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News & Events

Burton-on-Trent District Branch



Trent Bridge, Burton on Trent

Welcome to our Burton-on-Trent District Branch Combined Newsletter and Diary

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 and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

Our combined Newsletter and Diary is a handy guide to keep by your phone or fridge, so you know what is happening at the Branch.

If you have anything you would like including in the next copy of the newsletter, i.e. letters, photographs, or anything of interest to our readers, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by post, phone, or email as in the contact details.

The Social Committee has been busy planning a wide range of events from Spring – Summer, so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Contact Details

For more details about any of the events listed, membership and the wide range of benefits available, please call:

District Secretary: Mervyn Eaton
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mervyn.eaton@oddfellows.co.uk

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Amanda Norbury-Mountford

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All Saints Road
Burton-on-Trent
Staffordshire
DE14 3LS

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Care and Welfare Officers:

Gordon and Viv Simpson

Telephone: 07984 297276

Pre-booking is essential at all events! Names, addresses and a contact number of members and visitors attending will be required.

Any dietary requirements need to be requested at the time of booking.

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of booking for all events – by **MONDAY** of the week of the event – 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.

Regular Events

Members are welcome to join in with the regular weekly activities...

There is usually something happening at Oddfellows Hall for our members.

Non-members can enjoy two free sessions of the below events, after which a fee will apply. To find out more, contact us on 01283 564056.

Badminton

**Monday Morning and Evening
and Wednesday Morning**

 Monday and Wednesday Morning
9.30am - 12 noon
and Monday Evening 7pm - 9pm

 Two free sessions, then membership applies

A chance to make
new friends and
get a little fitter. All
you need is a racket
and trainers.



Short Mat Bowls

Wednesday

 2pm - 4pm

 Two free sessions, then
membership applies

A chance to make
new friends and
enjoy a gentle
sport - with
a break for
refreshments and
a chat. All playing
equipment is
provided. All you need are flat shoes.



REFER A FRIEND

Share the love and make someone smile

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



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

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Have you celebrated a special Birthday or Wedding Anniversary?

How did you celebrate this? If you have anything else you would like including in the next copy of the newsletter, i.e. letters, photographs, or anything of interest to our readers please do not hesitate to contact Mandy, either by post, phone, or email.

October 2026

TUES 06 Christian Union Lodge Meeting

⌚ 3pm

£ Free



Join us for the Branch's monthly meeting to hear about Society activities and matters. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

THURS 08 Orphan's Protection Lodge

⌚ 5pm

£ Free



A social Lodge meeting, where the business of the Society is discussed in a relaxed atmosphere. New time of 5pm. St Weburgh's Church, Church Lane, Hanbury, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire DE13 8TF. Contact Amanda on 01283 564056.

FRI 09 Cuppa and Chat

⌚ 11am

£ £3.50



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SAT 10 Night at the Races

⌚ 4pm

£ Members £10,
Guests £12,
Under 12s £6



Do you like a flutter? Then come along and place your bets at our 'Race Night', it's sure to be a winner. At the time of booking please tell us of any dietary requirements or allergies, as these can be catered for. New start time 4pm. Book by Monday 5 October 2026. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



WED 21 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting

⌚ 7pm

£ Free



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October

SUN
25

Burton-on-Trent District Luncheon



12.30pm



£34



Guest speaker – Alex Walker, Director of the Order. Please book by Friday 16 October 2026 along with any allergies or dietary requirements. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

November

TUES
03

Christian Union Lodge Meeting



3pm



Free



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FRI
13

Cuppa and Chat



11am



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Starters

Thick vegetable soup
Smoked salmon and beetroot salad
Grape and melon in port

Mains

Roast English beef and
Yorkshire pudding
Salmon fillet with honey soy sauce
Vegetarian option
All served with a choice of potatoes
and seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Apple and blackberry crumble
Creme brulee
Pear and almond tart
Sherry trifle
Followed by cheese and biscuits and
tea, coffee and mints.

