

May - August 2025



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**ODDfellows** SINCE 1810  
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# *out & about*

## Nottingham Trent District



*Walk around Clumber Park*



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Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Online

# Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for Nottingham Trent District Oddfellows.

Hi All,

We're thrilled to have you here and as you can see by the photos in this Out & About, we have been having some really enjoyable events. This diary is your go-to guide for upcoming events, gatherings, and activities that inspire, entertain, and connect us all. Whether you are looking for creative workshops, storytelling sessions, walks, coffee mornings, yoga, tai chi, meals out, theatre trips, you'll find everything you need right here.

Come along and enjoy the true values of Oddfellowship which are deeply rooted in the principles of friendship, love and truth, fostering a sense of community, compassion and mutual support and building lasting relations. Let's make some unforgettable memories together!

If you wish to be advised of the length/difficulty of walks then please contact Karen who will be able to advise you. Karen can also advise on general event accessibility

Car share, we try our best to offer you a lift with someone from your area who is attending the same events so contact Karen if you would like help getting to an event.

Wear sturdy walking boots and suitable clothing for walks and bring water and snacks. In recent times it



*Newstead Abbey and Free Garden Tour - Sunday 20 July*

## Contact Details

**For more information or to book any events contact the Secretary**

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**Dates are subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.**

Please leave a message on Karen's mobile number if booking contact is unavailable, Karen's landline number is no longer in use.

has come to light that we are not organising events in all of your membership areas or that we need more events in certain areas. This is to ask if any of you would like to volunteer to set up a meeting in your area, it can be monthly or weekly, whatever suits you. You can meet for coffee somewhere or hire out a room to put on an activity or go for a meal certain expenses can be covered, please talk to me if you are interested.

Please note that booking deadlines are not set in stone, only for ticketed or pre-purchased events, but please ensure that you adhere to the dates as stipulated.

# Regular Events

## Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games

**Second Tuesday**



Join us for Rummikub and we are now introducing Triominos as well as other games. This is a fun morning filled with laughter, friendly competition and plenty of good-natured banter. There will be lovely refreshments on offer in this lively and relaxed atmosphere. Help is on hand for anyone who forgets or doesn't know the instructions and we will all leave feeling connected with good memories of an enjoyable morning's games. Southwell Bowls Club, Bishops Drive, Southwell NG25 0GD. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

**13 May**

**10 June**

**8 July**

**12 August**

## Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston

**Third Thursday**



Join us for our popular monthly meet up at this new venue. Come along and have coffee with old and new friends at this group where you will be made most welcome and can foster connections. We have moved the venue to The Star so that we can all sit together, the group has become large which is great news. The drinks are being subsidised by the Branch, so it will be optional to give a donation to the Chairman's charity. The Star, 22 Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1FX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

**15 May**

**19 June**

**17 July**

**14 August**

# May

FRI  
02

## Talk from Becky, Nottinghamshire Hospice's Community Fundraiser



11am



Free



Join us for a talk about Nottinghamshire Hospice. Join Becky, Nottinghamshire Hospice's Community Fundraiser to learn about: Nottinghamshire Hospice, including its history. The care

that Nottinghamshire Hospice provides some of the people they care for and their stories. How supporting Nottinghamshire Hospice makes a difference to people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. See you there! The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS  
08

## Talk on Oddfellows to Newark Carer Support Group by Karen



10am



Free



Karen is giving a presentation on our Branch and organisation and the great benefits and support we offer to Newark Carer Support Group, all members are invited. Book by Thursday 1 May. Newark Carer Support Group, Newark Beacon Centre, Gresham Suite, Cafferata Way, Newark NG24 2TN. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



Further events are being added, see: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events).

# May

SAT  
10

## Wollaton Park Walk and Optional Visit to the Museum

⌚ 11am

£

£15 provides entry to the museum for one year.



Meet at the top car park which is pay and display for a delightful walk, offering a blend of natural beauty, historic architecture in the stunning Elizabethan mansion and surrounding gardens which dominates the park, wildlife and a large lake. There will also be the option to visit the mansion which is free entry. Book by Thursday 1 May. Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2AE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON  
19

## Rummikub and Games Afternoon

⌚ 1.30pm

£

Free



Join us for a board games afternoon. You will enjoy friendly competition and laughter over Rummikub and other classic games. Come along to relax and connect with others in this lovely setting. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI  
16

## Peggy's Skylight - Kat Eaton Soul/Blues

⌚ 6.45pm

£

Members £15,  
Guests £18



Join us at this intimate venue to listen to Kat Eaton. Having already toured with the likes of Jools Holland, Kat has established herself as one of the hardest working and talented Soul, Jazz and Blues performers in her field.

