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Dining Out



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Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Friendship Month



We hope you can join us for the Grantham Vintage Festival, Saturday 30 April. Please see page 5 for more details.

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter and Events Diary for Nottingham Trent District Branch

Dear Members,

The world seems to be getting somewhat back to normal now and I am happy to say that we have enjoyed some great events and meetings recently and I have organised many more in this events diary and hope to see lots of you coming along to have some fun and make new friends as we certainly make that our priority! There are still regular national, daily online events on Zoom, please contact me for more details.

Some of the events detail a booking deadline, this is sometimes because I have pre-purchased tickets and really need to know who is coming along, however, these deadlines aren't set in stone, so if you want to attend something which is past the deadline, please contact me and I will do my best to accommodate you. I hope you enjoy what is on offer in this diary of events and I welcome any ideas which you have for future events, just let me know. I will end by reporting that we came second in the whole country of 121

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.

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

Districts for recruiting members in 2021, so thank you to everyone who has encouraged someone to join, we really do appreciate it and remember you receive a £10 Love2shop voucher when you recruit your first member and then when you recruit 4 more people you receive a £60 Love2shop voucher, 20 referrals and you receive a £120 voucher and 40 referrals and you receive a £250 voucher!

April 2022

FRI **01** Quiz, Fun and Games Morning

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for a quiz from our quiz master, Rob Cook and have some fun and games at our monthly meeting, bring along your own game if you so wish. We will take lunch afterwards at the cafe or at a suitable venue nearby. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

SAT **02** Bramcote Hills and Hemlock Stone Walk

L 10.30am

£ Cost of lunch



Meet at Bramcote Hills Car Park for one of our most enjoyable walks to the Festival Inn, Ilkeston Road Trowell NG9 3PX and return. Approximately five miles. This walk includes hills, steps and country unpaved pathways. Lunch at approximately 12 noon halfway through the walk. Book by Friday 25 March. Bramcote Hill Car Park, Ilkeston Road, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3JT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Carol on 0115 9725837.



THURS **07** Silver Screen at Broadway Cinema

L 1pm

£ £5



Join us for a silver screening at Broadway Cinema, the cost is £5 for the viewing and includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. At the time of writing the screening is not detailed so please go to the website for information at www.broadway.org.uk. If you would like to take lunch before the screening then please meet us at 12 noon. Book by Friday 1 April. Broadway Cinema, 14-18 Broad Street, Nottingham NG1 3AL. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

FRI **15** Harlaxton Manor Easter Open Day

L 11am

£ £10



Join us for an Easter visit to Harlaxton Manor, which is a dramatic and unforgettable country house set within 300 acres of parkland and gardens near Grantham in rural Lincolnshire. Opening seasonally for the first time in 190 years, they are welcoming us to explore the manor, wander its magnificent gardens and enjoy the breathtaking views and scenery of Harlaxton Manor. Book by Friday 1 April. Harlaxton Manor, Harlaxton, Grantham NG32 1AG. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



April

MON
25

Talk on Tax, Care and The New Guy



7pm



Free



As this talk was so popular when delivered to the Nottingham Group, we have invited a speaker from Silvertime Legal, who will briefly cover Inheritance Tax and the changes to it to talk to the Grantham Group. They will also cover the topic of care and how, if we as individuals have over £23,250, we will be expected to pay for our own long-term care fees. Due to this, hundreds of houses are sold every day to pay for long-term care fees. The speakers will discuss the different options that may benefit certain individuals and help to prevent them from selling their homes for their care fees. Then there is the New Guy! What our speakers mean by the New Guy is what happens if there is a re-marriage and you want to protect your assets to make sure they are left in the hands of those you have chosen to benefit, rather than into the pockets of someone else. As well as this our speakers will also briefly cover Lasting Power of Attorney's and their importance. Come and join us for this free of charge, interesting and beneficial talk. Following the talk there will be short quiz presented by Rob Cook. Book by Monday 18 April. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

