

April - September 2024



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# out & about

**Nene and Welland District**



Travel and  
Trips



Arts and  
Crafts



Talks



Social



Family



Coffee Morning



Dining Out



Walk



Games

# Welcome from the Provincial Grand Master (Chairman)



**I am pleased to welcome you all to the new edition of our Nene and Welland Out & About which includes all the events we hope to hold in the next six months of 2024. We have a busy few months planned, and hope you will find our new programme interesting and enjoyable.**

Most of you will know me as I have been an active member of our society for almost 60 years and still enjoy meeting friends old and new and joining in the wide variety of events from bingo, quizzes, craft, talks and of course the many lunches.

I was a primary school teacher for nearly 40 years, have always enjoyed a variety of crafts and until recently ran our craft club. I am married to Barry, a Lodge Trustee, who will be Deputy Chairman this year, and look forward to keeping him in order for the first time in 58 years!

During recent years the Chairman's charity has raised an amazing amount of money for a variety of good causes. I have chosen Three Counties Dog Rescue as my charity.



I am honoured to be your District Chairman this year and look forward to welcoming you and with your help and support, to working together to make this another successful, enjoyable year.

Yours in friendship,

**Janice Bedford**

## Contact Details

**District Secretary:** Karen Earth

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**Address:**

57 Church Street  
Market Deeping PE6 8AN

# Regular Events

## Cold Pudding Club



6pm



£3 Tasting only  
Free for contributors



**Tuesdays**

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 at least four days before. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

**7 May**

**2 July**

**3 September**

## Friendship Lunch



12.30pm  
for 1pm



As per menu



**Wednesdays**

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



**17 April**  
**15 May**

**19 June**  
**17 July**

**21 August**  
**18 September**

# Regular Events

## A Crafty Cuppa



10.30am



£1 includes 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. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Please let Janice know on 01778 560059 that you are planning to attend.



10 April

12 June

14 August

## Craft Club



10.30am



£3 includes refreshments



Wednesdays

No diary would be complete without our very popular Craft Club! A different craft each time. Everything you need is provided for you. Due to the popularity of this event booking is essential (at least a week before) as space is limited. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Georgina on 01778 347876.


8 May  
10 July  
11 September







# Regular Events

## Let's Do Lunch!

 12.30pm  
for 1pm



 Currently £7 main  
course, additional  
courses per menu



Thorney Golf Club offer a fantastic menu for only £7 (at time of going to press) for a main course. Contact us for a copy of the menu and to book your choice. Book early as places are limited. Events start at 12.30pm for 1pm service. Please book at least 10 days before so orders can be sent to the venue. Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Barry on 01778 560059.

- 24 April

29 May

26 June
- 31 July

28 August

25 September

Wednesdays



## Surprise Bingo!

 2pm



 £1 per book of  
ten games



Join us for an afternoon of bingo. Open to all, so why not bring along a friend? Ten games for £1 a book and winners get to choose their prize from a selection of wrapped gifts. Who knows what you might win? Don't forget to book your place. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

- 16 May

18 July

19 September

Thursdays



# Regular Events

## Museum Workshops

 10.30am  
to 12 noon

 Members Only  
Free



**Members only.** 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 PE6 8AN. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

- 26 April
- 28 June
- 26 July
- 30 August
- 27 September



Fridays

# April 2024

TUES

02

Soup Lunch

 12 noon

 £3



What could be nicer than a delicious bowl of home-made soup, fresh roll and a hot drink? Add friends old and new to the mix and you get a perfect way to spend a lunch time. Come and join us in our cosy hall for a couple of hours, bring a friend, or make new ones! Please book at least a week before to secure your place. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.



