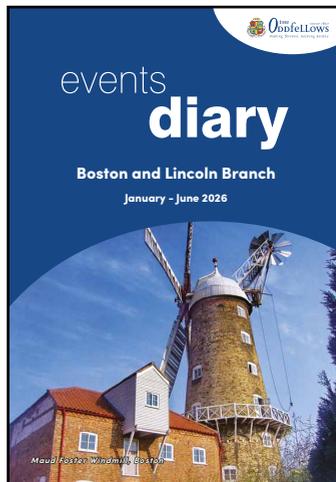


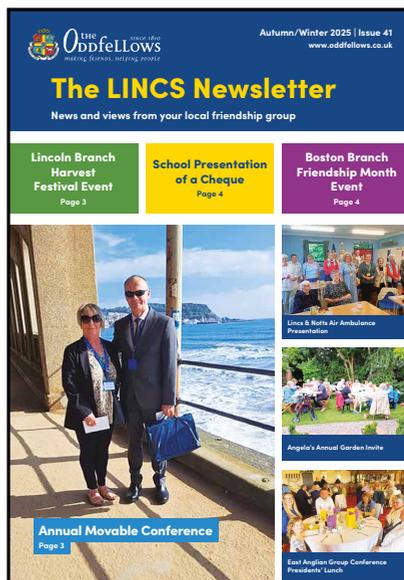
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# events diary

**Boston and Lincoln Branch**

**January - June 2026**



*Maud Foster Windmill, Boston*



*A Walk Around Whisby Nature Reserve - Thursday 18 June*

Welcome to the latest edition of your Events Diary for Boston and Lincoln Branch.

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

We are basically a group of friends brought together through shared interest in socialising, making friends and helping people.

This issue features details of all our upcoming events from eating out to trips out.

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**Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any of our events that take your fancy and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.**

## 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.**

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## A message from the Social Co-ordinators

Dear members,

Please do read through this Diary of Events. If you have not attended an event with us before you will be most welcome, we would love it if you were able to join us. As social organisers we try our best to produce a varied programme of events and we look forward to seeing more of you take part. For those of you who attend regularly, we thank you.

If anyone has difficulty in finding transport to get to the events, you have only to contact one of the Coordinators and they will do their best to find lift share/someone

to assist you. We look forward to meeting even more of our members.

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**You must book your place on our social events as they may be subject to change. Other social events are available locally, search online at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events)**

## January 2026

### Tuesday 6 - Dine Around at the Elite Fish and Chips Restaurant, 12 noon

Start the New Year with friends enjoying a fish and chips lunch at the Elite Fish and Chips restaurant. Cost as per menu. A pensioners special of fish, chips and peas with bread and butter for £12.50. **Address:** Elite Fish and Chips, Tritton Road, Lincoln LN6 7JW. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



### Wednesday 7 - Coffee and Chat, 2pm

Come along and join us for a catch up with new and old friends and enjoy some refreshments with us. There will be a raffle and the lucky draw. **Address:** Wings Meadow, Freiston Road, Boston PE21 9AB. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



## February

### Tuesday 3 - Play Your Cards Right, 7pm

Please do come along to a fun filled night with friends playing the popular game of 'Play Your Cards Right'. There will be nibbles along with tea or coffee and also a raffle.

**Address:** Holy Cross Church Hall, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 7RB. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



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## Numbers and Dice

### Wednesday 4 February 2026, 2pm

Wings Meadow, Freiston Road, Boston PE21 9AB

Numbers and Dice is a new game created by Derek, so please come along and see what it is all about. We are sure there will be lots of laughter. Refreshments will be provided, there will also be a raffle and the lucky draw. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



## February

### Wednesday 18 - Dine Around at The Burton Inn, 12 noon

Traditional British pub grub is on offer at the Brewers Fayre pub. Join friends to eat anything from a mixed grill to a great British pie and chips. There are lots of special offers to be had. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026.