TUES

26

Physiotherapy Event at Forever Green



10am



£5 plus lunch



We have been invited to attend this physiotherapy event, which is being organised by Over The Rainbow Parkinson's Support Group. The session begins with a seated exercise class, you might need to bring along a walking stick or long brolly. This will be followed by refreshments and then a seated relaxation class, you will need a pillow. There will then be some free time to play games, walk in nearby woods, or sit and chat. If you wish to stay for lunch at 1pm you will need to pre-order, so please ask Karen for the menu. Costs: £5 to include tea/coffee. There will be a cost for lunch. Book by Sunday 10 April. Forever Green Restaurant, Ransom Wood Business Park, Southwell Road W, Rainworth, Mansfield NG21 0HJ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

April

THURS
28

Bowling at Wyndham Park Bowls Club



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. There is a cafe on site for light refreshments. See you there for some bowling fun! The date may need to be changed if the weather dictates, as this is close to the seasonal opening. Costs to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Wyndham Park Bowls Club, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



May

TUES
03

Wild River Walk, Belton House Parkland



Meet at the Lion Gates and join us for this beautiful walk along the wild river in Belton House Parkland. Belton Park is rich in wildlife and covers around 1300 acres, of which 750 acres is designated deer park. The River Witham runs through Belton Parkland. Following the walk optional lunch will be taken at a suitable venue. Book by Monday 25 April. The Lion Gates, Belton Lane NG31 9SH. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



SAT
30

Grantham Vintage Festival 2022



We have purchased 10 tickets for the much anticipated Grantham Vintage Festival. Join us for this Bank Holiday Saturday of 1940s and general vintage frolics, all are welcome to this vast array of display groups, exhibitions, vehicles and stalls. The house is National Trust, so free to NT members. Book by Monday 18 April. Grantham House, Castlegate, Grantham NG31 6SS. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

THURS
05

Visit to Navigation Brewery



4.30pm



£13



As the last brewery trip was so successful, we have been asked to organise a visit to another one. Located in Nottingham, just a stone's throw from the iconic Trent Bridge, the Navigation Brewery, which combines historic Victorian premises, cutting-edge technology and a passionate team of brewing experts. The tours are a great way to get an insight into both the ingredients and how the beers are made. The tours are fun and informative and you will experience every stage from raw ingredients, the brewing process, through to conditioning and the most important part, sampling! Staff will give you the technical stuff, show you the shiny bits, answer your questions, talk you through the range and make sure you have an enjoyable experience. Costs: £13, then for an additional £12 they offer a two course meal in the Brewery Tap (attached to the brewery), this includes a pint of Navigation beer. Pre-ordering is required and Karen can provide the menu. Book by Wednesday 20 April. Navigation Brewery, 17 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3HS. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

FRI
06

Speakers Corner



11am



Free



Join us for another fascinating presentation from a passionate and credible speaker. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

SAT
07

Elvaston Castle and Country Park Meander Walk



10.30am



Free



Join us for a walk around Elvaston Castle and Country Park. It has 321 acres of open parkland and woodland. At the heart of the estate lies the semi-derelict Elvaston Castle, a gothic masterpiece designed by James Wyatt. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. Refreshments can also usually be purchased at the Castle Kiosk. Approximately four miles through parkland. Uneven pathways, gates and woodland walk. Book by Saturday 23 April. Elvaston Castle Public Car Park, Borrowash Road (B5010), Elvaston, Derbyshire DE72 3EP. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Carol on 0115 9725837.



May

FRI
13

Golden Phoenix



Adults £17.99
Children £9.99



Join us at this wonderful fresh and spacious restaurant to enjoy cuisine from all across Eastern Asia. There is a wide range of great tasting oriental style food to suit all your tastes, made fresh every day. You can also experience the live cooking stations. Book by Sunday 1 May. Golden Phoenix, Oxclose Lane, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6FZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Ann on 0115 9565161.

