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

Inside you'll find local and national Oddfellows news, information about our events, and plenty of useful information about your membership – so do have a read and keep it somewhere handy.

We have lots of great events coming up and we'd love to see you at one soon. All our events are open to everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

Branches across the country also host a wide range of free online events, giving you the chance to enjoy friendship from the comfort of your own home. You can check out the latest online events on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/

Remember, you can always find details of Branch events, member benefits and the latest Oddfellows news on our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

Please note: booking deadlines apply mainly to ticketed or pre-purchased events. Many of the pre-purchased events are subsidised for you, which is an additional benefit to the many benefits on offer to you as an Oddfellows member.

You may be aware that I am the District's Branch Secretary, Social Organiser and Care Coordinator. This keeps me very busy! Because of this, I would like to ask for your help. Every one of our events has a designated

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.

host – someone who can give a warm welcome and make sure things run smoothly. We're currently looking for some volunteer hosts to help us run some of our events. As a host, you'd be able to claim fuel mileage and any out-of-pocket expenses, as well as your coffee/lunch. If you'd be interested in getting involved, or if you think you could help out in any way, please get in touch!

There are lots of other ways to help out too – read more about volunteering on page 18.

As always, thank you to everyone who helps me, in so many ways, to successfully run this District.

Yours in Friendship,

Karen

May 2026

FRI
01

Yoga and Relaxation at The Nottingham Mechanics



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 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



SUN
03

May Day at Wyndham Park, Grantham



11am



Free



On Sunday 3 May there is a 'May Day' event in Wyndham Park - a return of this popular event with craft stalls and children's activities, plus traditional dance groups. Might be fun to go along! Meet at the Victorian structure next to the car park. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS
07

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 with ritual and after the short business items there will be a quiz or board games and members are encouraged to share stories, or 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.

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

May 2026

TUES 12 Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom

🕒 10.30am

£ £2 for refreshments



Join us for Rummikub and 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. Edingley Old Schoolroom, Edingley, Nottingham NG22 8BE. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

TUES 12 Coffee Morning Launch Party at The Hub

🕒 11.45am

£ Free



We're delighted to announce the launch of a monthly coffee morning in Sleaford at The Hub. Come celebrate our new coffee morning with us and meet some new friends. Everyone is welcome! We'll have some great games on offer to play and there'll be tea, coffee and biscuits included. We'll also have some goodie bags on offer.



Photo: Louise Hadden

The Hub is a renowned national centre that delivers an inspiring programme of contemporary craft, design, dance and creative arts experiences in Sleaford, across North Kesteven and beyond. Following the event, you are welcome to explore the exhibitions, including 'I only dance, I wish we could sing' by Raisa Kabir, an exhibition using text and textiles, sound, video and performance. There is a large car park adjacent to The Hub with the following charges: First hour is free, £2 for one to three hours and £4 for all day. Free parking for all blue badge holders. Book by Friday 1 May. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

May 2026

WED
13

Butterfly Day at Wyndham Park Visitor Centre

10am

£ Free



Go along for a 'Butterfly Day': an illustrated talk and 'Butterfly ID' session in The Visitor Centre followed by a practical identification walk in Queen Elizabeth Park. No obligation to go on the walk afterwards. This sounds fun! Book by Friday 1 May. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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.

WED
13

Private VIP Tour of The World Famous Museum of Curiosities

6.15pm

£ Members £12
Guests £15



Join us for a private VIP tour as we welcome you into a world of wonder and the wonderfully weird! The Museum of Curiosities is a four-floor adventure



through the strange, the unusual and the downright fascinating. Collected over decades by a passionate explorer of the mysterious, the exhibits include everything from rare taxidermy and historic oddities to curious artifacts with spooky stories behind them. The friendly and knowledgeable tour guides are always on hand to share fun facts and eerie legends. You will have exclusive VIP entry to the museum and we will have our own tour guide exclusively on hand, one to one to show us around the museum and exhibits. If we have any questions, they will be there to help and guide us personally. We will also be able to have a break in the drinks lounge free of charge and the gift shop will also stay open for our visit. Whether you're there for the odd, the old, or the oddly old, we promise an unforgettable journey through the curious corners of history and beyond. Book by Friday 1 May. The Museum of Curiosities, 75-77 Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

