

September - December 2025



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making friends, helping people

out & about

Nottingham Trent District



Members enjoyed a lovely guided tour around Wollaton Park by Mick Whysall



Sports



Art/Crafts



Dining Out



Meetings



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Wellbeing



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Online

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

Hi all, we're thrilled to have you here and, as you can see from the photos in this Out & About, we've been enjoying some truly fantastic events together. This diary is your go-to guide for upcoming gatherings and activities that inspire, entertain, and connect us all. Whether you're looking for creative workshops, storytelling sessions, gentle walks, coffee mornings, yoga, meals out, or theatre trips, you'll find everything you need right here.

Come along and enjoy the true values of Oddfellowship, which are deeply rooted in friendship, love, and truth — fostering a genuine sense of community, compassion, mutual support, and building lasting relationships. Let's make some unforgettable memories together, and encourage friends or family to join in too.

If you wish to know the length or difficulty of walks, please contact Karen, who can also advise on general event accessibility and suitability for your needs.

For car share, we always do our best to arrange lifts with someone from your area attending the same event — contact Karen if you would like help getting there. For walks, wear sturdy boots and suitable clothing for the season, and bring water and snacks to stay refreshed.

Recently, it became clear that not all membership areas were being covered,



*Friendship Walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve -
Saturday 20 September*

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.

or that more events were needed in certain places. I'm pleased to report that in this diary, members have helped organise activities in Long Eaton and Sleaford, and we hope to add even more locations in future editions.

Please note: booking deadlines apply mainly to ticketed or pre-purchased events. However, please adhere to the stated dates wherever possible. commitments, I cannot attend every event due to other work commitments. Sometimes I will call on volunteers to lead in my place. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps me, in so many ways, to run this successful District.

Regular Events

Rummikub, Triominos and Other Games

Second Tuesday



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, Nottinghamshire NG22 8BE. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

9 September 14 October 11 November

Coffeefellows at The Star, Beeston

Third Thursday



Join us for our popular monthly meet-up at this lovely venue. Come along and have coffee with old and new friends at this group, where you will be made most welcome and can foster connections. Each month, we will have an activity, such as a quiz or games.

The venue has a car park for those arriving by car. The Star, 22 Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1FX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

**18 September
16 October**

**20 November
18 December**

Regular Events

Prince of Peace Social Events



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 to discuss any problems which they may be experiencing. This is seen as a time to strengthen bonds of friendship and community. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.



First Thursday

4 September

2 October

6 November

4 December

Regular Social Get Togethers:

Nottingham Social Get togethers

(First Friday of each month)

Grantham Social Get togethers

(Third Monday of each month)

Flick through the events diary pages for more information or contact Karen, on 07921 821866.

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 2025

THURS
30
Mesmerica, The 360
degree Immersive
Relaxation Experience



6pm



Free



Join us for something completely different, The Mesmerica 360° Immersive Relaxation Experience, unlike anything you've experienced before. The record-breaking adventure is here. From the visionary mind of James Hood, discover a seated, multi-sensory 360° experience unlike anything else. With surround-soundscapes and visuals that envelope you in a cocoon under the dome, you won't want to miss this limited-time spectacle audiences have called 'life-changing', 'breathtaking' and 'spectacular'. Karen has bought 6 tickets as this was a sell out, so book asap. Some of you may wish to visit the National Space Centre prior to the show. We will try to sort car share prior to the event. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

Say *yes* to friendship in September

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

All welcome

Make friends with the Oddfellows



www.friendshipmonth.com

To see what's on and find out
more about Friendship Month
visit **www.friendshipmonth.com**

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



September - Friendship Month

WED
03

Friendship Charity Fundraising Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre



1pm



£5



Join us for an afternoon tea in the beautiful house and gardens of St Barnabas. We will be raising funds for their fantastic organisation, the St Barnabas Hospice, as well as our Chair's charity of choice, the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. This event is hosted in the spirit of Friendship Month, our national celebration of friendship, which happens every September. There will be sandwiches and scones with jam and cream available, as well as tea and coffee. The U3A band will once again be entertaining us during the afternoon. There will also be a raffle! Please bring along a raffle prize for the kitty – it's all for these great causes. This afternoon of food and entertainment will be £5 per head, with all proceeds donated!



