

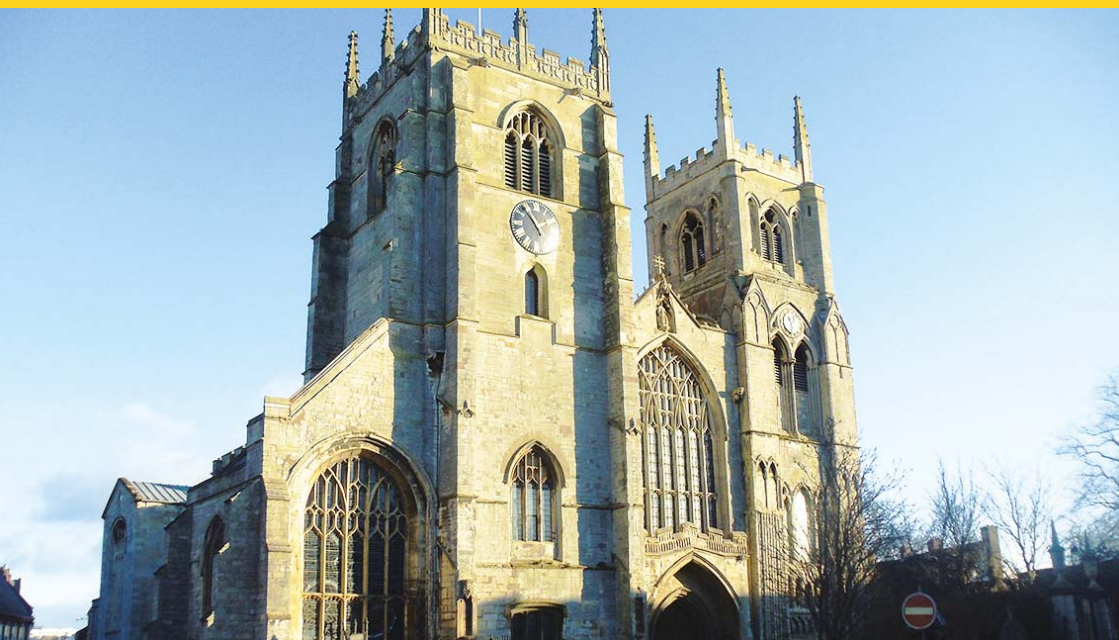
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**ODDfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# out & about

**Making friends across King's Lynn and West Norfolk**



*King's Lynn Minster by Bill Henderson*



Music



Art/Crafts



Theatre



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



### *Trip to Wicksteed Park - Monday 17 September*

Welcome to our latest edition of the Out and About, the events programme for the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Branches of Oddfellows. We are a group of friends brought together through our shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

As the local Branch of a national membership organisation called the Oddfellows, we offer you a great opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. We also provide members with a range of advice and support services when you need them, see inside for details.

We hold a wide range of events from our regular quizzes, days out, talks, walks and much more. The list is endless and the choice is yours! If Out and About seems like just the thing for you and you'd like to find out more, please contact Alison Schultz (contact details are on the next page) who will be happy to have a chat.

We hope to see you at an event very soon! For more details about becoming a member and the wide range of benefits available, please call our membership team on 0800 028 1810 or visit our website at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk).

## **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 with over 310,000 members nationwide.

For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)  
or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

# Regular Events

## Quiz Night

Every first Wednesday of the month

🕒 7pm

£ £2 per person

Come and join us for our regular quiz night. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ.

## Open Coffee Morning

Every second Thursday of the month

🕒 10.30am

£ Free

No need to book, just pop in, as everyone is welcome. Held at Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 4PR.

## Social Afternoon

Every third Tuesday of the month

🕒 2pm to 4pm

£ Free

Come along and learn new crafts or enjoy old ones as well as talks and games. Everyone welcome. We are always open to new ideas. Held at Reffley Community Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3EQ.



# Contact Details

For more details on any of the events listed contact

**District Secretary:** Alison Schultz

**Address:**

Oddfellows House  
7 Lynn Road, Gaywood,  
King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 4PR

**Telephone:** 01553 776030

**Email:**

alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk



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Also visit our 'Meet Up' page at: [www.meetup.com/Kings-Lynn-Friendship-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Kings-Lynn-Friendship-Group)

## Monthly Luncheon

Every fourth Tuesday of the month

🕒 12.30pm

£ Cost as per menu

Come join us for our monthly luncheon. Venues have been booked and menu available on the



coffee morning in the office. Also via our monthly afternoon meeting. Violet and Pat are extremely well organised. Another way to meet friends. Contact Violet on 01553 631577 or Pat on 01553 766819.

