



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

events & news

Capital of the Fens

July - December 2019



Wisbech Castle



Afternoon Tea at Twenty Pence Garden Centre – Tuesday 29 October

Welcome to this edition of your Events Diary and Newsletter for Capital of the Fens District.

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.

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This issue features details of all our upcoming events from dining out to trips out plus lots of other activities.

A message from your new Social Co-ordinator

Dear All, please have a read through this Events Diary and trust there is something you may wish to come along to. We do try and organise different events and if you have not been to any before, you will be sure of a friendly welcome.

Also, please feel free to contact myself or Alison and we will be very pleased to give you more information. Should transport be a problem, again please contact us and we will do our best to assist you. We would also remind everyone to kindly observe the closing dates, as these are set by the venues. Please contact me on 01945 465909 or email maureen.norgate@oddfellows.co.uk.



Maureen Norgate

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.

For further details or to book on any of the following events please contact Alison on 01945 465909 or email alison.adamson@oddfellows.co.uk.

July 2019

Tuesday 16 - Coffee Morning in Outwell, 10.15am

Come and join us at this new location. Open to everyone. If you are new to the area, come and meet us and enjoy a coffee with us. Your first cup is free. **Address:** Crown Lodge Hotel, Downham Road, Outwell PE14 8SE.



EAGC Annual Barbecue

Sunday 28 July, 3pm

1 King's Road, Wisbech PE13 2PF

Come along and enjoy good food and company at our annual barbecue. Bring along you friends and families. Our raffle will be in aid of our President's Appeal and any donations will be very much appreciated. The price includes drinks as well as food. Book by Saturday 20 July. **Cost:** £7.50.



August

Wednesday 7 - Breakfast at D'licious, 9am

Enjoy a lovely cooked breakfast - there is plenty of choice - in the company of good friends and a great way to start the day. Book by Monday 29 July. **Address:** D'licious, Old Market, Wisbech PE13 1NJ. **Cost:** As your menu choice.



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 or call 0800 028 1810.

August

Sunday 11 – RNLI Lifeboat Day, 10am

A chance to meet the crew and people who man and look after the Sheringham Lifeboat. The day ends with a service. Fundraising stalls in the lifeboat station. **Address:** Sheringham Lifeboat Station, The Promenade, Sheringham, Norfolk NR26 8ZZ.

Sunday 18 – Summer Picnic in Sandringham Park, 3pm

Bring your own food, drink and something to sit on and enjoy this lovely park. Sandringham Visitor Centre and toilets are close by. Free parking. **Address:** Sandringham Park, Sandringham Estate, Sandringham, Norfolk PE35 6AB.



Tuesday 20 – Coffee Morning in Littleport, 10.15am

The first of coffee is free. A chance to catch up with our friends and members in the east of our District. **Address:** YPL, Granby Street, Littleport CB6 1NE.

Friendship Month Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10 September, 10am

Meeting Room at Wisbech Library,
5 Ely Place, Wisbech PE13 1EU

A chance to bring along your friends for free coffee and biscuits. Hear about the Oddfellows and our social activities. Also learn about our welfare for all our members. There will be a

chance to enter into our national prize draw. We will be in the Meeting Room on the first floor accessible by stairs or lift. Free parking in nearby car parks.

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Celebrating 10 years



September – Friendship Month

Sunday 15 – Bowls at Littleport Bowls Club, 2pm

We have been invited again to visit Littleport Bowls Club for our annual get together. Not played before, doesn't matter, club members on hand to help. Afternoon tea will follow and also a raffle in aid of our Chairman's appeal. **Address:** Littleport Bowls Club, Hempfield Place, Hempfield Road, Littleport CB6 1NW.



September - Friendship Month

Half Yearly Branch Meeting

Tuesday 17 September, 7.30pm

United Reformed Church, The Crescent, Wisbech PE13 1EH

At this half yearly meeting nominations will be received for officers etc ready for our annual meeting next March.

Friday 20 - Sausage and Mash Supper and Slide Show, 7.30pm

Prior to our supper, Dr Eric Somerville will be giving us a talk and slide show on Welfare, The Poor Laws & the Workhouse in Wisbech. This covers the history of welfare from medieval times to the start of our welfare state. A prize raffle will also be held. Book by Thursday 12 September. **Address:** Three Holes Village Hall, Main Road, Three Holes PE14 9JR. **Cost:** £8.50.



October

Tuesday 15 - Coffee Morning in Outwell, 10.15am

Come and join us at this new location. Open to everyone. If you are new to the area, come and meet us and enjoy a coffee with us, first cup is free. **Address:** Crown Lodge Hotel, Downham Road, Outwell PE14 8SE.