# April 2024

## SAT 06 Warhammer Talk 1 of 2



6pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Find out how the strategic game of Warhammer came about and what it is. John (Brian) Thornthwaite will be giving a presentation as he was heavily involved in it and he will be displaying rare exhibits such as the First Edition Rule Books. Suitable for both newcomers and those who want to know more about it. Includes light refreshments. Book by Monday 1 April. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

## WED 24 Hub Bingo



2pm



£1 per book of  
10 games



Come and join us for bingo and free refreshments at The Hub. The Hub/Library, 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



## SAT 27 Warhammer Talk 2 of 2



6pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



This talk further explores Warhammer and will look into how the models were made (the original production process), followed by a practical demonstration about how models can be made at home, using 3D printers. There will be the opportunity to ask lots of questions, followed by light refreshments. Book by Monday 22 April. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

# May

## MON 20 Three Counties Dog Rescue Talk



3pm



Free



Come and join us for a talk about our Chairman's Chosen Charity- Three Counties Dog Rescue based in Bourne. Find out about how the Rescue is run and what the funds will be used for to support the work of this local charity. Open to all. Light refreshments available afterwards. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



# May

THURS  
30

## Food Bank Talk



10.30am



Free



Come and meet Graham who helps run Deepings Foodbank. He will give us an insight in to how it



is run and what kind of items can be donated in this free talk. There will be the opportunity to ask lots of questions and share some light refreshments. Book by Friday 24 May. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

# June

TUES  
04

## Carers Sitter Service Talk and Ploughman's Lunch



12 noon



£4



The Carer's Sitter Service is giving a brief talk about how they provide support, followed by a delicious Ploughman's lunch. Bring a friend or just yourself. Please book as soon as possible as this is a very popular event! Book by Friday 31 May. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

# June

SAT  
08

## Pinchbeck Carnival



12 noon



Gate charge if applicable



Come and enjoy Pinchbeck's Annual Carnival. A fun day out for everyone with lots of stalls,



displays and refreshments. Help us raise money for our Chairman's charity by trying your hand at our games. Rotten Row Playing Field, Pinchbeck PE11 3RU. If you are able to help man the stall on the day please let Christine know on 07714 096801, we are always grateful for any time members can spare!

TUES  
18

## Degree Workshop



10.30am



Members Only Free



**Members only.** For members wishing to learn more of the background and meaning of the various degrees and the ceremonial side of the Oddfellowship. These meetings specialise on the ceremonial side of our Order and help to encourage members to take office in our District. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



# June

SUN  
30

## Annual City Lunch



12.30pm



£18.50 for  
three courses



Don't forget to book your place at our Annual City Branch lunch. Catch up with friends at Thorney Golf Club. £18.50 for three courses. Book with Lucy as soon as possible as there are limited spaces. Priority given to members. Book by Monday 3 June. Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Lucy on 01733 203558.

# July

SUN  
07

## Annual Church Service



6pm



Free



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the work of the Oddfellows, both locally and nationally. Also, to give thanks for the work of the officers of the Society, especially those here in our Branch. After the service enjoy some time of friendship with a lovely light buffet in the Church lounge. Book by Sunday 30 June. Deeping Methodist Church, 64 Church Street, Deeping St James PE6 8HD. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.

# July

THURS  
25

## Baytree Social



10.30am



As per menu



Meet at Baytree Garden Centre, in the restaurant for a drink and catch up with friends before having a wander at your own pace round the garden centre and shops. Baytree Garden Centre, High Road, Weston, Spalding PE12 6JU. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

SAT  
27

## Summer Quiz and Buffet



6pm



£5



Come and challenge yourself with Brian's traditional pub quiz, with a buffet tea half way through. Let us know any dietary requirements when booking by Thursday 18 July. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

# August

## TUES 06 Ploughman's Lunch



Join us for a delicious Ploughman's lunch. Bring a friend or just yourself. Please book as soon as possible as this is a very popular event! Book by Friday 31 May. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

## SAT 10 Teddy Bear's Picnic



Come and join us for a teddy bear's picnic - bring your teddy/favourite toy and join us for a free arts and crafts afternoon. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free drinks and light refreshments available for adults and children. The Hub/Library, 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



## THURS 08 Clipsham Walk and Picnic



Meet at Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue for a lovely stroll along the yew trees (what



animals/objects can you spot)? This is a lovely flat walk so suitable to all including wheelchair users. Bring a chair and picnic with you for after the walk. 11am start, walk at your own pace. Weather dependant. Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue, Castle Bytham Road, Clipsham LE15 7SH. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

## MON 19 Children's Crafts



Join us for Children's Crafts at 10am to 12 noon. Must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Includes free refreshments for children and adults. Let us know any dietary requirements when booking. Book by Wednesday 14 August. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT  
*Invite a friend*

THURS  
05

## Bring a Friend Coffee Morning



10.30am



£3 per member, £2 if you bring a guest/s



Enjoy a coffee and cake at Waterside Garden Centre for £3 a member. To celebrate Friendship Month bring a non-member friend and you'll both pay just £2 each as a thank you for introducing them to us. Book by Wednesday 28 August. Waterside Garden Centre, King Street, Baston, Peterborough PE6 9NY. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



SUN  
08

## Chairman's Inside Out Lunch



1pm



Members Only  
Free



**Members only.** Join us for our free Chairman's Inside Out Lunch! Booking essential as spaces are limited.

Members only. Please remember to state any dietary requirements when booking.

