book your place as this is a very popular event! Please note this is at the Coronation Hall. Book by Thursday 19 March 2026. Coronation Hall, 16 Halfleet, Market Deeping PE6 8DB. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



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

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Chairman's Charity of the Year

(February 2024 – February 2025) Update

Three Counties Dog Rescue, based in Bourne received a £3,250 donation from the Branch in May. The Charity was chosen by Janice Bedford, as her Chairman's Charity of the Year. The donation was raised through a number of events, including Barry Bedford (present Chairman) raising over £700 by doing a Sponsored Slim.

Three Counties Dog Rescue was founded in 1971. Gyll Mauchline joined soon after and has continued to develop the Rescue in Lincolnshire following her move re-homing dogs within a 50 mile radius of its base in South Lincolnshire.

Animals are re-homed in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

Gyll said "Recently we have taken in some cats due to other Rescue doors being closed. We are very grateful to Nene & Welland Oddfellows for their donation, it will assist towards meeting our vet bills that run to around £180,000 per annum. Currently, on top of the day to day vet costs, pug type dogs have become popular and we have two that need operations to free up their air flows as the breeding has restricted their breathing."



Janice is shown (second in from the left) presenting the cheque to the Three Counties Dog Rescue.

Theatre Trips

We are starting to organise a few theatre trips to the Cresset and the Key Theatre in Peterborough. If this would be of interest to you please keep an eye out for mention of these in the monthly newsletter as often the tickets will need to be

booked and paid for at the same time. We are hoping to arrange another Pantomime trip around Christmas time (possibly at the start of January at the Key Theatre in Peterborough). Let us know if you would be interested.

Touch of Sparkle

Touch of Sparkle was established in 2015 and donates cancer care packs to patients at Addenbrooke's, Hinchingsbrooke and Peterborough hospitals. Each year, they also make a donation of reward toys to children at Addenbrooke's for children undergoing a test or procedure. This is their 10th anniversary year and in that time, they've donated over 7,500 cancer care packs and 12,000 toys for children.

Founder, Melanie said "We were delighted to receive a donation of £250 from the Oddfellows Nene and Welland District Lodge this year. These funds were put towards a batch of 50 care packs donated to the Peterborough Hospital Oncology Day Unit in March 2025. This donation marked our 7,500 care pack milestone!"

The cancer care packs contain a mix of practical items, distractions and treats with the idea being to add a caring and personal touch to the clinical cancer treatment process. The packs include items such as herbal teas (for nausea), bed socks, puzzle books, earplugs, notebooks, lip balms, playing cards, mini toiletries for hospital stays, sweets and chocolates, mints, biscuits/flapjacks, pocket tissues etc.

The care packs are given out to adult patients of all ages and at all stages of



Melanie holding care packs similar to those paid for by our donation.

treatment (surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy). The aim is to bring comfort and kindness during cancer treatment. We have had some lovely feedback from patients over the last 10 years to say that the care packs brought relief at a really difficult time, making hospital stays and treatments a little easier. Melanie wanted to say "Thank you to the Nene and Welland District Lodge for helping us to spread a 'touch of sparkle' to cancer patients in Peterborough."

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support.

Football Sponsorship Update

We are still sponsoring the same Pinchbeck Boys Football Team (now Under 11's). Jenny and Jean attended their Bingo event at Bourne Corn Exchange, to raise funds for the various teams they have. The Oddfellows were mentioned several times by Lewis Thorogood, Head of Football. Prizes were donated by local suppliers. The Flyer top prize was won by Jean.



Land and Building Improvements

The Branch owns three parcels of land which we rent out to earn some income. The Branch recently spent £15,000 improving the drainage of the land near Long Sutton. This means that the whole of the field can now be used for planting by the farmer (previously there was a large area that was always flooded). In addition, the Branch has carried out a number of maintenance works at the hall, with



repairs to the roof and improved accessibility to the hall.

Young Oddfellows Gets Published

One of our Junior members, Emily (aged 5), is having her poem 'School in Reception Class' published in a children's poetry book. Emily told her Mum the poem, who kindly typed it up and entered it in to the competition. She was over the moon to hear she had been selected.



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 Hamer 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

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.

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."

Meet your Nene and Welland 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.



Barry Bedford
01778 560059



Janice Bedford
01778 560059



Jenny Collins
07788 534290



Christine Sargeant
07714 096801

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 Welfare Visitor to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Karen Earth on **01778 342006** or email **karen.earth@oddfellows.co.uk**.