# July

## WED 04 Quiz Night



Come and join us at our quiz night on the first Wednesday of the month. Maximum four per team. Hosted by Sandy, John Bell the quiz master. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



## THURS 12 Coffee Morning



Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## TUES 17 From Margaret to Kate by Edith Reeves



Come to this interesting talk by Edith Reeves. From Margaret to Kate. A Kings Lynn lady giving her account on history. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## TUES 24 Lunch with Friends



Violet is hosting this months lunch. Pre-order needed with a £5 deposit. Venue to be confirmed, notice in window of 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Violet on 01553 631577.



## WED 25 Gaywood Valley Conservation Group



Refreshments will be served after. John Hayes, secretary of a local society gives us a very informative talk. Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4DZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



# August

**WED**  
**01** Quiz Night

 7pm  £2 per person 

Come and join us at our quiz night on the first Wednesday of the month. Maximum four per team. Hosted by Sandy, John Bell the quiz master. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



**THURS**  
**09** Coffee Morning

 10.30am  Free 

Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



**TUES**  
**21** Citizens Advice coming to you

 2pm  Free 

Come along with your questions. Susan Williams will be along to answer them as well as a small talk on the advice centre. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



**TUES**  
**28** Lunch with Friends

 12.30pm  As per menu 

Pat is this months organiser of the lunch. Pre order needed with a £5 deposit. Venue to be confirmed, notice in window of 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Pat on 01553 766819.



# September - Friendship Month

## TUES 04 Watlington Social Meeting



Meet new friends and chat with old ones. Come along to this social event. Refreshments will be served of tea and coffee. Bar is open. Hosted by David Nobbs. Watlington Sports and Social Club, Watlington, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE33 0HE. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



## WED 05 Quiz Night



Come and join us at our quiz night on the first Wednesday of the month. Maximum four per team. Hosted by Sandy, John Bell the quiz master. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## THURS 13 Coffee Morning



Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## MON 17 Wicksteed Park



We leave Gaywood Library at 8.30am to go to Wicksteed for lunch a show and tea and coffee served. Book by Monday 3 September.

Wicksteed Park, Barton Road, Kettering, Northants NN15 6NJ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030 or Pat on 01553 766819.

# September - Friendship Month

## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES  
18

### Friendship Afternoon Tea Dance



2pm



Free



An afternoon tea will be served with the added fun of live music. Enough room to dance so shine them shoes and pop them party dresses on. Live music with Richard Sexton. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



WED  
19

### Methwold Branch Meeting



8pm



Free



Come and join us for a natter and make new friend. Hosted by Albert Eaglen. The Green Man Public House, 1 Whiteplot Road, Methwold, Hythe, Thetford IP26 4QP. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

TUES  
25

### Lunch with Friends



12.30pm



As per menu



Violet is hosting this months lunch. Pre-order needed with a £5 deposit. Venue to be confirmed, notice in window of 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Violet on 01553 631577.



WED  
26

### Sausage and Mash Supper



7.30pm



£6 per person



Sausage and mash supper by Kings Butchers. Book by Wednesday 19 September. Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4DZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030 for booking form.



# October

## WED 03 Quiz Night



Come and join us at our quiz night on the first Wednesday of the month. Maximum four per team. Hosted by Sandy, John Bell the quiz master. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## THURS 11 Coffee Morning



Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## TUES 16 Dan Francis from The Royal British Legion



A talk of past and present of what the Royal British Legion stands for. Presented by Dan Francis. Come see what history he can tell us and perhaps



we can tell him some history too. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

## TUES 23 Lunch with Friends



Pat is this months organiser of the lunch. Pre order needed with a £5 deposit. Venue to be confirmed, notice in window of 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Pat on 01553 766819.

## SUN 28 Sunday Lunch



Come and join us for Sunday Lunch at Knights Hill. Book by Sunday 14 October. Menu on page 13. Knights Hill Hotel in The Great Barn, Kings Lynn PE30 3HQ. Please contact Alison on 01553 776030 for booking form.