Book by Wednesday 28 August. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



## Join the fun in Friendship Month

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

**All welcome**

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



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

# September

THURS  
12

## Buffalo Tank Talk



7pm



Members £3  
Guests £5



Join Dan Abbott, a farmer from Crowland, who made headlines around the world a few years ago. He, along with a group of volunteers, freed a Second World War Buffalo landing vehicle which had been buried underground for 74 years! It became buried during major floods in Lincolnshire in 1947. Come and find out how the 'tank' was located and eventually pulled free. Enjoy free refreshments and cake afterwards. Book by Wednesday 4 September. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

## Booking and Cancellations

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

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES  
17

## Degree Workshop



10.30am



Members Only  
Free



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## Join the conversation @ OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at



OddfellowsNeneWelland

# Branch News

**In 2023 we were contacted by Pennine Flooring who are based near**



**Manchester as they'd found a banner belonging to Oddfellows in a warehouse they were clearing out. After much emailing back and forth Ian (one of our Trustees) collected the banner for us from Newark (half way). We were quite disappointed to see this picture on it- we couldn't see anything to do with the Oddfellows directly, though the painting was lovely- until David and Ian started rolling it up to put it away...**

Then this was spotted on the back, and all became clear! It was from Ryhall Good Intent Lodge,



but no one seems to know how it ended being taken up North.

Ian and Christine are hoping to apply to The Repair Shop to help get it repaired as there are a number of rips/ tears on the material, and we would love to see it brought back to its original condition (or as near as we can get it). There is quite a lengthy application form to fill in and a short video to create, then we have to wait and see if we are selected... watch this space!

## Donations

**In November we gave a £300 donation to the Carers Sitter Service to help them with their**



**work as a voluntary organisation aiming to give carers time to follow their own interests and hobbies. They work closely with other caring organisations to provide a service assisting carers and their families across Stamford, the Deepings, Bourne and their surrounding villages, and the PE9 villages of Rutland and East Northamptonshire.**

You can ask for a regular visit, or as and when, perhaps for two or three hours at a time, or just as a backstop to cover things you need to do. Email [carersitterservice@gmail.com](mailto:carersitterservice@gmail.com) for more information. They are giving a short talk on 4th June at 12noon at the Hall, followed by our Ploughman's Lunch, so book now to reserve your place!

Last year the Chairman's charity will hopefully have raised over £2,000 for the Deeping Men's Group, who will be very pleased to receive the donation. Keep an eye on our Facebook page - OddfellowsNeneWelland for the presentation of the donation later in the year.



# Financial awards to help with your education

**Did you know, if you have been an Oddfellows member for five continuous years or more (including your Young Oddfellows membership years) then you can apply for financial help with your first degree or first Apprenticeship through our Oddfellows Educational Awards.**

The non-repayable bursaries can be used for text books, vital equipment, helping out with rent, bills and other practical items.

## **Help for first degree students**

Each year, nationally we grant up to three First Degree Course Educational Awards consisting of £900 per year for the duration of a student's first degree programme.\* To apply for a First Degree Course Educational Award, members are invited to apply via their Branch around April. The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is 31 August each year. Judging will take place within the following two months.

## **Help for apprentices**

Each year, nationally we grant up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 per year for the duration of an apprentice's apprenticeship.\* Eligible members are invited to apply via their Branch around September. The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is 31 December each year. Judging will then take place within the following two months.