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT

Invite a friend

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



St Barnabas Hospice is a local independent charity that supports over 12,000 people across Lincolnshire every year, living with life-limiting or terminal illness. They aim to ensure all individuals facing the end of their life in Lincolnshire receive dignified, compassionate care. The hospice offers a large range of free wellbeing services for those affected by life-limiting or terminal illness, including patients, their families, friends and carers. The Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance are there when needed most. Their team of doctors and paramedics face some of the most serious incidents in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. They work closely with the ambulance service, first responders, police, fire and rescue and other emergency services (such as the HM Coastguard) to keep us all safe.

All proceeds will be split between these charities. Book by Monday 25 August. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

September - Friendship Month

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



FRI
05

Prize Winning Singo Bingo - This does not involve singing!

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for this new fun game. Singo is an exciting musical spin on the traditional game of bingo. Instead of listening for a number, players listen to their favourite music. We have played this at a recent weekend seminar and it was great fun! People seem to think it involves singing, but be assured it doesn't, just listening to some of your favourite music. he Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



WED
10

Guided Tour of Bromley House Library

L 5pm

£ Members £8,
Guests £10



Sited in the very heart of Nottingham, Bromley House Library was founded in 1816 as an independent lending library. The visit begins with welcome tea or coffee, followed by a top to bottom tour with a knowledgeable tour guide of the library's three storeys.



At the end of your tour, you will have the opportunity to view special collection items and some of the library's literary treasures. Tours usually last for at least one hour, with time to ask questions about the library, its occupants, books and secrets! Book by Monday 1 September. Bromley House Library, Angel Row, Nottingham NG1 6HL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

Photo by Peter Barr



SUN
14

Sunday Lunch on The Nottingham Princess



12 noon



Members: £25 and £26, Guests: £27 and £27.50



Join us for another one of our lovely cruises on the Nottingham Princess. 12 noon for boarding at 12.30pm. The cruise takes in the views of the historic city of Nottingham, between Holme Pierrepont and Wilford Church. You will enjoy a lovely two course Sunday lunch, main and dessert. Informative live commentary and a companion cruise map are also included, so that you can follow your journey and pick out the historical and local points of interest.



At the racecourse roundabout which is on Daleside Road, follow the signs for Racecourse Park and Ride, passing Nottingham Racecourse on your left. Continue down Racecourse Road for approximately 1/4 mile and you will find us situated on the right hand side. **Cost:** Members: £25 for one concessions and £26 for adults. Guests: £27 for concessions and £27.50 for adults. Book by Sunday 24 August. Princess River Cruises, The River Lodge, Princess Park, Racecourse Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4RF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON
15

Relaxation and Yoga for all abilities



2pm



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



September - Friendship Month

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SAT
20

Friendship Walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve and Complimentary Drink!



10.30am



Free



FRIENDSHIP
MONTH
EVENT

Join the fun

Meet us at the visitor centre, where we will celebrate Oddfellows' Friendship Month and follow some of the paths around the reserve. We will visit the historic Attenborough Church and follow part of the River Trent, before returning to the Corn Mill, Swiney Way, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 6GX for lunch. As it is Friendship Month, why not bring along a family member or friend! The walk is approximately three miles.

