

October 2024 - March 2025



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

out & about

Nene and Welland District



Travel and
Trips



Arts and
Crafts



Talks



Social



History



Coffee Morning



Dining Out



Walk



Games



Last year's Charity of the Year

In May the outgoing Chairman, Chris Briance was pleased to present a cheque for £2,500 to The Deeping Men's Group as an acknowledgement of the wonderful work they do, loaning out mobility equipment to people of The Deepings Practice. The money was raised through raffles, a table top sale, donations and games at local carnivals. Thank you to all our members who contributed. The money will be spent on new wheelchairs, with the

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old ones being donated to another charity who will refurbish them and send them out to Ukraine.

A bit about us...

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

Sponsorship Update

Members attended the Pinchbeck United's Knights Trophy annual Football tournament, to present a cheque of £150 towards the cost of medals for the event. The Under 9's football team we support is pictured on the front cover of this issue.

We will be continuing our sponsorship of the team and look forward to hearing how the new team do in their tournaments as some of the older boys move up to the next level.



Office Notices

Please note that cheques need to be made out to our full account name:

IOOFMUFS Nene & Welland District Lodge as the bank has started returning incorrectly written cheques.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter and/or the national online zoom events please email

sarah.hitchcock@oddfellows.co.uk and state which one you'd like to receive so that you can be added to the list. If you want to be removed at any time please email and let us know.

We are always on the lookout for people to help at events- setting up, washing up, talking to prospective members, helping at carnivals etc. If you are able to help please let Jenny know on 07788 534290.

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 pre book your place as this is a popular event. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.



5 November 2024

7 January 2025

4 March 2025 (Pancake Edition)

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.



16 October 2024
20 November 2024

18 December 2024
15 January 2025

19 February 2025
19 March 2025

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. Don't forget to pre book your place! Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.



9 October 2024

12 February 2025

Craft Club



10.30am



£3 includes refreshments

£5 for guests 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 one week before as space is limited. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Georgina on 01778 347876.



13 November 2024

8 January 2025

12 March 2025

Regular Events

Let's Do Lunch!



12.30pm
for 1pm



Currently £7 main
course, additional
courses per menu



Contact Barry to book your food choices.
Book early as places are limited. Event
starts at 12.30pm.

Thorney Golf Club, English Drove, Thorney,
Peterborough PE6 0TJ. Contact Barry on
01778 560059.

28 November 2024 (held on Thursday)

**11 December 2024 (cost to be confirmed
and to be booked through the office)**

22 January 2025

26 February 2025

27 March 2025 (held on Thursday)



Surprise Bingo!



2pm



£1 per book of
ten games



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



19 October 2024, 2.30pm (Contact Chris B on 01780 755705)
3 December 2024 (held on Tuesday)

16 January 2025
20 March 2025

Regular Events

Museum Workshops

 10.30am
to 12 noon

 Members Only
Free



Fridays

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.


- 25 October 2024
- 29 November 2024
- 24 January 2025
- 28 February 2025
- 28 March 2025





October 2024

TUES
01

Lunch Club

 12.30pm

 Members £4, Guests £5



What could be nicer than a lunch out? Depending on the weather we will be serving soup, ploughman's, or jacket potatoes. Find out which it will be when you book. Don't forget to let us know any dietary requirements. On 1 October there will be a free brief talk by a local travel agent about the new travel changes being brought in. Come and join us in our cosy hall for a couple of hours, bring a friend, or make new ones! Book by Tuesday 24 September 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.



October 2024

WED
02

Ukulele Concert



2.30pm



Donation



We've been invited to attend a ukulele band concert, in the Saxon Room of the Danish Invader (with song books provided for those who wish to sing - but this is not obligatory). Drinks are available to purchase at the bar. We will be holding a raffle to raise money for our Chairman's charity. Book by Wednesday 25 September 2024. Danish Invader, Empingham Road, Stamford PE9 2SX. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

SAT
05

East Anglian Group Conference Seminar



2pm



Free



An opportunity for members to meet others from local branches. The EAGC Seminar will be presented by David Randall, Group Conference Secretary. He will be talking about the Group Conference Past, Present and Future and it's connections with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) Lifeboat at Sheringham. Book by Friday 27 September 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.