MON
16

Flower Arranging



£5



Join us for a Flower Arranging Tutorial at the Clubhouse. All materials supplied to make a transportable table decoration of fresh flowers. This is a great fun event so be sure to come along! Please bring along a pair of scissors. Book by Sunday 1 May. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



June

SAT
04

Potwell Dyke Grasslands



9.45am



Cost of lunch



Meet us at Scout HQ, Southwell for a walk to see the wild orchids at Potwell Dyke Grasslands which



are 1.72 hectares of grasslands, being the remaining remnants of the Archbishop of York's deer park and hunting ground. The wetlands are owned by the Southwell Minster Chapter and comprise hay and wet meadow with smaller areas of marsh, ponds and semi-improved grassland, divided by ancient hedges and bordered in part by the Potwell Dyke. The walk will take approximately one hour. For those who don't wish to walk, there will be a video showing at the Bowls Club which is very close to the Scout HQ and you would be made most welcome. Following the visit to the Wetlands we will be taking lunch at Reg Taylors Garden Centre. This event has been organised in affiliation with Over The Rainbow Parkinsons' Group. Please advise us if you want lunch. Book by Sunday 15 May. Southwell Scout Group HQ, Bishop's Drive, Southwell NG25 0GD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

June

THURS
09

Vista Walk from Barrowby Village



10.30am



Free



Meet at the village green (facing the butchers) for a lovely vista walk from Barrowby, we have a selection of walks with varying distances, we will decide which walk to do before the walk. One option is the 'Surprise View' walk. Following the walk we will take lunch at a suitable venue. Book by Wednesday 1 June. Barrowby Village Green, Barrowby, South Kesteven, Lincolnshire NG31 8SZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

TUES
14

Nottingham Bowl Ten Pin Bowling



11am



See below



Join us for a visit to the UK's largest bowling alley, Nottingham Bowl for a game or two or three of ten pin bowling. This is a great way of having competitive fun with friends. There is a café serving pizzas and snacks if anyone wishes to take lunch afterwards. We have also spied a dart board when researching this event! Costs: One game £8, two games £12, three games £15. Book by Wednesday 1 June. Nottingham Bowl, Belward Street, Nottingham NG1 1JZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



SUN
19

Little Ponton Hall Roses



11am



£5, Free for children



Join us for a visit to Little Ponton Hall and its gardens which nestle in the curve of the River Witham. The 18th century house, home to Mr and Mrs George McCorquodale, is surrounded by spacious lawns dominated by a 200 year old cedar tree. In the walled vegetable garden are the Victorian greenhouses and a listed dovecote. The most recent addition is the development of a herb garden. Adjoining the garden is the tiny village church dedicated to St Guthlac. This is a magical, secret garden, rarely opened to the public and at this time of year has a fantastic display of roses. Book by Wednesday 1 June. Little Ponton Hall, Little Ponton, Grantham NG33 5BU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

June

MON
20

Become a Friend Against Scams today Talk



7pm



Free



Attend our awareness session delivered by Sharon Hall from



Lincolnshire police (Fraud Prevention Officer) to find out more about scams and how you can protect yourself and others from being a victim. Book by Wednesday 15 June. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

July

FRI
01

Flower Arranging at The Nottingham Mechanics



11am



£5



Join us for a Summer Flower Arranging Tutorial at The Nottingham Mechanics. All materials supplied to make a transportable table decoration of fresh flowers. Following the event we will be taking lunch at a local venue. This is a great fun event which we hold quite often due to its popularity, so be sure to come along! Please bring along a pair of scissors with you. Book by Wednesday 15 June. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