Tuesday 22 - Wisbech Town Council Chambers and Mayor's Parlour, 7.30pm

Take a tour around our historic Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour and learn about our famous town residents from the past including Lord Peckover. Tea and biscuits to follow. **Address:** Wisbech Town Council Offices, 1 North Brink, Wisbech PE13 1JR.



Tuesday 29 - Afternoon Tea at Twenty Pence Garden Centre, 2.30pm

A new venue for us to enjoy afternoon tea and a stroll around the garden centre afterwards. Book by Tuesday 22 October. **Address:** Twenty Pence Garden Centre, Twenty Pence Road, Wilburton, Ely CB6 3RN. **Cost:** £9.50.



November

Peterborough Dogs and Dinner

Wednesday 6 November, 6.30pm

The Peterborough Greyhound Stadium,
Fengate, Peterborough PE1 5BP

Enjoy an evening of dog racing with all bets and winnings carried out at your table, all proceeded by a three course meal. Early booking is essential. Payment in full is due at the time of booking. Book by Tuesday 1 October. **Cost:** £20.



Tuesday 12 - Lunch Out at Jamie's, 1.30pm

Meet us for a two course lunch - main and dessert. If you would like to come along, please contact Alison for menu choices, as these need to be pre-booked. Book by Thursday 31 October. **Address:** Jamie's at Eagles Golf Centre, 39 School Road, Tilney All Saints PE34 4RS. **Cost:** £15.

Tuesday 19 - Coffee Morning in Littleport, 10.15am

The first coffee is free. A chance to catch up with our friends and members in the east of our District. **Address:** YPL, Granby Street, Littleport CB6 1NE.

Share the love - Help your friends get more out of life...

Why not invite them to become an Oddfellow? The more you refer that join, the greater rewards you'll receive – starting with a £10 Love2shop voucher.*



To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at www.oddfellows.co.uk or fill in a Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary.

Terms and conditions apply*

The Refer a Friend offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other membership offer. For full terms and conditions, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers.

December

Christmas Time Sunday Lunch

Sunday 1 December, 12.30pm

Beechwood House, Leverington Road,
Leverington PE13 5DQ

Enjoy good food and company at this popular venue. Enjoy a pre-meal drink in the conservatory before our lunch at 1pm. As numbers are limited, book early to ensure your place. We will also have a raffle. Book by Saturday 9 November. **Cost:** £25.



Sunday 22 - Christmas Carol Service, 8pm

We have been invited again to join the congregation for their Carol Service at St George's Church Littleport. This will be followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome. **Address:** St George's Church, Church Lane, Littleport, Ely CB6 1PS.

Travel places with Friendly Faces

With group holidays, short breaks, exclusive discounts, travel offers and the opportunity to get to know other Oddfellows travellers, the Active Travel Club has something for everyone to enjoy.



**Fred. Olsen
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Insurance***

Check out the latest holidays at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel
Contact **0161 832 9361** or email active@oddfellows.co.uk

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply.

Please ask for further details before booking.

Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests.

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Meet the new District Chairman Maureen Norgate

As your Provincial Grand Master (District Chairman) for this year my chosen charity fundraising is for the youth 'Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets', Wisbech and the Wisbech Sea Cadets.

They hold regular meetings, training, outings and adventures for the youth of Wisbech together with their own fundraising events, which is their main source of income. They also parade every Remembrance

Sunday at our War Memorial followed by a church service in St Peter and St Paul's, the parish church of Wisbech.

***Picture above:** Stanley Spinks
Deputy Provincial Grand Master
(Deputy District Chairman),
Maureen Norgate Provincial
Grand Master (District Chairman),
Rosemary Richardson, Immediate
Past Provincial Grand Master
(Immediate Past District Chairman).*

Dining Out Club

We are proposing to start a monthly meal out – either breakfast or lunch. If you are interested, please email our Social Co-ordinator on maureen.norgate@oddfellows.co.uk.



To speed up communication about all that is going on with the Oddfellows, please let Alison have your email address at alison.adamson@oddfellows.co.uk.



Our 'famous five' attending the recent Annual Movable Conference (AMC) at Southport, Janice Ovens, Lynne Quibell, Rosemary

Richardson, Maureen Norgate - all Past Provincial Grand Master (Past District Chairman) and Alison Adamson District Secretary.

Obituary - Keith Adamson

We were all shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Keith Adamson, Past Grand Master of the Order (Past Chairman of the Society) on Friday 16 November 2018, who was our current East Anglian Group Conference President.