May 2026

THURS
14

Lunch at the Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us again for lunch at the Apple Tree Restaurant, which is located on the top floor of the main building at Grantham College and University Centre (lift available). Join us in the relaxed and friendly restaurant to enjoy one of their beautifully-prepared dishes at an extremely reasonable price. All of the food is freshly prepared and served by their catering and hospitality students, overseen by the college's industry trained and extremely experienced lecturing team. This gives them the opportunity to provide high quality menus whilst offering the students vital work experience opportunities in a real life setting. Pre-ordering required. Book by Friday 1 May. Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College, Stonebridge Road, Grantham, Nottingham NG31 9AP. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



MON
18

Talk about Grantham Museum and its Fascinating Local History



2pm



Free



Come along for this fascinating talk, where we will discover the stories behind the museum's collections and learn about the heritage of Grantham and the surrounding area. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



Grantham Museum - geograph.org.uk - 3849916.jpg by Richard Croft - CC BY-SA 2.0

THURS
21

Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



Cost of refreshment



We are returning to Beeston Social for our monthly coffee morning. Come along and have coffee or tea and a famous Beeston Brownie. Meet up with friends, old and new, where you will be made most welcome and can foster connections. The venue is close to the tram stop and if arriving by car you can park in Tesco car park across the road. The Beeston Social, 2 Station Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2WJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

May

FRI
29

The Mersey Beatles



6.30pm



Members £15
Guests £17



Liverpool's finest, The Mersey Beatles are coming back to Nottingham this May and we couldn't be more excited! Join us at Binks Yard as we celebrate the timeless music of The Beatles - the band that changed the world forever, plus a special warm-up from DJ Adam Jay, spinning the best retro and indie classics. This is set to be a night full of nostalgia, energy, and non-stop hits. Get ready to sing along to all your favourite Beatles anthems - from 'Hey Jude' to 'Come Together' - in what promises to be an unforgettable night. Book by Friday 1 May. Binks Yard, The Island Quarter, 1 The Great Northern Close, Nottingham NG2 3BJ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



SUN
31

Grantham Historical Walk



1pm



Free



Meet at Grantham House, you may wish to take lunch in the café prior to the walk. Join one



of the knowledgeable National Trust walk leaders on a circular historical walk around Grantham, where we will depart and finish at Grantham House. The town is steeped in history dating back to between 400-600AD: the Saxon Period. Battles with Oliver Cromwell; WWI and WWII camps dominated the landscape. Kings and Queens of England had stayed in this market town. Politicians, actors and scientists have hailed from Grantham. White Gingerbread also came from here and as some would say, the early designs of the tank for WWI. Distance 3.6km. This walk should be suitable for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or very low level of fitness. Suitable for pushchairs. Please wear walking boots, walking shoes, or trainers. Wet weather clothing is advisable. There is limited accessible parking on site, but some on street parking outside or Watergate Car Park (NG31 6NS) is nearby. Grantham train station is 0.7 miles away and no dogs are permitted on this walk unfortunately. Book by Sunday 17 May. Grantham House, Castlegate, Grantham NG31 6SS. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

June

MON
01

The People's War Talk by Christopher Weir

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for an interesting and informative talk given by Chris Weir, formerly of Nottingham Archives. The talk will explore the impact of World War II on Nottinghamshire using images from the period. It will highlight the necessity and type of air raid shelters introduced at the beginning of the war, how rationing affected families and communities, the production of munitions, the creation of civil defence organisations, how evacuation affected villages and towns, evidence of local documents including letters and it follows the course of the May Blitz on the City in 1941. After the talk we will have the option to take a snack at Fisher Gate Point. Book by Friday 15 May. Fisher Gate Point, 1 Fisher Gate, Nottingham NG1 1GD. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED
03

Zaap Thai Street Food Restaurant

L 12.30pm

£ £15



Join us for a meal at Zaap, located between Maid Marian Way and Market Square, just minutes away the centre of Nottingham. The restaurant may be in the city centre of Nottingham, but when we step inside, you will swear you have been transported to Thailand. Watch out for the oncoming train passing through the Maeklong Railway Market or climb aboard a tuk tuk and soak up Thailand's famous bustling street food markets. At the time of print there is a £15 lunch set menu, a starter, a main and a soft drink. Book by Friday 22 May. Zaap Thai Street Food, Unit B, Bromley Place, Nottingham NG1 6JG. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS
04

Prince of Peace Branch

L 7.30pm

£ Free



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June

FRI
05 Sentimental Journey
Talk by Mick Whysall

L 11am

£ Free



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TUES
09 Rummikub, Triominos
and Other Games at
Edingley Old Schoolroom

L 10.30am

£ £2 for refreshments



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WED
10 Cromford Canal
Walk and Lunch at
The Horse and Jockey

