

Northampton Notre Dame Association



We wish you all A warm welcome as we start a new year.

It's lovely to see the snowdrops coming into bloom as a promise of longer days and warmer weather to come.

In this newsletter there are pictures from our Christmas social and details about this year's AGM and lunch in April.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION LUNCHEON

ON

Sunday 19TH APRIL 2026

This year's AGM & Reunion Luncheon is on Sunday 19th April at the Freemason's Hall, Lodge Farm, Duston. Coffee or tea will be served from 11.00 am, the A G M will begin at 12.00 noon and lunch will be served at 1.00 pm.

These are the menu choices:

Starter: Prawn cocktail with brown bread

Vegetarian Option: Leek & potato soup (Ve Gf H)

Main Course: Beef bourguignon with mashed potatoes

Vegetarian Option: Mushroom & red pepper stroganoff with pilau rice (V Gf)

Dessert: Cherry clafoutis & cream **OR** Fruit salad with cream

(Ve; without cream Gf H)

V – Vegetarian; Ve – Vegan; Gf - Gluten free; H – Healthy option

Individual dietary requirements will be catered for, as far as possible, but the cost of the meal is obviously based on the vast majority of people having the same menu.

The cost is £30.00 which is the same as last year and covers coffee on arrival, a donation for the use of the premises for the day, three course menu, gratuities to the catering staff and any other expenses accrued by the event. There is ample parking space on site and all amenities, including a bar, are on one level.

The full address of the venue is: **Sheaf Close, Lodge Farm** (situated off of Harlestone Road) **Duston, Northampton, NN5 7UL**. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on the day and spend time catching up with friends. As in previous years, partners, husbands, carers, etc are all very welcome.

The form for this and your annual membership renewal for 2026-2027 is included. **This form must be returned by 28th February 2026, at the latest, so that we can organise the table plans.**

If possible please pay by BACS to

Account Name: Northampton Notre Dame Association

Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account No: 21605868

And email completed form to cathychaplin@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively payment can be made by cheque payable to Northampton Notre Dame Association and sent with the completed form to:

Mrs C Chaplin, 5 Cross Street, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7RZ

Once again in December we had a Christmas get-together at the Freemasons Hall. There was light Christmas lunch, table quiz and raffle and,

of course, the singing of Christmas carols. Here are a few of the photos taken during the afternoon.

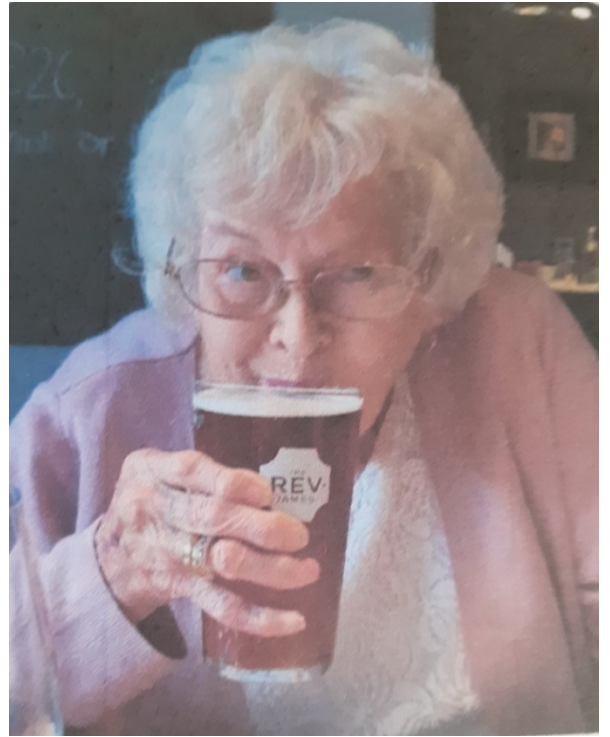


It's lovely to see Kathleen and Pam working hard selling the all important raffle tickets but what are Celine and Nora so busy discussing?

Farewell & Rest In Peace



Ann Crees
Née Walker
Ann joined the school
In 1949



Molly Owens
Née Allison
Molly joined the school
In 1941

We have recently heard that Margaret Barnes has passed away. Margaret joined Notre Dame in 1943 and was a longstanding member of the Association. She was a very well respected Headmistress at the Arbours primary school for a number of years.

Her funeral will be held on Monday 9th February at 12.00 noon at All Saints Church in Little Billing, Northampton NN3 9AF on Monday 9th February at 12.00 noon followed by a reception at the Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW

We have also been told about the passing of Betty Williams the mother of Anne-Marie who joined in 1970, John Grant the husband of Anne Grant Née Coldham who joined in 1946 and Rachel Beasley the daughter-in-law of Diana née Haddon who joined in 1947.

May they all rest in peace.

With best regards to you all from the Committee

Cathy, Celine, Hilary, Kathleen, MariAn, Marie and Pam