Armed with fresh original material, her own arrangements of songs by Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Ray Charles and Nina Simone and a band behind her that have played with the likes of Tom Jones, Van Morrison, Amy Winehouse and Incognito, Kat Eaton's live show is world class, raw and spell-binding. The seats which we have booked include a table by default, so let us know if you want to eat. Please try and arrive 15 minutes early.

Please view online for more information: <https://peggysskylight.co.uk/events/kat-eaton-16th-may-2025/> Book by Thursday 1 May. Peggy's Skylight, 3 George Street, Nottingham NG1 3BH. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# May

WED  
21

## Tai Chi with Shelagh

🕒 11am

£ Free



Tai Chi has been described as 'swimming on land'. Comparable to slow motion walking, the rounded movements are performed slowly and with precision. It is both beautiful and practical, based on universal principles and body understanding. With its origins rooted in ancient Chinese history and oriental medicine. A taste of Tai Chi has much to offer us today, as it embodies timeless universal truths within a system of health and self defence.

Do join us and our teacher Shelagh Grandpierre for moving, standing and sitting techniques, with relaxation meditation. So, when you next see a person keeping their head and their composure while others around them are losing theirs they may well be looking at someone who has partaken of our Tai Chi sessions. All welcome! Book by Thursday 1 May. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED  
28

## Coffee and Chat at Westgate Bakery

🕒 12 noon

£ Cost of refreshments



Join us for either coffee, snack or lunch at this cozy, inviting space which serves freshly baked goods in a warm and welcoming environment. Come along

to meet up with friends for a good old chat. Westgate Bakery, 28 Market Place, Grantham NG31 6LR. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI  
30

## Jimi The Legend Lives On at The Palace Theatre, Newark

🕒 7.30pm

£ Members £25, Guests £29



This is the show all fans have been waiting

for... Starring John Campbell widely regarded as the world's best tribute artist and featuring his all-star band. John and his band take us on a musical trip through Jimi Hendrix short, but astounding career. We have purchased tickets on row D, 1-10, so one seat is on the end. Book by Thursday 1 May. Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottingham NG24 1JY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.





# June

THURS  
05

## Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)

7.30pm

£ Free



This is a typical Oddfellows meeting which upholds



the fraternal principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, with a welcoming atmosphere and refreshments upon arrival. The meeting opens traditionally and after the short business items, there will be a quiz or board games and members are encouraged to share stories, or to discuss any problems which they may be experiencing. This is seen as a time to strengthen bonds of friendship and community. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.

## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received where necessary.

FRI  
06

## Summer Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue

11am

£ £5



Come along and join Sue who will help us to create a beautiful flower arrangement for a table which can add charm, elegance and a fresh touch to any setting. This will be a simple tutorial for arranging flowers that will make your table look stunning, whether you're preparing for a special event or just want to brighten up your living area.

All materials supplied, including beautiful fresh smelling flowers, please bring along a pair of scissors. Maximum 10 allowed. Book by Sunday 1 June. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# June

SUN  
08

## Garden Open Day in Aid of St Barnabas



12 noon



Donation to St  
Barnabas



We are delighted to announce that one of our members is opening their beautiful garden to raise funds for St Barnabas Hospice and Wellbeing Centre. Another garden on the same road, and possibly more, will also be open. Refreshments will be available as you explore these gorgeous gardens. This event is held in conjunction with St Barnabas, the leading charity in Lincolnshire providing palliative and end-of-life care to adults with life-limiting or terminal illnesses. Their vision is a world where dying with dignity, compassion, and choice is fundamental.