**How to apply:** If you're a member and eligible, your first step is to contact your Branch Secretary, Karen Earth, for an application form on 01778 342006 or via email [karen.earth@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:karen.earth@oddfellows.co.uk)

**Learn more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards)**

**\*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs)**

## Sponsorship Update

The Under 9's Pinchbeck Football Team that we're sponsoring came 5th out of eight teams in their first ever league cup group. In December 2023, they won their first ever indoor Futsal football match, 8-4. On Saturday 4 and

Sunday 5 May 2024 Pinchbeck will be hosting their annual Football tournament for 72 teams, and will be playing in a number of other tournaments during May and June, so we wish them all the best in their upcoming matches.

## Society-funded cancer research on track

**The Centre for Cancer Immunology, current beneficiaries of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund, recently received its second donation instalment.**



*Nur updating AMC last year*

The Centre, based at the University of Southampton, was chosen as the recipient of the £100,000 grant, split over three years, in 2022. The money is sponsoring the PhD studies of Nur Zainal, who is looking into a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

### Nur's first year

The first year of Nur's studies has been spent preparing for the execution of her PhD project over the next three years. She has been learning appropriate techniques, skills and procedures, as well as being introduced to theories and connecting with relevant research groups.

Nur, who travelled to the UK from Malaysia with her family to undertake the PhD, said: "I believe the invaluable experiences and knowledge I have acquired over the past year have equipped me to be a more productive and capable student."

"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Oddfellows for their support in making my studies possible."

### On the right path

Some of Nur's work on 3D cell culture – growing cancer cells in a way that more closely resembles the environment they experience in our bodies than traditional 2D cell culture – is included in a manuscript which will be published in a major international journal, for which she will be listed as a co-author.

Dr Tim Fenton, Associate Professor in Cancer Biology, says Nur has "excelled during her first year", adding: "We hope that Nur's studies will lead to improvements in the design of cancer



*Dr Tim Fenton*

vaccines, which is a key theme in the work being undertaken at the Centre for Cancer Immunology here in Southampton."

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The Fund provides financial support to UK-based medical research projects or organisations. For more information about the Fund, and how you can donate, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews)

## Our fantastic four

**Congratulations to 2023's First Degree Course Educational Awards winners. George, Benedict, Jamie and Charlotte will each receive £3,600 over the next four years of their respective university courses to help ease the financial pressures of student life and create opportunities.**

### George LeBon

Heart of Norfolk  
Branch member

George began his studies at the University of Southampton in September 2023 – a four-year course in Computer Science with Cybersecurity.



His dream job is to become a “white hat hacker”, which he explained is someone who is “hired by companies to try and hack into their databases and report back the vulnerabilities”.

He says he and his family were overjoyed to discover he'd be receiving the funding and has thanked the Society, adding: “It will go towards buying textbooks so I can enhance my knowledge further and better understand the industry that I want to work in.”

### Benedict Weis

Leodis Branch member

Benedict hasn't yet decided what his ideal future job role might be. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at Queen's University Belfast and hopes a career path might become clearer over the next few years.

Since starting in September 2023, Benedict has joined the University's rowing club and the money will help him pay for training camps and trips, which he says will allow him to study more effectively without worrying as much about his finances.



“I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the award and just to say how grateful I am for it,” he said.

**Jamie Messett**

Loyal Lord Byron  
Branch member

Jamie started his first of four years of Chemistry at the University of Oxford's Balliol College in October 2023, and will put the money towards



learning materials. He would like his future to be in the pharmaceutical industry, but a PhD and a career in research is also a potential avenue.

He said: "Nobody should underestimate how valuable funding can be towards determining how well a student performs.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in helping me with this award, and also everyone involved with providing the funding."

**Charlotte Stevenson,**

Pride of Woolwich  
Branch member

Charlotte started her four-year course in Physics and Philosophy at the University of Oxford's Brasenose College in October 2023.

She is hoping to do a PhD in astrophysics and then continue researching within the field beyond that.



The funding will allow her to take part in unpaid research programmes during university holidays, covering the cost of travel, accommodation and food, as well as contributing to the cost of textbooks and other resources. She said: "This award will be an immense help throughout my degree and I'm so, so grateful to have received it."

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, said: "Ordinarily, we hand out three First Degree Course Educational Awards each year, but such was the strength of the applications of this year's winners that we felt they all deserved the financial boost. "I'm delighted for all four of them, and I wish them every success over the next few years at university and beyond."