Keith has been a special friend to all of us at the Capital of the Fens District Branch as well as the wider membership of our Society.



Our meetings and social events are all the sadder as, so far, no-one has taken up the mantle of giving us a joke or two to leave on. His ever smiling face will be greatly missed along with his wise council. Our thoughts go out to Alison and the family.

Mum's Christmas Pudding Recipe

Ingredients

4oz or 110g of shredded suet
2oz or 50g self-raising flour
4oz or 110g white bread crumbs
1 level teaspoon of ground mixed spice
A good pinch of cinnamon
8oz or 225g of demerara sugar
4oz or 110g of Sultanas
4oz or 110g of Raisins
10oz or 275g of Currants
1oz or 25g mixed candied peel
1oz or 25g of glace' cherries
1oz or 25g almonds skinned and chopped
½ an orange zest and juice
½ an lemon zest and juice
1 small carrot grated
1 small cooking apple grated
1 table spoon marmalade
2 large eggs
5oz or 250ml of stout
2 tablespoons of Rum

You will need a 2pt or 1.2 litre pudding basin, lightly greased.

Method

The day before you want to either steam or boil the pudding take the biggest mixing bowl you have and start by putting in the flour, suet, bread crumbs spices and sugar together mix well, added the dried fruit, the grated apple, carrot the orange and lemon zest and juice and marmalade,.



In a smaller basin mix together the stout rum eggs and beat together. Do not forget to tick everything off so that you know you have used everything bring all the ingredients together and mix well it should fall straight off the spoon so fairly wet, gather all the family round so that they can have a stir and a wish Cover the bowl and leave overnight.

Next day pack the mixture in to the pudding basin put on a sheet of grease proof paper and over the top some baking foil and tie securely with string, put the pudding in a steamer and steam for 6 hours, making sure the saucepan does not boil dry. It is then ready to store I always put new greaseproof paper and foil on once the pudding is cold, it is then ready for Christmas day because of the central heating I store my puddings in the freezer as houses seem too hot to store them in today.

Remove from the freezer and steam for a further 2 and ½ hours on Christmas morning.

This is Winnie Felgate's recipe and a great family favourite.



Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Alison on **01945 465909** or email **alison.adamson@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you 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 to you.

Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care for care and welfare information

184,000 reasons why we LOVE our members...

Our Branches work tirelessly to fundraise for some fantastic causes. Whether it's a bake sale to fund cancer research, or a coffee morning to purchase some much-needed equipment for their local hospital, every single penny counts.

In 2018, Oddfellows Branches raised over £184,000 for good causes – all of which could not have been achieved without the support of our members and wider community! Every cupcake sold, each raffle ticket purchased, they all add up to make real, tangible differences to people's lives across the country.

Congratulations to everybody involved in any and all fundraising activities. Please continue to keep up the good work and dig deep wherever you can! If you can't spare a little bit of cash, maybe you could help in different ways?

There's always a need for an extra pair of hands, whether you're rounding up the troops, baking some delicious goodies, or tidying up after an event – your time is just as valuable to charity fundraisers as any money you're able to donate.



North Gloucestershire District Branch present Cheltenham hospital with £6,640.



HA Andrews Memorial Fund presents University of Bradford with £29,000



Ormskirk & Southport District Branch present Southport Offshore Rescue Trust with £775



Oddfellows raise £2532 for the British Heart Foundation

Oddfellows Brass: Music to our ears!



The Oddfellows Brass band has been a huge part of our identity for 38 years, after it was first established as 'Unity Brass' in 1981.

Founded by the personable and talented Rob Boulter, the band has members of all ages and musical tastes! They perform a huge range of music, from traditional tunes and film scores to chart toppers and original pieces, arranged and composed by the players.

Each year, they put on eight astounding performances for the Oddfellows, travelling up and down the country to ensure members and the public have the opportunity to enjoy the music. This year, Oddfellows Brass will be performing at the following locations:

Southport – Sunday 26 May

Hosted by: Ormskirk & Southport District Branch

Location: Southport Floral Theatre & Convention Centre, Promenade, Southport PR9 0DZ