St Barnabas's mission is to ensure all individuals facing the end of life in Lincolnshire receive dignified, compassionate care when and where needed. A display table will inform attendees about this great organisation, along with a table for our own. Trains run regularly from Nottingham, and there's parking at 86 Barrowby Road NG31 8AF, just a short walk from the gardens. Jayne and Paul's garden is at 112 Barrowby Road NG31 8AF. Sorry, no dogs. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS  
12

## Coach Trip to Highgate Cemetery



8am



Members £50,  
Guests £57



Join us for a coach trip from Grantham to Highgate Cemetery which has some of the finest funerary architecture in the country. It is a place of peace and contemplation where a romantic profusion of trees, memorials and wildlife flourish. One of England's greatest treasures, a magnificent Victorian cemetery with a captivating atmosphere. We will have a guided tour which will take around 75 minutes of the West Cemetery, after which you can roam in the East Wing which serves as the resting place for some of the most culturally significant figures of our time.

The coach leaves Sleaford at 7.30am, Ancaster at 7.45am, Grantham Bus Station at 8.15am, return by 8.30pm. There is the option for members travelling from other areas to park at my house and we can walk down to the bus station. Grantham Bus Station, Wharf Road, Grantham NG31 6EG. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

Photo by John Armagh



# June

SAT  
14

## Guided Tour of Southwell Minster



2pm



Members £9,  
Guests £11



Meet outside the entrance to the minster and join us for a Saturday tour of Southwell Minster with one of the friendly and knowledgeable guides, explore 1,000 years of history. This fully accessible tour will take in all areas of the minster, including the glorious Chapter House, which has undergone significant conservation work (thanks to a £2.2m National Lottery Heritage Funded project) and reopened in the second half of 2021.

During this tour you'll discover incredible architecture, beautiful stained-glass, Roman plaster, Saxon beginnings and much more. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the tour start time to help us start on time. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult at all times whilst taking part in the tours. Book by Sunday 1 June. Southwell Minster, Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON  
16

## Prize Winning Singo Bingo



1.30pm



Free



FRI  
20

## The Drifters at Newark Palace Theatre



7.30pm



Members £30,  
Guests £35



Join us for this new fun game, 'Singo' is an exciting musical spin on the traditional game of bingo. Instead of

listening for a number, players are listening to their favourite music. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



See exactly why 'The Drifters' have been inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as they perform their classic hits such as Saturday Night at The Movies, You're More Than A Number In My Little Red Book, Come on Over to My Place and many more. We have booked 10 tickets in Row D, The Circle, so come along and have a great time whilst reliving great memories. Book by Sunday 1 June. Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottingham NG24 1JY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# June

SUN  
22

## The Park Nottingham Garden Trail



11am



£5



Join us for the biennial Park Garden Trail in Nottingham's historic Park Estate, once the deer park of Nottingham Castle, near the city centre. Since 1986, this event has featured open gardens, cream teas, strawberries and fizz, homemade

cakes, children's activities, live entertainment, and food stalls. It celebrates our love of gardening, nurturing beauty through nature, and preserving cultural heritage. Over 30 years, thousands have enjoyed exploring the park's gardens—some large, some hidden—while raising funds for local charities.

Discover the Victorian charm of Nottingham, with its leafy paths, hidden tunnels, sandstone caves, and historic houses. Newcastle Circus, a community space, will host family-friendly activities, and local food vendors will offer refreshments. Don't miss this quintessentially English event! Tickets available until Sunday, 1 June. Visit The Ticket Kiosk, Newcastle Drive, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1BJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED  
25

## Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church



11am



Cost of lunch



Meet at Wyndham Park car park for a lovely walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church, where there is an established pathway to Great Gonerby. We will be taking lunch at the Recruiting Sargent at Great Gonerby, where there is an economical meal on offer, if you don't want to walk then you are welcome to join us for lunch. There is a bus back to Grantham at 2.30pm. Book by Tuesday 10 June. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



# June

SAT  
28

## Guided Tour of The Rock Cemetery Catacombs



12 noon



Members £10,  
Guests £15



Following a recent visit to the cemetery, members found it so interesting they requested a guided tour. This guided tour will provide an introduction and background to the cemetery itself followed by a tour of the catacombs and Robin Hood's cave. The meeting point for tours will be at the Cemetery Lodge, which is just inside the main entrance to the cemetery, junction of Forest Road East and Mansfield Road. Following the tour we can take lunch at Cods Scallops on Mansfield Road.

