

January - April 2023



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Our great day out at Bennerley Viaduct



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Games



Day Trip



Meetings



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Talks



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Friendship Month



Day Out to Harrogate Flower Show, Sunday 23 April, we hope you can join us!

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

Dear Members,

I have tried to detail a wide variety of events to try and suit all tastes and in a wide geographical area. I am pleased to say that we are now branching out to Southwell and there are a few events planned in this beautiful town. I hope you enjoy what is on offer and remember that I always welcome ideas for events or meetings and if you would like something happening in your area, then please let me know. This time I have tried something new from Nottingham, a day trip to Harrogate Flower Show, an event I have always wanted to visit!

I am also happy to report that we are taking a group to Thoresby Hall in July, this is a trip organised by Head Office but this time we are taking a group from our District, so please let me know if you would like to attend. Details are in this issue. We always have such a great time at our events and be sure to come along and try something if you haven't joined us for a while. Remember the booking deadlines aren't set in stone, always

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Dates are subject to change. Please call to confirm your attendance.

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

ask me if you would like to book onto an event and it is past the deadline. I am happy to say that we have now recruited 2 new welfare visitors, Gill Allsopp and Liz Lee and remember we are here for you if you need us and our Care Department can be of great help in giving advice and help when needed. There are a number of walks listed here, if you want to know length of route or ease of walk then please contact myself for information.

January

THURS
05

Prince of Peace Branch



7.30pm



As per menu



Prince of Peace Branch meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, the group normally opens with a short traditional opening and the aim is to socialise and have events such as speakers or quiz night, or whatever is dependent on the wishes of the members. Come and join us and give us your ideas. Covid did a lot to close the Branch for two years and we aim to take it back to it's former glory and we can do it with your help. Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JY. Contact Carol on 0115 9725837.

SAT
07

Walk University Park to Wollaton Hall and Lake



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for one of our enjoyable walks from University Park to Wollaton Hall and Lake. Meet at the Pavilion Café, University Park for a four mile walk on good pathways. There will be some walking up inclines and some steps are anticipated. Lunch afterwards at the local hostelry at approximately 12.30pm. You are welcome to join us for lunch, booking two weeks in advance please Friday 6 January. Pavilion Café, Lakeside Arts Centre, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

THURS
12

Fun Games at Southwell



2pm



Free



Join us for a morning of fun and games at Southwell Bowls Club. There will be a variety of games on offer including Scrabble, Rummikub, Dominoes, Bingo, Shove h'penny and card games and you can bring along your own game, if you have a particular one which you like to play. Refreshments available. Book by Friday 6 January. Southwell Bowls Club, Bishops Drive, Southwell NG25 0GD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Sandra on 07447 573004.



January

FRI
13

Grantham Monthly Meet-Up



7pm



Cost of drink



SUN
15

Sunday Lunch at The Welby Arms, Allington



1pm



See
below



Join us at Grantham Tennis Club for a social drink and chat, this is a new idea and if popular we will meet once a month at a chosen bar or hotel. The tennis club is a 'safe' place and has car parking. We could also alternate with a Saturday night. This will be a good opportunity to chat and get to know each other. Book by Friday 6 January. Grantham Tennis Club & Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



Join us for Sunday lunch at this popular country pub with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The reviews are great so you shouldn't miss out on this one! Booking is essential so please visit <https://thewelbyarmsallington.com/dining/#Sunday> to choose your menu order and let us know by Friday 6 January. **Cost:** £14.95 for topside of beef, £12.95 for leg of pork, £13.95 for turkey breast and £13.95 for honey roasted gammon. Desserts are on the board on the day and there is a selection of starters. The Welby Arms, The Green, Allington, Grantham NG32 2EA. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

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

January

MON 16 Prize Winning Quiz with Rob Cook

L 1.30pm

£ Free



Join us for another one of Rob's great quizzes, there will be prizes for the winning team. Complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits served at this fun event. Book by Friday 6 January. Grantham Tennis Club & Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