Call **01695 424149** or email

bonita.hesketh@oddfellows.co.uk

Liverpool – Saturday 29 June

Hosted by: Mersey District Branch

Location: Childwall Sports and Science Academy, Queens Road, Liverpool L15 6XZ

Call **0151 639 2777** or email

margaret.hughes@oddfellows.co.uk

Leamington Spa – Saturday 3 August

Hosted by: Heart of England District Branch

More details to follow

Oldham – Saturday 7 September

Hosted by: South East Lancashire

District Branch

Location: King William IV, Saddleworth Parish Council Civic Hall, Uppermill,

Lee Street OL3 6AE

Call **01457 876 870** or email

sheila.kendall@oddfellows.co.uk

Bourne – Saturday 21 September

Hosted by: Nene and Welland

District Branch

Location: Bourne Corn Exchange, 3 Abbey Road, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9EF

Email **andrew.spencer@oddfellows.co.uk**

Norfolk – Saturday 12 October

Hosted by: Trafalgar Branch

Location: St Nicholas Church, Market Place, North Walsham, Norfolk NR28 9BT

Call **01692 407852** or email

angela.batson@oddfellows.co.uk

Hartlepool – Saturday 26 October

Hosted by: Cleveland and Durham District

Location: St Hilda's Church, Church Close, Hartlepool TS24 0PW

Call **01642 655685** or email

david.smith@oddfellows.co.uk

If you'd like to see Oddfellows Brass performing in a location near you, let your Branch Secretary know!

Valuable Oddfellows artefact rescued “just in time”!

Clearing out a home often unearths surprises, as members Harold and Jackie Houghton found when they were collecting a pile of discarded items from a relative’s home in Manchester.

“We checked to make sure there wasn’t anything important left in the pile. Jackie spotted a watch in one of the boxes and she knew I would be interested in taking a look,” explained Harold. Having realised they might have an interesting (time)piece of history on their hands, Harold and Jackie visited a horologist (a clock maker), to service the watch.

Harold said: “It wasn’t until we moved to Llandudno that I heard any mention of the Oddfellows again. I spotted an advert for a local meeting in Deganwy, so we went along to find out what it was about. We actually joined whilst we were there!” Our resident Oddfellows historian,



Paul Eyre, commented: “The watch is an example of the type of presentation made to a past officer or secretary, usually to mark long service, in the first half of the 19th century. These would have been individually produced and painted by a local craftsman of the time, so this pocket watch is truly a unique piece.”

Harold wanted to return the watch to its roots, so he and Jackie visited Manchester’s central office to hand-deliver the watch to the CEO and Secretary of the Order, Jane Nelson.

Jane said, “It’s wonderful that this watch has brought Harold and his wife to the Oddfellows. We love it when our members share their history with us, and we’ll be displaying Harold’s kind donation alongside some of our other important historical artefacts.”



Sharing is caring

Who do you know who'd love to share the benefits of Oddfellows membership? From fun and friendly events through to care and welfare support, you're more than just a number with the Oddfellows – you're part of our family.

Last year, over 700 members joined the Oddfellows after being referred by one of their friends. Sharing the experiences you've had with the Oddfellows could truly make a big difference to somebody else's life? When you refer a friend, not only will they receive the amazing care and support from our community, but they'd have the chance to make some great new friends. If you have somebody in mind, bring them along to the next Branch event, so they can enjoy the benefits of membership for themselves!

When you refer your first friend, we'll send you a £10 Love2shop voucher as a thank you – perfect for buying your pal a coffee, or grabbing a bite to eat. As you encourage more of your friends to join, you'll move



up through our Bronze, Silver and Gold referrer levels. And once you've referred 40 friends, we'll send you a whopping £250 in Love2shop vouchers, which could pay for a much-needed break away!

So if you'd like to share your Oddfellows membership with some of your nearest and dearest, or anyone you think could benefit, pick up one of our new Refer a Friend leaflets from your local Branch, or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

*T&Cs apply, please see our website for details: www.oddfellows.co.uk / terms-conditions

Barry Bedford becomes our FIRST-EVER Platinum-Plus member

It's no secret that Barry Bedford, from Nene and Welland District is our most successful current member when it comes to recruitment. To thank Barry for all his hard work, we're rewarding him with £10 worth of Love2shop vouchers for every new member he introduces to the Oddfellows moving forward. Well done, Barry!

At a glance

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November

Wed 6	Peterborough Dogs and Dinner	6.30pm
Tues 12	Lunch at Jamie's	12 noon
Tues 19	Coffee Morning at YPL, Littleport	10.15am

December

Sun 1	Christmas Sunday Lunch at Beechwood House	12.30pm
Sun 22	Carol Service at St George's Church, Littleport	6pm

Branch Meetings in Wisbech

Tuesday 17 December, 7.30pm

Our December meeting will be followed by seasonal refreshments. Everyone welcome. **Address:** United Reformed Church, The Crescent, Wisbech PE13 1EH.