As this is a Friendship Month event, all attendees can enjoy a complimentary drink from the café at the Nature Reserve before the walk. All newcomers will be made most welcome. Book by Monday 1 September. Attenborough Nature Reserve Visitor's Centre, Barton Lane, Attenborough NG9 6DY. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



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FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



THURS
25

Half Yearly Summoned Meeting



7pm



Free



All members are invited to a half yearly summoned meeting on Zoom. Please let us know if you will be attending and we will send out the agenda to you. Help to access Zoom is also available prior to the meeting, for those who need it. We will be electing those eligible as Deputies to the Annual Movable Conference (AMC) 2026 at this meeting. Nominations need to come via your social Branch to Karen Pye-Smith by Wednesday 10 September 2025. Please let us know if you will be attending. Zoom Meeting ID: 816 2869 9290.

October

THURS
02

Legends of Motown at The Duchess Theatre



7.30pm



Members £20, Guests £24



We have bought tickets for this great show, the 'Legends of Motown', which is a high energy tribute show, jam packed with all of Motown's biggest hits. With stunning vocals and an amazing live band, celebrate the music of the iconic and timeless Motown era. Undoubtedly the golden era of music, the show pays tribute to the legendary artists that appeared on the Motown label at that time.



Get ready to be wowed with a song list that won't fail to have you up and out of your seats and dancing in the aisles. Make it a night to remember with music from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Temptations, Jimmy Ruffin and many more! Book by Thursday 14 September. Duchess Theatre, Chatsworth Arts Centre, Westgate, Long Eaton NG10 1EF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

FRI
03

Yoga and Relaxation



11am



Free



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



October

SAT
04

Hucknall Walk



10.30am



Walk free,
lunch as per
menu



Join us for a delightful walk through the woods with walk leader Rob Cook. Meet at Hucknall Market Place, outside the Library. We will either be walking through Dob Park or round Mill Lakes, depending on the weather. The walk will be no more than five miles and there may be some incline involved. We will take lunch afterwards at a local hostelry. There is parking at Hucknall Marketplace car park nearby. For more parking information, call Rob Cook on 07518 063644. Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall NG15 7BS. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

WED
08

Coffee Morning at The Hub, a National Centre for Craft and Design



10.30am



Cost of
refreshments



Join us for a social coffee morning in the café bar at The Hub. All attendees will receive a free welcome drink. The Hub is located in the centre of Sleaford in the heart of rural Lincolnshire, 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 our coffee morning we will have the option to look around the exhibitions. 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. The Hub, Navigation Wharf, Carre Street, Sleaford NG34 7TW. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON
06

Talk on Nottingham street names and Broad Marshes



11am



Free



Join us for a talk by Chris Weir who has worked for Nottingham Archives for 30 years. He will give a talk and presentation on Nottingham Street names and the Broad Marshes. The venue is Fishergate Point, which is run by our member Barry Gardiner's son and daughter-in-law Ian and Tricia. They officially opened their doors to the public within the last year so everyone can come and enjoy the cafe bar, gig venue, artisan shop and the dozens of creative projects that go down in their music studios and workshop spaces, so it will be an interesting place to visit. Following the talk we have the option to take lunch in the cafe. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

October

THURS
23

Walk at Grantham House



11.30am

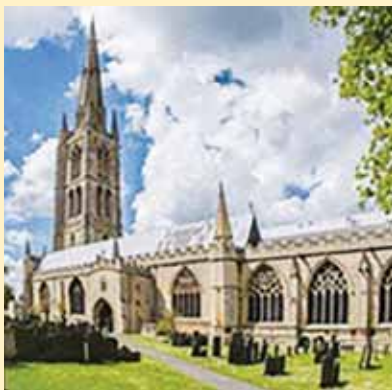


Walk free,
lunch as per menu



Join us for another one of our interesting walks. Meet at Wyndham Park car park and then visit Grantham House, which is an urban oasis in the heart of Grantham, with expansive lawns, a walled garden and a riverside meadow. We can take a drink in the delightful café and browse the well-stocked second-hand bookshop. There will also be the opportunity to visit St Wulfram's Church, which is close by.