THURS 19 Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church

L 10.30am

£ As per menu



Meet at Wyndham Park car park for a lovely walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church, where there is an established pathway to Great Gonerby. We will be taking lunch at the Recruiting Sargent at Great Gonerby, if you don't want to walk then you are welcome to join us for lunch. We can take the bus back to Grantham from Great Gonerby. Book by Tuesday 10 January. Wyndham Park, 3 Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BA. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

FRI 20 Twilight Spa Evening at Eden Hall

L 7pm

£ £65



Join us for a dreamy January experience to heighten our 'Spirits' following the hustle and bustle of the festive season. Treatments can be booked from 5.30pm with spa access from 7pm, after checking in at spa reception, you will find a robe and towel in your locker but don't forget to bring your flip-flops! Hit the spa and float your stresses away in the mesmerising vitality pool and discover the outdoor hot tubs. At 8pm, the light meal is served in our spa restaurant, Taste of Eden (keep that robe well and truly on - it's a casual affair!). At 9pm either retire to the slumber lounge or recline in the comfy relaxation beds. At 9.30pm go to the Thermal spa suite. 10pm its time to say goodbye after having a truly relaxing experience. Book by Saturday 31 December 2022. Eden Hall Day Spa, Lodge Lane, Elston, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG23 5PG. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

January

THURS
26

**The Dice Cup
Gaming Café**



11am



£5



Join us for more fun at the Dice Cup Gaming Café, the largest in the UK. As we had such fun last time we are revisiting this venue for some more competitive fun! This is a vegan café and the food is very good, so we have the option to stay for lunch afterwards, please advise us if you would like to stay for lunch as we will pre-order. The venue has facilities for the disabled. Book by Tuesday 10 January. The Dice Cup, 68-70 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3GY. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



February

THURS
02

**Wine Tasting Evening
with Wriggly Tin Wines**



7pm



£20



Join us for an evening of wine tasting, six wines and pairing them with six types of canapé style food. The wine company will give a wine talk. Sarah Brown, of Bespoke Dining will do the food tastings. We will end up with a quiz and a blind tasting, a bit of education and a lot of fun! The evening will end around 9pm. Sorry but the squash club doesn't have a lift and the tasting will be on the first floor. Book by Sunday 15 January. Grantham Squash Club, Harlaxton Road, Grantham NG31 7JX. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

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Got an event idea to share?

Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us, or with any other Branch Committee Member. Help us make our events programme even more interesting and exciting!

FRI
03

Love Actually, Valentines Day Themed Talk



I am happy to report that I have been able to book the popular Ann Featherstone to come and give us a talk. She is a retired university lecturer and teacher as well as a writer. Her interest is the 19th century and its popular entertainments. She has appeared on local and national radio, The One Show and in documentaries about fairs and circuses and has twice been a guest expert on Who Do You Think You Are? She also appeared in the second series of BBC1's 'A House Through Time'. She will be presenting a Valentines Day themed talk on 'Love, Actually' as we are so close to Valentines Day! Come along and feel the love! Rob Cook will be presenting a quiz following the talk and we will take lunch at a suitable venue. Book by Friday 20 January. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

February

SAT
04

Hucknall Walk



10.30am



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. Book by Saturday 21 January. Hucknall Library, South Street, Hucknall NG15 7BS. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



WED
08

Silverscreen Club at The Savoy Grantham



11.30am



Members £4,
Guests £4.15



Let's see what is on at the Savoy which offers its silverscreen club, a carefully selected film and a cup of tea or coffee for a heavily discounted price! The silverscreen club is as much about the film as it is the social gathering. Everybody over the age of 50 is welcome. The building, toilets and five screens are fully accessible to wheelchair users. Book by Wednesday 1 February. Savoy Cinema, St Catherine's Road, Grantham NG31 6TT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

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

February

THURS
09

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at The Theatre Royal



2pm



£35



Based on the Sunday Times bestseller which inspired one of this century's most treasured films, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* takes us on a journey to India with an eclectic group of British retirees as they embark on a new life.