SAT
14

Tinsel Bingo



4pm



Members £10,
Guests £12,
Under 12s £6



Eyes down for fun filled festive family bingo evening with our resident caller, who is always good for a laugh. Supper will be provided, so when booking please add any dietary requirements or allergies, so these can be catered for. Book by Monday 9 November 2026. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



November

WED 18 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



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December

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December

SUN 13 Pre-Christmas Luncheon



Celebrate the season in Style! Join us for a delightful afternoon filled with festive cheer, delicious food and wonderful company as we gather to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Menu to follow. Book by Saturday 4 December 2026. Lakeside Bistro, Shortheath Road, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6BW, Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



FRI 18 Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning



Come and join us for some festive cheer with our Christmas themed coffee morning, from 11am until 1pm. Warm turkey, stuffing and cranberry cobs, or our usual bacon or sausage cobs will be available. Why not bring family or friends, all for the cost of £4.50 (cup of coffee or tea with a cob of your choice). Stalls include Christmas tombola, a cake stall and the Christmas prize draw (drawn at the end of the event). Please book if you have any dietary or allergies requirements by Monday 14 December 2026. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.



January 2027



TUES
05

Christian Union Lodge Meeting



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FRI
15

Cuppa and Chat



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SUN
17

New Year Luncheon



Welcome the New Year with Joy, Fellowship and Celebration! Join us as we gather to celebrate new beginnings, shared successes and the opportunities that lie ahead. Menu to follow. Book by Friday 8 January 2027. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED
20

Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



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February

TUES
02

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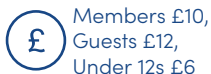
February

FRI 12 Cuppa and Chat



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SAT 13 Quiz Night



Love a quiz? Then why not come along and tax those little grey cells at our fun quiz. Supper will be provided, so when booking please add any dietary or any requirements or allergies, so these can be catered for. Book by Monday 8 February 2027. Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3LS. Contact Mervyn or Amanda on 01283 564056.

WED 17 Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



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March

TUES 02 Christian Union Lodge Meeting



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FRI 05 Cuppa and Chat



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March

SAT
06

Eyes Down - Bingo



4pm



Members £10,
Guests £12,
Under 12s £6



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WED
17

Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting



7pm



Free



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**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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District Officers from March 2026- 2027



Our District Officers from left to right:

Sister Caroline Mills, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, Brother Gordon Simpson, Provincial Grand Master, Brother Aaron S T Mountford, Provincial Deputy Grand Master and Brother Mervyn J Eaton Prov CS.

A Message from the Provincial Grand Master

**Hello again everyone,
On Saturday 21st
March 2026, at our
Annual Summoned
Meeting at
Oddfellows Hall, it
was my honour to
take on another year
as the District's Provincial Grand
Master (Chairman) - this is when
we make decisions on important
business that will affect the District
and its members.**



My appeal for my term in office is, once again, Burton Hospital League of Friends (Queens Hospital). These are volunteers who raise funds for the hospital throughout the year via the shop and events within the hospital and local community.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported my Appeal for the last year & I hope to see you at any of the social events or coffee mornings during my second term.

Summer Luncheons

On Sunday 28 June 36 Oddfellows met for lunch at the Lakeside Bistro, Moira. We have used this venue a few times now for our Luncheons and everyone enjoys such a wonderful meal and service from Jo and her team.

We have decided to hold our Pre-Christmas Lunch at the Bistro, so keep a look out on our Facebook page or poster in the hall for details, price, and menu.



District Church Service.

This year Burton on Trent District held its annual church service, led by the Reverend Brother Dennis Warner, at St Mary's Parish Church Stretton on Sunday 19th July. Members from Burton on Trent were joined by representatives from the following Districts – Derby Derwent Valley,

North Wales & Chester, Heart of England, 5 Shires and Worcester.

Junior member Luke Warner joined our Regalia Team and also read the Unity Prayer for Friendship. After the service refreshments were served at St Mary's Church Hall by Woodland Catering.