There will then be the option to walk by the river in Wyndham Park. We can lunch at Belton Garden Centre or a hostelry of our choice. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

SAT
01

Walk along the Nottingham and Beeston Canal to The Ferry at Wilford



10.30am



Walk free,
lunch as
per menu



Meet at Nottingham Station foyer for this lovely walk along the canal towpath. We will take lunch at The Ferry Inn, a historic, timber - framed former farmhouse dating back centuries, now with cosy beams, blazing fires and a spacious beer garden. This walk has no inclines and is mainly hard surfaces.

Book by Saturday 27 September.

Nottingham Station, Carrington Street, Nottingham NG2 3AQ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

WED
05

Londonthorpe Woods Loop Walk

L 11am

£ Walk Free, Lunch as per menu



Meet at Londonthorpe Woods Car Park, join us for this 1.6km loop access track within the wood, which is a flat and hard surface. Londonthorpe Woods is a great place to visit – with wildflower meadows, open grassland and a mature woodlands. The woods are home to an array of wildlife! Following our walk, we will take lunch at the Belton Garden Centre, Londonthorpe Woods, Londonthorpe Road, Grantham NG31 9SL. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



FRI
07

Create a Macramé Plant Pot Holder with Gill

L 11am

£ Free



Join us for a macramé tutored session In this creative and hands-on workshop, you will learn the art of knotting cords to create a Plant Pot Holder for Christmas. Gill will explain the basics of macramé, including its history. Please bring along a tape measure. Maximum 12 attendees, so book early. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

THURS
13

Lunch at The Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College



12.30pm



TBC



Join us for lunch at Apple Tree Restaurant, located on the top floor of the main building at Grantham College and University Centre. 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 colleges' industry-trained and extremely experienced lecturing team.



This gives us the opportunity to eat from a high-quality menu, whilst offering their students vital work experience in a real-life setting. Book by Saturday 1 November. Grantham College, Stonebridge Road, Grantham, Nottingham NG31 9AP. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON
17

Christmas Crystal Light Catcher Tutorial



2pm



TBC



Sue will guide us to make a Christmas Crystal Light Catcher. This should be a fun experience and you will take a beautiful piece home, which you will have created in time for Christmas. Please bring along a pair of small pliers. Book by Saturday 1 November. St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre, 86 Barrowby Road, Grantham NG31 8AF. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.



November

WED 26 Coffee at The Cosy Club



11am



Cost of refreshments



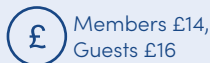
Join us for coffee and social at the beautiful Cosy Club which has restored the famous Reform Club and pays tribute to its stint as Nottingham's Victoria Club casino. Inside, a grand winding staircase, wood-panelled walls and a maze of cosy corners create an atmosphere that's both elegant and inviting – perfect for tucking yourself away with a lovely cuppa in hand. The Cosy Club, 16-18 Victoria Street, Nottingham NG1 2EX. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

December

THURS 04 Christmas Lights at Belton



6pm



Members £14,
Guests £16



Join us for this magical trail with new lights for 2024 – after-dark festive fun for everyone. Discover a meadow of light stretching out into the distance, colour-changing larger-than-life neon string flowers, candles floating high into the sky and batons of light that shine all the colours of the rainbow.



Grab a seasonal snack from one of the hand-picked street food vendors who bring an indulgent twist to tempting treats on offer. Complete your walk under the stars with a perfectly festive spiced winter warmer, hot chocolate or toasted marshmallow. We have booked 10 tickets for this fabulous event, which we attended last year and shouldn't be missed. We have also booked three parking spaces, so book early by Saturday 15 November. Belton House, Belton, Nr Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 2LS. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

December

THURS 04 Christmas Fuddle at Prince of Peace

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Come along for some festive fun and a fuddle at this friendly meeting where you can connect with friends old and new. There will be quiz or games to enjoy on the evening. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.