Cost as per menu. **Address:** Brewers Fayre, Wainfleet Road, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 9RW. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



## March

### Tuesday 3 - Talk by Janice Moss, 7pm

Janice who works for the local food bank will join us for a talk on wellbeing. It would be appreciated if members could bring an item of non perishable food to donate to the food bank. There will be a raffle and the usual refreshments. **Address:** Holy Cross Church Hall, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 7RB. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



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## Beetle Drive

### Wednesday 4 March 2026, 2pm

Wings Meadow, Freiston Road,  
Boston PE21 9AB

Please come along and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter with this ever so popular game of beetle drive. There will be refreshments along with a raffle and the lucky draw. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



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### Wednesday 18 - Dine Around at Dobbies, 12 noon

Join us for a spot of lunch and then a browse around the garden centre. There is always a good choice from the menu with OAP specials. Book by Wednesday 4 March 2026. Cost as per menu. **Address:** Dobbies, Wainfleet Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 9RZ. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



# Afternoon with Friends

Wednesday 15 April 2026, 2pm

Dobbies, Wainfleet Road, Fishtoft, Boston PE21 9RZ

Join us again at Dobbies and enjoy a slice of cake, coffee and a good natter with friends. Book by Wednesday 1 April 2026. Cost as per menu. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



## May

Tuesday 5 - Talk by Headway Charity, 7pm

Ann-Marie from the charity 'Headway' will be joining us to tell us more about the work they do with people with brain injuries. Refreshments will be available along with a raffle.

**Address:** Holy Cross Church Hall, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 7RB. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



Wednesday 6 - Quiz, 2pm

Quiz afternoon, lets get those brains working and see if we can knock Debbie off the leaderboard. The usual refreshments will be available along with a raffle and lucky draw. **Address:** Wings Meadow, Freiston Road, Boston PE21 9AB. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



Thursday 14 - Dine Around at Woodcocks, 12 noon

A pleasant location at Burton Waters to enjoy some wonderful food with wonderful friends. Lots of choices on the menu. Cost as per menu. **Address:** Woodcocks, Saxilby Road, Burton Waters, Lincoln LN1 2BE. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



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## June

### Tuesday 2 - Rita's Photo Quiz, 7pm

You are guaranteed a great night with one of Rita's quizzes, so do come along and please bring a friend and enjoy the evening, there will be refreshments and a raffle.

**Address:** Holy Cross Church Hall, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln LN6 7RB. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



### Wednesday 3 - Make Your Own Bingo, 2pm

Can you pick the lucky numbers? Please come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon with a difference. Refreshments will be available along with a raffle and the lucky draw. **Address:** Wings Meadow, Freiston Road, Boston PE21 9AB. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



### Wednesday 17 - Dine Around at the Burton Inn, 12 noon

A return visit to the Burton Inn to once again enjoy some wonderful food at such good value for money. Please do bring a family member or a friend to join us, everyone is most welcome. Book by Wednesday 3 June 2026. Cost as per menu. **Address:** Burton Inn, Wainfleet Road, Boston PE21 9RW. Contact Derek on 01205 367434 or Debbie on 01205 358217.



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## A Walk Around Whisby

### Nature Reserve

**Thursday 18 June 2026, 10am**

Moor Lane, Thorpe on the Hill,  
Lincoln LN6 9BW

Join us for a stroll at Whisby Nature Reserve and admire the views, then afterwards enjoy a coffee in the café. Please note there is a £3 parking charge. Cost as per menu, walk is free. Contact Eileen on 01522 544447 or Mary on 01522 823676.



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# 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 18 November 2025, 10.30am, 'Scam Awareness Talk' with Age UK**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsScamAwareness>

### **Tuesday 25 November 2025, 7pm, 'Ditch 'try' – live with intent with Dr Andy Cope**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/AndyCopeTryOddfellows>

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.

**Debra Cunningham**

# Oddfellows Extra

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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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## Can you help by volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without wonderful volunteers. We need help to make sure we can keep our events as fun as they can be for all our members. There's lots of ways you can pitch in to help us, from one-off help to regular support. You can commit an hour a month, or more if you've got the time!

Volunteering could include meeting and greeting newcomers to make sure they feel welcome, or arranging activities, like quizzes or presentations, which we can help you run and promote.



If you can help by volunteering or want to find out more, contact Debbie by phone on 01205 358217 or email [debra.cunningham@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:debra.cunningham@oddfellows.co.uk)



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# Make the most of your membership



## Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

### Standard £25 a year membership\* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

### £35 a year membership\* provides you with additional benefits of...

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

For more information visit: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits).

\*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.

# At a glance

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<b>Wed 18</b>	Dine Around at The Bull	12 noon
<b>Sat 28</b>	Annual General Meeting	11am

## April

<b>Wed 1</b>	Members Afternoon	2pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Hobbies Night	7pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Afternoon with Friends	2pm

## May

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<b>Wed 6</b>	Quiz	2pm
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News and views from your local friendship group

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# A Warm Welcome to all members and friends

## Welcome to your Autumn/Winter 2025 Edition of 'The Lincs'

**A big welcome to your 41st edition of the Boston and Lincoln Branch of Oddfellows newsletter. Included with this newsletter is your events diary for the next six months.**

Please keep this handy to view our upcoming events, some of which may require early booking dates for catering purposes, so that you won't miss out. I hope you have all enjoyed the wonderful summer sunshine we have had this year it really was a scorcher at times.