SUN
26

Sunday Buffet at Mr Man's Restaurant



12.30pm



Adults £16, Children £12



Join us for the popular Sunday buffet at Mr Man's Restaurant, they provide one of the best Cantonese buffet services in Nottingham and you can enjoy as much of the expertly prepared Chinese food as you like, for one simple price. The buffet dishes use only the freshest and most authentic ingredients. There are over 20 tasty dishes to choose from and the buffet comes highly recommended. There is a car park at Mr Man's. Ramp and toilets at rear providing disabled access. Three steps to restaurant but portable ramp available. There is the option to visit the dinosaur exhibition at Wollaton Hall in the afternoon or a stroll around the grounds and lake. Blue badge holders can park outside the hall for free. Book by Wednesday 1 June. Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2AE. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

July

SAT
02

Nottingham City Centre Hidden Treasures Walk



10.30am



Cost of lunch



Meet by the Left Lion, The Council House. Join us for a walk around Nottingham Historic City Centre. We'll also walk beside the Nottingham Canal, up into the Lace Market and learn a bit about Nottingham's Caves. This is a City Centre walk but includes uneven cobbled surfaces and hill inclines. Approximately three and half miles. Lunch afterwards at approx 12.30pm 'Via Fosse' Pub, 44 Canal Street, Nottingham NG1. Book by Wednesday 15 June. The Council House, The Old Market Square, Nottingham NG1 2DT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Carol on 0115 9725837.

WED
06

Sweet Peas at Easton Walled Garden



11am



£8



Join us for a golden opportunity to visit this hidden gem. Once the site of an extravagant stately home, the landscape owes a lot to the Tudor and Jacobean period being created over 400 years ago. Unfortunately, Easton Hall fell into disrepair during the Second World War and was eventually demolished in 1951. The gardens revival began in 2001 and led by Lady Ursula Cholmeley with the help of family and friends restoration work began and is now one of the finest walled gardens in the UK. The gardens extend to 15 acres and include magnificent displays of orchids, roses, sweet peas and irises.

Our visit will coincide with the flowering of the sweet peas of which there are over 50 varieties. To help make the most of our visit we will have the guidance of one of the gardening staff for some of the time. As well as the garden there is a lovely tea shop serving home-made refreshments, a conservatory and a well stocked garden shop. This is an event not to be missed. Book by Friday 1 July. Easton Walled Gardens, Easton, Nr Grantham NG33 5AP. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

July

THURS
14

Walk from Dove Cottage Hospice Tea Room



11am



Free



Join us for a lovely walk starting near Dove Cottage hospice tea room. Park in the public car park just before the hump back bridge. There will be plenty to look out for on the walk, wild life, arable crops changing with the seasons and if you look skyward you may spot parachutists floating down towards Langer airfield (an idea for a future event?). On the towpath there is a memorial to WWII aircrew who crashed nearby. We will end the walk at Dove Cottage where we can take optional lunch and have a look around the charity shop. Book by Friday 1 July. Dove Cottage Hospice, Canal Lane, Stathern, Melton Mowbray LE14 4EX. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

SUN
17

Magic of Thailand Festival in Nottingham



10am



Adults £5, Children Free



Meet at the Tram stop at the Forest Recreation Ground for a visit to this Thai Festival to experience the taste of Thailand this summer at Forest Recreation Ground. Treat yourself to a weekend wonder to feel a touch of Thai culture, where you can challenge your taste buds and feast your eyes on world class food and performances.



Unwind with a traditional Thai massage and don't miss the unique eating competition and Muay Thai boxing.

The festival starts with a traditional food offering to Buddhist monks and entertainment throughout the day including traditional music and dancing, Muay Thai boxing, Ladyboy show, Thai beer garden, Thai food and produce stalls, Thai massage and children's play area. Book by Friday 1 July. Forest Recreation Ground (Goose Fair Site), Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 6LB. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

July

MON
18

Quiz and Games Night



Join us for another quiz and games night. There will be a quiz delivered by our quiz master Rob and then a selection of games to play. There will also be a prize winning bingo session. If you don't want to do the quiz there will be plenty of board games to choose from. Book by Friday 1 July. Grantham Tennis Club and Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



TUES
26

Guided Tour of Stonebridge City Farm



Stonebridge City Farm is a small slice of the countryside in the heart of the City of Nottingham! We have been offered a private tour of the farm, which offers everyone the chance to experience animal handling. You can take a walk on the wild side through the gardens and wildlife areas. Finish off your visit with cakes and meals created from their own or locally sourced ingredients. Book by Friday 1 July. Stonebridge City Farm, Stone Bridge Road, Nottingham NG3 2FR. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

New to the Oddfellows?