FRI 05 Christmas Tales - Capturing the essence of Christmas by Mick Whysall

L 11am

£ Free



Mick loves Christmas and he has written fictional stories based on truth, which capture the essence of the Christmas spirit. These stories cover all that we love about Christmas. Mick personalises the characters to make the performance even more entertaining. Following Mick's talk, we have booked Bistrot Pierre for Christmas lunch at 12.45pm. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 3EZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

FRI 05 Joyeux Noel at Bistrot Pierre

L 12.45pm

£ TBC



We will return to this charming venue for our Christmas lunch. The festive menus are bursting with all your favourite, seasonal flavours and ingredients. The seating has been booked downstairs. Car parking in Trinity Square Car Park NG1 4AF. Book by Friday 21 November. Bistrot Pierre, 13-17 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3EN. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

TUES 09 Christmas Flower Arranging with Sue

L 11am

£ Members £5, Guests £7



Join Sue for a step-by-step Christmas flower arranging tutorial for creating a festive and elegant floral centrepiece with fresh flowers. Please bring along a pair of scissors. Limited to 10, so book early. Happy Christmas! Book by Tuesday 25 November. Edingley Old Schoolroom, Edingley, Nottinghamshire NG22 8BE. Contact Sandra on 07447 573004.

December

THURS
11

Christmas Lunch at The Rutland Arms



12.30pm



TBC



We thought this venue would be a great idea, as it is between Grantham and Nottingham. The Rutland has a great reputation and uses local ingredients, it has a wide range of wines and ales on offer, so join us for a lovely Christmas lunch to compliment the lovely festive feeling.



Afterwards, we can have a walk to the lovely church situated nearby. Book by Thursday 27 November. The Rutland Arms, 2 High Street, Bottesford, Nottingham NG13 0AA. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

MON
15

Christmas Tales - Capturing the essence of Christmas by Mick Whysall



2pm



Free



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Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

December

WED
17

Snow White at The Guildhall



6.30pm



Members £13,
Guests £15



Join us for this fantastic pantomime. We have been before and it is great fun! Following last year's record-breaking pantomime, the Guildhall Arts Centre and Polka Dot Pantomimes are proud to present this year's magical Christmas extravaganza, 'Snow White'. This enchanting fairy tale will captivate audiences of all ages and is the perfect festive treat for the whole family. With spectacular scenery, dazzling costumes, amazing special effects, hilarious jokes and plenty of audience participation, 'Snow White' promises something for everyone. We have purchased 10 tickets in the stalls E1 - E10. Fifth row back.



The show will once again star Grantham's favourite Dame, 'John Highton', who will be appearing in his 11th Guildhall pantomime as Nurse Nelly, alongside a full supporting principal cast and wonderful professional dancers. Book by Monday 1 December. The Guildhall Arts Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham NG31 6PZ. Contact Karen on 07921 821866.

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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



We have a great time at our monthly meeting at The Star, Beeston. All are welcome to come along and join us.



We received a really interesting presentation by Rebecca from Nottinghamshire Hospice. We learned that they provide care in the home, A truly wonderful organisation!



Ann received her award for 'Giving Something Back' at the AMC, Scarborough.

A well done Ann for all your decades of hard work and your fundraising. An Oddfellow for nearly 60 years, Ann has held many formal volunteer roles at her Branch, but it's the organisation of events with the aim of raising as much money as possible for charity that's seen her receive the award.

"I've done all sorts," said Ann. "I don't know why I do it. It's just me. If there's a bob to be earnt, I go and earn it."



Members enjoyed a lovely guided tour around Wollaton Park by Mick Whysall.



Come along to our Prince of Peace Social Meeting for friendship and fun.



We always have a raffle and look what Anna won!

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Oddfellows member Jayne Bavin raised over £500 by opening her lovely garden as a fundraising event for St Barnabas Hospice. Two other gardens opened and the day was a great success!