As your Editor, I welcome any contributions for your Newsletter to help make it an interesting read for us all.

Also, as your Social Organiser, I would welcome your ideas for any activities you would like to be introduced and included in future events diaries. Your Branch would welcome ideas from its members. All will be given consideration. Should you be happy with the present activities organized at Boston and Lincoln Branches, then it would be nice to let Eileen of Lincoln Branch know as well as Derek of Boston Branch, but we are open to all ideas that you, our valued members, may wish to ask for. My sincere regards to you all.

**Yours in Friendship,  
Your Editor. Derek**



## Traditional Terms

**Grand Master (GM):** Chairman

**Provincial Grand Master (Prov GM):** District Chairman

**Provincial Deputy Grand Master (Prov DGM):**  
District Deputy Chairman

**Provincial Corresponding Secretary (Prov CS):**  
District Secretary - responsible for administering Branches

**Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master (IPPGM):**  
Immediate Past District Chairman

**Past Provincial Grand Master (PPGM):** Past District Chairman

**Lodge:** Branch

**Brother and Sister:** Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family.

Jac Sutherland treated the Boston Branch to a comprehensive talk on how the service works and operates. Members were keen to ask questions, all of which were answered comprehensively by Jac.

## Lincoln Branch Walk

Lincoln members and friends gathered at Whisby Nature Reserve on a warm sunny April day. They walked around various Lakes viewing and listening to all the different species of birds and waterfowl. All walks are easily accessible and various hides along the way to sit and view the wildlife. Also, members of the RSPB to inform you of various

species that are all around. There is so much to see and do however, eventually our legs tired and so we all felt it was time to visit the onsite wonderful restaurant for refreshments and view the exhibits and shop. We do find this a great place to visit and enjoy. (Many thanks to Edmund for sending his report to me).

## 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.

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## Angela's Annual Garden Invite

Another annual invite to Angela's superb garden for an Afternoon Tea Party, which 15 members attended. It was a perfect, warm, fine, and sunny afternoon to enjoy the food provided and listen to Angela telling us all about her bees.

Angela offered her wonderful honey for sale and donated the proceeds to our Chairman's Charity. Also, donations

made by members present meant that a total of £153.50 would be added to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, which our chairman has chosen to support during his term of office.

Members were then able to stroll at leisure around the magnificent, beautifully kept gardens. We extend our thanks to Angela, and we hope our visits will continue.

## Annual Movable Conference

Branch Secretary Debbie and husband Craig arrive at Scarborough for the start of our annual conference 2025. Three full days of hard work deciding on the future of our Society. The sun was shining, but there was a rather cold wind. Unfortunately, Derek and Irene were unable to be there due to Irene being hospitalised. One of the main clauses put to conference gave Debbie her chance to address conference with her personal opinion on the discussion of the matter, for which she received a round of applause.



## Cheque Presentation



Irene Green, Branch Chairman 2024-2025 presents a cheque for £885 to Geoff Evens of Riding for the Disabled, her chosen charity. Irene gives her thanks to all members of the Boston and Lincoln Branches for their support in raising such a wonderful amount for such a deserving charity.

## Lincoln Branch Talk

Nineteen members attended the Talk and Slideshow given by Neil Timm. Neil gave his in-depth talk and slide show on the National Garden Scheme and concentrated on Lincolnshire Gardens and their history, and how they came about etc. He explained how they came about and that they all are open to view for the public and that you can have tea and cakes to raise money for local charities.

The slides of the gardens were excellent. Lots of questions were asked by members and answered comprehensively by Neil. It was an interesting evening enjoyed by all. The evening ended with the usual refreshments and Raffle.

(Your Editor thanks Edmund for his excellent report).

## Lincoln Branch Harvest Festival Event



Nineteen members attended the branch Harvest Festival event, where all sorts of Vegetables and Fruit along with lots of other provisions had been donated. The auctioneer again worked extremely hard to raise proceeds for our Chairman's chosen charity which this year will be the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. To end an entertaining evening members enjoyed refreshments, and the usual Raffle was held.