L 10.30am

£ As per menu



Join us for this popular, roughly five-mile (8 km) circular



walk starting at Lea Bridge in Derbyshire, which is the High Peak Junction Car Park (Lea Road, Matlock DE4 5AE). It serves as a key access point for the Cromford Canal. The walk combines the tranquil Cromford Canal with hilly woodland paths. The route typically traverses through Lea Wood, High Peak Junction, and along the canal towpath, often featuring historic sites like Leawood Pump House, offering an easy to moderate grade walk that can be muddy after rain, so please wear suitable walking boots. Afterwards, we will have lunch at The Horse and Jockey, 6 Brackenfield Lane, Wessington, Alfreton DE55 6DW (a few minutes drive away). As this walk is some miles away, it would be great if attendees could offer lifts and car share. Book by Monday 1 June. High Peak Junction Car Park, Lea Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5AE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

June

THURS
11

Coffee Morning at The Hub



11.45am



Cost of refreshment



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THURS
18

Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



Cost of refreshment



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MON
15

Floral Pop-Up Card Making Session



2pm



Free



Join Jayne Fowler once again for this really fun and creative guided tutorial to make a floral pop-up card. All materials supplied to make this lovely card. The session was really enjoyable last time so don't miss out. Book by Sunday 1 August. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED
24

The Crimson Tree, Sherwood



12.30pm



As per menu



We have been recommended to come along to The Crimson Tree - a kitchen and larder, which is a cosy and welcoming oasis of fine food and drink in the heart of Sherwood, just North of Nottingham city centre. For more information visit their website at www.crimsonstree.co.uk. The Crimson Tree, 621 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG5 2FX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

June

MON
29

Herbs, Healing and History Talk by Christopher Weir

L 11am

£ Free



This session given by Chris Weir will look at the role of herbs through many years of history. They were used for many different purposes and their healing powers led to the establishment in 1617 of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. Herbs have been used to fight the plague and many other illnesses and herbalists have been a key part of our High Streets for many years. John Boot, the father of Jesse Boot was described as a medical botanist in the 1851 census that listed the family when it was on Woolpack Lane in Nottingham. Find out more in this session at Fishergate Point. Following the talk we will have the option to have a snack at Fisher Gate Point. Book by Tuesday 16 June. Fisher Gate Point, 1 Fisher Gate, Nottingham NG1 1GD. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

July

THURS
02

Prince of Peace Branch

L 7.30pm

£ Free



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FRI
03

Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue

L 11am

£ £5



This tutorial is perfect for beginners and Sue will guide you through creating a lovely table flower arrangement, using a mix of fresh flowers. All materials are provided, but please bring scissors. Come and enjoy this calm, hands-on experience. Maximum 10 participants. Book by Saturday 20 June. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



July

SUN
05

Sunday Lunch at Fothergills

12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for Sunday lunch at Fothergills, a historic Nottingham venue, offering a unique, international, bistro-style fixed price menu, using ingredients from local producers, together with ales from local micro-breweries and a great selection of wines. The relaxed and welcoming surroundings offer great views of Nottingham Castle. The building, built in 1883, designed by Watson Fothergill, now features a more stripped-back and relaxed interior, displaying more original features and architectural significance. Book by Sunday 28 June. Fothergills, 5-7 Castle Road, Nottingham NG1 6AA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

FRI
10

Visit to Wollaton Park and Museum

11am

£ Members £12
Guests £15



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 architectural wonder - Wollaton Hall, which is one of the country's finest grade I listed Elizabethan buildings and the largest dedicated Natural History Museum in the county. The entrance fee to the hall is £15 (subsidised to £12 for members), but this gives you access to the museum for a year. Afterwards, we can take lunch in the café or at a local hostelry. Book by Wednesday 1 July. Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, Wollaton Road, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2AE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

July

TUES 14 Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom



10.30am



£2 for refreshments



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THURS 16 Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



11.30am



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MON 20 Sentimental Journey Talk by Mick Whysall



2pm



Free



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July

FRI
24

Walk, Broad and Narrow Marsh



11am



Free



This walk will be led by Chris Weir, starting at Fisher Gate Point. and will reveal the character and evolution of this distinct part of Nottingham. At one time it was regularly flooded by the Leen and it became known as a very deprived area. Yet it provided housing and work for hundreds of men and women, many living in lodging houses as their work was only occasional. The walk will pass houses and other kinds of buildings that made up the area and along the way we will discover some of its many characters. We will also see what remains of the old Broad Marsh Centre. The walk will last for two hours and will end at St Peter's Church. We can then take lunch in a local hostelry. The walk is free of charge. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED
29