# November

## WED 07 Quiz Night





Come and join us at our quiz night on the first Wednesday of the month. Maximum four per team. Hosted by Sandy, John Bell the quiz master. Deers Leap, 361 Wooton Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE30 3AZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



# November

THURS  
**08**

## Coffee Morning

 10.30am  Free



Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



TUES  
**20**

## Members Day

 2pm  Free



This is the day that we asking for volunteers to talk about there past and what they have done. Four people in total having ten minutes each to tell us about there past. You could of been in Royals service, or a dancer, or anything you wish to share. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

WED  
**21**

## Methwold Branch Meeting


 8pm  Free



Come make new friend and join old with a good natter. Hosted by Albert Eaglen. The Green Man Public House, 1 Whiteplot Road, Methwold, Hythe, Thetford IP26 4QP. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

WED  
**21**

## Methwold Social

 8.15pm  Free



Straight after the business meeting a social will be held. Hosting this event by Albert Eaglen. The Green Man Public House, 1 Whiteplot Road, Methwold Hythe, Thetford IP26 4QP. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

TUES  
**27**

## Lunch with Friends

 12.30pm  As per menu 

Violet is hosting this months lunch. Pre-order needed with a £5 deposit. Venue to be confirmed, notice in window of 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Violet on 01553 631577.

WED  
**28**

## Traditional Games Night with Christmas Twist

 7.30pm  Free



Come together for laughter and fun. Christmas board games with Christmas refreshments. Gaywood Church Rooms, Gayton Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4DZ. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



# December

## TUES 04 Watlington Meeting



A meeting to go through business of the Oddfellows Society. Afterwards social meeting. David Nobbs hosts these meeting. Watlington Sports and Social Club, Watlington, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE33 0HE. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



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## TUES 11 Christmas Lunch



As this is our Christmas lunch, Alison will be organising. We are booked at Knights Hill Barn, so we have the room and comfort we like. Menu on page 13. Knights Hill Hotel in The Great Barn, Kings Lynn PE30 3HQ. Please contact Alison on 01553 776030 for details where booking form and menu will be sent.

## THURS 13 Coffee Morning



Come and enjoy a natter and a catch up with Alison and her Welfare team. Oddfellows House, 7 Lynn Road, Gaywood, Kings Lynn PE30 4PR. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.

# December

TUES

18

## Christmas Festivities



2pm



Free



A local choir to come sing for us will start Christmas off a treat. Festive nibbles. Reffley Community Centre, Reffley Hall, Reffley Lane, Kings Lynn PE30 3SF. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



WED

19

## Sleeping Beauty at The Corn Exchange



6pm



£17.50 per person



Meet at the Corn Exchange for 6pm. Only a limited number of seats, so please book early. Kings Lynn Corn Exchange, Tues Market Place, Kings Lynn PE30 1JW. Contact Alison on 01553 776030.



## Swedish Waterways and Classic Cities Cruise

20 - 30 July - 10 nights (Full board)

Sails from Dover. From £1,259 per person

Experience Sweden's stunning scenery and scenic fjords while cruising in pure comfort. Explore the vibrant city of Stockholm and Gothenburg on this Oddfellows escorted cruise.

To book call Fred Olsen Cruise Lines on **01473 742 424** Quote GRP9999 and promotional code 'GRPODD' for your exclusive member discount.



All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply. Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests only. For more information ask the reservations team when booking.

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# Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

None of us know what is around the corner...



## Kings Lynn District Branch Care and Welfare

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Alison on 01553 776030 or email [alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk).

### Oddfellows Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821\*

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm  
(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

**Email:**

[oddfellows@manchestercab.org](mailto:oddfellows@manchestercab.org)

### Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

Monday to Thursday,  
9am - 5pm, Friday, 9am - 4pm  
(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

\*Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.

[www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)

Ref: CCA6AD/0518

## Share the friendship – enjoy the rewards!

### Refer a Friend

Did you know that the Society runs a Refer a Friend scheme?

When the first friend you've recommended has joined, we'll send you a £10 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you. There are different reward levels, so you'd receive your next reward - £60 in Love2Shop vouchers - after recruiting five friends in total.\*

To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or fill in a Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary.