Reverend Brother Dennis Warner



District Officers



Regalia Party & District Officers form a "Guard of Honour" outside St Mary's Parish Church



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A Day Out at the National Memorial Arboretum

Tuesday 9 June, Burton-on-Trent members joined the North Wales and Chester Oddfellows at the National Memorial Arboretum. A lovely day was had by all - just sauntering around the vast 150 acres around the Arboretum ending with an informative trip on the Land Train.



*Burton on Trent District members
Top row Brothers Geoff Meadowcroft
and Mervyn Eaton.
Bottom row Sisters Mo Deakin,
Lili Alexandru and Sharon Cairns*



Oddfellows Memorial



The Stretcher Bearers



North Wales & Chester District

Talented Young Oddfellows

The Bowman Family



Effie, Seth, India and now the youngest sibling Rafe are still on their Musical Journey. All are doing so well & thriving and in terms of their musical endeavours, they've continued to progress and enjoy every second!

In 2025 Effie took part in the ISA Young Musician of the Year on her harp and successfully got through to the final at Oxford University - she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Effie came away with the title and was so very happy! She also won the Ashby Rotary Young Musician of the Year at the local, District and Regional levels. India won the local and District levels on the harp but her age group, unfortunately, doesn't go any further.



Effie, and India came first place on their harps for their respective age groups at Lichfield Festival of Music. Effie also won the singing categories for both Musical Theatre and Classical. Seth came second place on trombone.

All three won the brass section of Nuneaton Festival of music for their respective age groups, with Effie on French Horn, Seth on Trombone and India on Cornet. Effie and India also won the string duet category on harp, and Seth and Effie won the brass duet category. The three of them came together as a brass ensemble and took first place in the small group category.



As well as being in the Derby Schools and Derby County Youth Orchestras, Seth and Effie both successfully auditioned for the National Childrens Orchestra (NCO) of Great Britain for this year. This is Seth's 3rd year and Effie's seventh (and final) year with the NCO. They have a fantastic time there and have chance to perform at some lovely venues such as King Edward's in Birmingham, Bristol Beacon, Manchester Bridgewater Hall and a venue in London to be announced soon.

Effie was fortunate enough to meet and interview the inspirational Anna Lapwood as part of the last NCO residential at Easter. She felt very honoured!



Effie hopes to now audition for a place with the National Youth Orchestra. India is hoping to get a place next year and will be auditioning soon.

Rafe has also started his musical journey following Seth on the trombone. So, our ensemble is getting bigger and will be filling the Birmingham Symphony Hall soon.

India and Effie will also be performing at the Darley Park Music Festival in the late

Summer in front of thousands of people with the Derbyshire Harp Ensemble, led by Lucy Nolan.

These Young Oddfellows have continued to support the YMCA and all of them did the winter sleepout in again in 2025 - Effie's 9th, Seth's 8th, India's 7th and Rafe's 5th year doing it. Effie and India also were invited to play solo and duet harp in a charity concert in Derby to raise money for those victims affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Young Oddfellows Birthdays

October:

Rose, Finley,
Dalton, Maddie.

January 2027:

Effie,
India, Thomas.

November:

Clara,
Dakota, Jasper.

February:

Elleri, Anwen,
Libby, Leonard, Rafe.

December:

Aurora,
Isla, William.

March

Liza, Evalin, Arthur,
Rupert, Finley, Jacob.



Young Oddfellows

What have you been doing during the year?

Why not write to me tell me what you have been doing and send a picture, we would love to hear from you.

Some of the pots from the Branston Pickle Pots Trail



Trustee Retires

Brother Keith E Finch, PPGM retired after more than 30 years faithful service to the District as District Officers, Trustee, and Christian Union Lodge Secretary.

Brother Keith was presented with the District Merit Jewel by the Noble Grand, Brother Geoff Meadowcroft, at his 'Mother' Lodge, the Loyal Christian Union Lodge, on behalf of the Burton on Trent District Lodge.