Join us at one of our new member welcome events

Tues 12 July, 7pm

Weds 13 July, 1.30pm

Tues 18 October, 7pm

Weds 19 October, 1.30pm



For further information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome

Forthcoming event

SEPT
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Friendship Month Charity Fundraising Night



7pm



Members £3
Guests £??



ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Join us for this fun Charity Fundraiser to raise funds for the Prov GM's (Chairman) Charity of choice which is Blood Bikers. A blood bike is a motorcycle used to courier urgent and emergency medical supplies including blood around the country and these volunteers do this for free! We will be playing Bingo, Sticky 13's, Last Man Standing, Tombola, and a quiz. There will be cakes on sale and the entrance fee of £3 includes supper! There is a bar at this lovely venue. Tickets will be on sale in advance or available on the evening of the event. The Crossing Club, Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3AU. Society Wide. Please book by Wednesday 24 August. Contacts Karen on 01476 979572 or email karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk or Ann on 01159 565161.



London Theatre Break

Come along and join us for the sights and sounds of London.

We'll be staying at the 3* St Giles Hotel, located in central London.

Friday 17 June 2022
2 nights

£245 per person[†] includes breakfast and theatre ticket to see **Wicked**, at the Victoria Apollo Theatre.

[†]Based on 2 people sharing.



For further information and to book contact Mike Hall
0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) travel@oddfellows.co.uk



Walks, Meals and games







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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



Kathleen Martin
Welfare Visitor



Ann Kight
Welfare Visitor



Linda Tyler
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.



Online events you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home...

**Talks, coffee mornings, exercise classes,
quizzes, fun & games and much more**

**Visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'Kelso' in the place name box**

Need help to attend an online event? Just give your local Social Organiser
or Branch Secretary a call or email events@oddfellows.co.uk

A message from Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows CEO

Dear friends

For me, two things really stood out in 2021 – how resilient everyone has been, and how well we’ve adapted to so much change.

It’s been a tough 12 months on top of a previous tough nine months, and who knows how many more? However, as Oddfellows, you’ve looked out for one another, stayed open to doing things differently, and it’s getting us through. Your actions have made an amazing difference to so many of our members’ lives.

Gratitude

I want to thank you all for everything you have done. When speaking with our members and volunteers, and working alongside our Branches and staff in Manchester and Liverpool, I have felt immense pride – about our Society, everyone involved, and in Oddfellowship. By working together, we’ve shown that Oddfellows do what we say we do, no matter what challenges are thrown at us.

“Being there for our members continues to be our priority.”



At the start of 2021, we had hoped that by the end of the year things would feel a little brighter. We’ve made huge strides in our understanding of Covid, but the landscape is still very unpredictable. And when faced with uncertainty over a sustained period, it can make us feel overwhelmed and anxious.

One thing I’ve been doing to try and manage these feelings is to focus on what I can control, and acknowledging what I cannot. It’s not always easy, but it really has helped. Sitting with your thoughts or worries and working out what you can influence is time well spent. You can then identify the bits you can take action to change, which puts you in a more positive frame of mind. Covid is here to stay and the challenge for us all now is learning to live alongside it.

If you’ve needed support from us, I hope we’ve been able to help you where we can. Being there for our members continues to be our priority.

Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

We sadly lost many people we cared about in 2021. To those that passed, we will always remember you. Our condolences go out to family and friends, and rest assured they'll always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

We are having to cope with higher levels of uncertainty and worry at the moment, so we must make sure we rest well, smile as often as we can and be kind to ourselves and others. These are all totally within our control.