The luxury residence is far from the opulence they were promised, but as their lives begin to intertwine, they are charmed in unexpected and life-changing ways. Starring the icon of Hollywood's Golden Age, Academy, BAFTA and Golden Globe-Award winner, Hayley Mills (*Wild at Heart*, *Pollyanna*, *The Parent Trap*), household favourite and screen and stage star Paul Nicholas (*Jesus Christ*

Superstar, *Just Good Friends*, *Eastenders*), Rula Lenska (*Rock Follies*, *Coronation Street*, *Eastenders*), Andy de la Tour (*Norman*), Marlene Sidaway (*Muriel*) and Rekha John-Cheriyen (*Mrs Kapoor*).

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is a joyous comedy about taking risks, finding love and embracing second chances, even in the most surprising of places. Get ready for the journey of a lifetime.

Book by Monday 2 January. The Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham NG1 5ND. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

February

THURS
16

Walk Around the Lakes at Woodland Waters and Lunch



10.30am



As per menu



MON
20

Beginners Yoga for all abilities



1.30pm



Free



Meet at Woodland Waters at Ancaster, which is set in a beautiful wooded valley covering 72 acres. We will walk and then take lunch from the lunch club menu, which is a smaller portions menu in the restaurant which offers locally sourced home-made food and looks over the 14 acre lake. Book by Wednesday 1 February. Woodland Waters, Willoughby Road, Ancaster, Grantham NG32 3RT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



After the success of our last yoga session in Nottingham, we have been asked to do another one in Grantham. All abilities welcome and no experience necessary and this type of yoga can be adapted to all capabilities and can be seated throughout. Please contact Karen by Wednesday 1 February for the health form questionnaire which needs completing before attendance. Grantham Tennis Club & Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received where necessary.

February

SAT
25

Limelight Backstage Tour of Theatre Royal, Nottingham



10.30am



£10



Come with us and discover the world behind the curtain and learn about the amazing story of the Theatre Royal Concert Hall on the Limelight Backstage Tour! Meet in the foyer of the Theatre Royal for a glimpse behind the curtain to areas usually hidden to the public, explore behind the scenes, learn how the theatre works and find out all about the venue's fascinating heritage! Lead by the knowledgeable great storyteller Ezekial Bone. Please Note: Due to the number of stairs involved on the tour, special arrangements need to be made to accommodate customers with impaired mobility. Suitable for all ages. Following the tour we will take lunch at a local hostelry. The Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham NG1 5ND. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



March

THURS
02

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7.30pm



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March

FRI
03

Energise you life as we enter Spring with Tai Chi!



11am



Free



Join us for a wonderful class of Tai Chi, taught by one of our members, Shelagh Grandpierre, longstanding teacher and honorary president of the Tai Chi Union of Great Britain (TCUGB). Fill yourself with new reserves of energy and inner calm.

Renowned for the positive effect on the body, mind and spirit, Tai Chi practice improves circulation and strengthens your whole body. Let go of your concerns and become stronger both mentally and physically. The flow of chi throughout the body reduces stress and strengthens bones and muscles, leading to a feeling of wellbeing. Other benefits include greater endurance and patience, greater balance coordination, confidence

and inner peace. Experience for yourself the art of Tai Chi and discover what this health giving art can do for you.

Anyone can learn and the class will be suitable for men and women of all ages and fitness levels/abilities. You are never too old or too young.

All welcome! Learn with us, the flowing Tai Chi movements, techniques for better balance and some guided relaxation methods in this special session for Oddfellows members. Book by Wednesday 1 March. The Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham NG1 4EZ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

March

SAT 04 Colwick Country Park Walk



10.30am



Cost of coffee and cake



Join us for a guided walk with Karen, meeting at The Fishing Lodge. This route skirts both the Trout Lake and West Lake out to Colwick Hall, then returns after about three miles (5km) in all. If all in favour, we can stop halfway for coffee and cake at Colwick Hall. Access off the main Colwick Loop Road, turn into Mile End Road. There is a small car park at the end of River (first turning right) by The Fishing Lodge. or people with mobility issues there is a car park costing about £2 at the fishing lodge. Book by Wednesday 1 March. Colwick Country Park & Marina, The Fishing Lodge, River Road, Colwick, Nottingham NG4 2DW. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