We all had a wonderful day out at Highgate Cemetery. Well worth a visit.



Members really enjoyed the guided tour of Southwell Minster.



We had a wonderful time at the Drifters at Newark Palace Theatre. Some members were privileged to meet the performers after the show!



We had a fabulous day out at the bi-annual opening of the Nottingham Park Estate Gardens.



Members do love a cemetery! And we had a very interesting and enjoyable tour of the Nottingham Rock Cemetery recently.

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Mick Whysall gave us another one of his highly entertaining and interesting talks at the Nottingham Mechanics.



Members had a wonderful night in The Park Tunnel which has become famous for its fantastic acoustics. We were entertained by the fabulous Belters choir.





he fantastic Belters Choir singing in the Park Tunnel).



Members enjoying themselves at a rather wet Newstead Abbey.



Members having fun at Newstead Abbey.

Meet your Nottingham Trent Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Anna Gregory
Welfare Visitor



Karen Pye-Smith
Welfare Visitor



Ann Kight
Welfare Visitor



Gillian Allsopp
Welfare Visitor



Richard Pindor
Welfare Visitor

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation? You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

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

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

Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

Nur Zainal, whose PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.



You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."

On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

Incredible total raised for good causes



Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I'm astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

"It's what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people's welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must."

Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

"We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future."

At a glance

September 2025 – Friendship Month

Wed 3	Friendship Charity Fundraising Afternoon Tea at St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre	1pm
Thurs 4	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
Fri 5	Prize Winning Singo Bingo – This does not involve singing!	11am
Tues 9	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Wed 10	Guided Tour of Bromley House Library	5pm
Sun 14	Sunday Lunch on The Nottingham Princess	12 noon
Mon 15	Relaxation and Yoga for all abilities	2pm
Thurs 18	Coffeefellows at The Star	11.30am
Sat 20	Friendship Walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve and Complimentary Drink!	10.30am
Thurs 25	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting	7pm

October

Thurs 2	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
Thurs 2	Legends of Motown at The Duchess Theatre	7.30pm
Fri 3	Yoga and Relaxation	11am
Sat 4	Hucknall Walk	10.30am
Mon 6	Talk on Nottingham street names and Broad Marshes	11am
Wed 8	Coffee Morning at The Hub, a National Centre for Craft and Design	10.30am
Tues 14	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Thurs 16	Coffeefellows at The Star	11.30am
Mon 20	Rummikub and Games Afternoon	2pm
Thurs 23	Walk at Grantham House	11.30am

November

Sat 1	Walk along the Nottingham and Beeston Canal to The Ferry at Wilford	10.30am
Wed 5	Londonthorpe Woods Loop Walk	11am

At a glance

November

Thurs 6	Traditional Meeting (Prince of Peace Branch)	7.30pm
Fri 7	Create a Macrame Plant Pot Holder with Gill	11am
Tues 11	Rummikub and Other Games at Edingley Old Schoolroom	11am
Thurs 13	Lunch at The Appletree Restaurant, Grantham College	12.30pm
Mon 17	Christmas Crystal Light Catcher Tutorial	2pm
Thurs 20	Coffeefellows at The Star	11.30am
Wed 26	Coffee at The Cosy Club	11am

December

Thurs 4	Christmas Lights at Belton	6pm
Thurs 4	Christmas Fuddle at Prince of Peace	7.30pm
Fri 5	Christmas Tales capturing the essence of Christmas by Mick Whysall	11am
Fri 5	Joyeux Noel at Bistrot Pierre	12.45pm
Tues 9	Christmas Flower Arranging with Sue	11am
Thurs 11	Christmas Lunch at The Rutland Arms	12.30pm
Mon 15	Christmas Tales capturing the essence of Christmas by Mick Whysall	2pm
Wed 17	Snow White at The Guildhall	6.30pm
Thurs 18	Coffeefellows at The Star	11.30am

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**.

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