For more information and T&Cs, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

## Striving for a greener future

**The Oddfellows is committed to being as green as possible. That's why we've been calculating and offsetting our annual carbon footprint since 1 April 2020.**

Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, 106.38 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e was recorded as being produced through the operations of our Liverpool and Manchester offices and associated transport activities, which includes our financial services brand, Unity Mutual.

Although this figure is up 5.4% on the previous year, benchmarked against employee numbers, carbon emissions have remained almost constant (up 0.2%).



The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Our focus is to keep learning through our assessments and to make incremental changes to the way we operate so we can bring our greenhouse gas emissions down and play our part in tackling climate change."

The Society's aim is to be Net Zero, where our carbon emissions are as low as possible. As a last resort, we have offset our 2022-23 carbon footprint by funding carbon dioxide-saving initiatives, including in Eritrea, Cambodia, Brazil, Bulgaria and India.

Jane added: "Climate change is real. It's the greatest environmental challenge we've ever faced. But there is hope, because we can all do something about it."

## Investing in futures

**Unity Mutual discovered a genuine interest in its children's savings accounts – a topic many grandparents and parents hadn't considered before – while at the 2023 Baby and Toddler Show in Manchester.**

The Junior ISA (JISA), offered in partnership with Mini First Aid to include a free paediatric first aid course\*, turned heads, especially when parents realised once they'd set it up, anyone could contribute.



*Unity Mutual at the Baby and Toddler show*

Unity Mutual's Head of Sales and Marketing, Abi Jones, said: "No more brainstorming gift ideas for that first birthday or Christmas – a shared investment in a secure future sparked enthusiasm. Because, sometimes, the best gifts are the ones that grow over time."

\*T&Cs apply.



# Business Meetings

**Second Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.**

Our monthly Business Meetings are open to all members to attend. If you would like to find out more about the running of the Branch, ask questions or become actively involved then please join us! All meetings are held at The Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping. Further details from Karen Earth 01788 342006 nearer the time.

General business meetings will take place on:

**9 April  
14 May**

**11 June  
9 July**

**13 August  
10 September**

## 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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# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-tcs)

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# Events at a glance

## April 2024

<b>Tues 2</b>	Soup Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12 noon
<b>Sat 6</b>	Warhammer Talk 1 of 2, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	6pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	Hub Bingo, The Hub/Library (Christine)	2pm
<b>Fri 26</b>	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
<b>Sat 27</b>	Warhammer Talk 2 of 2, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	6pm

## May

<b>Tues 7</b>	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
<b>Tues 14</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 15</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Surprise Bingo!, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Three Counties Dog Rescue Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah)	3pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Food Bank Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah)	10.30am

## June

<b>Tues 4</b>	Carers Sitter Service Talk and Ploughman's Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12 noon
<b>Sat 8</b>	Pinchbeck Carnival, Rotten Row Playing Field (Christine)	12 noon
<b>Tues 11</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 12</b>	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
<b>Wed 19</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
<b>Sun 30</b>	Annual City Lunch, Thorney Golf Club (Lucy)	12.30pm

# Events at a glance

## July

<b>Tues 2</b>	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
<b>Sun 7</b>	Annual Church Service, Deeping Methodist Church (Karen or Sarah)	6pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 10</b>	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Surprise Bingo!, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Baytree Social, Baytree Garden Centre (Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Fri 26</b>	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
<b>Sat 27</b>	Summer Quiz and Buffet, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	6pm
<b>Wed 31</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm

## August

<b>Tues 6</b>	Ploughman's Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12 noon
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Clipsham Walk and Picnic, Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue (Sarah)	11am
<b>Sat 10</b>	Teddy Bear's Picnic, The Hub/Library (Sarah)	2pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 14</b>	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
<b>Mon 19</b>	Children's Crafts, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah)	10am
<b>Wed 21</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Tues 3</b>	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Bring a Friend Coffee Morning, Waterside Garden Centre (Janice)	10.30am
<b>Sun 8</b>	Chairman's Inside Out Lunch, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	1pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen or Sarah)	10.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am



# Events at a glance

## September – Friendship Month

<b>Thurs 12</b>	Buffalo Tank Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah)	7pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
<b>Wed 18</b>	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Surprise Bingo!, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
<b>Fri 27</b>	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am

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