TUES
15

Citizens Advice Talk



10.30am



Free



Come and find out more information about Citizens Advice. Discover all the financial help you are entitled to claim for - some of them are not means tested and you could be missing out on hundreds of pounds! Book by Friday 11 October 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



October 2024

SAT
19

Stamford Surprise Bingo



2.30pm



£1 per book of 10 games



Why not join us for an afternoon of bingo fun? Open to all so why not bring a friend? 10 games of bingo for the bargain price of just £1 a book or £5 for a strip of six books including free refreshments. Why not play more than one book at a time? (Large print books are available on request). Winners of lines and Full Houses get to choose a bag containing a mystery prize – so who knows what you might be going home with... The sessions are informal and we aim to have a few laughs along the way. There will also be a break halfway through the afternoon for a chat with friends old and new and a well earned cuppa and piece of cake. Book by Monday 14 October 2024. Stamford and District Indoor Bowls Club, Exeter Gardens, Stamford PE9 2RN. Contact Chris B on 01780 755705.

SUN
20

Car Treasure Hunt



1pm



£5 per car



Collect your treasure hunt paperwork from Oddfellows Hall at 1pm, then working at your own pace solve the clues before returning your completed sheet to us at the hall. Roughly a 30 mile drive round the local area. Refreshments will be available at the hall. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Ian on 01778 702978.

WED
23

Fun and Games with Refreshments



2pm



Free



Join us for fun, games and free refreshments. Come by yourself or why not bring a friend along with you? Don't forget to book for catering purposes, we look forward to seeing you there! Book by Friday 18 October 2024. The Hub/Library, 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

October 2024

SUN
27

Annual Branch Lunch



12.30pm



£25 per person



Come and join us for our annual lunch at the Bourne Corn Exchange. Our raffle



will raise money for the Chairman's charity - Three Counties Dog Rescue. Book by Tuesday 1 October with the office - please address any cheques to IOOFMUFs Nene & Welland District Lodge. Event to be held at Bourne Corn Exchange, Abbey Road, Bourne PE10 9EF. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.

TUES
29

Three Counties Dog Rescue



1.30pm



Free



Meet at the Three Counties Dog Rescue in Bourne for a tour and talk around the rescue. This is our Chairman's charity of the year, so come along and find out what the money you are helping to raise is going to be used for. Book by Wednesday 23 October 2024. Three Counties Dog Rescue, 37 Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 0AU. Contact Janice on 01778 560059.

November

MON
04

Degree Workshop



10.30am



Free



Members only - for those wishing to learn more about the background and meaning of the various degrees and the ceremonial side of the Oddfellows. These meetings specialise on the ceremonial side of our Order, helping encourage members to take office in our District. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN.

For more information speak to Christine 07714 096801 or Barry on 01778 560059.



November

WED 06 Farming for Wildlife Talk

🕒 7pm

£ Members £3
Guests £5



Farming for wildlife is a talk by Nicholas Watts, who owns Vine House Farm in Lincolnshire. Vine House farm is a traditional arable farm in the Fens which has been passed down through the generations. Nicholas will tell us about the conservation measures he uses whilst farming in order to create and maintain a wide range of habitats and thereby encourage wildlife. He grows seed specifically for bird food and supplies direct to the public, benefiting the Wildlife Trusts with donations from his profits. After the talk enjoy some included refreshments and try your luck in our raffle. Book by Friday 1 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

TUES 19 Welcome to the Oddfellows

🕒 3pm

£ Free



Find out more about the Oddfellows - it's history, how you can be involved and learn more about the financial benefits of being an Oddfellows member. Book by Friday 15 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

WED 27 Hub Bingo

🕒 2pm

£ £1 per book of 10 games



Come and join us for bingo at the Hub. Come on your own or with friends. Includes free refreshments. Book by Friday 22 November 2024. The Hub/Library, 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

SAT 09 Table Top Sale

🕒 10am

£ Small table £4
Large table £6



Grab an early Christmas present at our table top sale, or have a table yourself. Sell your arts and crafts or simply have a clear out. Free entry to buyers. Sellers must pre book. Book by Friday 1 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.



