

July - October 2026



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**West London Branch**



*Lunch at Origin Restaurant in The Royal Garden Hotel*



Theatre



Crafts



Travel



Dining Out



Quizzes



History



Social



Talks



Games



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



*We hope to see you at our events!*

## Welcome to our latest events diary

**Booking for events for West London members and their guests will be open from 11am on Thursday 18th June. Booking for members of other districts and non-members will open on Monday 22nd June at 9 am**

This is to make it fair to those who do not have internet access. Please call, text, WhatsApp or email me from 11am to book your places.

We have some great events and trips coming up but please do remember that the diary is prepared well in advance and it could be possible that events must be altered. We do also add new events so please check the website [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/) or our Facebook page, West London Oddfellows, for up-to-date information. If you would like to receive updates by email please let me know so that I can add you to the list.

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The Oddfellows

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W6 7DJ.

Please note that many events sell out well before the booking deadline. We do operate a waiting list for events that sell out, so even if the booking deadline has passed it is worth asking if there is something that you are interested in. We require payment at the time of booking. We can accept cash, cheques and bank transfers. We can take card payments using a secure link as well as in person. If you are unable to attend an event and we are able to resell the place we will of course give you a full refund. Please note that if you are attending an event that involves a service charge on the final bill you will be expected to pay your share, the Lodge is unable to pay this on your behalf.

The art class continues to be held every Thursday starting at 10.30am. All are welcome, even if you think you cannot draw or paint why not pop along, you may be surprised at yourself! Please see the advert later in the diary for more information.

The Craft Club continues to run on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm at 186 Hammersmith Road. On the first, third and fifth Tuesdays it is held at 245

Hammersmith Road. Bring along a project that you are working on or we do have some equipment available to use. Refreshments are provided. For more information, please contact Barbara Moorhouse on 020 8741 5297 or 07727026707 or email [barbara.moorhouse@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:barbara.moorhouse@oddfellows.co.uk)

There are still many virtual events run by different Oddfellows branches throughout the country, taking place on Zoom and Facebook each week. Again up to date information can be found on the website. If you would like to receive information by email each fortnight please let me know.

If you have any ideas or would like something included in our next diary please get in touch. I can be contacted on the office number 020 8741 5297 on Thursdays from 10 am – 3pm or Monday to Friday 9 am – 3 pm on 07421140970. Alternatively email me [rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk).

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes

**Rosalind**

## Assistance at events

Please be aware that we do not provide staff to give assistance to individuals at any events, including, but not limited to, pushing wheelchairs, providing physical support or to provide individual attention for any personal needs. If you need any such assistance, in the interest of your own safety we cannot accept your attendance unless it includes a companion or carer to accompany you. If a carers rate is available it will be passed to you. Thank you for your understanding.

# Regular Events

## Craft Club



2pm - 4pm



Free



A new Craft Club is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along a project that you are working on. We also have some equipment available to use. Refreshments are provided. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.

**Second and Fourth Tuesday**



## Weekly Watercolour Art Class



10.30am - 1pm



Free



Beginners weekly watercolour art class. Everyone can draw and everyone can paint with a little help! Join us for our weekly class, which is designed for beginners, but more experienced painters are welcome. The Oddfellows, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Heather on 07951 546958.

**Every Thursday**



**Life members, Widow Members, Associate members and National members**

Don't forget, if you have opted for the benefits package you are entitled to make a claim following a visit to the dentist or optician.

# July 2026

## WED 01 Monthly Meal - Italian at Cicchetti



Each month we have a meal in a different area of our district and try different cuisines. This month we will be visiting Cicchetti in Piccadilly. Inspired by the Venetian tradition of cicchetti, the menu features medium-sized plates designed for sharing, bringing a social and vibrant approach to Italian dining. Each dish celebrates regional Italian flavours, prepared using seasonal ingredients sourced directly from Italy. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. A £10 deposit will be required when booking. Book by Monday 22 June. Cicchetti, 172-173 Piccadilly W1J 9EJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

## TUES 07 Social and Games Afternoon



Join us from 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



## Bookings and Cancellations

We kindly encourage early booking for all events to avoid disappointment. Please note that, where charges apply, full payment must be made in advance. A place at an event will only be confirmed once payment has been received.