**Terms and conditions apply\***

The Refer a Friend offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other membership offer. For full terms and conditions, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers).



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# Knights Hill Hotel in The Great Barn, Kings Lynn PE30 3HQ

## Sunday Lunch

Sunday 28 October 2018  
Price per person - £20

### Starters

Leek and Potato Soup  
served with Croutons  
or  
Avocado and Prawns  
on a Bed of Lettuce  
or  
Orange juice

### Main

Local Topside of Beef  
with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy  
or  
Poached Salmon Fillet with Buttered  
Greens and Béarnaise Sauce  
or  
Sweet Pepper and Mushroom  
Stroganoff with Steamed Rice

### Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding  
with Salted Caramel Sauce  
and Vanilla Bean Ice Cream  
or  
Winter Berry Pavlova  
or  
Cheese and Biscuits

Tea, Coffee and Mints

## Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 11 December 2018  
Two course - £21

### Main

Traditional Roast Norfolk Turkey with  
Cranberry Chestnut Stuffing, Chipolata  
Bacon Roll and a Rich Pan Gravy  
or  
Local Roast Topside of Beef with  
Yorkshire Pudding and a Rich  
Bordelaise Sauce  
or  
Baked Goats Cheese, Chives,  
Caramelised Onions and Roasted  
Squash Tart, Dressed Herb Salad  
and Basil Pesto

### Dessert

Festive Hot Plum Pudding  
served with Hot Brandy Sauce  
or  
Eton Mess  
or  
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

Tea, coffee and mints



## Country Walk

About 20 members and friends took part in a ramble at Castle Rising on Sunday 8 April. Although the weather was a little inclement, the drizzle did not seem to put anyone off.

The group included some children and their dogs. The children were delighted to see the horses and were incredibly lucky to watch a sheepdog rounding up a flock of sheep to move to an adjoining field. A scene that they would probably only previously have seen on TV. There were some noticeable things along the stream, large trees being blown down in the recent storms. One large branch



falling right across the footpath. It was a bit muddy on one stretch, but we all made it back to the Castle Rising Tearooms where everybody had a good chat and consumed their refreshments. As we left the tearooms, the heavens opened and everybody rushed back to their cars. Good timing.

**David Nobbs**

## Purfleet Trust

**Presentation of Cheque for £500 to the Purfleet Trust from King's Lynn and West Norfolk District Branch of The Oddfellows Friendly Society.**

The gift is from our Benevolent Fund - each year charitable grants are made to local causes and national ones. The Provincial Grand Master (branch chairman) chooses the local Charity which is then agreed at our Annual General Meeting in March. Mr Albert Eaglen was the Provincial Grand Master during 2017. Cheque presented at our meeting in Gaywood Church Rooms Wednesday 25 April .

*"It is my pleasure on behalf of the King's Lynn & West Norfolk District oddfellows to present this cheque for £500 to you Paula Hall chief Executive*



*Cheque presented to the Purfleet Trust.*

*of The Purfleet Trust. I have read in the press over the winter months of the tremendous efforts you have made to make life a little easier for those who are less fortunate than we are and thought this was an opportunity for us to support the local community. This gift from our member's Benevolent fund is to help you continue in your good work."*

**Albert Eaglen**

## Luncheon Club

We started our Friendship Luncheon Club in January 2017. This has proved to be a great success. We have had on average 30 people attending each time, but in March of this year, some 51 people attended a superb lunch at the Stuart House Hotel. Big thanks to Violet for all her organising.

We try to vary the menus and venues and any dietary requirements will be catered for if possible. We are also mindful of mobility problems when choosing the venue.

In addition to the above, here are a few of the other venues we have been to: The Deer's Leap. The Swan, South Wootton. The Gate, Middleton. The Crown, Gayton. Brewer's Fayre, West Lynn and I must not forget the Grange Hotel, South Wootton where we enjoyed an afternoon tea in beautiful surroundings.

If you would like to know more about these, please ring Violet Kendal on 01553 631577 or Patricia Sexton on 01553 766819.

**Patricia Sexton**

## Coach Trips

Our first one being Monday 14 May to Springfield's near Spalding. Which was a great success. The organisation at Springfield was very welcoming, organising wheelchairs if needed and providing us with discount vouchers on arrival.