November

FRI
29

Christmas Quiz

⌚ 6.30pm

£ Members £5
Guests £7



So you think you know Christmas? Join us for a light hearted traditional pub quiz all about Christmas. Enjoy a buffet supper half way through, as well as taking part in the raffle for our Chairman's charity. Why not bring a friend along with you? Book by Friday 22 November 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen or Sarah on 01778 342006.

SAT
30

Sophie Allport

⌚ 10.30am

£ Free



Join us for a shopping trip round the designer Sophie Allport shop in Bourne. The shop covers two floors and will be decorated ready for Christmas.

There are seconds located upstairs, so a perfect opportunity to grab some Christmas presents for yourself or others. The assistants will be able to check the seconds for you if stairs are a problem. Why not pop into Bourne afterwards for a cuppa or lunch (or further Christmas shopping). Book by Friday 22 November 2024. Sophie Allport, The Old Brewery, Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9WG. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

December

SUN
01

Open Event

⌚ 10am

£ Free



Pop in and see us during the Deeping Christmas market. We will be open from 10am to 2pm. We will be running a tombola to raise funds for our Chairman's charity and will have some refreshments available for a small donation. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.

December

SUN
08 **Carol Service**

L 3pm

£ Free



Bring a plate of food to share and join in this lovely Christmas celebration, with Christmas carols and readings. Book by Wednesday 4 December 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Brian on 01778 423332.



January 2025

FRI
03 **Nottcutts Social**

L 11am

£ As per menu



Meet in the café at Nottcutt's Garden Centre. Catch up with friends while enjoying a cuppa and a treat (or even an early lunch), then explore the garden centre at your own pace and see if you can find any January sales. Nottcutt's Garden Centre, Ham Lane, Peterborough PE2 5UU. Contact David on 01778 347876.

February

SAT
01 **Liverpool in the Blitz Talk**

L 6pm

£ Members £3
Guests £5



An illustrated talk by Brian Thornthwaite about the Blitz on Liverpool during the Second World War. It includes a comparison to that of London. Includes refreshments. Please note there will be a raffle to raise funds for the Chairman's charity. Book by Wednesday 29 January 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Sarah on 01778 342006.



WED
18 **Friendship Christmas Lunch**

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for our Friendship Lunch's Christmas meal. Come and enjoy some good food and company. Book early for this event by Monday 2 December 2024. The Crown Inn, 6 Gosberton Road, Surfleet, Spalding PE11 4AB. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.



February

TUES 04 Lunch Club



What could be nicer than a lunch out? Depending on the weather we will be serving soup, ploughman's or jacket potatoes. Find out which it will be when you book. Don't forget to let us know any dietary requirements. Come and join us in our cosy hall for a couple of hours, bring a friend, or make new ones! Book by Saturday 1 February 2024. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.

SAT 08 Penfield Nature Reserve Talk



Come along to an interesting and informative talk about the development of a hidden and not very well known resource right on our doorstep. Penfield Nature Reserve is in Langtoft and was created on the site of a former gravel pit, opening to the public in 2021. A team of dedicated volunteers have developed and maintained the site, striking a balance between public amenity and conservation. A huge diversity of wildlife can now be seen here. Light refreshments will be served. Book by Monday 3 February 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

TUES 11 Degree Workshop



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TUES 25 Annual General Meeting



Annual General Meeting of the Branch. All members welcome to attend if pre booked. Book by Thursday 20 February 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact Karen on 01778 342006.



Penfield Nature Reserve

March

TUES

04

Cold Pudding Club - Pancake Edition



6pm



£3 if tasting only, Free for contributors

Enjoy pancake night at the Cold Pudding Club - we provide the pancakes, you bring the toppings! Oddfellows Hall, 57 Church Street, Market Deeping PE6 8AN. Contact David on 01778 347876.