THURS 09 Lunch at Miller & Carter



12.30pm



Two courses
£12.95, Three
courses £15.95



Join us for a good value high quality lunch at Miller & Carter. We are pleased to say that they have their lunch time offer available again. The food is always of a high standard, so let's go and have some good food and chat. Book by Wednesday 1 March. Miller & Carter Grantham, Barrowby Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 8SR. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



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

March

MON
13

Power of Drumming



11am



Free



Join us for Power of Drums, which is a Nottingham drumming circle facilitated by Andy Harris. The drumming circles are open to people of all ages and abilities and are guaranteed to relieve stress and enhance well-being. African djembe drums and a variety of percussion instruments are provided for the circle. Refreshments available. Taking part may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness and good feeling! Book by Wednesday 1 March. Southwell Bowls Club, Bishops Drive, Southwell NG25 0GD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Sandra on 07447 573004.



SAT
18

Sherwood Forest Wildwood Trail



10.30am



£5 car parking



Meet at 10.30am at the Sherwood Forest Visitors' Centre car park across the road from the visitors' centre. Join us for a lovely four mile walk through the forest, where we will see that the Sherwood Forest is not just about trees, but a rich collection of different landscapes such as heathland and wood pasture. We may spot some of the wonderful wildlife, seek out ancient oaks or maybe Robin Hood himself! Approximately two hours and three minutes along the rough woodland pathways. Lunch afterwards at approximately 1pm at the Royal Oak Pub, High Street, Edwinstowe Nottingham NG21 9QP. If you don't fancy the walk, you are most welcome to come and join us for lunch. Book by Wednesday 1 March. Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre Car Park, Forest Corner, Edwinstowe, Nottingham NG21 9RN. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

March

SAT
18

Fire Walk and Lego Walk at Priory Ruskin Academy



11am



Free



In support of the local hospice there will be a fire walk and lego walk, stalls, shopping, food and drink, so let's go along and support this great event. Priory Ruskin Academy, Rushcliffe Road, Grantham NG31 8ED. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

MON
20

Easter Flower Arranging Tutorial



1.30pm



£5



Join us for another one of our great flower arranging tutorials. You will be guided through the creation of a transportable table top Easter flower arrangement of fresh flowers by our florist, Collette. Bring along a pair of scissors to aid in the completion of your masterpiece! This event is subsidised by the District and comes in at a very reasonable fee of £5. Book by Monday 13 March. Grantham Tennis Club & Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham NG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



TUES
21

Afternoon Tea at Colwick Hall



2pm



Members £20,
Guests £21.95



Join us for afternoon tea at Colwick Hall, which is something of an event. The traditional afternoon tea consists of a selection of mouthwatering finger sandwiches, unique chefs' savouries and a selection of cakes and desserts, including of course the hallowed scone with jam and clotted Cornish cream. Guests can relax and enjoy their afternoon in the stately surroundings of Byron's Brasserie and enjoy the atmosphere of the stately Colwick Hall Hotel, once home to Lord Byron the great poet himself. Book by Wednesday 1 March. Colwick Hall, Colwick Park Close, Racecourse Road, Nottingham NG2 4BH. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



March

THURS 23 Walk from Muston to The Mucky Duck



11am



As per menu



Meet us at the Muston Gap which has a large car park. We will walk through the churchyard and along the tow path of the Grantham Canal to the Mucky Duck public house. After taking lunch there we will take a walk back to Muston. This walk is approximately four miles with no hills. It is advisable to wear suitable footwear, stout shoes or walking boots. Please let us know in advance if you will be taking lunch as booking may be necessary. Book by Monday 13 March. The Muston Gap, Church Lane, Muston, Nottingham NG13 0FD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



April

SAT 01 Visit to Clumber Park



11am



Adult £5, NT members Free



Join us for a visit to Clumber Park which is a National Trust property. Sue Whitworth will be our walk leader. There are 3,800 acres of parkland, providing the perfect backdrop for exploring, relaxing and making memories. There is something for everyone, including cafés, a lake walk, discovery centre and a walled kitchen garden. Meet at The Chapel for a great walk and day out! Mobility scooters can be hired and dogs are welcome, there is a dog friendly café. We do operate a car share scheme where lifts can be offered by those living close to each other. Contact Karen if you require transport. Book by Wednesday 15 March. Clumber Park, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 3BE. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