The tours are not suitable for wheelchairs or prams/buggies and sensible footwear and warm clothing must be worn. Those aged under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please note unfortunately parking is not available at the cemetery, but there is parking at the Park and Ride on the Forest Recreation Ground nearby. Book by Sunday 1 June. The Rock Cemetery, Main Cemetery Entrance, 49-51 Forest Road East, Nottingham NG1 4HT. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# July

WED  
02

## Peak District Sightseer Bus



7.45am



TBC (£6 2024)



This highly recommended tour offers a grandstand view as the open-top bus takes you to popular destinations in the Peak District, including Chatsworth House, Bakewell, and Hassop Station for the Monsal Trail. Hop on and off as much as you like to explore Derbyshire's Peaks. Grantham members take the 7.54am train to Chesterfield; other members board at Nottingham Station at 8.40am. From Chesterfield Station, we take the Peak Sightseer Bus. Return train departs Chesterfield at 11.01am, arriving at Nottingham at 6.33pm and Grantham at 7.11pm. Book by Sunday, June 15. Meet at Peak Sightseer Open Top Bus Tour, Baslow Nether End, Bakewell DE45 1SR. Contact Karen at 07921 821866.

# July

THURS  
03

## Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)



7.30pm



Free



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FRI  
04

## City Boy, Country Life Talk by Mick Whysall



11am



Free



This is the story of a city boy born and bred in Sneinton, amongst the terraced street and factories of post war Nottingham. He found a place to escape at weekends and holidays in a small totally rural village in the Vale of Belvoir. Very soon he was accepted by the locals and found work on the five farms which made up the village.



This is Mick's, light hearted, self deprecating story of the fusion of city boy in country life which he experienced in his young life. Following the talks we take lunch in the Nottingham Mechanic's restaurant. Book by Wednesday 25 June. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

Photo by Russ Hamer

SAT  
05

## Go Quest Adventure



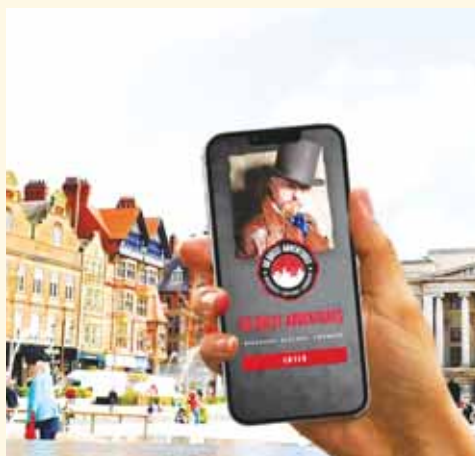
10.30am



Free



Meet at the Left Lion in front of the Council House in Old Market Square for the Go Quest Adventure. The end location: Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem. Distance 1.8 miles. Approximately time to complete 2.5 to three hours. Go Quest Adventures is turning the streets of Nottingham into an Adventure Playground! The Nottingham Quest is a fun, challenging and engaging way to explore the city centre from a whole different perspective.



It's like no treasure hunt you've done before. During your quest, unlock a hidden trail by finding clues, solving puzzles and completing group challenges, earning points along the way all self-guided through the Go Quest Adventures app.

See the city's highlights, explore its hidden gems and learn some fun facts along the way. Conquer the quest and be in for a chance to win a prize in the monthly drawings. It's like a walking tour with an escape room twist! We have purchased a quest for five people who can all add the quest via an app to their mobile. If more than five wish to attend then we will purchase another quest. This is a new event for us to try and anyone without a smart phone can come along just for the fun.

Following the free quest there is the option to take lunch at a local pub/restaurant. This has all the makings of a great day out!

<https://goquestadventures.com/find-a-quest>. If you don't fancy the quest, you are most welcome to come along for the meal. Book by Tuesday 1 July. The Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham NG1 2DT. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



# July

WED

16

## Tai Chi with Shelagh



11am



Free



Join us and our teacher Shelagh Grandpierre for moving, standing and sitting techniques, with relaxation meditation. So, when you next see a person keeping their head and their composure while others around them are losing theirs and you may well be looking at someone who has partaken of our Tai Chi sessions. All welcome! Book by Tuesday 1 July. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

FRI

18

## Yoga and Relaxation



11am



Free



Join us for a lovely yoga and relaxation session, no floor work involved and you can be seated throughout. This is a great way to unwind, relieve stress and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Lindsay will guide you through all simple movements and breathing techniques. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

 **OddfellowsUK**

SUN  
20

## Newstead Abbey and Free Garden Tour



11am



Adult £15, Children aged 15 and under free



Meet at the Abbey Courtyard, easily recognizable and located near the entrance. Join us for a lovely visit to Newstead Abbey which is a mix of medieval and Gothic architecture. The inside of the abbey is just as impressive and was once the home of Lord Byron, one of England's most famous poets. At 1pm you are welcome to join Philip Jones, local and garden historian, who is an expert on the gardens at Newstead Abbey and will take us on a one hour walking tour. The tour is free, but you have the option to donate £5.