FRI

21

Degree Workshop



10.30am



Free



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SAT

22

Horse Racing Event



4.30pm



Members £5
Guests £8



Join us for a horse racing event using hobby horses, rookie bookies and some daring jockeys.



There will be a supper provided and lots of fun to be had. Why not dress to impress - fancy frocks and hats encouraged! Don't forget your £1 and £2 coins to place your bets. Book by Friday 14 March 2025. 1 Hub Bourne, Queen's Road, Bourne PE10 9DX. Contact Jenny on 07788 534290.

WED

26

Fun and Games with Refreshments



2pm



Free



Join us for fun, games and free refreshments. Come by yourself or why not bring a friend along with you? Don't forget to book for catering purposes, we look forward to seeing you there! Book by Friday 21 March 2025. The Hub/Library, 48 Knight Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding PE11 3RU. Contact Christine on 07714 096801.

Warhammer Talks



We had the pleasure of hosting two talks from John (Brian to our members) Thornthwaite, former head of Plastics Management at Games Workshop, producers of the world-famous miniature war games, Warhammer and Warhammer 40,000.

The first event focussed on John's career, and how his skills transferred from companies such as Matchbox, to developing the injection moulding process that brought Games Workshop's Warhammer to the forefront of miniature war gaming. There was an exhibition of miniatures (including a unique variant



of Trish Carden's Talisman Dragon), literature, and other curios from John's personal collection, and some sample armies displayed from a local award-winning Warhammer collector.

The second event went into more depth about the processes specific to manufacturing Warhammer miniatures, and John's involvement in early discussions with some of Games Workshop's most famous names as Warhammer came into being. A local hobbyist gave a demonstration on 3D printing miniatures for war gaming, including insights on how the process works, entry costs, common problems and pitfalls. There was an exhibition of a diorama table with two armies provided by local hobbyists.



Congratulations to Christine, one of our Trustees (and Care and Welfare Officers) for being elected Chairman of the Benevolence Committee.



June, one of our long serving Committee members and a Past Provincial Grand Master (Past Chairman) celebrated her 90th birthday in June.

Food Bank Talk



Pictured is Graham on the left collecting the food generously donated by our members from our Trustee, David.

Graham from the Deepings Food Bank gave us a very informative talk. He explained the Food Bank was opened in December 2013 and is run by 20 volunteers on a rota basis. The food is mainly collected from donations made in Tesco (where the box is emptied twice a week), Co-op, local churches and schools. On average 16 people in the area are fed every day through this service. Tesco give 20% of the weight of food collected in the shop as money to the Charity for their running costs.

Due to insurance restrictions the volunteers are not able to give financial advice, but are able to signpost people to the appropriate charity or organisation who can help with filling in paperwork etc. to help with claiming further financial support. The Charity is very lucky that it only pays a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. They are located at the Old Scout Hut in Deeping St. James. To find out more see <https://deepings.foodbank.org.uk/> or call 07516 717346.



In July our Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), Janice was delighted to present a plaque to the first Willoughby Academy student to receive it for best displaying their five core values- kindness, generosity, curiosity, wisdom and passion. The student was also presented with a £10 book voucher. We look forward to presenting the plaque over a number of years to this amazing Special needs school in Bourne.

Booking and Cancellations

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

This year's Chairman's Charity



The Chairman's Charity of the Year, Three Counties Dog Rescue came and gave us a talk about how they were set up, what they do and how they support the centre, which was recognised as a Charity in 1981.

Today the centre costs roughly £255,000 a year to run (most of that is vet bills and food). The money mainly comes from Bourne charity shop, legacies in wills, grants, boarding dogs and cats, and through individual on-site pet cremations. Last year they successfully rehomed 120 animals.

You can help by volunteering at the kennels or charity shop in Bourne, through sponsoring an animal or through fundraising ideas or fundraising. To find out more please visit their website <https://threecountiesdogrescue.org>.

We look forward to presenting a sizeable donation to the Charity early next year. We are organising a free visit to the kennels at the end of October if you'd like to attend. Pictured is Sadie who had to have a special leg brace made in the USA.