Beyond Van Gogh Immersive Experience at Motorpoint Arena



2.30pm



Members £18
Guests £21



Join us this summer, for a spectacular immersive art experience: Beyond Van Gogh. Immerse yourself in the world of Vincent Van Gogh – not just his paintings, but his vision. This immersive exhibition uses sweeping projections, vibrant colour and stirring music to breathe new life into masterpieces like 'The Starry Night', 'Sunflowers' and 'Café Terrace at Night'. This is art as you've never experienced it. Motorpoint Arena, Bolero Square, Nottingham NG1 1LA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

FRI
31

Grantham Museum Visit



11.30am



Free



Join us for a visit to Grantham Museum, whose aim is to educate, inform and inspire visitors, by showcasing the history and culture of Grantham and surrounding areas. The volunteer run charity strives to bring their collective heritage to life with physical exhibitions and interactive experiences. Admission is free, however, consider leaving a small donation to help them continue creating new exhibitions and events for the community. Afterwards, we can take lunch at The Guildhall Café. Book by Thursday 16 July. St Peter's Hill, Grantham NG31 6PY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

August

WED 05 Visit the new Waterside Bridge and Lunch at The Lady Bay

🕒 10.30am 💷 As per menu 🏛️

Meet at the Lady Bay Pub car park for a visit to the 'historic' bridge, which has been installed over the



River Trent in Nottingham. The 85m (278ft)-long Waterside Bridge is the city's first river crossing bridge, built in more than 65 years. This bridge links the Trent Basin area of the city and Lady Bay in Rushcliffe. After visiting the bridge and a short walk we will lunch at The Lady Bay. Please inform us if you will be taking lunch. Book by Monday 27 July. The Lady Bay Pub, 89 Trent Boulevard, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5BE. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

THURS 06 Prince of Peace Branch

🕒 7.30pm 💷 Free 🗨️

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FRI 07 Rummikub and Games at The Nottingham Mechanics

🕒 11am 💷 Free 🎲

Join us for this relaxed and sociable Rummikub and board games session, which will bring you together for some competitive fun and enjoyment. Help will be on hand for those who need reminding of the way to play. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



TUES 11 Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom

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THURS 13 Outdoor Bowls at Wyndham Park



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 Saturday 1 August. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON 17 Yoga and Relaxation at St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre



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. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



THURS 20 Coffeefellows at Beeston Social



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August

FRI 28 Cropwell Bishop and Owthorpe Walk



10.30am



As per menu



Meet at Cropwell Bishop playing field car park which also serves the



memorial hall, for this lovely five mile walk which is on the flat. The walk follows the canal tow path and crosses some uneven fields. This is a delightful walk in nature observing wildlife and beautiful countryside. Following the walk we will take lunch at the Cropwell Bishop Creamery Tea Rooms, with a shop selling a full range of award-winning cheeses, alongside an array of appetising accompaniments, including Peter's Yard and Fine Cheese Company crackers and biscuits, and their own range of chutneys and jams. The tearoom offers a range of delights such as Hambleton Bakery bread and pastries, local pork pies, brownies and much more! They also serve hot and cold drinks. Their coffee is produced locally by Stewarts of Trent Bridge and made with fresh Peak District milk from the creamery. Well worth a visit! Book by Monday 27 July. Cropwell Bishop Memorial Hall Car Park, 73 Nottingham Road, Cropwell Bishop, Nottingham NG12 3BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

Image Tim Heaton - Church of St Giles, Cropwell Bishop / CC BY-SA 2.0

September

Friendship Month

WED 09

Princess River Cruise Navigator Dinner



12 noon



Concessions £25,
Adults £25.50



We are so pleased to say that we are joining up with South



Yorkshire and North Derbyshire District for this fabulous event. The cruise takes in the views of the historic city between Holme Pierrepont and Wilford Church. The Navigator Dinner (wait on service) is either chicken breast or scampi or crispy battered fish, all with chips, peas or beans. Black forest gateau and cream and complimentary tea or coffee. All of the meals are served to your table with a generous helping of hospitality by the friendly staff. Informative live commentary and a companion cruise map are also included, so that we can follow our journey and pick out the historical and local points of interest. Booking is necessary please by Monday 17 August. Princess River Cruises, The River Lodge, Princess Park, Racecourse Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4RF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

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

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Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Members enjoyed a lovely walk in the Arboretum, Nottingham.



We had a fantastic night a 'Think Floyd' at The Palace Theatre, Newark.



We enjoyed a talk on Art Deco Buildings in the Cat & Fiddle in Nottingham.



Our visit to Le Mistral in Sherwood was enjoyed by all, the French food was fantastic!