Our second trip is on the Monday 17 September, we have a trip planned to see a show, at Wickstead Park, Northants. The show is called Twist and Shout and is predominantly 60's music. Of course we need to eat and drink, so there will be refreshments on arrival, followed by a two course lunch and yet more refreshments before we leave for home! This trips will leave from Helena Anderson Court, where there is free parking for the day. We have a luxury coach with steps which lower for easy access and there is a toilet on board. The interest has been great, but if you would like to know more please ring Alison on the office number or myself Patricia. Here's looking forward to some good times with friends.

**Patricia Sexton**



*Friendship Luncheon Club meet up at Stuart House Hotel.*

# Weekend School



*Four of our Oddfellows at Weekend School.*

Friday 13th March saw four intrepid Oddfellows set off across the country to Warrington for a busy weekend of seminars and workshop sessions, to learn more about the background and rules, and also the organisation of the Society and the members' place within it. On arrival we were allocated our rooms', freshened up, and then met for a pre-dinner drink with the rest of the delegates. We were welcomed by the Unity staff, met some of the other delegates, reminded by our CEO Jane Nelson that we had lots of work to do, and ate a delicious meal.

Opening the proceedings on Saturday morning, CEO Jane Nelson spoke about 'branding' and the five core areas we want people to associate with the Oddfellows. These encompass the benefits to us as members and the reasons for people to join us. We aim to be seen as friendly (it's in the name) and we aim to be welcoming, creating a relaxed atmosphere at our

meetings, so that people will want to join in regularly. The aim is to forge friendships leading to supportive and active groups to benefit members health and well-being.

The workshop subjects ranged from the History and Traditions of the organisation; taking office within the branches and Lodges, through to Convalescent and Care benefits with all sorts in between. Some learnt more about the Financial aspects; the accountability and responsibilities' of the Officers. Even Cyber crime and Security was covered with the aim of helping to keep the Society, Branches and members aware, informed, and as safe as possible in this increasingly technological world. Each of us chose six topics to cover in detail, hurrying with the other delegates between sessions. Some were interactive, discussing in groups, writing down ideas and reporting back (which was a bit scary). However, the enablers



were very encouraging and genuinely pleased when people contributed, offered ideas and discussed their experiences' or asked questions.

We were kept very busy. There was very little time between sessions, so our brains felt a bit addled and we wondered if we could take in a single additional fact or instruction. We felt bombarded with so much information but also stimulated with so much to think about. We were, however, well looked after. Plied with dishes of sweets (sugar to feed our brains and aid concentration) and bottles of water during the workshops, there was just time to grab a hot drink and delicious pastry or cake between sessions.

The hotel was comfortable and the staff helpful and friendly (I wonder if any were Oddfellows?) whilst breakfast catered for all tastes, setting us up well for the day, with a buffet lunch before we left for home. Leaving for home, we became fully aware of the weather. We knew it was snowing, but not the extent of it. It looked most attractive, but was a bit daunting to negotiate on such a long journey. Nevertheless, Alison got us home safely, tired but more up to date and full of new knowledge about the Society and, hopefully some ideas on how to improve our branch and our members' experience of it.

**Susan Matchett**

## Annual Movable Conference Llandudno 2018

**Well what can I say but a big thank you to all at AMC Llandudno. This was a great venue with members of head office working really hard for everything to go so well.**

Picture on the right are your delegates that you chosen to go to the conference, to do the voting for Kings Lynn and West Norfolk District Branch. With lots of speakers and voting, lead to a lively AMC and we are looking forward to Southport next year.

I would like to give my usual thanks to Albert Eaglen as his knowledge at these events are so valuable, Jacquie McClean who's our mother



at these events, thank you Jacquie. Also I must say a thank you for Susan Matchett our Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) for attending this year. Hopefully all being well we all attend next year.

**Alison Schultz**

# Guide to making a will

A well-drafted will gives you the peace of mind that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes and provides a great help to your loved ones at a difficult time.

## Why create a will

A will ensures that your final wishes are carried out and names those who you would like to deal with your estate, known as your executor(s) which prevents any potential future disputes. It can also include information about your wishes for your funeral, which can be a great help to your loved ones at a difficult time. Lastly, a carefully planned will may help you protect your assets and can reduce the Inheritance Tax bill payable on your estate after you are gone. If you do not make a will, your estate will be distributed according to strict intestacy rules to your spouse or children, if you have these, or other relatives in a pre-determined order. 'Common law' partners and their children do not have an automatic right to inherit and neither have friends or causes dear to you. Where no living

relatives can be traced your estate may go to the government.