National Oddfellows Helplines



As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

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 areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.

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, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our '**Looking After You**' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/

*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Call 0800 028 1810 for details or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs

Events at a glance

October 2025

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| Thurs 2 | Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Jenny) | 12.30pm |
| Tues 7 | Lunch at the Hall, Oddfellows Hall (David) | 12.30pm |
| Wed 8 | A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice) | 10.30am |
| Fri 10 | Stamford's Community Orchard Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 10.30am |
| Tues 14 | Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen) | 10.30am |
| Wed 15 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Thurs 16 | Wills, Probate and LPAs, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 10.30am |
| Fri 17 | Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |
| Sat 18 | EAGC Seminar (Care and Welfare), Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 1.30pm |
| Thurs 23 | Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 2pm |
| Fri 24 | Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |
| Sun 26 | Annual Branch Lunch, Bourne Corn Exchange (Office) | 12.30pm |
| Fri 31 | Strictly Come Halloween Tea Dance, Pinchbeck Village Hall (Jenny) | 2pm |

November

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| Tues 4 | Pudding and Cake, Oddfellows Hall (David) | 6pm |
| Thurs 6 | Crab and Winkle Lunch Out, Werrington (Jenny) | 12 noon |
| Wed 12 | Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina) | 10.30am |
| Sat 15 | Makeup Demonstration, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 2pm |
| Wed 19 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Sat 22 | Christmas Quiz and Buffet, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Sarah) | 2pm |
| Thurs 27 | Burtey Fen Christmas Music, Burtey Fen Collection, Pinchbeck (Sarah) | 1.30pm |
| Fri 28 | Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |
| Sat 29 | Christmas Beetle Drive, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 2pm |
| Sun 30 | Deepings Christmas Market, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 10am |

December

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| Tues 2 | Christmas Lunch, Waterside Garden Centre, Baston (Sarah) | 11.30am |
| Sun 7 | Christmas Carol Service, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 3pm |

Events at a glance

December

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| Tues 9 | Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen) | 10.30am |
| Wed 10 | A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice) | 10.30am |
| Wed 10 | Ukulele Christmas Concert, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 2.30pm |
| Sat 13 | Christmas Surprise Bingo, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Jenny) | 2pm |
| Wed 17 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Wed 31 | Aussie New Years Eve Tea Party, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Jenny) | 2pm |

January 2026

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| Tues 6 | Pudding and Cake, Oddfellows Hall (David) | 6pm |
| Tues 13 | Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen) | 10.30am |
| Wed 14 | Craft Club , Oddfellows Hall (Georgina) | 10.30am |
| Sat 17 | Vegetarian Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 12.30pm |
| Tues 20 | New Year, New You , Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 10.30am |
| Wed 21 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Thurs 22 | Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 2pm |
| Wed 28 | Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Jenny) | 12.30pm |
| Fri 30 | Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |

February

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| Thurs 5 | Lunch at the Hall, Oddfellows Hall (David) | 12.30pm |
| Sat 7 | Family History: A Case Study, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 6pm |
| Wed 11 | A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice) | 10.30am |
| Sat 14 | Oh La La! French Night, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Jenny) | 6.30pm |
| Wed 18 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Fri 20 | Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |
| Sat 21 | Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 2pm |
| Wed 25 | Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Jenny) | 12.30pm |
| Fri 27 | Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |

March

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| Tues 3 | Annual General Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen) | 10.30am |
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March

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| Sat 7 | Mercury Memories, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah) | 2pm |
| Wed 11 | Craft Club , Oddfellows Hall (Georgina) | 10.30am |
| Tues 17 | Saint Patrick's Day Tea, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny) | 2.30pm |
| Wed 18 | Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn, Surfleet (Christine) | 12 noon |
| Sat 21 | Spring Quiz and Buffet, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Jenny) | 6pm |
| Wed 25 | Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Jenny) | 12.30pm |
| Fri 27 | Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine) | 10.30am |
| Sat 28 | Easter Surprise Bingo, Coronation Hall, Market Deeping (Jenny) | 2pm |

Business Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

Our business meetings are open for all members to attend. If you would like to know more about the running of the Branch, ask questions regarding the Branch, or become actively involved in any aspect of the Branch, then please do join us. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping, Peterborough PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

14 October 2025, 9 December 2025, 13 January 2026 and 3 March 2026 (AGM)

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