April

TUES
04

Flower Arranging Tutorial



11am



£5



Join us for an Easter flower arranging tutorial with Sue Whitworth. Create a lovely spring fresh flower table top decoration. The arrangement will be transportable. There will be tuition throughout and all materials will be supplied. This activity is for everyone, so come along and have some fun at this really good value. Remember to bring along a pair of scissors. Refreshments available. Book by Tuesday 28 March. Southwell Bowls Club, Bishops Drive, Southwell NG25 0GD. Contact Karen on 01476 979572 or Sandra on 07447 573004.



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7.30pm



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April

FRI
14

Ghostly Tales to be Told



11am



Free



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MON
17

Yoga session for all abilities



1.30pm



Free



One of our members, Lindsay Nash, has kindly offered to present a yoga session for us. All abilities welcome and no experience necessary and can be adapted to all capabilities and can be seated throughout. Please contact Karen by 1 April for the health form questionnaire which needs completing before attendance. We had this session in Nottingham and it is truly relaxing and not to be missed! Grantham Tennis Club & Gym, Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham, NKG31 8HU. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



April

THURS
20

Walk to Denton Reservoir



11am



As per menu



Join us for a delightful walk. Meet at the Farrier Inn and walk along by the Grantham Canal to the beautiful Denton Reservoir and then back along the fields to The Farrier, with option to lunch there. Approximately 5.5 miles. It is advisable to wear suitable footwear, stout shoes or walking boots. Please let us know in advance if you will be taking lunch as booking



may be necessary. Book by Monday 10 April. The Farrier, Harlaxton Road, Grantham NG31 7JT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

SUN
23

Day Out to Harrogate Flower Show



7.30am



Members £40, Guests £45



Join us for the perfect day excursion for garden lovers with Skills Group Coaches. The Harrogate Flower Show is regarded as one of the UK's premier gardening events. We will have four to five hours free time at the show. There are various pick-up points: 7.30am at Nottingham, Mount Street, alongside the Grosvenor Casino NG1 6HE. 7.50am at Arnold High Street Bus stop, outside leisure centre car park NG5 7EE. 8.20am at Mansfield Bus Station, Bay A Quaker Way, Mansfield NG18 1JJ. I am pleased to report that we are subsidising this event for members from £45 to £40.



This will include coach travel and entrance ticket. If you want to find out more then please go to <https://www.skills.co.uk/Tour/Day-Out-to-Harrogate-Flower-Show>. Full payment required at time of booking by Friday 20 January. Pick-up point: Nottingham, Mount Street, Alongside the Grosvenor Casino, Nottingham NG1 6HE. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.

April

TUES 25 Beginners Golf at Sudbrook Moor Golf Club



11am



£12 including
refreshments



Following the great success of our beginners golf session in April, join us once again for an opportunity to learn how to play golf at the delightful Sudbrook Moor Golf Club in Carlton Scroop. Nothing too serious so even if you have never held a golf club before you will be most welcome. Following coffee and introduction in the clubhouse, there will be a practice session on the driving range. A light lunch will be provided and then in the afternoon a chance to test your skills in a putting competition. All equipment will be provided and thanks to the generosity of the golf club, the fee for the day will be only £12 inclusive of refreshments. Please make sure that you bring flat soled shoes or trainers and protective clothing in case of inclement weather. Book by Saturday 1 April. Sudbrook Moor Golf Club, Charity Street, Carlton Scroop, Grantham NG32 3AT. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.



THURS 27 Day Trip to Lincoln



11am



As per
menu



Join us for a day out in Lincoln, there is lots to see and do in Lincoln - great castle, cathedral, market, arboretum, shops, or a boat trip. We can decide what to do on popular opinion. There is a good train service from Nottingham and Grantham. We will take lunch in a nice restaurant. Book by Saturday 1 April. The Midland Station, Carrington Street, Nottingham NG2 3AQ. Contact Karen on 01476 979572.