On behalf of the Society and my family, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe and well. Yours always in friendship

Jane Nelson

Jane Nelson
CEO, the Oddfellows

Lupus research team skills up for the future

In November we visited Guy's Hospital to see members of the Lupus Trust research team who have been the recipients of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund since 2019. Lockdown had the unintended consequence of sending the research in a new direction.

The restrictions meant they had to abandon the laboratory to work from home but this gave them time to focus on learning how to analyse big data, a skill that will benefit the research well into the future.

Pictured is the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Ogden handing over a cheque of £29,000



to Professor Jo Spencer and PHD student Bekki Velounias.

The donation marks the final instalment of a major three-year funding partnership, which totalled £85,000.

Oddfellows Travel – travel with confidence and in great company in 2022

We can't wait to get members and guests together for an exciting range of holidays in 2022. There's such a selection, something is sure to float your boat. Here's what's on offer...

London Theatre Weekend

17–19 June 2022

(2 nights. Bed and breakfast)

£245 per person



For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

We kick off the season with a trip to London to enjoy restaurants, shopping and musical theatre. We couldn't get closer to the buzzing West End than the 3* St Giles Hotel, located just yards from Oxford Street and Leicester Square. Join us for welcome drinks on Friday with our host, member Debra Haley. On Saturday, we head to the Victoria Apollo Theatre to see highly acclaimed musical, **Wicked**. On Sunday, we will make the most of the location with a shopping trip, ending our weekend with lunch before the journey home.

An unforgettable cruise exploring Norway and the Arctic Circle

22 June–7 July 2022

(15 nights. Full board)

From £2,899 per person

All aboard the Fred. Olsen cruise ship Balmoral on this exploration of Norway's northernmost reaches – an unforgettable journey of a lifetime. Setting off from Newcastle, join Oddfellows host Wendy Atkins as we journey to the Arctic Circle to the famous island of Spitsbergen, just 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. We will experience the remote beauty and eerie silence of distant towns situated in the stunning Arctic landscape. Our magical journey continues to the Norwegian mainland, to the 'top of Europe', the North Cape plateau and Tromsø, taking in stunning sights of lakes, mountains and glaciers on a journey that's unforgettable.



For more information, contact host Wendy Atkins at wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk or call 01437 251 867

Oddfellows Summer Holiday 4–8 July 2022

(4 nights. Half board)

Warner Leisure Hotel's Nidd Hall, Harrogate. From £351 per person for a Standard room or £381 per person for a Signature room

Treat yourself to a break in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in the Yorkshire countryside on our annual hosted summer getaway. Oddfellows Travel summer holidays are legendary and this year promises to be no exception. Set in 45 acres of award-winning gardens in the North Yorkshire countryside, we will be staying at Nidd Hall Hotel – where rumour has it Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party.

For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

Unwind with friends

The group holiday, which will be hosted by David Ogden, our Grand Master, is open to any members and their guests from across the UK. Together we'll be enjoying drinks, mouth-watering meals and superb live evening entertainment. You'll be free to choose how to spend your day – exploring the stunning location, sharing a game of bowls in the glorious gardens or relaxing in the swimming pool and spa. There's a host of activities to entertain you. Join us – bring a friend – and enjoy this beautiful 18th century mansion near Harrogate.



The spectacular grounds at Nidd Hall, Harrogate

At a glance

April 2022

Fri 1	Quiz, Fun and Games Morning	11am
Sat 2	Bramcote Hills and Hemlock Stone Walk	10.30am
Thurs 7	Silver Screen at Broadway Cinema	1pm
Fri 15	Harlaxton Manor Easter Open Day	11am
Mon 25	Talk on Tax, Care and The New Guy	7pm
Tues 26	Physiotherapy Event at Forever Green	10am
Thurs 28	Bowling at Wyndham Park Bowls Club	2pm
Sat 30	Grantham Vintage Festival 2022	11am

May

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June

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