## Outdoor Events

All outdoor events are subject to weather conditions. It is essential that you book in advance for all events and provide up-to-date contact details, enabling us to notify you promptly of any changes or cancellations.

# July 2026

FRI  
10

## Beating the Retreat

5.30pm

Members £45  
Guests £51



The Household Division Military Musical Spectacular Presents 'Inspiring the Nation'. Renowned for its stunning displays of discipline and musical excellence. The Military Musical Spectacular returns to the historic setting of Horse Guards Parade. Collaborating with Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals, presenting a stunning finale of the most phenomenal and thrilling music from 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'CATS'.

The Bands of the Household Cavalry, Grenadier, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards are joined by the Pipes and Drums of the Scots Guards and The London Scottish Regiment. The Band and Bugles of The Rifles alongside The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas make their debut performance at this year's show, all combining in a musically stunning performance.

Making their debut on Horse Guards Parade are the spectacular Top Secret Drum Corps who are flying in directly from Switzerland. This incredible group of young drummers, known for their precision, humour and thrilling tempo, have toured the world in the last 20 years. They are joined by the Big Band from the NATO headquarters in Belgium, which is formed by musicians from throughout the organisation, they support the alliance in music worldwide and are sure to inspire an international flavour to the 2026 Military Musical Spectacular. Book by Friday 3 July. Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall SW1A 2ET. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Who can you invite  
along to join in the  
friendship and fun?

All welcome

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# July 2026

MON  
13

## Wildlife Walk at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park



11.30am



Members £5, Guests £10



Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park is a breathing space in the heart of East London. This 31-acre nature reserve is London's most central urban woodland and one of its 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries. It is a sanctuary for wildlife and a place for remembrance.



Always changing with the seasons and rooted in the unique heritage of the East End, it's a place full of history, discovery and possibilities for all.

Please wear weather appropriate clothes, closed shoes and carry water. This is an accessible, inclusive walk. We will cover a distance of 1km to 2km. The paths are approximately 1m-2m wide. The surface is crushed concrete fines, a type of hard-packed fine gravel (which doesn't turn to mud in rain) or earth although we may wander in some areas off the paths where access is more limited. All 'ticket' money collected will be donated to The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. Book by Tuesday 7 July. Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, The Cemetery Lodge, Southern Grove E3 4PX. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970

TUES

21

## A Walk in the Park



2pm



Free



We are joined by Mike Rumble, former Head of the Parks Police Service. He



will tell us about the development of public parks across the UK and the 10 years he spent as Head of the Parks Police Service, patrolling over 90 parks, cemeteries and open spaces in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. The afternoon runs from 2pm to 4pm. **Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted.** Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# July 2026

WED  
**22** Wine Tasting



£ Members £29  
Guests £35



Do you want to learn more about wine in just one evening? This tasting session will start you on your journey of wine discovery. We will taste excellent wines from around the world and be provided with many helpful pointers that will enhance our appreciation of wine. This single evening tasting is perfect for people who are new to wine tasting and just want to have a bit of fun learning more, with introductions to the major wine producing regions, wine-making and pairing wines with food. Book by Wednesday 15 July. West London Wine School, The Wine Cellars, 71 Townmead Road, Fulham SW6 2SG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# August

TUES  
**04** Social and Games Afternoon



£ Free



Join us from 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

FRI  
**31** Jesus Christ Superstar



£ Members £55  
Guests £60



The award-winning Regent's Park Open Air Theatre production of Jesus Christ Superstar comes to the iconic London Palladium this summer. Starring Sam Ryder as Jesus and Tyrone Huntley as Judas. The role of King Herod will be shared by Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Simon Russell Beale, Richard Armitage, Boy George, Layton Williams and Julian Clary. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar follows the events of the last days of the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and the iconic title number 'Superstar'. Book by Tuesday 21 July. The London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street W1F 7TF. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# August