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

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and enter 'Kelso' in the place name box**

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or Branch Secretary a call or email events@oddfellows.co.uk

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Friendship Walk – Members and friends joined together for our annual friendship walk at Attenborough Nature Reserve...



...afterwards we all had a delicious meal at The Cornmill, much fun and friendship and good food enjoyed by all.



Prince of Peace photo – A lovely friendly meeting in good company.



Cheque presentation – In true Oddfellows benevolent style, Ann Kight presented a cheque to Netherfield Toddler Group who were greatly appreciative.



Shield – This shield was presented to the Nottingham Trent District Branch by the East Anglian Group Conference for the largest increase in members in one year. Nottingham has won this shield 3 times in recent years, 2002, 2009 and 2021.

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.

Do you have a story or great photograph to share?

Please send us your news stories! Or perhaps a picture with a caption! Email, post, hand in, or telephone. We'd love to hear anything heart-warming, humorous, or simply very interesting!

Recent events at Nottingham Trent



Fundraiser – Ann Kight organised and Fun and Games Funraising evening for Notts Blood Bikers in Friendship Month.



All had a wonderful evening and she raised a fantastic £1166 in the evening.



Bennerley Oct 2022 – What a wonderful time we all had at the Bennerley Viaduct walk. Thanks to John Knowles who had done extensive research and made the walk really informative. The walk included a canalside walk along by the Erewash canal. This was followed by a lovely lunch at the Junction Café.



Flower arranging in Grantham – Members and friends created some beautiful flower arrangements and we were even joined by some Young Oddfellows, Olivia and Vivienne!



Sherwood Forest Walk -We enjoyed a wonderful woodland walk starting from Sherwood Forest Visitors' Centre. We walked through the ancient forest where we learned that the Sherwood Forest is not just about trees, but a rich collection of different landscapes such as heathland and wood pasture. We tried to spot some of the interesting wildlife and sought out ancient oaks. We even saw Robin Hood at the Visitors Centre...



...Followed by a delicious pub lunch, we had a grand time in Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest.



Mechanics – We all had great fun at the quiz hosted by Rob Cook.

Meet your Nottingham Trent Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



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



Anna Gregory
Welfare Visitor



Karen Pye-Smith
Welfare Visitor



Kathleen Martin
Welfare Visitor



Ann Kight
Welfare Visitor



Linda Tyler
Welfare Visitor



Gillian Allsopp
Welfare Visitor



Elizabeth Lee
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.

Don't just take our word for it...

Oddfellows Travel is a brilliant way to explore with a group of friendly, like-minded people. There's always an Oddfellows host on hand to make introductions, or assist with any questions you might have.

Check out these fabulous member reviews from two of our recent Oddfellows Travel holidays!

Doreen Swain and Maureen Burgoyne, Derby Oddfellows

"We visited Nidd Hall in Harrogate with Oddfellows Travel, and from the very start we were made to feel most welcome. The pre-dinner drinks reception was such a good idea, we met other Oddfellows members from across the UK – and the welcome gift of a backpack was a lovely surprise!

Our Oddfellows group was always sat together for meals, which were of a high standard. The hotel facilities were fantastic, and there was a variety of games and events put on by Warner's. The tour of the grounds from the head gardener was such a treat, too.



*Doreen Swain and
Maureen Burgoyne*

Home-time came far too quickly and we had to say goodbye to friends old and new. We look forward to reconnecting with our Oddfellows friends soon. Whether you come on your own or in a group, you will find a friend on the Oddfellows summer holiday."

Wendy Atkins, Ipswich Oddfellows

"Our recent cruise of the Norwegian Fjords with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines was spectacular. Food on board was second to none, with five-course à la carte dinners, breakfast and lunch buffets and even late night snacks.



Wendy Atkins

We were a diverse group. Some of us have been going on cruises for years, whereas for some it was their first time. For one passenger it was her first time on holiday as a widow which can be so tough, but having the rest of the group for company made it a little less daunting for her."

For further information, check out our upcoming holidays at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, or email travel@oddfellows.co.uk

Friendship Month 2022: A warm welcome to all!

Another September, another wonderful Friendship Month celebration.