Barry Bedford Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Deputy Chairman) is also doing a sponsored slim to raise money for the Charity. He is aiming to shed seven stones over the year. His starting weight at the end of February 2024 was 20 stone, 12lbs. If you'd like to sponsor him please let him or the office know.

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



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Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



Business conducted, AMC Llandudno

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-



century ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that.

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and



District Chairman, and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."

Claire Needham, Vale of York District Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Financial worries revealed



Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?

Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice to find out more.

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:

8 October 2024

10 December 2024

11 March 2025

12 November 2024

14 January 2025

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
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Christine Sargeant
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Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

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

National Oddfellows Helplines



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

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

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

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Events at a glance

October 2024

Tues 1	Lunch Club with Short Talk, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12.30pm
Wed 2	Ukulele Concert, Stamford Danish Invader (Sarah)	2.30pm
Sat 5	East Anglian Group Conference Seminar, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	2pm
Tues 8	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 9	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
Tues 15	Citizens Advice Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Sarah)	10.30am
Wed 16	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
Sat 19	Stamford Surprise Bingo, Stamford and District Indoor Bowls Club (Chris B)	2.30pm
Sun 20	Car Treasure Hunt, Oddfellows Hall (Ian)	1pm
Wed 23	Fun and Games with Refreshments, The Hub/Library (Christine)	2pm
Fri 25	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
Sun 27	Annual Branch Lunch, Bourne Corn Exchange (Office)	12.30pm
Tues 29	Three Counties Dog Rescue Visit, Bourne (Janice)	1.30pm

November

Mon 4	Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine or Barry)	10.30am
Tues 5	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
Wed 6	Farming for Wildlife Talk by Nicholas Watts, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	7pm
Sat 9	Table Top Sale, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	10am
Tues 12	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 13	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
Tues 19	Welcome to the Oddfellows, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	3pm
Wed 20	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
Wed 27	Hub Bingo, The Hub/Library (Christine)	2pm
Thurs 28	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
Fri 29	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am
Fri 29	Christmas Quiz and Buffet, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	6.30pm

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November

Sat 30	Sophie Allport Shopping Trip, Sophie Allport, The Old Brewery (Office)	10.30am
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December

Sun 1	Open Event during Deeping Christmas Market, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	10am
Tues 3	Christmas Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
Sun 8	Carol Service, Oddfellows Hall (Brian)	3pm
Tues 10	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 11	Let's Do Christmas Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Office)	12.30pm
Wed 18	Friendship Christmas Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm

January 2025

Fri 3	Nottcutts Social, Nottcutt's Garden Centre (Office)	11am
Tues 7	Cold Pudding Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
Wed 8	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
Tues 14	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 15	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
Thurs 16	Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
Wed 22	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
Fri 24	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am

February

Sat 1	Liverpool in the Blitz Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	6pm
Tues 4	Lunch Club, Oddfellows Hall (David)	12.30pm
Sat 8	Penfield Nature Reserve Talk, Oddfellows Hall (Office)	2pm
Tues 11	Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine or Barry)	10.30am
Wed 12	A Crafty Cuppa, Oddfellows Hall (Janice)	10.30am
Wed 19	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
Tues 25	Annual General Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 26	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
Fri 28	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am

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March

Tues 4	Cold Pudding Club – Pancake Edition, Oddfellows Hall (David)	6pm
Tues 11	Business Meeting, Oddfellows Hall (Karen)	10.30am
Wed 12	Craft Club, Oddfellows Hall (Georgina)	10.30am
Wed 19	Friendship Lunch, The Crown Inn (Christine)	12.30pm
Thurs 20	Surprise Bingo, Oddfellows Hall (Jenny)	2pm
Fri 21	Degree Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine or Barry)	10.30am
Sat 22	Horse Racing Event, 1 Hub Bourne (Jenny)	4.30pm
Wed 26	Fun and Games with Refreshments, The Hub/Library (Christine)	2pm
Thurs 27	Let's Do Lunch!, Thorney Golf Club (Barry)	12.30pm
Fri 28	Museum Workshop, Oddfellows Hall (Christine)	10.30am

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