WED  
05

## Cutty Sark - Guided Tour and Afternoon Tea



12 noon



Members £49, Guests £55.95



We will be visiting the Cutty Sark - the world's sole-surviving tea clipper, which was built in 1869 to bring the finest and freshest teas back to London. We will savour Cutty Sark's rich history, while enjoying a truly unique London afternoon tea experience, sitting directly beneath Cutty Sark's iconic copper-clad hull. We will then have a guided tour of the boat. Book by Wednesday 29 July. Cutty Sark, King William Walk, Greenwich SE10 9HT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



SAT  
08

## Now You See Me Live



7pm



Members £49  
Guests £58.75



From the Producers of The Illusionists and inspired by Lionsgate's worldwide blockbuster film franchise, comes the London premiere of 'Now You See Me Live'. The acclaimed stage illusion spectacular has captivated audiences across the globe, bringing magic to life with an explosive mix of high-tech illusions, solo stunts and jaw-dropping spectacles.

For a strictly limited five-week summer season at the iconic London Coliseum, Enzo Weyne, Andrew Basso, Gabriella Lester and Matthew Pomeroy will unite as 'The Horsemen', transforming the magic of the films into a live stage spectacle with never-before-seen feats of wonder.

Collectively, these illusionists have performed thousands of shows in hundreds of cities, including sell-out residencies on Broadway and across Australia, Asia and Las Vegas - leaving audiences spellbound and questioning the very limits of possibility. Book by Friday 31 July. London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane WC2N 4ES. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# August

## WED 12 Bletchley Park



11am



Members £17.75  
Guests £22.75



Join us for a visit to Bletchley Park, the top-secret WWII headquarters where Allied codebreakers, including Alan Turing, decoded the Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. Experts credit this work with shortening the war by up to two years. Today, the 58-acre estate operates as a vibrant, interactive heritage museum. Please be aware that a visit to Bletchley Park involves both indoor and outdoor activities. Please wear sensible clothing and footwear to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit. We will be travelling by train. Book by Friday 24 July. Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



## TUES 18 A Sea Shanty Workshop!



2pm



Free



Today we will be joined by Stuart Green, who will tell us a little about the history of shanties. We



will also have the opportunity to sing along with some. The afternoon will include a variety of activities and group singing. This is a sing along workshop, not a choral masterpiece! Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. The afternoon runs from 2pm to 4pm. **Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted.** Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

## SUN 16 Globe Guided Tour



11.30am



Members £23  
Guests £28



We will venture into the Globe Theatre with an expert tour guide. They will bring to life the thrilling story of the iconic wooden 'O' in London. We will hear how the original 1599 theatre survived the plague, fire and political oppression and rose again in the 1990s as part of one man's radical vision. We will travel through over 400 years of fascinating history and be immersed in the sights, sounds and secrets of Shakespeare's London. Book by Friday 7 August. Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk SE1 9DT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



# August

TUES  
25

## Monthly Meal - Chinese at Maxims

🕒 6.30pm    💷 As per menu    🍴🍴

Each month we have a meal in a different area of our district and try different cuisines. This month we will be visiting Maxims in Ealing. This long-established restaurant in Ealing is known affectionately by its customers as 'Mrs Chow's' in homage to the lady in charge of the cooking, who believes in using fresh, natural ingredients. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. A £10 deposit will be required when booking. Book by Tuesday 18 August. Maxims, 153-155 Northfield Avenue, West Ealing W13 9QT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