We can take lunch or stop for coffee at the onsite café. Meeting point for the garden tour: In front of the Newstead Abbey shop. Visitors should meet at least 10 minutes before the tour start time. Visitors will need to wear comfortable clothing and footwear and reasonably fit to undertake a walk around the gardens for approximately one hour. Please note that visitors not entering the house, there is a charge of £6 per car for all-day parking. Cost: £15 for adult and free for children aged 15 and under when accompanied by paying adult. Book by Tuesday 1 July. Newstead Abbey, Newstead Abbey Park, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9HJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON  
21

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1.30pm



Free



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# August

FRI  
01

## Discovering Korea: My Travel Experience Presentation by Paul Evans



11am



Free



Our member, Paul Evans has kindly offered to give us a presentation on his trip to Korea in May 2023, "I embarked on an unforgettable journey to Korea, a land of vibrant culture, stunning landscapes and warm hospitality. During my visit, I explored Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Jeju Island, each offering its own unique charm.



Highlights included visiting historic palaces, the Eight Gates of the City Wall, the DMZ and trying authentic Korean cuisine like kimchi, gimbap, bulgogi, bibimbap and the BBQ. I was captivated by Korea's blend of ancient traditions and modern innovations. Interactions with locals left me inspired by their kindness and pride in their heritage. My trip was not just about sightseeing - it was a cultural immersion that deepened my appreciation for this fascinating country". Come along for this interesting and educational talk on Korea. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

SAT  
02

## The Hemlock Stone and Bramcote Park



11am



Free



Meet at Bramcote Hills Car Park. Join us for a lovely walk in nature and a visit to the Hemlock Stone which is a natural sandstone rock formation and iconic landmark. We can walk through the surrounding woods and then take a walk in Bramcote Hills Park. The Bramcote Hills provide some lovely views of the surrounding countryside. Following the walk we will take lunch at a nearby hostelry. Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



Photo by Alan Murray-Rust

# August

## THURS 07 **Traditional Meeting** (Prince of Peace Branch)

 7.30pm

 Free



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## SUN 17 **Sunday Lunch at** **Welbeck Hall**

 12.30pm

 £14.95 for a large plate



Come and spend your Sunday with us at Welbeck Hall for



a magnificent Sunday carvery in a stunning Riverside setting. Before the meal it is optional to take a walk along the embankment at 11am. Book by Friday 1 August. Welbeck Hall, Welbeck Road, West Bridgford NG2 7QW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

## MON 18 **City Boy, Country** **Life Talk by Mick** **Whysall**

 1.30pm

 Free



This is the story of a city boy born and bred in Sneinton, amongst the terraced street and factories of post war Nottingham. He found a place to escape at weekends and holidays in a small totally rural village in the Vale of Belvoir. Very soon he was accepted by the locals and found work on the five farms which made up the village. This is Mick's, light hearted, self deprecating story of the fusion of city boy in country life which he experienced in his young life. Book by Monday 18 August. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

# August

THURS  
21

## Outdoor Bowls at Wyndham Park Bowls Club



2pm



£3



Join us once again for some great fun bowling at Wyndham Park Bowls Club. Instruction will be given if needed. Please wear flat soled shoes/trainers. We are always made very welcome and complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits are provided. See you there for some bowling fun! Book by Sunday 10 August. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



TUES  
26

## Walk in Ancaster Vale and Lunch at Belton Garden Centre



11am



Cost of lunch



Meet at Ancaster Church for a lovely walk led by Sue in Ancaster Vale, which is a beautiful rural area offering scenic views, gentle hills and a peaceful countryside atmosphere. Ancaster Village, is a charming rural settlement steeped in history an excellent starting point for the walk. St Martin's Church, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham NG32 3PW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED  
27

## Cleaver Coffee Co, Long Eaton



11am



Cost of refreshments



Join us for supreme coffee and chat at this new venue as recommended by one of our members. Cleaver Coffee Co, Clifford Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 1EF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

**Disabled Access** – Please contact Karen who can advise you on details of disabled access at your events and meetings.





# Bring friendship to your front room



There are many reasons that might prevent you from being able to attend some of our events in person. A clash in the diary might mean something else takes priority, you might not be able to spare the cost this time, or perhaps you just want to stay close to home that day.