This year, our Branches went above and beyond to extend the hand of friendship to their local communities. From afternoon teas and coffee mornings, through to friendship walks and museum

tours – there certainly was something for everyone. Thank you to everybody who attended, hosted, or volunteered at our Branches' Friendship Month events, from the pictures we've been sent, and seen shared across Facebook, it looks like you all had an absolute ball!





Music to our ears



Ben Smith accepted the position of Oddfellows Brass Musical Director earlier this year, and has been welcomed with open arms as he introduces

a lively new programme to audiences across the UK.

Having graduated from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire with a First-Class Honours in 2021, Ben is already seeing huge success with Oddfellows Brass, as he's guided them to a 2nd and 4th place result in their first two contests together.

If you would like to see Oddfellows Brass performing near you, please visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/oddfellows-brass/ or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk for a copy of their upcoming tour dates.

Oddfellows Travel 2023

It's never too soon to start planning your next holiday. So if you're keen to discover somewhere new, take a look at our upcoming holidays with Oddfellows Travel!

Sat 11–Thurs 23 February In Search of the Northern Lights

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines
From £1,399 per person

Sat 29 April–Wed 3 May Beautiful Bournemouth

Daish's Holidays
From £269 per person
(coach pick-up option available)

Mon 3–Fri 7 July Oddfellows Summer Holiday

Warner's Thoresby Hall
Nottinghamshire
From £351 per person

Sat 1–Sat 15 July Lapland and Scandinavia

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines
From £2,099 per person

Mon 7–Sun 13 August Isles of Scotland and the Faroes

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines
From £999 per person

Mon 4–Fri 8 September South Downs Discovery Tour

HF Holidays
From £659 per person



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



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At a glance

January 2023

Thurs 5	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Sat 7	Walk University Park to Wollaton Hall and Lake	10.30am
Thurs 12	Fun Games at Southwell	2pm
Fri 13	Grantham Monthly Meet-Up	7pm
Sun 15	Sunday Lunch at The Welby Arms, Allington	1pm
Mon 16	Prize Winning Quiz with Rob Cook	1.30pm
Thurs 19	Walk to Great Gonerby via Manthorpe Church	10.30am
Fri 20	Twilight Spa Evening at Eden Hall	7pm
Thurs 26	The Dice Cup Gaming Café	11am

February

Thurs 2	Wine Tasting Evening with Wiggly Tin Wines	7pm
Thurs 2	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 3	Love Actually, Valentines Day Themed Talk	11am
Sat 4	Hucknall Walk	10.30am
Wed 8	Silverscreen Club at The Savoy Grantham	11.30am
Thurs 9	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at The Theatre Royal	2pm
Thurs 16	Walk Around the Lakes at Woodland Waters and Lunch	10.30am
Mon 20	Beginners Yoga for all abilities	1.30pm
Sat 25	Limelight Backstage Tour of Theatre Royal, Nottingham	10.30am

March

Thurs 2	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 3	Energise you life as we enter Spring with Tai Chi!	11am
Sat 4	Colwick Country Park Walk	10.30am
Thurs 9	Lunch at Miller & Carter	12.30pm
Mon 13	Power of Drumming	11am
Sat 18	Sherwood Forest Wildwood Trail	10.30am
Sat 18	Fire Walk and Lego Walk at Priory Ruskin Academy	11am
Mon 20	Easter Flower Arranging Tutorial	1.30pm
Tues 21	Afternoon Tea at Colwick Hall	2pm
Thurs 23	Walk from Muston to The Mucky Duck	11am

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April

Sat 1	Visit to Clumber Park	11am
Tues 4	Flower Arranging Tutorial	11am
Thurs 13	Prince of Peace Branch	7.30pm
Fri 14	Ghostly Tales to be Told	11am
Mon 17	Yoga session for all abilities	1.30pm
Thurs 20	Walk to Denton Reservoir	11am
Sun 23	Day Out to Harrogate Flower Show	7.30am
Mon 24	Extraordinary Eaters: Giant feasts, Stones, Cannons and Frogs	1.30pm
Tues 25	Beginners Golf at Sudbrook Moor Golf Club	11am
Thurs 27	Day Trip to Lincoln	11am

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