# September

TUES  
01

## Social and Games Afternoon

🕒 2pm    💷 Free    🎲

Join us from 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



THURS  
03

## Southend by Train

🕒 11am    💷 Cost of travel    🚆

Join us on a day trip to Southend-on-Sea, a vibrant coastal city. The city's most famous landmark, Southend Pier and Railway, extends 1.33 miles into the estuary, making it the longest pleasure pier in the world. Visitors can walk its length or ride the dedicated pier train. Southend also has a 'Zooquarium' and conservation centre which showcases a wide variety of aquatic life and rescued marine animals. If you love to shop, then you'll love Southend. With various shopping districts spread out across the city, there's a wide variety of shops to suit every taste and budget. Book by Tuesday 1 September. Southend on Sea, Clifftown Road SS1 1AB. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# September

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SUN  
06

## Shirley Windmill



12 noon



Members £5  
Guests £10



Join us for a guided tour of Shirley Windmill, a Tower Mill, built in 1854 by Richard Alwen to replace an earlier (1808) timber post-mill on this site, lost by fire. It ceased working in about 1890, but most of the original machinery, including its two pairs of millstones, are still in place and have recently been restored. All 'ticket' money collected will be donated to 'The Friends of Shirley Windmill'. Book by Tuesday 18 August. Shirley Windmill, Postmill Close, Croydon, Surrey CR0 5DY. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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TUES  
15

## Bob Sinfield - 'Rudy and Houdi'



2pm



Free



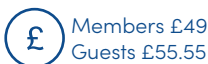
We are joined today by our old friend - Bob Sinfield for his fascinating talk 'Rudy and Houdi' - tracing the parallel careers and dramatic lives of movie heart-throb Rudolph Valentino and the great escapologist Harry Houdini, the first two global media superstars. Both died exactly 100 years ago. Spooky! Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed. The afternoon runs from 2pm to 4pm. **Please note that the talk begins at 2pm, late comers may not be admitted.** Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

WED  
09

## Monthly Meal - Thames Lunch Cruise



11.45am



Members £49  
Guests £55.55



Each month we have a meal in a different area of our district and try different cuisines. This month we will be experiencing the epitome of river dining with City Cruises' Lunch Cruise on the River Thames. We will indulge in a culinary extravaganza, set against the backdrop of London's iconic skyline, enjoying panoramic views of landmarks such as the Tower Bridge, the Shard and the London Eye. There is fully stocked bar on board, offering a variety of beverages at your own expense. There will be live or recorded commentary. Dress code: Smart casual. Duration one hour and 45 minutes. All tables are window tables seating two people. Please advise any dietary requirements at time of booking. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. Full payment for food will be required when booking. Book by Tuesday 1 September. City Cruises, Tower Millennium Pier EC3N 4DT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# September

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**FRI**  
**18** **The Devil Wears Prada**



This bold new musical stands out thanks to its powerhouse creative team and iconic source material. With music by Elton John and direction from Tony Award winner Jerry Mitchell, the show delivers a fresh, glamorous take on a beloved story. Led by a standout cast including Vanessa Williams, this West End production blends fashion, ambition and wit into a must-see theatrical event. Book by Friday 11 September. Dominion Theatre, 268–269 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7AQ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



**MON**  
**28** **VIP View from the Shard Experience**



We will be taking a VIP experience which will include, meet and greet, Fast Track through security, a glass of Moët and Chandon champagne (or non-alcoholic alternative), a 30-minute guided tour with a London Expert and access to indoor viewing platforms on levels 68 and 69. Digital photos and a voucher to spend on anything in the retail shop. Book by Monday 21 September. The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street SE1 9SG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



**THURS**  
**24** **Museum of English Rural Life**



We will be travelling on the Elizabeth Line to Reading to visit The Museum of English Rural Life. The MERL is owned and managed by the University of Reading. They use their diverse and surprising collection to explore how the skills and experiences of farmers and craftspeople, past and present, can help shape our lives now and into the future. They work alongside rural people, local communities and specialist researchers to create displays and activities that engage with important debates about the future of food and the ongoing relevance of the countryside to all our lives. All 'ticket' money collected will be donated to the museum. Book by Monday 7 September. The Museum of English Rural Life, 6 Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5EX. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