## School Presentation of a Cheque

Debbie Cunningham accompanied by Irene and Derek Green, presenting the cheque for £2,200 to the Boston Endeavour Academy. The amount was raised during Debbie's

year in office as President of the East Anglian Group Conference. Far front right is Debbie's grandson, Harry, who enjoyed meeting the girls and boys.

## August Dine Around

Sixteen Boston and Lincoln members attended another of our favourite Dine Arouns at the Spirit of Endeavour. Good food, yet again enjoyed, and lots of catch-up natter. This was followed by the usual Lucky Draw, and it was Alan who was able to take home the cash prize this time.



## Boston Branch Games

Members gathered for a Beetle Drive. Lots of fun as each pair tries to be the first to complete the Beetle. After six rounds, the winning pair was Karen and April.

Runners-up were Junior member Hattie and partner Debbie. Following the break for refreshments and the usual raffle, Derek introduced a new game consisting of dice and numbers to see what reaction he would get from it. It was an overwhelming YES from everyone. (Derek will now have to think of a name for it and include it in a future events diary.) The Lucky Draw was made at the end of the proceedings, and the winner was Carol R. She was delighted, as it was the first time her name had been drawn.

## Boston Branch Quiz Afternoon

Members gathered for another of Derek's not-so-easy General Knowledge quizzes. Surprisingly, everyone seemed to have their brains in gear on the day.

Our usual champion on quizzes is Branch Secretary Debbie and it was no surprise that yet once again she came out on top and was able to take home the cash prize. Afternoon refreshments were enjoyed followed by the usual raffle and the Lucky Draw was held with the name drawn being our most Junior member Harry (who was still on holiday). So next time let's see if Debbie can be knocked off that perch.

Members were thanked by Derek at the end of the meeting for their support and attendance.

## Lincoln Branch Entertainment

Local Entertainer Joe Morton made it another enjoyable evening for Lincoln members. He covered songs from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Members were encouraged to join in and sing along to the many songs that Joe included, not forgetting the humour that Joe included in his act.

The report your editor received from Edmund said how much everyone had enjoyed such an enjoyable evening. The meeting also included a Buffet donated by members and the usual Tea and Coffee. To finish off a wonderful evening, members supported the usual raffle.

## Boston Branch Friendship Month Event

Our Friendship Month billed as 'Friends in the Garden' unfortunately had to be held this year indoors due to inclement weather, but that didn't stop 21 members and one guest from having a wonderful time. The noise level was quite high with the

chatting going on, including jokes from Derek and David.

Wonderful home baked cakes were on the menu and enjoyed. Everyone said how much they had enjoyed their afternoon together and would be looking forward to

the next one being with friends. The usual Lucky Draw was held with the winner being our Junior Member Hattie who had joined the party after finishing school. Our Branch Secretary Debbie had boxed some sweets for everyone to take home with them to enjoy.

## East Anglian Group Conference Presidents' Lunch

Boston and Lincoln District Secretary Debbie Cunningham hosted her annual lunch at the Thorney Golf Centre, Peterborough. Debbie was elected to serve as President of the group for the year 2024/25. 53 attended and enjoyed their excellent meal at this first-class venue. Debbie had chosen the Boston Endeavour Academy as the recipient of funds raised throughout the Branches Group Conference. She was delighted to present a cheque of £2,020 to the Academy at the lunch.



## Boston Branch Member London Walk

Karen Payne, a Member of the Boston Branch, completed her 26-mile Moon Charity Walk around London in aid of Breast Cancer.



The walk commenced at 10.30pm, hence naming it The Moonwalk. Karen completed the full 26-miles in eight hours. For her successful effort, Karen raised over £250. Our Branch supported Karen by donating £25. Karen told your editor that she hopes to do another event next year. Good luck, Karen, from all your Oddfellow Friends, in the future challenges you intend to undertake.

## Happy Holiday Time

Sarah and Keith Snell Lincoln Branch members had a lovely time on holiday down in Kent. Sarah is the daughter of Eileen Lake, who is the branch Social Organiser. But where is husband Keith? Oh, it's just come to me that he's behind the camera!



## Boston Branch Beetle Drive

Not the fast-and-furious version this time around, but just to see who could complete the full beetle first. Champions of the day were Alison and Alan with four completed beetles. Also, present, before the games was Geoff representative of the Charity Riding for the Disabled. This was the charity the Branch Chairman Irene Green

had nominated to support during her year of office. After thanking all members of the Boston and Lincoln branches for the support she had received in raising funds for her chosen charity, Irene was able to present a cheque for £885 to Geoff who in turn explained to those present just what our donation would be used for.

## Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

**Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.**

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows’ ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance,

the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all – including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: “Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs.”

“But it’s not just about accessibility. We’ve also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future.”

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows), and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.

## Application deadlines approach!

**Whether it’s enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.**

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

### Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards,

which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.\*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch’s deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025.**

\*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients’ stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

### Making a Difference Awards

Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.



Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference)

If you’ve missed these deadlines this time don’t worry, just make a note for next year!

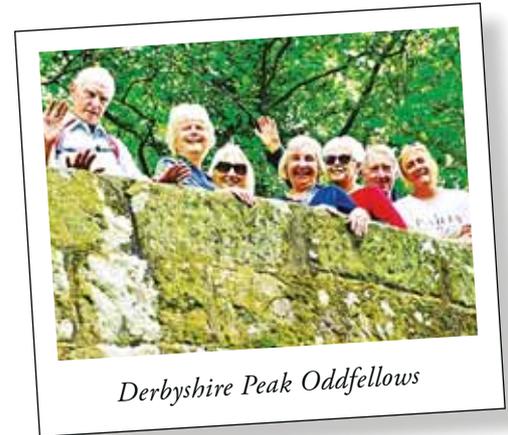
# Thank you for saying 'yes' to friendship

**This Friendship Month, we've been encouraging people to say 'yes' to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.**

It's safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I'm thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it."

"Saying 'yes' to trying new things can be daunting, but you've all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying 'yes' to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that's organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month."



*Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows*



*Birmingham Oddfellows*



*Bradford Oddfellows*



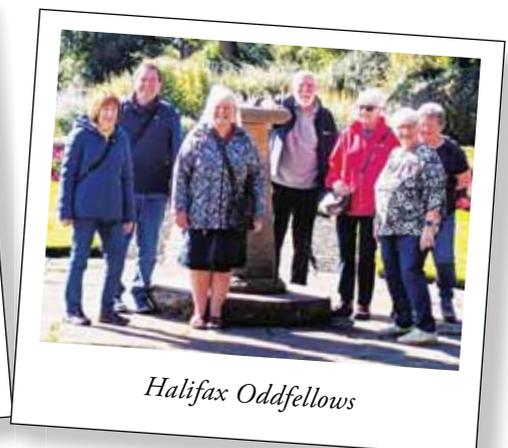
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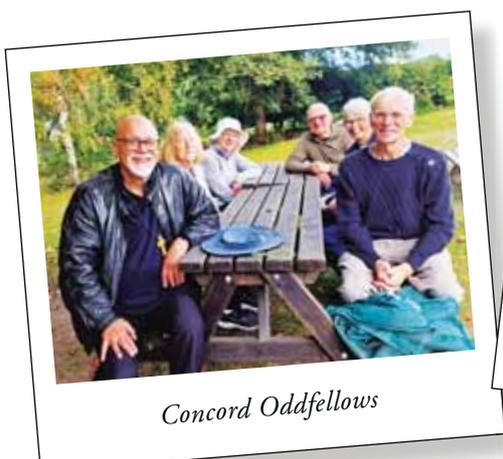
*Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows*



*Albert Oddfellows*



*Halifax Oddfellows*



*Concord Oddfellows*



*Cambridge Oddfellows*



*Sudbury Oddfellows*

## Meet your Boston and Lincoln Care and Welfare Team



### The Oddfellows looking after you Care, Advice and Support

Welfare Officers for Lincoln Branch are Eileen Lake and Mary Daulton pictured on the left, and for Boston Branch Irene and Derek Green pictured right.



**Eileen Lake and  
Mary Daulton  
Lincoln Branch  
Care Team**



**Irene and  
Derek Green  
Boston Branch  
Care Team**

Any members who are not well are visited by Welfare Officers to see if any help can be given by their branch. We visit members in their own homes, and those who are in a residential or care home and, also members

who may be sick and in hospital. All information given during visits is entirely confidential. Sometimes members have more serious problems or illnesses which can be passed on to our Care Department at our Head Office in Manchester if the member agrees to this. This is just one of the many benefits which all members are entitled to with Oddfellows membership.

*All our Welfare Visitors 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 when they visit.*

Members or a member of their family can arrange a visit by getting in touch with our Secretary Debra Cunningham, whose contact details can be found in your Events Diary. Your Welfare Officers wish all members well, but should you need us we are here for you.

## National Oddfellows Helplines



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

### Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line\*



**Call 0800 0149 821**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)

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

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

### Care and Welfare Helpline\*



**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

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

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

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

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

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