## How to make a will

For very simple estates it is possible to make a legal will yourself while you are of sound mind and you can find will kits are on sale at many large stationary suppliers. However, if you make mistakes it can cause problems after your death which is why some people opt to use professional will-writers. They are not always qualified solicitors, but can be a cost effective option for simple wills – make enquiries about all charges before agreeing to use one. Choose a firm that is a member of either the Society of Will Writers or the Institute of Professional Will Writers as they will have professional indemnity insurance in case something goes wrong later. Most people use solicitors specialising in 'wills and probate' as they can fully advise you on your options and ensure that the will accurately reflects your wishes. Use a solicitor that is licensed with the Law Society and shop around. Prices can vary and some solicitors offer a 'fixed



fee' option. WillAid and the Free Will Month campaign offer either free or low cost will-writing from a fully qualified solicitor with fees or voluntary bequests going to designated charities. These schemes run in March and October (Free Will Month) and November (WillAid). Some banks also offer free will writing and estate planning, but may expect you to keep the will with them.

### Where to keep your will

It is important that you do not attach anything to the original will with a staple or paperclip as this could cause confusion later. Keep the original will safe. You could lodge it with a solicitor, will writing service or a bank (but do not keep it in a bank deposit box, which will not be accessible straightaway). There may be a charge for storage, so make enquiries. For a fee of £20 a will can also be lodged at the Probate Registry. You may wish to keep a copy at home where it is accessible should you wish to check it. Wherever you keep your will, make sure that your executor knows where it is.

### Changing a will

Small changes to a will can be made with a codicil, which gives short additional instructions written on the original will that are signed and witnessed in the same way as the original will. The witnesses can be different from those used for the original will. For most changes, however, it is advisable to make a new will and revoke all previous ones.

### Useful contacts

- Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE) - provide independent legal advice for

older and vulnerable people, their family and carers, visit [www.solicitorsfortheelderly.com](http://www.solicitorsfortheelderly.com) or call 0844 567 6173

- Law Society - visit [solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk) or call 020 7320 5757
- Institute of Professional Will Writers - visit [www.ipw.org.uk](http://www.ipw.org.uk) or call 0345 257 2570
- Society of Will Writers and Estate Planning Practitioners - visit [www.willwriters.com](http://www.willwriters.com) or call 01522 687888
- Free Wills Month - visit [www.freewillsmoth.org.uk](http://www.freewillsmoth.org.uk)
- Will Aid - visit [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or call 0300 0309 558
- Probate Registry - to find the local probate registry, visit [www.gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance](http://www.gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance) or call 020 7697 0251
- Certainty, the National Will Register - visit [www.nationalwillregister.co.uk](http://www.nationalwillregister.co.uk) or call 0330 100 3660.

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# At a glance

## July 2018

<b>Wed 4</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 17</b>	From Margaret to Kate by Edith Reeves	2pm
<b>Tues 24</b>	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm
<b>Wed 25</b>	Gaywood Valley Conservation Group	7.30pm

## August

<b>Wed 1</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 21</b>	Citizens Advice Coming To you	2pm
<b>Tues 28</b>	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm

## September

<b>Tues 4</b>	Watlington Social Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Mon 17</b>	Wickstead Park	8.30am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Friendship Afternoon Tea Dance	2pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	Methwold Branch Meeting	8pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Sausage and Mash Supper	7.30pm

## October

<b>Wed 3</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Dan Francis from The Royal British Legion	2pm
<b>Tues 23</b>	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm
<b>Sun 28</b>	Sunday Lunch	12.30pm

## November

<b>Wed 7</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 20</b>	Members day	2pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	Methwold Branch Meeting	8pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	Methwold Social Meeting	8.15pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Lunch with Friends	12.30pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	traditional games night with Christmas twist	7.30pm

## December

<b>Tues 4</b>	Watlington Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	Watlington Social	8pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Quiz Nights	7pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Tues 18</b>	Christmas festivities	2pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	Sleeping Beauty at The Corn Exchange	6pm

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