# October

SAT  
03

## Tour and Gin Tasting at Sipsmith



4pm



Members £20  
Guests £25



We will be visiting Sipsmiths distillery in Chiswick, where we will be greeted with a ginny tittle. We will then be taken through the chequered history of gin and learn how Sipsmith came to be. Their three copper ladies, Prudence, Verity and Constance will then take centre stage and we will learn how their award winning spirits are carefully hand-crafted. Naturally, there will be a tutored gin tasting too! Book by Friday 25 September. Sipsmith, 83 Cranbrook Road, Chiswick W4 2LJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES  
06

## Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us from 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED  
14

## Crazy Golf



11am



Members £13  
Guests £18



"Bear with me! Every time I have suggested Crazy Golf as an activity people laugh, but then they have the best time!" We will be heading to Puttshack at Westfield, White City, where classic mini golf meets its match. Their high-tech, indoor mini golf delivers a frictionless, interactive experience that keeps players engaged from the first to last putt. The Trackaball! Technology follows your ball and keeps score automatically, so you can focus on the fun. With interactive challenges and unexpected obstacles, everyone has a chance at the highest score. Book by Tuesday 6 October. Puttshack, Westfield White City, Ariel Way W12 7GF. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# October

TUES  
20

## Paranormal Activity Explored



2pm



Free



Today we will be joined Ellen Owen for a fascinating exploration into paranormal activity with current day accounts of sightings. The facts will speak for themselves! Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. The afternoon runs from 2pm to 4pm.

**Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted.** Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



FRI  
23

## Hampton Court Palace Spooky Stories Tour



11am



Members £12.50  
Guests £39



We will be travelling to Hampton Court Palace, where you will have time to explore the palace at your leisure. At 2pm we will have a guided tour with Spooky Stories! Book by Friday 16 October. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 9AU. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT  
24

## Half Yearly Annual General Meeting



2pm



Free



As an organisation, which has been around for over 200 years and in line with other guild and fraternal organisations of similar age, we have certain traditions, ceremonies, titles and regalia, which have been used over the years. The West London District of Oddfellows celebrate this rich tradition by continuing to hold such traditional meetings and welcome all members who are 'good on the books' to join us, take part and find out more about the true meaning of Oddfellowship. **If you wish to attend this meeting you must let Barbara know by Thursday 22 October.** Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.



# October

SUN  
25

## Monthly Meal at Coach and Horses Pub



1.30pm



As per  
menu



Each month we have a meal in a different area of our district and try different cuisines. This month we will be visiting the Coach and Horses in Kew. A much-loved Georgian coaching inn, steeped in history and a firm favourite among locals, whether it's for a proper pint and a hearty pie, or a cork-poppingly good wine with crispy fish and chips, a top-notch burger or banging bangers and mash! Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. A £10 deposit will be required when booking. Book by Thursday 22 October. Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green, Kew TW9 3BH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages. Find us at  OddfellowsUK

## REFER A FRIEND

# Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)



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# Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings



From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra\* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

## Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/login](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/login)

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# Photos of past events...



*We had an amazing lunch at Origin Restaurant in The Royal Garden Hotel. The food was superb!*



*A fun Easter quiz!*



*Our Events Organiser Rosalind Earp was nominated for an award at London For Groups.*



*We had a wonderful time looking at the late Queen's outfits at the Queen Elizabeth II, her life in style Exhibition.*



*On National Tea Day, Meryl White joined us to talk about the history of Afternoon Tea.*



*At our Annual General Meeting Dawn Hugo became the new Chairperson and Mary Casson as the Deputy.*

We visited Angels Costumes for a fascinating tour. They have thousands of items to hire to films, theatres etc



# Oddfellows Online Events

## Discover the five Rs for a happier retirement with Dr Anna Machin

Tuesday 14 July, 7pm

Join author, broadcaster and world-renowned Anthropologist, Dr Anna Machin as she offers her expert advice on how to navigate the emotional and social aspect of retirement.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/AnnaMachin2](http://tinyurl.com/AnnaMachin2)