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions.

These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

## What's coming up online

We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

**Tuesday 13 May, 10am - Busy Fingers Crafts and Chat**

**Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 542 724 7603**

**Tuesday 10 June, 7pm - Food and Mood with Valentina Cartago (Registered Nutritionist)**

**Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 862 5077 7538. Password: 616704.**

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on [events@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:events@oddfellows.co.uk), with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) or ask me to send you a list by email.

**Karen Pye-Smith**  
**Secretary**

# Recent events at Nottingham Trent



*Members had a lovely refreshing walk around the Nottingham Arboretum.*



*Members enjoyed another humorous and interesting talk by Mick Whysall.*



*Members enjoyed a lovely meal at the Golden Phoenix, Arnold.*



*We are pleased to welcome Jan Walker as a new Committee Member.*



*We all enjoyed a fabulous meal at the Persian Empire.*



*Members enjoying a lovely meal together.*



# Recent events at Nottingham Trent



*Members enjoyed a lovely walk at Clumber Park.*



*Girls Having Fun!*



*Tai Chi with Shelagh.*



*At our AGM we welcomed our New Provincial Grand Master Anna Gregory and Provincial Deputy Grand Master James Montgomery, pictured here with Ann and Terry Kight who received their District Meritorious Service Awards for decades of unwavering loyalty to the District.*

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810**.

## Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

### You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Karen on **07921 821866** or email [karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk)

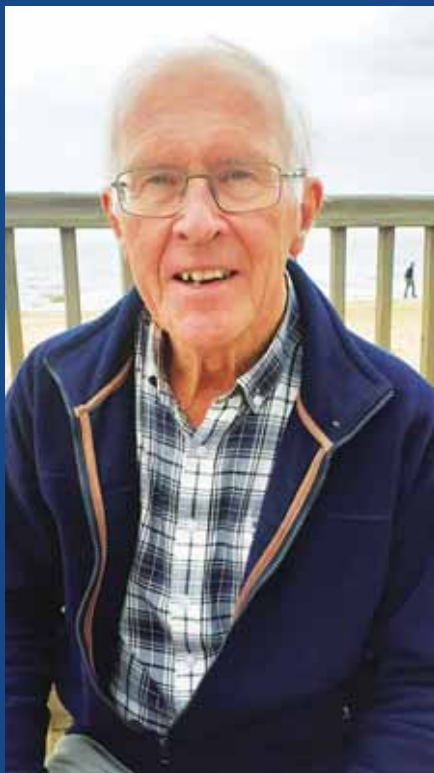


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# In loving memory - John Knowles



*Our lovely committee member, John Knowles who left us on 30 December 2024, you are sadly missed by Sharron and all of us.*



## Join the fun in Friendship Month

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

**All welcome**



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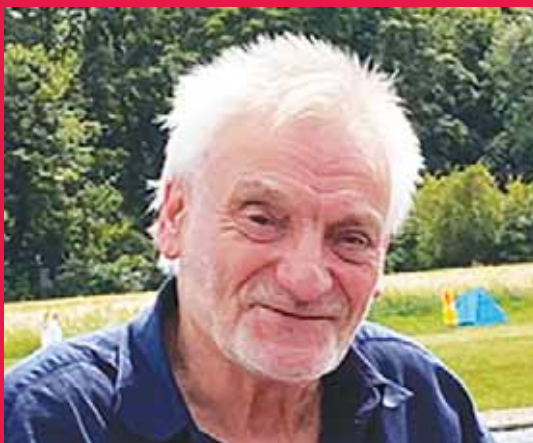
To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit **[www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)**

# Welcome Richard Pindor

**We are really happy to say that Richard Pindor is to become our new Welfare Visitor.**

He tackles his own medical issues and feels he would like to help others.  
Welcome Richard!

For any further information about your Nottingham Trent Care and Welfare Team, please see page 26.