Members enjoyed a visit to Cogglesford Mill.



They were treated to a guided tour of the Mill.

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Mick Whysall gave another one of his humorous, entertaining and nostalgia creating talks.



We had a lovely day out in York on the Ice Sculpture Trail.



We all met in the Cross Keys, Nottingham for a Guided Tour by Ezekial Bone.



The tour was really informative but the rain joined us!



The tour ended in a beautiful church in central Nottingham.



We had a fantastic evening at Abba by Candlelight at Southwell Minster.

More events from the District



Christopher Weir, formerly of Nottingham Archives delivered a workshop on Quill Pens, Parchment and Old Handwriting.



Following the presentation we all had a go at writing with Quill Pens!





Everyone enjoyed a Yoga & Relaxation session with Lindsay.



Members enjoyed making pop-up floral cards.





We enjoyed Sunday lunch at the historic Malt Cross, an old Victorian Music Hall.



At our recent AGM the Chair presented a cheque for £1,233 to Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. The funds were raised during her year in office.



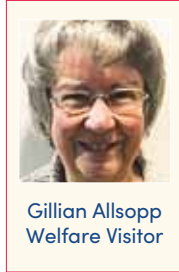
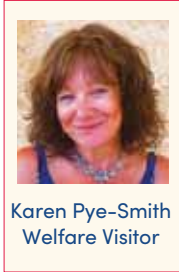
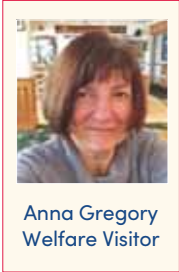
Pictured from left to right: The incoming Provincial Deputy Grandmaster, Richard Pindor, Prov CS, Karen Pye-Smith, Provincial Grand Master, Paul Evans and Past Provincial Grand Master, Anna Gregory.

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.



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.

Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk.

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions.

Support with fundraising and donations

Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

£10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa.

HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

**Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.

At a glance

May 2026

Fri 1	Yoga and Relaxation at The Nottingham Mechanics	11am
Sun 3	May Day at Wyndham Park, Grantham	11am
Thurs 7	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Tues 12	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	10.30am
Tues 12	Coffee Morning Launch Party at The Hub	11.45am
Wed 13	Butterfly Day at Wyndham Park Visitor Centre	10am
Wed 13	Private VIP Tour of The World Famous Museum of Curiosities	6.15pm
Thurs 14	Lunch at the Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College	12.30pm
Mon 18	Talk about Grantham Museum and its Fascinating Local History	2pm
Thurs 21	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
Fri 29	The Mersey Beatles	6.30pm
Sun 31	Grantham Historical Walk	1pm

June

Mon 1	The People's War Talk by Christopher Weir	11am
Wed 3	Zaap Thai Street Food Restaurant	12.30pm
Thurs 4	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 5	Sentimental Journey Talk by Mick Whysall	11am
Tues 9	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	10.30am
Wed 10	Cromford Canal Walk and Lunch at The Horse and Jockey	10.30am
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning at The Hub	11.45am
Mon 15	Floral Pop-Up Card Making Session	2pm
Thurs 18	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
Wed 24	The Crimson Tree, Sherwood	12.30pm
Mon 29	Herbs, Healing and History Talk by Christopher Weir	11am

At a glance

July

Thurs 2	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 3	Table Top Flower Arranging Tutorial with Sue	11am
Sun 5	Sunday Lunch at Fothergills	12.30pm
Fri 10	Visit to Wollaton Park and Museum	11am
Tues 14	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	10.30am
Tues 14	Coffee Morning at The Hub	11.45am
Thurs 16	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
Mon 20	Sentimental Journey Talk by Mick Whysall	2pm
Fri 24	Walk, Broad and Narrow Marsh	11am
Wed 29	Beyond Van Gogh Immersive Experience at Motorpoint Arena	2.30pm
Fri 31	Grantham Museum Visit	11.30am

August

Wed 5	Visit the new Waterside Bridge and Lunch at The Lady Bay	10.30am
Thurs 6	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 7	Rummikub and Games at The Nottingham Mechanics	11am
Tues 11	Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	10.30am
Tues 11	Coffee Morning at The Hub	11.45am
Thurs 13	Outdoor Bowls at Wyndham Park	1pm
Mon 17	Yoga and Relaxation at St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre	2pm
Thurs 20	Coffeefellows at Beeston Social	11.30am
Fri 28	Cropwell Bishop and Owthorpe Walk	10.30am

Forthcoming Event - September - Friendship Month

Wed 9	Princess River Cruise Navigator Dinner	12 noon
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