*Brother Keith Finch
and Brother Geoff
Meadowcroft NG*



*Christian Union Lodge Members
Brother Ivan Bennett, Aaron Mountford,
Ian Jarvis (secretary), Brother Geoff Meadowcroft NG
Geoff Brother Keith Finch & Sister Sharon Cairns (VG)*

Past Grands' Lodge

This year at the District Lodge of Past Grands' the Degree of a Past Noble Grand has been conferred on Sisters C M Taylor-Mills, Sister PJ Dudley and Sister A Johnston. Sister PJ Dudley and Sister A Johnston have since also received the Purple Degree.



Sister A Johnston



Sister PJ Dudley



Sister C M Taylor-Mills



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 Mervyn on **01283 564056** or email **mervyn.eaton@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

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Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

Members take centre stage

Look out for some familiar faces this autumn!

Throughout October and November, the Oddfellows is running an upbeat new advertising campaign across the UK aimed at reaching the nation's retirees.

Built around the theme of 'real people, real joy, real experiences', the campaign shines a spotlight on the authentic friendships and shared laughter found within our local groups.

Member models

Members from Leeds, Derbyshire Peak, Mersey, Handforth and Altrincham, Mid-Staffordshire, Nottingham Trent, and Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows all stepped forward to help.

They spent an exciting day at a professional studio shoot in Manchester working alongside an experienced production crew.

"It was such a fun day," said Andrea Jenner from Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows. "There was lots of laughter and interaction with Oddfellows from other areas."

Carol Pitchford from Leeds Oddfellows agreed, adding: "It was lovely to meet up with a crowd of strangers who then became friends."



Spreading the word

The adverts will be appearing on Facebook and Instagram, online via Rest Less and in upcoming print editions of Saga Magazine, Yours, and Woman's Weekly.

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey, said: "We wanted the campaign to reflect the real people at the heart of our Society. Our groups are places where people can simply be themselves, enjoy real companionship, and feel genuinely supported."

How you can help

While we hope this campaign inspires more retirees to give us a try, as members, you're our best ambassadors. If you know someone who would benefit from our social events, travel opportunities or welfare support, please encourage them to head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/retirement to find out more.

Celebrating our 2026 Making a Difference Award winners

We are thrilled to announce this year's incredible Making a Difference Awards winners: Richard West of the Royal Berkshire Branch in the Reading District, and husband-and-wife duo Roger and Susan Williamson of the King's Lynn and West Norfolk District.

The Awards highlight the wonderful ways our members go above and beyond to ensure their branches are the best they can be for their fellow members.

Richard West: Reading's 'guardian angel'



Debbie Jex and Richard West

Presented with the 'Enriching Lives Socially' Award by Deputy Grand Master (Deputy Chair) Debbie Jex, 88-year-old Richard West helps to bring joy and positivity to his fellow members in all he does in organising and hosting social events.



Since joining the Reading District in 1992, Richard has worked tirelessly to build a varied and exciting social programme for his fellow members.

Alongside his late friend Doug Walters, Richard helped establish popular singing and exercise groups, and even relaunched a folded group in the nearby village of Pangbourne, which is now in its tenth year.

From coordinating monthly quizzes to organising glamorous annual trips to the Ascot Races, Richard pours his heart into everything he does.

For many, his efforts have been transformative. "We have a number of ladies who say the choir has become a lifeline for them," Richard shared. "I like seeing them enjoy themselves. You can see how it benefits them individually."

Debbie Jex is also Reading Oddfellows' Branch Secretary. She added: "I don't know where we'd be without Richard. His energy is boundless and his enthusiasm even more so. One member has even described him as a 'guardian angel'."

Roger and Susan Williamson: A wonderful team



(L to R) Roger Williamson,
Susan Williamson, John Mann
and Alison Schultz

The Oddfellows' Grand Master (Chair), John Mann, presented the 'Achieving Together' Award to Roger and Susan Williamson. Both in their 80s and Oddfellows members since 2008, the couple's commitment and kindness are renowned at their Branch.