## Oddfellows Extra – big brand offers and savings

From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra\* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

### Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/login](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/login)



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# Meet your Nottingham Trent 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.**



Anna Gregory  
Welfare Visitor



Karen Pye-Smith  
Welfare Visitor



Ann Kight  
Welfare Visitor



Gillian Allsopp  
Welfare Visitor



Richard Pindor  
Welfare Visitor

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 member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Karen on **01476 979572** or email **karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk**.

**We are currently looking to increase our team of welfare visitors, if you are interested please contact Karen on 01476 979572.**

## Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery

**In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.**

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

### Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



### Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: “It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must.”

### Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

### Port four

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. “It was amazing,” said Wendy. “The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre.”

### Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

“The sea defences were testament to the city’s position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean,” Wendy said.

### Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: “Lisbon wasn’t quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo.”

### Surprises and celebrations

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member’s birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel’s 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)

# Trio receive university funding

**Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.**

## Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

## Lillie Buckley, Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"



## Edward Smith, Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

“I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies,” he said. “I would encourage all eligible students to have a go at applying for this award.”



Edward says the money will go toward purchasing books and other learning materials.

## Torsten Ellis, Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extra-curricular activities.

He added: “It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

“My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I’ll get a rich understanding of both and I’m looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields.”

# Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting



## With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

### April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

### Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps

by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

### August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

### Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

For more financial tips and resources visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub)  
To view Unity Mutual's range of family friendly financial products\* visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows)

For more information call 0161 214 4628.

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# At a glance

## May 2025

<b>Fri 2</b>	Talk from Becky, Nottinghamshire Hospice's Community Fundraiser	11am
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Talk on Oddfellows to Newark Carer Support Group by Karen	10am
<b>Sat 10</b>	Wollaton Park Walk and Optional Visit to the Museum	11am
<b>Tues 13</b>	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Southwell Bowls Club	11am
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
<b>Fri 16</b>	Peggy's Skylight - Kat Eaton Soul/Blues	6.45pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	Rummikub and Games Afternoon	1.30pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	Tai Chi with Shelagh	11am
<b>Wed 28</b>	Coffee and Chat at Westgate Bakery	12 noon
<b>Fri 30</b>	Jimi The Legend Lives On at The Palace Theatre, Newark	7.30pm

## June

<b>Thurs 5</b>	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	Summer Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue	11am
<b>Sun 8</b>	Garden Open Day in Aid of St Barnabas	12 noon
<b>Tues 10</b>	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Southwell Bowls Club	11am
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Coach Trip to Highgate Cemetery	8am
<b>Sat 14</b>	Guided Tour of Southwell Minster	2pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Prize Winning Singo Bingo	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 19</b>	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
<b>Fri 20</b>	The Drifters at Newark Palace Theatre	7.30pm
<b>Sun 22</b>	The Park Nottingham Garden Trail	11am
<b>Wed 25</b>	Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church	11am
<b>Sat 28</b>	Guided Tour of The Rock Cemetery Catacombs	12 noon

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## July

<b>Wed 2</b>	Peak District Sightseer Bus	7.45am
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 4</b>	City Boy, Country Life Talk by Mick Whysall	11am
<b>Sat 5</b>	Go Quest Adventure	10.30am
<b>Tues 8</b>	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Southwell Bowls Club	11am
<b>Wed 16</b>	Tai Chi with Shelagh	11am
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
<b>Fri 18</b>	Yoga and Relaxation	11am
<b>Sun 20</b>	Newstead Abbey and Free Garden Tour	11am
<b>Mon 21</b>	Yoga and Relaxation	1.30pm
<b>Wed 23</b>	Tour of Bromley Library Nottingham	5pm

## August

<b>Fri 1</b>	Discovering Korea: My Travel Experience Presentation by Paul Evans	11am
<b>Sat 2</b>	The Hemlock Stone and Bramcote Park	11am
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 12</b>	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Southwell Bowls Club	11am
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston	11.30am
<b>Sun 17</b>	Sunday Lunch at Welbeck Hall	12.30pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	City Boy, Country Life Talk by Mick Whysall	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Outdoor Bowls at Wyndham Park Bowls Club	2pm
<b>Tues 26</b>	Walk in Ancaster Vale and Lunch at Belton Garden Centre	11am
<b>Wed 27</b>	Cleaver Coffee Co, Long Eaton	11am