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## Murder Most Austen

Tuesday 28 July, 7pm

Whether you're a fan of Austen or just thrilled by a good detective story, join crime writer and scholar Dr Lucy Andrew for this engaging talk on how Austen's works have shaped the evolution of detective fiction.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/MurderMostAusten](http://tinyurl.com/MurderMostAusten)

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## Staying Safe from Financial Scams

Tuesday 18 August, 7pm

Financial scams are becoming more sophisticated, using new tactics to exploit trust. This talk with Unity Mutual explains how these scams work, highlights key warning signs, and provides practical strategies to help you protect yourself and your finances.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/FinancialScams1](http://tinyurl.com/FinancialScams1)

## Understanding Diabetes

Tuesday 15 September, 7pm

Join us for this informative talk covering what type 1 and type 2 Diabetes are, signs and symptoms, who's at risk of type 2 Diabetes, how to access support, and how to live well.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/OddfellowsDiabetesUK](http://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsDiabetesUK)

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## More Ghostly Tales to be Told

Tuesday 27 October, 7pm

Get ready for Halloween with another fascinating evening of stories and poems by Dr Ann Featherstone, a retired university lecturer, teacher and writer who has appeared on numerous BBC programmes and documentaries.

**To register, type this link into your browser:**  
[tinyurl.com/MoreGhostlyTales](http://tinyurl.com/MoreGhostlyTales)



# 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 on **020 8741 5297**.

## Oddfellows Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on 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](mailto: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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information

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## Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

**Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.**

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



### Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

### Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

### Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email **[travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk)**.

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at **[www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions](http://www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions)**.

## Support with fundraising and donations

**Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.**

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

### Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

### £10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at [www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa](http://www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa).

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

### The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: “The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

“Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family’s table, or simply have made someone’s day a little brighter.

“Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You’re all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society.”



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)

## Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

**The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.**

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

### Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA\* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

### Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond\* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

### Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

### Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

*\*Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

### New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.

# Events at a glance

In addition to our regular events, we are holding the **Weekly Watercolour Art Class** every Thursday, please see page 3 for full details.

## July 2026

<b>Wed 1</b>	Monthly Meal - Italian at Cicchetti	6.30pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Beating the Retreat	5.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Wildlife Walk at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park	11.30am
<b>Tues 21</b>	A Walk in the Park	2pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Wine Tasting	7pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Jesus Christ Superstar	7.30pm

## August

<b>Tues 4</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Cutty Sark - Guided Tour and Afternoon Tea	12 noon
<b>Sat 8</b>	Now You See Me Live	7pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Bletchley Park	11am
<b>Sun 16</b>	Globe Guided Tour	11.30am
<b>Tues 18</b>	A Sea Shanty Workshop!	2pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Monthly Meal - Chinese at Maxims	6.30pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Tues 1</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Southend by Train	11am
<b>Sun 6</b>	Shirley Windmill	12 noon
<b>Wed 9</b>	Monthly Meal - Thames Lunch Cruise	11.45am
<b>Tues 15</b>	Bob Sinfield - 'Rudy and Houdi'	2pm
<b>Fri 18</b>	The Devil Wears Prada	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Museum of English Rural Life	11am
<b>Mon 28</b>	VIP View from the Shard Experience	3pm

# Events at a glance

## October

<b>Sat 3</b>	Tour and Gin Tasting at Sipsmith	4pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Crazy Golf	11am
<b>Tues 20</b>	Paranormal Activity Explored	2pm
<b>Fri 23</b>	Hampton Court Palace Spooky Stories Tour	11am
<b>Sat 24</b>	Half Yearly Annual General Meeting	2pm
<b>Sun 25</b>	Monthly Meal at Coach and Horses Pub	1.30pm

## A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit Friendly Society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through social events, as well as supporting our members through a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for our members. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

## 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 Rosalind on **07421 140970**  
[rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk).

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