Both take a seat on the King's Lynn Oddfellows' Committee of Management, ensuring members' voices are always at the heart of decision-making.

Roger, a Trustee and three-time Past Provincial Grand Master, hosts walks,

bingo sessions for up to 40 members, and a popular monthly quiz.

Meanwhile, Susan coordinates the kitchen, manages supplies, and runs the raffles.

The couple were incredibly modest about their win. "Initially, I thought it was a joke because the letter turned up on the first of April," laughed Roger.

Susan added: "We're only doing what anybody else would do, but it's nice to know that people appreciate it. To win the award together is special."

Branch Secretary Alison Schultz praised their selflessness, saying: "They offer friendship to so many in the way Oddfellows should, and treat everyone with consideration, kindness and compassion."

Shining examples

Richard, Roger and Susan are proof that our Society thrives because of the generosity and warmth of our members.

Thank you to all who go above and beyond to help and support others within their Branch.

You can find out more about
our Making a Difference Awards,
including previous years'
winners, at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/
makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference).

It's never too early to talk about money

At Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's never too early to talk to the young people in our lives about their finances.



Today's younger generations have a lot to consider, with rising costs, student debt and spending temptations online. Simple chats about saving, budgeting and planning ahead can help young people feel more confident about money as they grow and become more independent.

Passing on more than money

Helping younger family members financially is wonderful, but sharing knowledge can be even more valuable.

Explaining different saving tips, how debt works, or pensions and retirement, gives younger generations practical lessons they may not hear elsewhere. Even small conversations can leave a lasting impression.



Don't wait to save

One way to encourage good saving habits is through a Unity Mutual Junior ISA*, which allows children to start saving and is a great way to introduce them to finances and investment.

Opened by a parent or guardian, family and friends can contribute up to £9,000 per tax year, with any growth free from UK tax. All the money saved belongs to them and once they reach the age of 18 can be put towards things like university costs, driving lessons, or even a deposit on their first home.

Making money conversations normal

The best financial lessons are often the simplest ones. Talking openly about saving for goals, comparing prices, or handling debt helps children develop healthy habits. Younger family members are more likely to feel confident about money if the adults around them discuss it calmly and honestly.



To find out more about Unity Mutual and the products we offer, visit www.unitymutual.co.uk or call 0161 214 4650.

*Terms and conditions apply to all our products. Capital at risk with investment products.

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Meets at Oddfellows Hall, All Saints Road.

Christian Union Lodge

Ian Jarvis (pro-tem)

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Traditional Terms

Grand Master (GM): Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master
(Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Deputy Grand Master
(Prov DGM):**
District Deputy Chairman

**Immediate Past Provincial
Grand Master (IPPGM):**
Immediate Past District
Chairman

**Past Provincial Grand Master
(PPGM):** Past District Chairman
Lodge: Branch

At a glance

October 2026

Tues 6	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 8	Orphan's Protection Lodge	5pm
Fri 9	Cuppa and Chat	11am
Sat 10	Night at the Races	4pm
Wed 21	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7pm
Sun 25	District Luncheon	12.30pm

November

Tues 3	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Fri 13	Cuppa and Chat	11am
Sat 14	Tinsel Bingo	4pm
Wed 18	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7pm

December

Tues 1	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 10	Orphan's Protection Lodge	5pm
Sun 13	Pre-Christmas Luncheon	2.30pm
Fri 18	Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning	11am

January 2027

Tues 5	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Fri 15	Cuppa and Chat	11am
Sun 17	New Year Luncheon	2.30pm
Wed 20	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7pm

February

Tues 2	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Thurs 4	Orphan's Protection Lodge	5pm
Fri 12	Cuppa and Chat	11am
Sat 13	Quiz Night	4pm
Wed 17	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7pm

March

Tues 2	Christian Union Lodge Meeting	3pm
Fri 5	Cuppa and Chat	11am
Sat 6	Eyes Down - Bingo	4pm
Wed 17	Burton-on-Trent District Lodge Meeting	7pm

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